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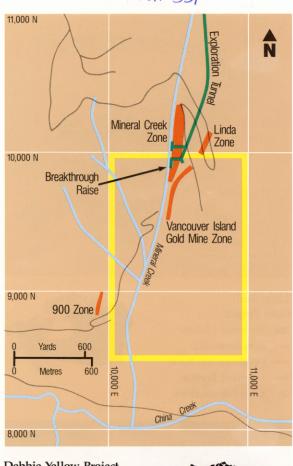
Evaluation of underground reserves at Silbak Premier began in earnest in 1988 and met with considerable success with reserves defined in the 4G stope area situated approximately 30 metres below the West Zone part of the planned Silbak Premier open pit, and in the 609-602 areas downplunge of the west end of the pit. Both areas are within the former underground mine, although the 609 and 602 areas are on the lowest level (6 Level) in the mine and have undergone only minor stope development. The estimate of reserves in the 4G stope area is 181,000 tonnes grading 10.9 g/tonne gold and 47.7 g/tonne silver. Evaluation of the Northern Light area commenced in 1988 with moderate success in defining targets of the previous reserve base.

Drilling in the Power Zone and on the High Ore-Ruby Silver Joint Venture property met with moderate encouragement. A small, moderate-grade reserve of approximately 26,000 tonnes, grading 12.0 g/tonne gold and 34.3 g/tonne silver, was defined in the core of the extensively mineralized Power Zone. Several other small zones of mineralization were evaluated in 1988.

A total of \$5.3 million was spent on exploration in 1988, and an expenditure of \$3.2 million is planned for 1989. Continuing exploration will focus on development of underground reserves and will focus on the Day Zone at Big Missouri and 4G, 609-602 and Northern Light zones at Silbak Premier.

Debbie/Yellow Project British Columbia (Debbie-Westmin 50% and Yellow-Westmin 24.5%)

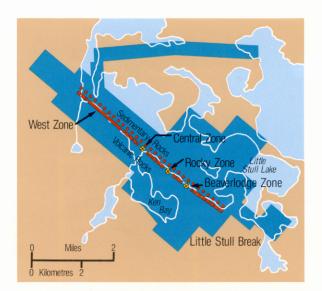
A 4 x 3 metre-trackless exploration tunnel contracted to Mainstreet Mining



## **Debbie Yellow Project**

- Yellow Claim
  - Gold Zones
- Roads
- Rivers
- **Exploration Tunnel**





## Little Stull Gold Project

- Westmin Claims
- · · · Iron Formation
- Gold-bearing Zone
- Untested Portion
- Gold Intersections





Core samples are laid out in the sunshine at the Little Stull exploration camp in northern Manitoba

was started in June and progressed on schedule and on budget in 1988. This tunnel was advanced on the Debbie property in 1988 and was completed to a breakthrough on the Yellow property on budget and on schedule in late February 1989. It will provide an exploration drill platform on Debbie and Yellow, as well as provide access to the currently known Mineral Creek Zone on both Debbie and Yellow for evaluation of mineralization. including bulk sampling for metallurgical testing. Drilling from one station near the middle of the tunnel commenced in December. The tunnel will also provide access for evaluation of the Linda Zone in 1989.

Geological mapping, surface trenching, and geophysical surveys concentrated on the Mineral Creek and 900 zones, with additional work on other areas of interest. Several adits developed in the 1890s and early 1900s have been relocated, surveyed, rehabilitated, and sampled. Data obtained from these old adits have been valuable in the interpretation of the current drill core data.

The 1989 program will concentrate on completion of crosscuts and bulk sampling of the Mineral Creek Zone from the tunnel followed by proposed underground diamond drilling (28,000 metres) to test the Mineral Creek Zone and the favourable structure north of the Mineral Creek gold zone. In addition, approximately 20,000 metres of surface drilling is proposed to test the 900 and Linda zones as well as other gold targets.

## Little Stull Project, Manitoba (Westmin 53.3%)

Diamond drilling on the Little Stull Project has continued the evaluation of three gold-bearing shoots along a 2,000-