

### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

## Mineral Exploration and Mining Overview - 2008

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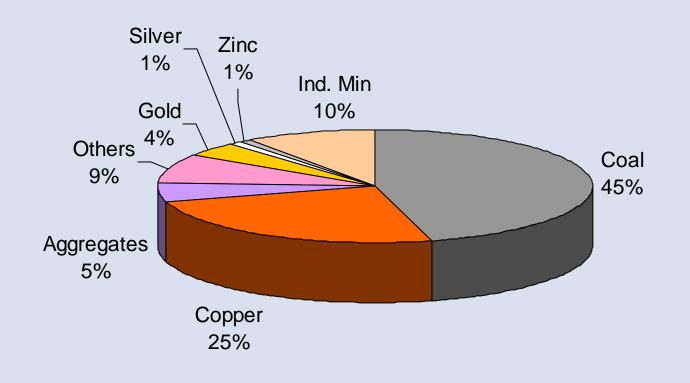
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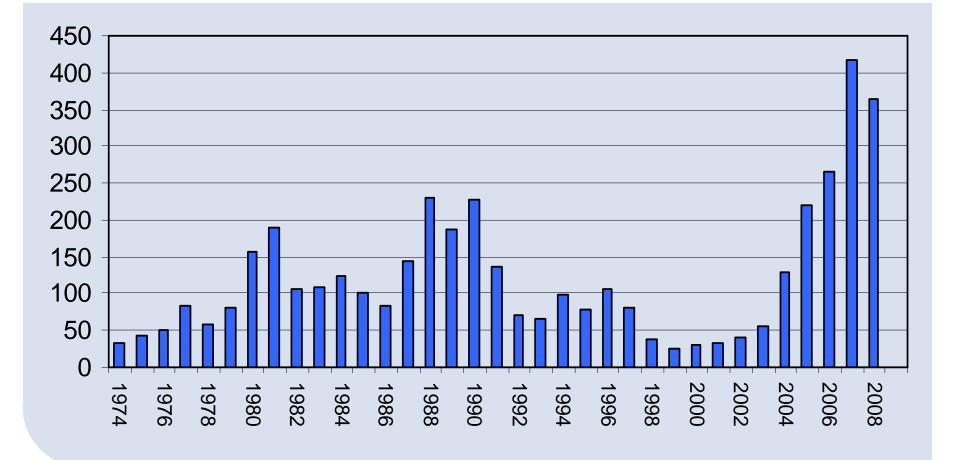


### 2008 Value of Mineral Production: \$6.7 Billion (preliminary)





### BC Mineral Exploration Expenditure \$367 million in 2008



### Current Economic Situation January - Present



Coal prices: currently \$125 – \$130/t Copper prices: currently \$2.15-2.20/lb Gold prices: currently \$860-886/oz Molybdenum: currently \$7-10/lb

### British Columbia Industry Activities

EXPLORATION AND MINING in British Columbia 2008

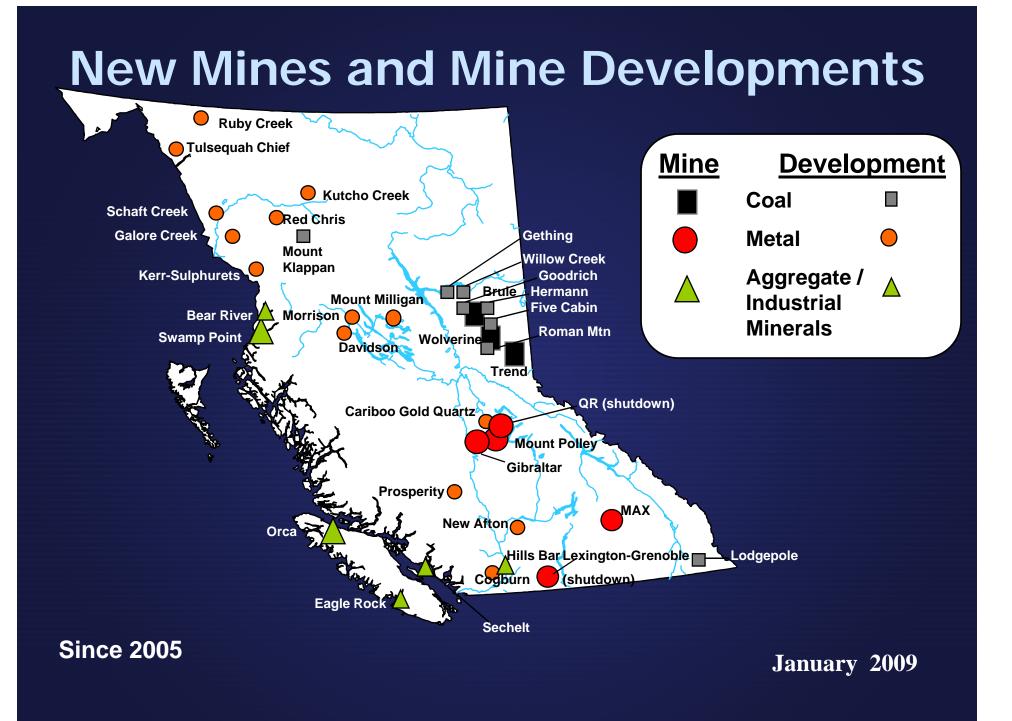




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### Coal

#### **Coal Projects**

**Established** Fording River Elkview Greenhills Line Creek Coal Mountain Quinsam

**New** Trend Wolverine Willow Ck **Proposed** Gething Horizon Lodgepole Hermann Roman Mtn Crowsnest Goodrich



# Coal Exploration

- Crowsnest (SE) Drilling to evaluate underground mining
- Goodrich (NE) Proposed Underground bulk sample, 100,000 T





### **Copper Mines**

#### **Copper-Moly Mines**

Highland Valley - Teck & Highmont Gibraltar – Taseko Mines Huckleberry – Imperial Metals (50%)

#### **Copper-Gold Mines**

Kemess – Northgate Mount Polley - Imperial Metals





### Copper-Gold Mine Construction

#### **New Afton**

• \$590 million Underground mine, 11 000 t/day





### Copper-Gold Mine Development Project



#### **Galore Creek**

 Built access road to Km 42 (106 km total length)



### Copper-Gold Projects in Environmental Assessment



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Schaft Ck Reserves – 812 mT @ 0.30% Cu, 0.21 g/t Au, 0.020% Mo



### Copper-Gold Porphyry Exploration

#### **Ajax-Afton**

- 30,000 m drill program
  KSM (Kerr-Sulphurets-Mitchell)
- 17,000 m program to expand Mitchell deposit

#### Kwanika

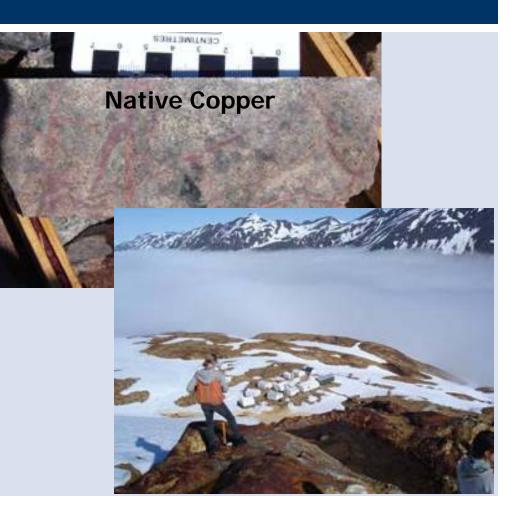
• 40,000 m drilled

#### **Snowfield**

 New Snowfield North = East extension of Mitchell zone

#### Woodjam

Southeast zone discovered in 2007, near Williams Lk





### Porphyry Copper Exploration

#### Copper Mountain Copper Mountain Mining Corp

- Drilled 60,000 m
- Financing partnership with Mitsubishi
- New mill & permits required



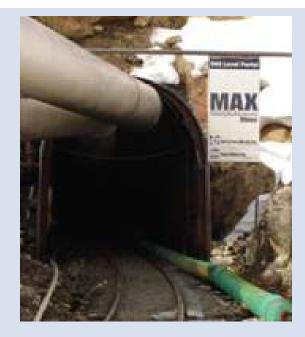


### Molybdenum Mines

#### **Endako Mine**

- Mill Expansion on hold
- Davidson (100% Thompson Creek)
  - Project on hold





#### MAX Mine (Porphyry Molybdenum)

 Commercial production in April; improvements continue



### Porphyry Molybdenum Exploration

#### **Storie**

- 20,700 m drilled;
- large addition indicated by 8 step-out holes

#### **Kitsault**

• 10,127 m program to confirm and up-grade resource







### Volcanic Massive Sulphide Mine

#### Myra Falls Mine Breakwater Resources Ltd

 Temporary shut down announced but may be averted





### Volcanic Massive Sulphide Development

#### Tulsequah Chief Redfern Resources



- New Airstrip in operation
- Road built from landing to mine





### Volcanic Massive Sulphide Exploration

# Kutcho Creek - Capstone Mining (formerly Sherwood Copper)

 Improve definition of high grade – 81 holes, 9100 m

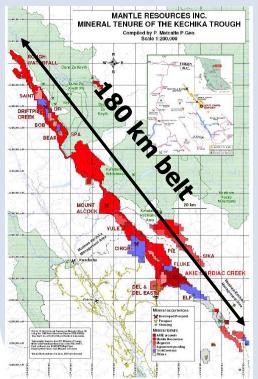






### Sedex Zinc-Lead Exploration

#### Akie Mantle Resources Inc.



6200 m drilled



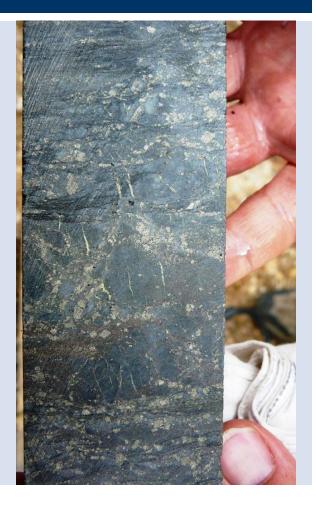


### Volcanic "Massive" Sulphide Exploration/Environmental Assessment

#### Harper Creek Yellowhead Mining Inc.

• Disseminated deposit, 20,000 m drilled





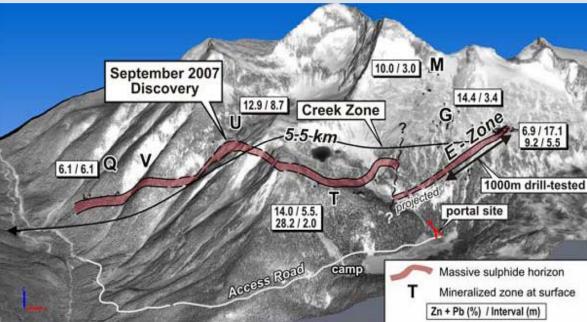


### **Sedex Zinc-Lead Exploration**



- 1150 m decline & crosscut to E-zone;
- 6,000 m drilled

#### Ruddock Creek Selkirk Metals Corp.





### **Gold - Underground Mines**

#### QR (skarn) Cross Lake Minerals





#### Cassiar (vein) Hawthorne Gold



### **Gold-Copper Vein Mine**

#### Lexington-Grenoble Merit Mining Corp.



- Mine start-up in June 2008
- Shut-down in December





### Sediment-Hosted Gold Exploration

#### **Spanish Mountain**

• 40,000 m program

Skygold Ventures (70%) & Wildrose Resources (30%)







### Carbonatite: Tantalum-Niobium Exploration



#### Blue River Commerce Resources Corp.

• 26,000 m drilled



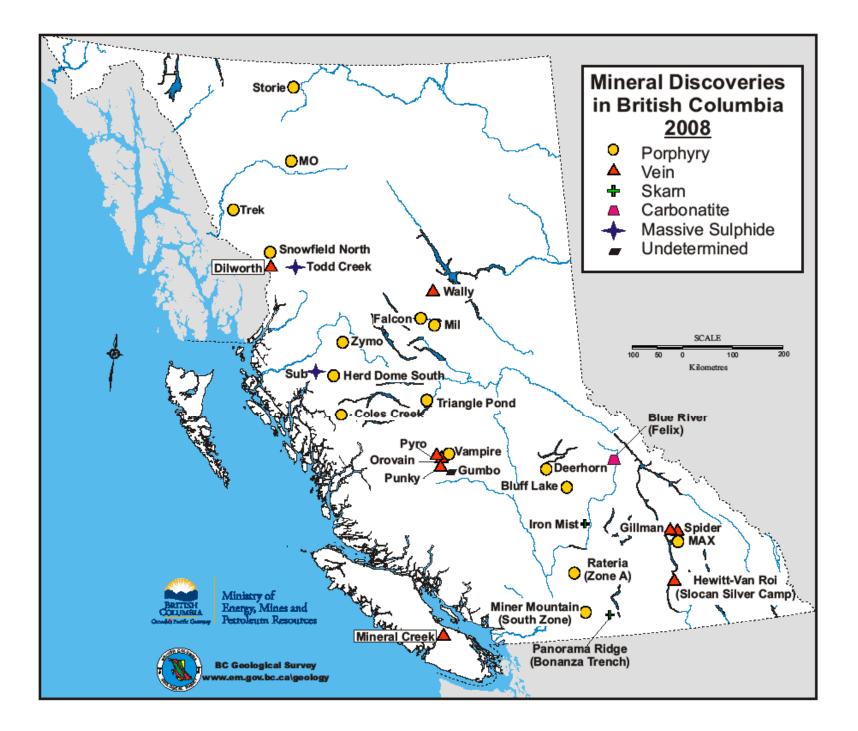


### **Nickel Exploration**

#### Turnagain Hard Creek Nickel

 Working on metallurgy, engineering and baseline environmental data.







### B.C. Geological Survey Sharing Geoscience Expertise



Mineral potential assessments

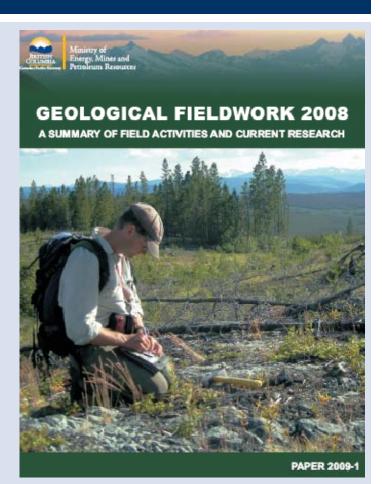
#### Till prospecting workshops





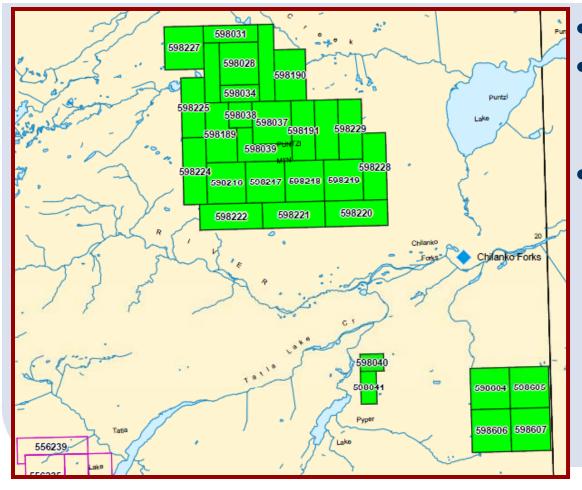
### B.C. Geologic Survey Publications and Data Releases

- Geological Fieldwork
  - 19 articles
- 14 Open Files & Maps
- 19 Geofiles
- 5 Information Circulars
- 800 Assessment Reports
- 18 Industrial Mineral Deposit Profiles





### Staking in the Chilanko Area 093C



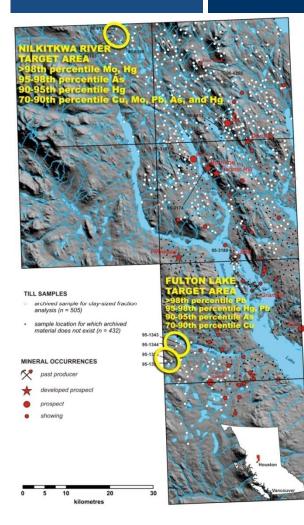
12,400 hectares, 30 titles staked during Roundup

Fit – Cu, Ag Ejowra – Cu, Ag ET – Cu, Ag, Au Erratic – Cu, Ag

Open File 2009-6 Geology Map

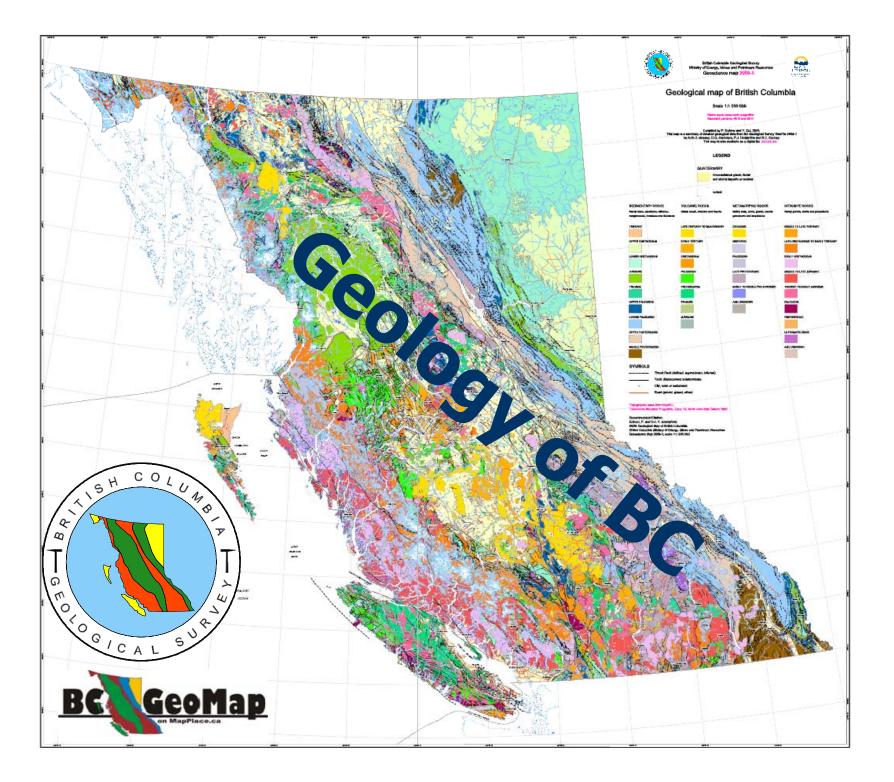


### New Till Geochemical Release



*Open File 2009-4 Till Geochemical Exploration Targets, Babine Porphyry Copper Belt, Central British Columbia* 

- 509 till samples re-analyzed
- Two new till geochemical exploration targets identified
- Resulted in 1320 ha staking Nilkitkwa River target





### British Columbia Mineral Development Office

#### **Our Mandate:**

- Promote B.C.'s mineral exploration and mining industries
- Point of contact for industry on issues
- Provide information about B.C.'s mineral and coal resources





### Asia Investment Initiative

- Meet potential business partners or investors
- Develop relationships with Asian businesses and governments
- Participate in the Canada-China Mining Day
- Participate in China Mining October 20-22, 2009 in Tianjin, China



Agreement signing ceremony in Beijing between Goldbrook Ventures and Jilin Jien November, 2008



### Recent Investments From Asia

#### September 2008

Compliance Energy signs agreement with Itochu Corp. (Japan) and LG International Corp (Korea) for the Raven Coal Project

#### October 2008

Copper Mountain Mining concludes MOU with Mitsubishi Materials Corp. (Japan) to develop Copper Mountain Project

#### November 2008

Goldbrook Joint Venture signs option agreement with Jilin Jien (China) during the NDRC Canada Investment Forum following China Mining in Beijing

#### April 2009

Nanika Resources signs joint venture agreement with Palm Clean Energy and Daewon Chemicals (Korea) on its Lucky Ship Project





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