Multinational drilling

Multinational Resources Inc. (VSE-MUT) accelerated preproduction plans on their Toodoggone properties when it recently announced an extensive drilling program will be in full swing by June.

"We've got excellent exploration targets in sight, and we'll focus on extending our successful 'B' zone program in a northeasterly trend toward the adjoining North Quartz zone," said Multinational president Bill Clancey.

One of Japan's largest trading houses, Nissho lwai Corp. of Canada, has agreed to provide C\$1 million for this year's exploration and mine development. Two Canadian subsidiaries of Nissho lwai are putting up the money for a 20% undivided interest in the company. Both firms already hold a 20% equity interest in Multinational through common share purchases made in 1985.

"After the C\$1 million exploration and development campaign is concluded, the parties will enter a joint-venture agreement. Both parties will contribute on a pro rata basis for future exploration and development expenses," explained Clancey.

The agreement is believed to be the only investment in a junior firm by any of the major Japanese trading houses. Until now, these traders have limited themselves to base metals or partnerships in operating companies. "We have confidence in the Toodoggone and in British Columbia's future, as well as confidence in Multinational's management, "said Iwao Okamoto, president of Nissho Iwai Canada.

Multinational is still negotiating for Dupont's Baker mill, which would be used to process ore on the property. Clancey said he is hopeful a deal can be struck by June. Multinational was given the first right of refusal for the mill when it purchased the property in 1985. The Baker mill is rated at 100 tons per day, and can be reactivated easily and relatively cheaply.

Clancey confirmed his company will follow the recommendations of Dr. N.C. Carter, a highly-respected consultant to the industry. Multinational's 5,300 feet of drilling will help define reserves in the 'B' zone. Exploration expenditures are estimated at C\$270,000 for the first phase, and a similar amount for the second phase.

Rhyolite follows up on anomalous gold

Rhyolite Resources Inc. (VSE-RHY) announced that results of a recent airborne magnometer survey on its Toodoggone holdings have confirmed anomalous goldsilver geochemical values. Rhyolite president John Bissett said the claims's structural features, similar to nearby deposits, are coincident with previously-outlined zones.

The Rhyolite property, located about six miles northeast of the Baker Mine, and nine miles directly east of Cheni's Lawyers deposit, contains six claims made up of 88 contiguous units. The most promising gold strike area is traversed by one of the three major northwest trending structural breaks in the Toodoggone camp, as well as a number of subsidiary faults along the same alignment. It is believed to be the first significant discovery made on the most easterly major fault line.

Applications such as mapping, photointerpretation and magnetic surveys indicate regional trending structures appear to be intersected by west and southwestbearing faults. Significantly, these postulated intersections are on the flanks of large oxidized areas (gossans), and exhibit anomalous gold and silver values in altered quartz-filled veins.

Impressive results from geological and geochemical surveys, completed in 1985, lead to the establishment of a 27,000-metre grid to control a program of soil and stream sediment analysis. Positive data from these studies, combined with specimens of gold-bearing floats, helped Rhyolite conclude that their property has excellent speculative potential. "When you look at other promising ore zones in the Toodoggone, we believe our property contains the three important elements necessary to make a successful gold mine," said Bissett.

This summer, Rhyolite will further explore the most favourable areas, including three large oxidized zones which were not investigated in the previous reconnaisance survey. The program, which will cost a minimum C\$50,000, entails detailed mapping and trenching, along with geophysical studies of selected areas.

Drilling on Wait claims

VANCOUVER, BC Anglo Canadian Mining Corp. (VSF-ANP) has begun a drilling program on the recently outlined anomaly "B" on its Wait claims in the Kootenay area of southeastern British Columbia near the giant Sullivan Mine ore body. A minimum of 10,000 feet is planned, with Normine Resources Ltd. (VSE-NMZ) as operator, who are committed to spend CSI million to earn a 51% interest in the property. At that stage, Anglo Canadian would be a joint venture partner with 24% C interest in the property and the project. The property is held 50-50 by Anglo Canadian and Victoria Resource Corp. (VSE-VIT). Recently, Normine has acquired a controlling interest in Victoria Resource Corp., effectively bringing Normine's interest in the Wait claims and project to 761467

Consultant J. Duncan Crone, geophysicist, says that the second large coincodent gravity, induced polarization and pulse FM anomaly found 11 miles northwest of anomaly "A" fits the classic pattern of gravity responses over large massive sulphide deposits. Mr. Crone compares the size and strength of the anomaly with several large massive sulphide mines. Additional claims have been staked to cover the extension surveys being carried out to the north. The major cast-west Kimberley fault passes just north of the Sullivan orebody and through anomaly "B".

Anglo Canadian is also planning a drilling program on its property near Babine Lake in central British Columbia. This large sulphide-bearing property has never been drilled before. The company has a third property near Beardmore in northern Ontario. The Hillsborough Project has been reviewed for a possible joint venture with several interested parties. Robert L. Kemeny, P.Eng., president, says this gold deposit warrants a deep-drilling program to 1,000 feet or more to determine if a similar geologic formation containing gold values exists at depth, as in the nearby Metalore Resources Ltd. (TSE-MET) discoverv

Anglo Canadian is discussing new financing plans and is considering a private placement.