# 2013 Exploration and Mining Overview Jeff Kyba **Skeena Regional Geologist Smithers BC** SKEENA REGION May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 Ministry of Forests, Lands and **Natural Resource Operations** Geéscience BC Ministry of **Energy and Mines** Where ideas work and Responsible for Core Review 2013 Skeena Regional Overview

### Outline

Provincial highlights

- Skeena highlights
  - "what's new and what's news"



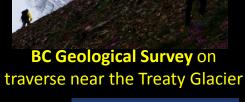
Directional drilling above the clouds at **Seabridge Gold**'s Deep Kerr, KSM Project

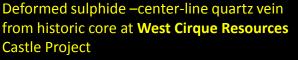
Select Major Project Updates

- Exploration
  - Zonal updates



Mine construction at Imperial Metals
Red Chris project







### 2013 BC Highlights

2013 Provincial Commodity Production

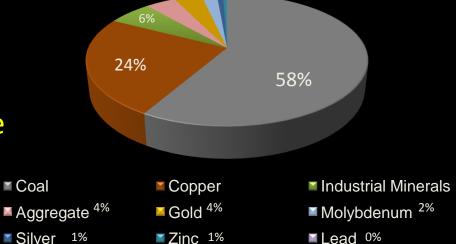
 Provincial Mineral & coal production estimated \$8.0 billion

Provincial exploration expenditure estimated to be \$476 million



Chris mine under construction

- Major expansions and upgrades at existing mines
  - Huckleberry, Highland Valley, Gibraltar
- Environmental Assessment Office
  - Tracking 28 mine projects
  - Reviewing 2 mine projects





Anthracite coal seam – mudstone contact at the Fortune Minerals Arctos Anthracite project

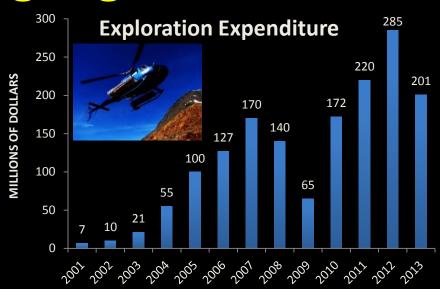


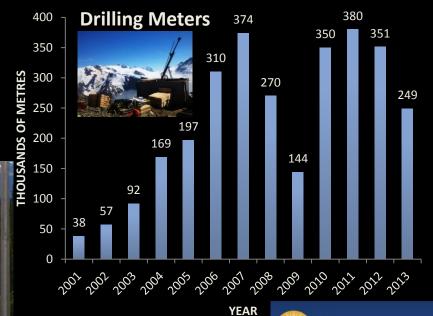
# 2013 NW Highlights

- \$201 million exploration expenditure
  - 42% of provincial total \$476 million
- 249,000 exploration metres drilled
- \$282+ million mine development
- \$750 million Hydro projects

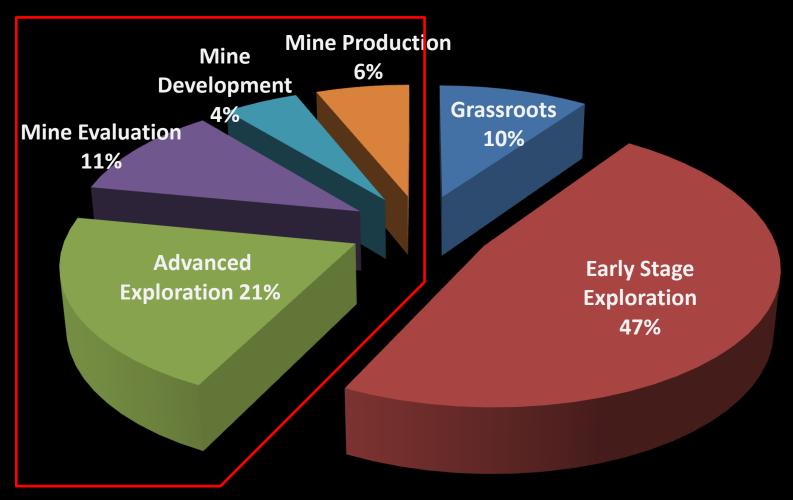








# Skeena Region Projects

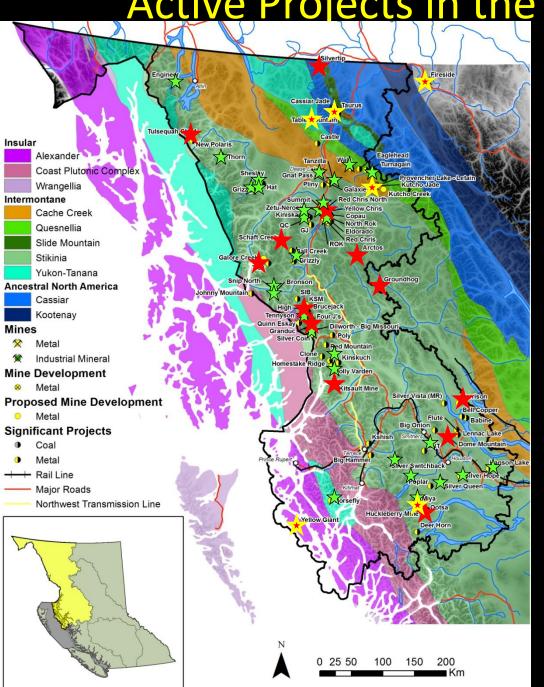


89% of regional expenditure

11% of regional expenditure



British Columbia Geological Terranes **TERRANES** Outboard NAb Yakutat NWT CG Chugach Yukon Pacific Rim BC Crescent Insular AX Alexander 58°N• Fort Nelson NAp Wrangellia Dease Lake CA Coast complex Intermontane Bridge River NAc Cache Creek MT Cadwallader NAc Harrison Lake Fort St. John AX Chilliwack Stewart Okanagan O Dawson Creek Stikinia ST QN Quesnellia Yukon-Tanana 54°N-Prince Rupert Slide Mountain Ancestral North America -54°N Cassiar WR Prince George Kootenay North America platform North America CA craton & cover NAp Williams Lake NAb Pacific Ocean Revelstoke QN Kamloops 50°N-Cranbrook Penticton OK Nelson Vancouver BR CK Port Alberni USA 200 100 Copyright @ 2011 British Columbia Geological Survey BRITISH COLUMBIA 2013 Skeena Regional Overview Active Projects in the Skeena Region



**6 producers** 

Mines

**Developments** 

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13 Mine
Evaluation +
Developments

Exploration

63 significant Exploration projects

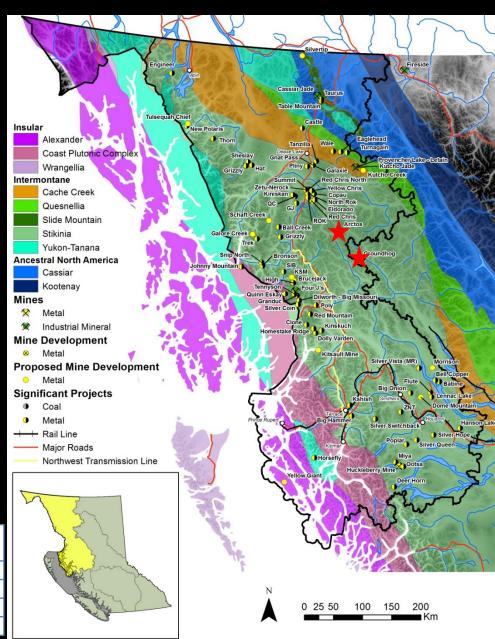


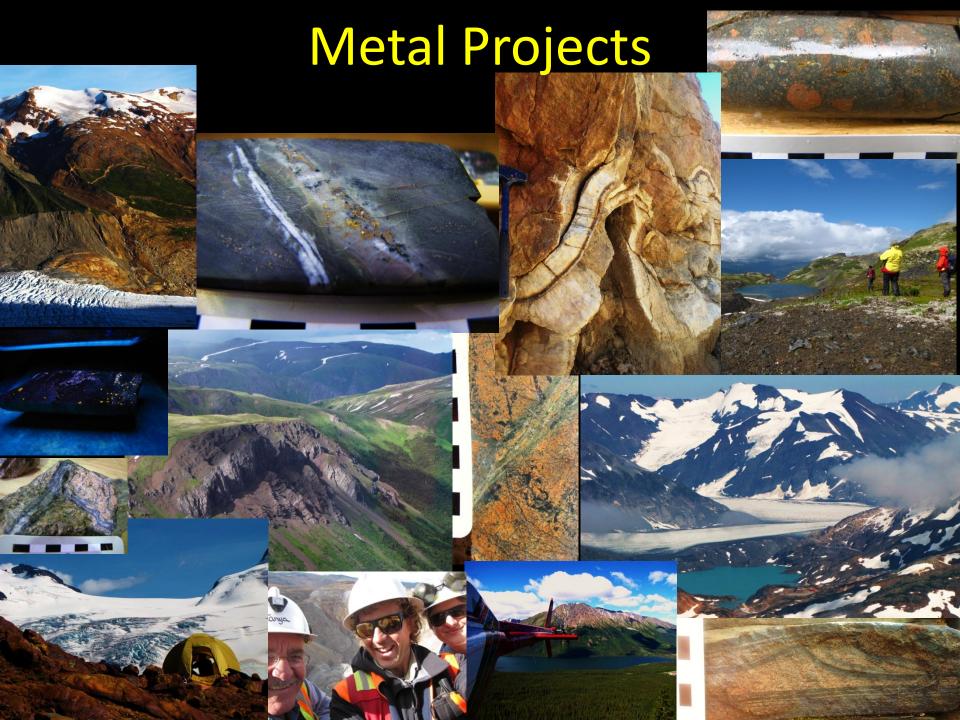


### **Coal Projects**

- Arctos Anthracite
- Updated definitive feasibility study:
  - 124.9 Mt Coal Reserves
  - 25 yr mine life
  - 3 additional deposits,
    - 231 Mt indicated resources
    - 359 Mt inferred resources
- Atrum Coal
  - COAL FOR STEEL
- Groundhog
- Completed 64 diamond drill holes in 2013
- Pre-feasibility study released May 6, 2014
- Planning for underground test mining in 2014

	Maiden 2012	September 2012	January 2013	April 2013
JORC Resources	(Mt)	(Mt)	(Mt)	(Mt)
Measured				16
Indicated		57	107	553
Inferred	50	102	231	998
Total	50	159	338	1,567

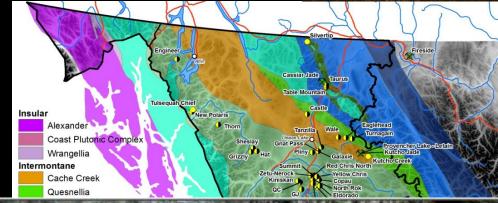






### Yellow Giant

- Fault controlled Au-Ag-Cu veins and massive sulphide
- 18,250 m drilled in 2013
- Mines Act permit issued March 5<sup>th</sup> 2014
- EMA permit Received April 16<sup>th</sup>
- Mining underway
  - 4,927 oz Au + 13,374 oz Ag recov to date from Bob Zone
  - Tel Zone development underway
- Onsite processing equipment:
  - Dense media separation plant
  - Grinding and floatation modules
  - Spiral concentrator







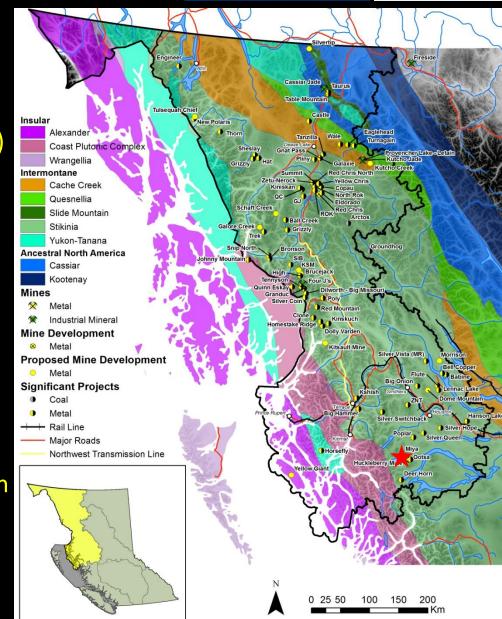
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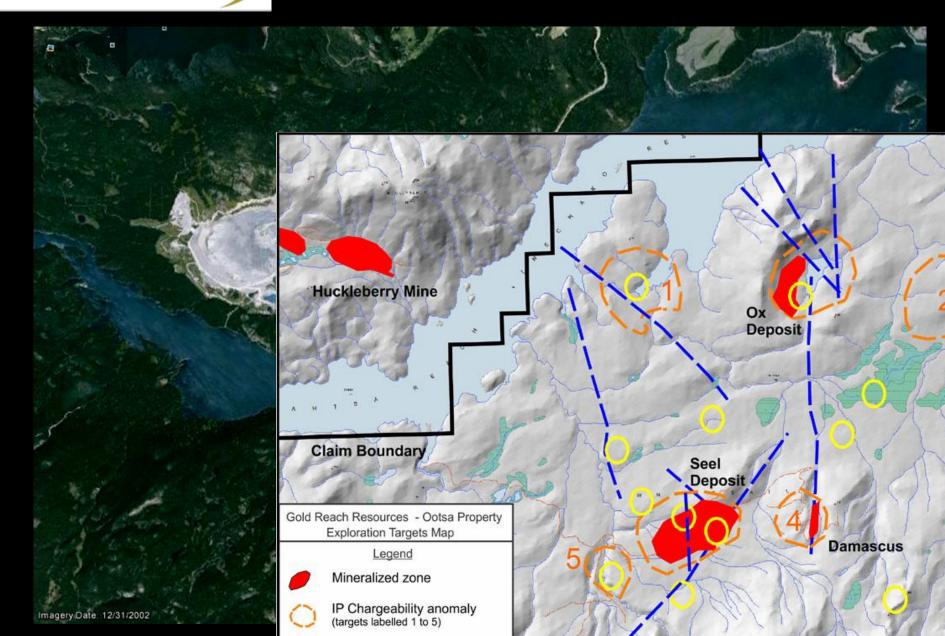
2013 Skeena Regional Overview

- Cu-Mo-Au-Ag porphyry
- 2013 Production:
  - 18,693 tonnes <u>Cu</u> (41,212,818 Lb)
  - 92 Kg <u>Au</u> (2983 oz)
  - 7403 kg Ag (238,028 oz)
- Main Zone Optimization plan ongoing
  - Mine life at least to 2021
- New tailings facility operational
- Near mine exploration completed 18 holes (5242 m)
  - Soil sampling at Huckleberry North
- 300 full time jobs
  - 30 contract jobs



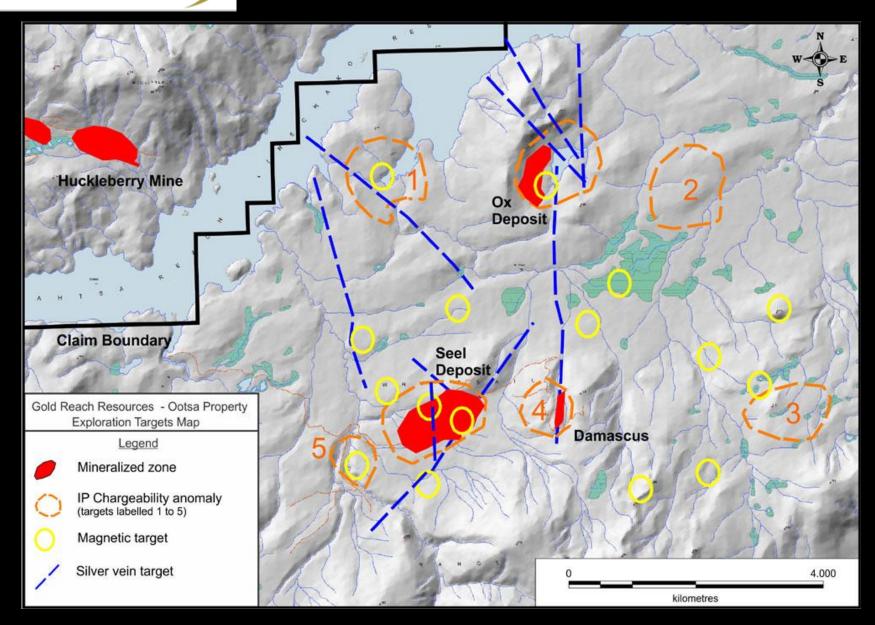


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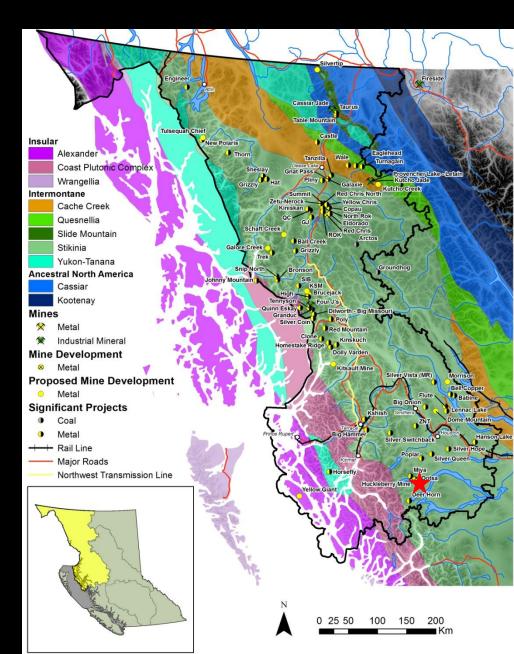
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- Cu-Au-Mo-Ag porphyry
- Seel, West Seel, Ox and West Ox Deposits
- 36,135 m of drilling completed in 2013
  - Ox DDH Ox13-46:
    161.9 m @ 0.36% Cu + 0.028% Mo + 0.06 g/t Au + 1.85 g/t Ag
  - East Seel DDH S13-148:
     146.3 m@ 0.51% Cu + 0.59g/t Au + 2.33 g/t Ag
- Working towards a PEA for 2014
- Updated resource estimate





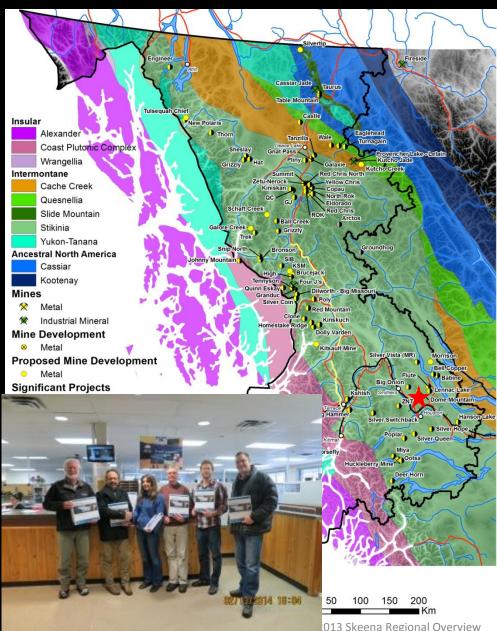
### Dome Mountain



- Orogenic Au vein
- Filed amendments application package to government for Mines Act and Environmental Management Act permits to <a href="build">build</a> mill on site
  - Submitted Feb 13, 2014
- Aiming to build 250 t/d milling facility





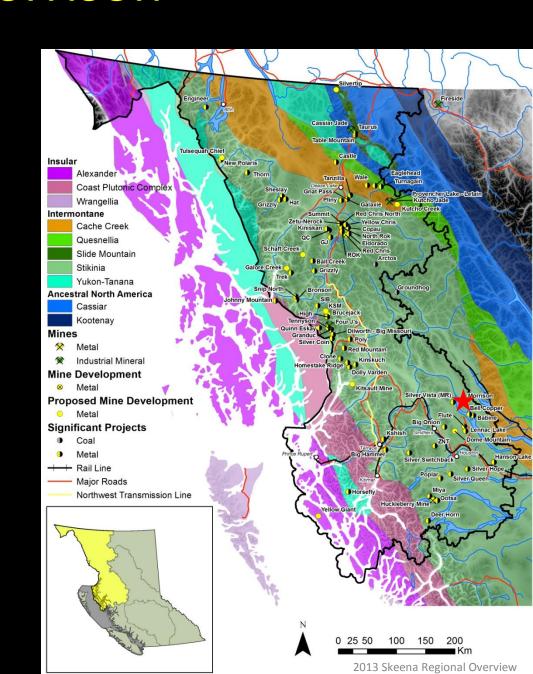




### Morrison

PACIFIC BOOKER MINERALS INC.

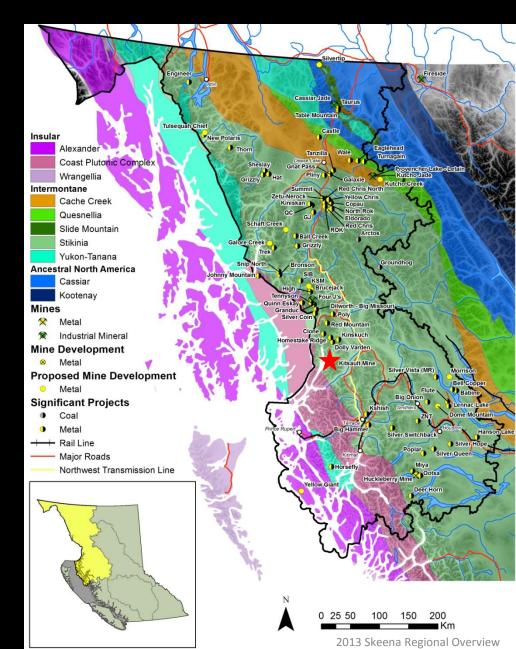
- Cu- Au Porphyry
- Oct 1 2012, Denied EA certificate
- "potential long-term risks of the project outweighed the potential benefits to the province."
  - Hon. Terry Lake and Richard Coleman
- "Risk vs Benefit" test not included in terms of reference and therefore "failed to comport with requirements of procedural fairness"
  - Justice Kennith Affleck Q.C.
- Former denial quashed and application to be remitted to the current minister





### Kitsault

- Mo porphyry
- Provincial EA certificate awarded on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2013
  - Federal EA approval pending
- Existing infrastructure to mine site from previous mining operations
- Proven + Probable reserves:
  - 226 Mt @ 0.083% Mo + 5.3 g/t Ag
- Updated Feasibility:
  - \$812 M Capex
  - 300 Jobs for Life of Mine (14 years)
  - 700 jobs at peak of construction (25 months)
- Near mine exploration potential:
  - Bell: 109.7 Mt @ 0.048% Mo
  - Roundy: 4.3 Mt @ 0.078% Mo
  - Sunshine + Sunlight:
    - 0.33 Mt @ 0.079% Mo
    - 1.94 Mt @ 0.109% Mo



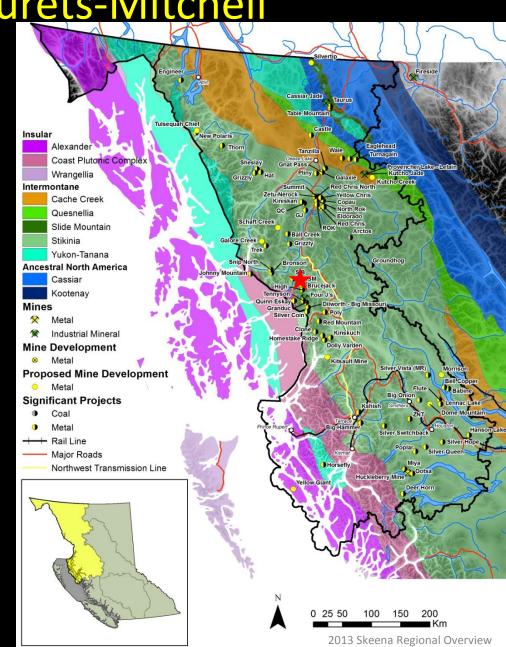
### KSM Project

Kerr-Sulphurets-Mitchell

- Au-Cu porphyry
- Proven + Probable reserves: 2,1924
  Mt @ 0.55 g/t Au + 0.21 % Cu + 3.04
  g/t Ag + 53.2 ppm Mo
- Proposed 52 year mine life
  - EA package submitted Jan.31st 2013
    - Recommendation due June 2014
- 2013 defined inferred resources at Deep Kerr:

515Mt @ 0.53% Cu + 0.36 g/t Au

19,000 m drill program scheduled for 2014

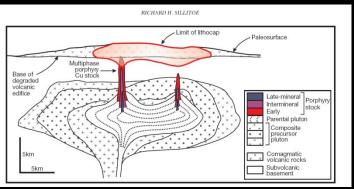


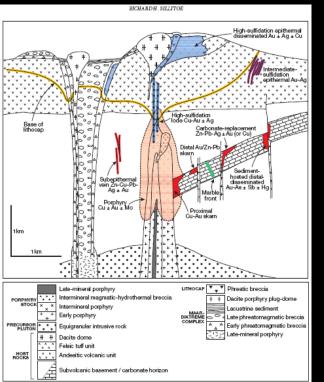
### SEABRIDGE GOLD

# **Deep Kerr Long Section**



# SEABRIDGE GOLD KSM





Diagrams from Sillitoe 2010 Geological Map, courtesy of Seabridge Gold.

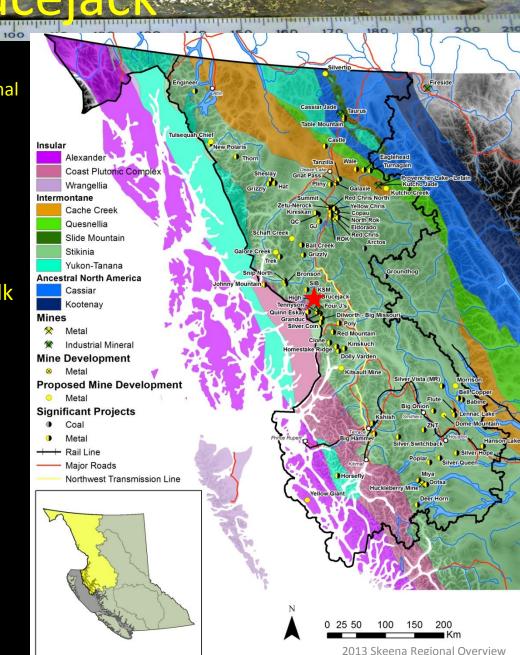




### Bruceiaci

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- High Grade Au vein
  - Deformed intermediate sulfidation epithermal stockwork vein system
- Positive Feasibility study released in June 2013
- 1.2 km of underground development
- Excavated 10,302 tonne underground bulk sample
  - Yielded <u>5,923 oz Au ~17.88 g/t Au</u>
- Drilled 44,601 m in combined underground and surface drilling
  - 69 intercepts in 2013 grading over 1,000 g/t Au (uncut)
- Commissioned 75 km access road to project site from HWY 37





### Brucejack

- Updated VOK Resource estimate:
  - Measured + Indicated resources:
     15.3 Mt @ 17.6 g/t Au + 14.3 g/t Ag
     (8.7 M oz Au + 7.0 M oz Ag)
  - Inferred resources:
     5.9 Mt @ 25.6 g/t Au + 20.6 g/t Ag
     (4.9 M oz Au + 3.9 M oz Ag)

### **2014 Plans**

- Submit EA application by Q2
- Amend Feasibility Study
- Underground exploration drilling
  - 15,000 m
  - 1,000 tonne high grade sample
- Underground access ramp excavation to 1345 m level
- Various optimization scoping studies



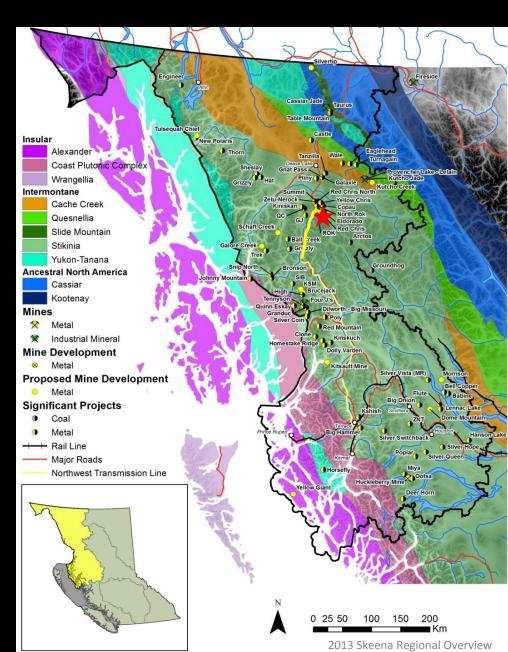
Slickensided gold within sheared quartz vein stockwork at VOK underground





### **Red Chris**

- Cu-Au porphyry
- Measured + Indicated resources:
   1,218 Mt @ 0.327% Cu + 0.327 g/t Au + 1.114 g/t Ag
- Inferred Resources:
   1,216 Mt @ 0.271% Cu + 0.292 g/t Au + 1.020 g/t Ag
   (0.2% eCu cut-off)
- Mine Permit issued May 4<sup>th</sup> 2012, construction underway
  - Commissioning Q3 2014
- 93 km NTL extension under construction
  - Commissioning by end of July 2014
- Capex increased to \$570M





# **Red Chris**

Site Overview Looking southwest

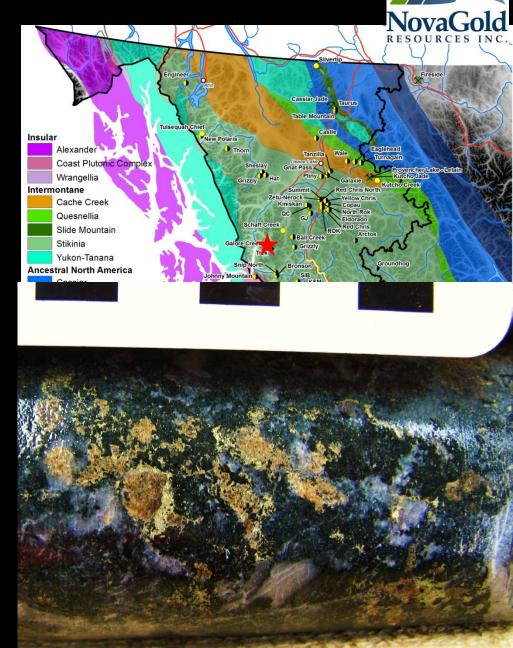




### Galore Creek

Cu-Au-Ag porphyry

- Proven + Probable reserves:
   528 Mt @
   0.59% Cu + 0.32g/t Au + 6.02 g/t Ag
- 11,600 m drilling
  - Infill drilling at the New Legacy Zone
    - Defined over 700 m strike and remains open in all directions
    - Updated resources and feasibility ongoing





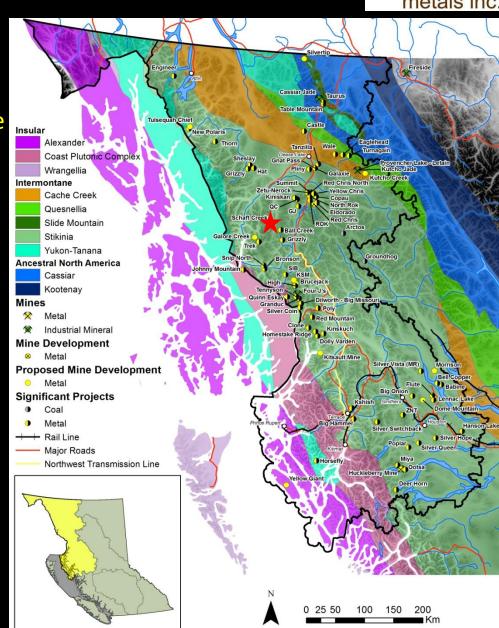
### Schaft Creek



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- Cu-Au-Mo-Ag porphyry
- Teck buys back in with 75% ownership forming the Schaft Creek Joint Venture
  - Copper Fox retains 25% ownership
- Updated Feasibility Study
  - \$3.256 Billion Capex
  - 21 year Mine Life
  - 130,000 t/d milling operation
- Received approval for EA application requirements
- Measured + Indicated resources:
  - 1,228 Mt @ 0.26% Cu + 0.017% Mo
     + 0.19 g/t Au + 1.69 g/t Ag
  - Includes 940.8 Mt of Proven + Probable Reserves:

0.27% Cu + 0.0176% Mo + 0.19g/t Au + 1.72 g/t Ag



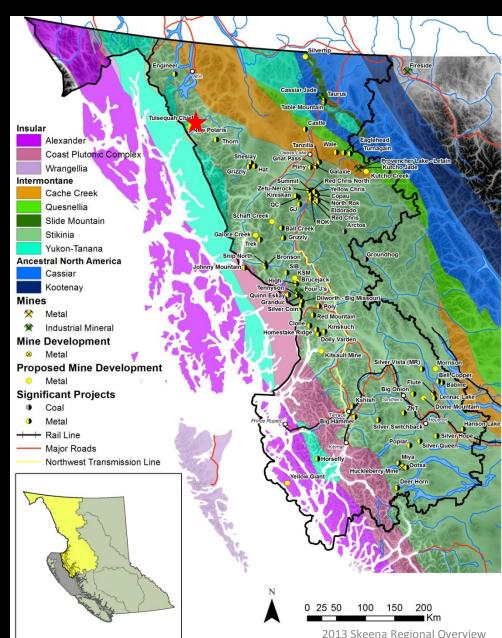


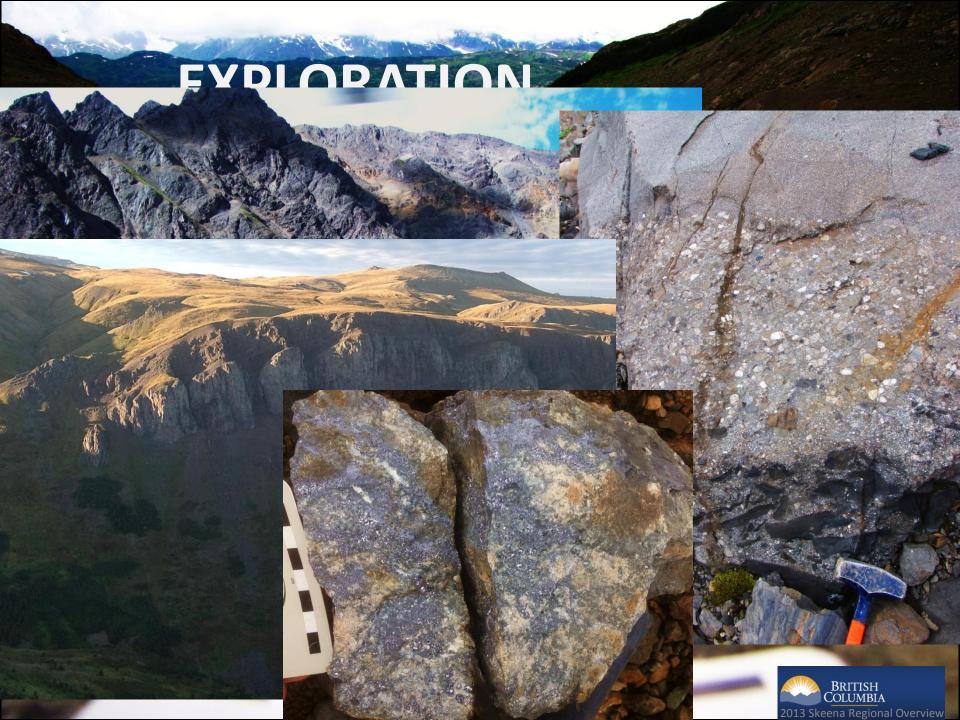
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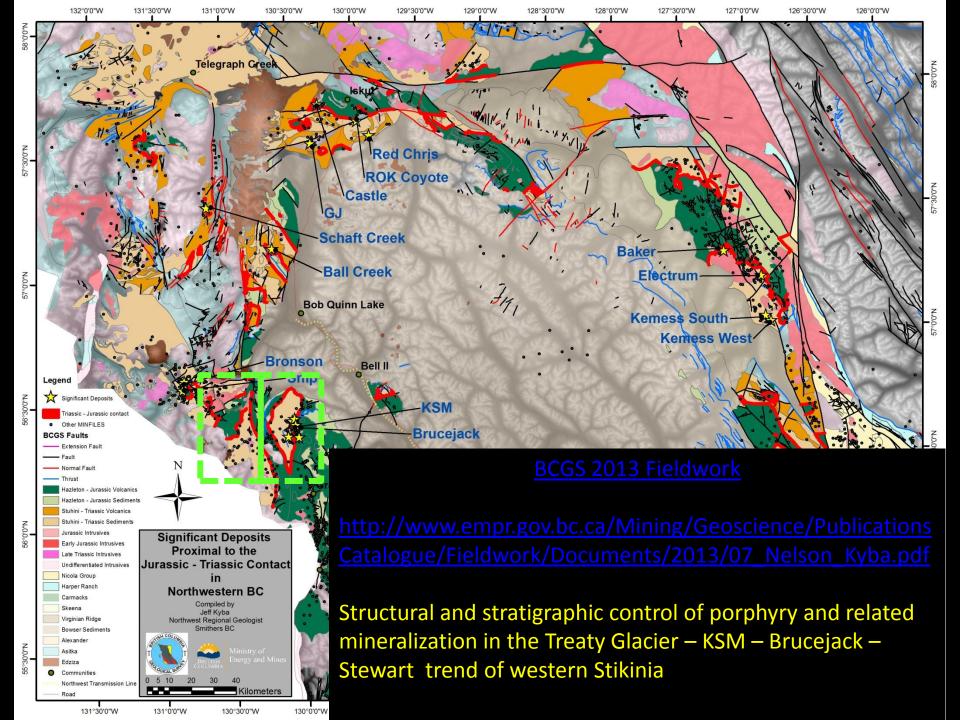
- Cu-Zn-Pb-Ag-Au Massive Sulphide
- **Probable Minable Reserves:**

6.45 Mt @ 1.12% Cu + 1.04% Pb + 5.59% Zn + 2.3 g/t Au + 81.38 g/t Ag

- Permits and amendments acquired, ready to begin construction
- Completed comprehensive review and assimilation of historical data
  - Multiple targets identified
- 2013 drill program:
  - 3540 m, 9 holes
  - Successfully identified extensions to known mineralization







### Stikine Arch Projects

### North ROK



Discovery to 142 Mt inferred resources @ 0.22% Cu
 + 0.26 g/t Au in less than 9 months

### ROK

1750 m drilling, 3 holes



• GJ



- Drilling
- Regional generative program follow up





- Castle, Tanzilla, Pliny
  - Porphyry Au-Cu intercepted in drilling
    - 100 m @ 0.11% Cu + 0.36 g/t Au
- RCN
  - Recon soils, rock chips and mapping

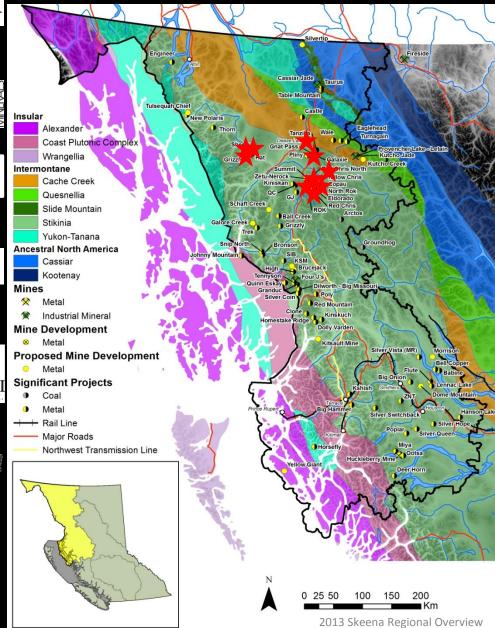


### Hat

- 4169 m drilling, 15holes,
  - 451 m @ 0.22% Cu + 0.17 g/t Au + 0.85 g/ Ag



- Confirmed historic Cu Au values and demonstrated continuity to new depths
- 312 m @ 0.37% Cu + 0.24 g/t Au + 0.69 g/t Ag



### Alice Arm area Projects

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- 3947 m drilling in 10 holes
- Discovered Slide zone
  - 18.6 m @ 101 g/t Ag

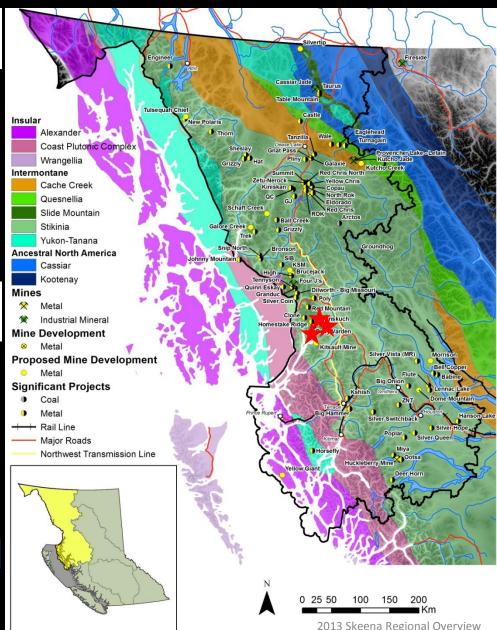
### Kinskuch



- 58 mineral occurrences awaiting further investigation

**Dolley Varden** 

- 3063 m drilling, 14 holes



### Skeena Arch Projects

Bell – Granisle

- GlencoreXstrata
- Water treatment plant related activities
- Flute Lennac



- Discovered Cu-Au bearing intrusive centers undercover using RC top-of basement drilling
- Babine Lake



- Expanded ground position around past producing Bell and Granisle mines
- Big Onion
  - ~4000 m of drilling



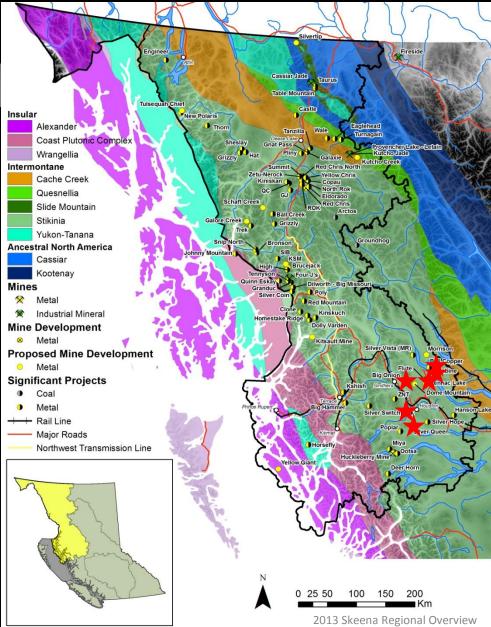
- Poplar
  - Reverted back to 100% LGM ownership



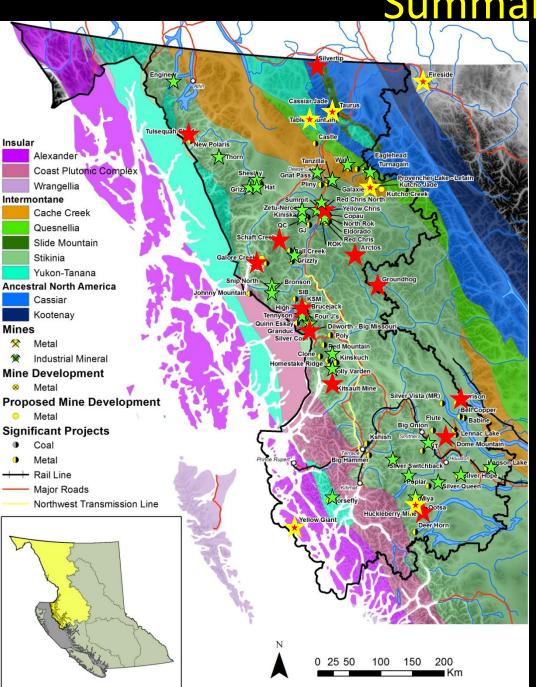
Silver Queen / Itsit

New Nadina Explorations Limited

Porphyry Cu-Au mineralization confirmed



Summary



**6 producers** 

13 Mine **Evaluation + Developments** 

projects

**Developments** 



**63 significant Exploration** 

### Outlook

- + Commodity prices... + + ?
  - + Molybdenum
  - + Nickel
- + Increased presence of coal projects in NW BC
- + Political will to responsibly develop natural resources
- Labor shortages
  - + NWCC training programs
- Increased development costs



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