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KNUCKLETHUMB LAKE AREA

PROJECT #1799 N.T.S. 42L/4E

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INTRODUCTION

The property consists of 18 claims located to the north and west of Knucklethumb Lake in Oboskegan Township within the the Thunder Bay Mining Division. Knucklethumb Lake is approximately 54 km north of Jellicoe and is only accessible by float plane during the summer months Logging roads are present somewhat to the west and northwest of the property.

Outcrop exposure is not much more than 10% of the total area. Bedrock is mainly exposed in the extreme western part of the property, the northeastern part of the property and around the west end of Knucklethumb Lake.

The majority of the rocks present are felsic pyroclastics with lesser amounts of mafic volcanics present to the north and northeast. A zone of strong alteration and sulphide mineralization occurs in the west end of the property. The zone consists of rhyolitic sericitic schists which contain discrete lenses and masses of siliceous rock carrying up to 25% pyrite and pyrrhotite. The alteration zone has a NNE trend and appears to cross-cut stratigraphy.

PREVIOUS WORK

THE OGS originally mapped the area in 1924 when Gledhill conducted a geologic examination of the Tashota-Onaman area. In 1931, the Kowkash-Ogoki area was examined by Kindle. Most recently, S. Amukun mapped the Tashota area in 1973.

Eleven patented claims immediately to the north of Sherritt's ground are presently held by R.J. Noffke of Ottawa and include the Kipper-Cameron Gold Prospect. Gledhill (1925) and Kindle (1931) described the occurrence and state that "... the (gold) mineralization is along a shear zone at the contact of Keewatin greenstone (metabasalt) and quartz porphyry (lapilli tuff to pyroclastic breccia), (Amukun, 1977).

In September 1977, an airbourne geophysical survey flown in the Oboshkegan Lake area for Canamax Resources detected three significant AEM anonalies. Forty-five claims were staked to the north of Oboshkegan Lake and geologic, geochemical, VLF-EM and magnetometer surveys were completed over most of the ground. This work identified a pyritic tuffaceous-sedimentary unit carrying "erratic but high" gold values. An additional 32 claims were staked to the west to cover more of the pyritic unit. These additional claims were then examined under a joint venture with Hollinger-Argus, who together completed geology, magnetometer and VLF-EM surveys. Nine diamond drill holes totalling 664 m tested a gold showing to the north of Knucklethumb Lake and a number of VLF anomalies.

Sherritt acquired 10 of the present 18 claims in the spring of 1984. Prior to performing a magnetometer survey, the Canamax grid was cleaned and re-chained and a number of fill-in lines were added.

PRESENT WORK

In August of 1984, eight additional claims were tied onto the original group of ten. The Canamax grid was cleaned, re-chained and extended to

the north boundaries of claims 788301 and 788302. Detailed geology and geochemistry surveys were completed over the gridded portions of the property. Pace and compass surveys were completed over the remainder of the ground.

Samples were collected from most of the outcrops and additional samples from features of interest (quartz veins, shears, etc.) so as to obtain a reasonable sample density representative of the geology. A total of 146 samples were collected from within the property; seven of which were duplicates in order to order to ensure the consistency of the analyses.

GENERAL GEOLOGY

The rocks in the Tashota Area are an assemblage of Archean metavolcanics and minor metasediments. They have been intruded by several felsic bodies (Elbow Lake, Robinson Lake and Gzowski Lake Stocks) as well as pegmatitic and aplitic dikes and Lake Precambrian diabase dikes.

Felsic pyroclastic rocks dominate within Sherritt's property and account for approximately 75% of the total exposed outcrop.

FELSIC METAVOLCANICS

The majority of felsic rocks within the property appear to be of rhyodacitic composition. Rhyolitic rocks dominate only in the extreme

western portion of the property. The rhyodacitic rocks are dark grey to dark brown on fresh surfaces and buff to light pink on weathered surfaces. Rhyolitic rocks are light grey to nearly white on fresh surfaces and buff on weathered surfaces.

Most of the felsic rocks contain quartz 'eyes' which appear to be primary. They are generally subangular, occasionally subrounded and average 2 to 3 mm in diameter but can range up to 7 mm in diameter. They commonly constitute 10% of the rock by volume and occasionally as much as 25%.

Subhedral to euhedral feldspar grains are also common and constitute roughly 15 to 25% of the rock. Most of the feldspar crystals are 1 to 3 mm in diameter but can be as large as 1 cm.

Although the majority of the felsic pyroclastics are crystal tuffs, lapilli tuffs, tuff breccias and pyroclastic breccias are also present. The long axes of clasts are typically 4 to 10 cm but can range from 1 to 25 cm. One bomb measured 0.6 x 1.5 m and was set in a matrix of crystal tuff with no other clasts visible. Clasts are generally lensoid to ovoid, although some of the smaller clasts may be angular. Their long axis:short axis ratio is generally 2:1 but may reach 4:1, indicating intense deformation.

Clasts are usually quite sparse but may locally constitute up to 70% of the rock. They are often nearly impossible to discern as they as they are essentially of the same composition as the matrix, ie. a feldsparquartz porphyry with an aphanitic matrix. In some cases, they are only identified because they weather slightly lower than the matrix or the foliation of the matrix 'flows' around the clasts. As a result, more

fragmental rocks may be present than is apparent.

Chloritization of the felsic volcanics is comman and widespread and is quite prominent in sheared rocks. An outcrop at L20+20W, 0+45S contains numerous chlorite seams along shear planes. Mild carbonatization is relatively common and can locally be intense, especially in the more sheared rocks. It is often present as milky white calcite concentrated along schistosity and foliation planes and on fracture surfaces. Sericite is also common and again is most prominent in sheared rocks.

A NNE trending zone of intense silica-sericite alteration appears to cross-cut stratigraphy in the western part of the property. The zone ia a rhyolitic sericite schist containing lenses and masses of highly siliceous, aphanitic rock. The siliceous bodies carry up to 25% fine grained to blebby and disseminated pyrite and pyrrhotite. Outcrop surfaces are heavily gossaned and intense iron staining occurs along fracture and shear planes. Quartz eyes, which are conspicuous in most of rhe other felsic rocks, are less obvious in the alteration zone and are absent in the most intensely altered rocks. Aside from the occassional quartz grain, the pyroclastic nature of rocks within the alteration zone is not apparent.

Felsic rocks found elsewhere on the property are often iron stained along fracture and foliation planes and may contain minor (\$\mathbb{2}1\%) fine disseminated pyrite.

MAFIC METAVOLCANICS

Mafic volcanics are only exposed in the NW corner of claim 784355 and in

the most northerly part of the claim group.

Mafic rocks within claim 784355 are chlorite schist. They are iron stained, contain approximately 1% fine disseminated pyrite and are carbonatized. The schists are oriented at 106/85N and contain abundant quartz stringers along foliation planes.

Mafic rocks in the northern part of the claim group occur as fine grained, chloritic, moderately carbonatized basalts and as porphyroblastic basalts containing clots of amphibole up to 5 mm in diameter. The porhyroblastic variety is chloritic, generally contains about 1% fine disseminated pyrite and is locally magnetic. The nature of the amphibole porphyroblasts is uncertain.

An exposure of chlorite schist was noted in a small overburden trench in the SW sector of claim 788302. Two exposures of chlorite-amphibole schist were identified further to the north.

INTRUSIVE ROCKS

Small mafic dikes were found at two locations; L17+40W, 3+80S and L8+00W, 4+50N. The former is aphanitic, dark green on the fresh surface, grey on the weathered surface, quite chloritic and mildly carbonatized. The latter is aphanitic and black on the fresh surface. It is schistose and contains about 1% fine disseminated pyrite. The dike has a width of approximately 1 m and strikes 110°.

Two felsic to intermediate dikes were noted at L19+90W, 0+50N and L16+00W $2\pm20S$. The former is grey on the fresh surface, dark grey on the weathered

surface and contains numerous fine feldspathic stringers. The dike is at least 1.3 m wide and strikes roughly 130°. The latter is chloritic and carbonatized, is approximately 0.7 m wide and strikes 127°.

STRUCTUARL GEOLOGY

The majority of the rocks within the property are well foliated and contain an E to ESE penetrative fabric. Dips are exclusively to the north at 75 to 85° .

Shearing is common, particularly within the alteration zone. Major shear orientations are coincident with the penetrative fabric. Secondary shears directions trend between 020 and 0.60° and at approximately 140°.

Limited evidence suggests that two separate structural events may have taken place. An outcrop at L28+60W, 3+80S within the alteration zone is saturated with quartz stringers over a width of about 3 m. The stringers are oriented 050 and 095° with the former set apparently reflecting the later event.

Geophysical evidence suggests the presence of a fault striking roughly 1650 through the 'thumb' of Knucklethumb Lake. A second fault is inferred to coincide with a linear depression striking approximately 0600 through claims 762783 and 784.

ECONOMIC GEOLOGY

The principal area of interest on the property is the alteration zone

within claim 762782. The silica-sulphide bodies within the zone are discontinuous but very common and tend to be oriented parallel to the major shear direction.

Several old pits and trenches were noted within the alteration zone. The trenches trace quartz veins having widths of up to 0.4 m and striking roughly 070° . The veins are rusty and sericitic, may contain tourmaline and/or calcite and locally up to 50% pyrite.

Heavily gossaned felsic volcanics were also noted a number of locations outside the alteration zone. Rhyolitic rocks containing 10 to 15% disseminated pyrrhotite were traced across a width of 3 m for a length of roughly 20 m along an 060° strike trend in the vicinity of L24+40W, 5+00S. A small outcrop of gossanous sericite schist was identified near L0+00, 8+00N although no sulphides were visible.

Small lenses of massive sulphide were observed in outcrop at L29+80W, 4+20S and on the 0+00 baseline at L22+00W. Pyrite occurs at both locations and in the latter case, the lens is 25 cm wide with an apparent strike of 011^{0} . The host rock is a highly silicified, slightly chloritic felsic volcanic.

A boulder of massive pyrite was also noted in one of the overburden trenches in the SW part of claim 788302 suggesting that massive sulphides are also present in this region of the property.

Other pits within 788302 also contain rocks of interest. One pit hosts a silicified felsic volcanic conatining 10 to 15% disseminated pyrite and pyrrhotite. A quartz vein having a minimum width of 25 cm occurs in a

pit located approximately 15 m to the east. The vein hosts 5% disseminated pyrite and pyrrhotite and trace blebby chalcopyrite and sphalerite.

RECOMMENDATIONS

with the completion of the detailed mapping and geochemical sampling program, the next step would be to carry out a detailed soil sampling survey to determine if the mineralized alteration zone extends east under the swamp. Additional lithogeochemical sampling may prove useful although a reasonable sampling density was attained in the past survey.

Since several areas of mineralization were located to the east, these locations should also be examined in greater detail.

Submitted September, 1984

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REFERENCES

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Dear Madam:

Enclosed are two copies of a Notice of Intent with statements listing a reduced rate of assessment work credits to be allowed for a technical survey. Please forward one copy to the recorded holder of the claims and retain the other. In approximately fifteen days from the above date, a final letter of approval of these credits will be sent to you. On receipt of the approval letter, you may then change the work entries on the claim record sheets.

For further information, if required, please contact Mr. R.J. Pichette at 416/965-4888.

Yours sincerely,

S.E. Yundt Director

Land Management Branch

Whitney Block, Room 6643 Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3

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cc: Sherritt Gordon Mines Ltd

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Attention: Vincent Scime

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cc: Mr. G.H. Ferguson

Mining & Lands Commissioner

Toronto, Ontario



Notice of Intent for Technical Reports

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An examination of your survey report indicates that the requirements of The Ontario Mining Act have not been fully met to warrant maximum assessment work credits. This notice is merely a warning that you will not be allowed the number of assessment work days credits that you expected and also that in approximately 15 days from the above date, the mining recorder will be authorized to change the entries on his record sheets to agree with the enclosed statement. Please note that until such time as the recorder actually changes the entry on the record sheet, the status of the claim remains unchanged.

If you are of the opinion that these changes by the mining recorder will jeopardize your claims, you may during the next fifteen days apply to the Mining and Lands Commissioner for an extension of time. Abstracts should be sent with your application.

If the reduced rate of credits does not jeopardize the status of the claims then you need not seek relief from the Mining and Lands Commissioner and this Notice of Intent may be disregarded.

If your survey was submitted and assessed under the "Special Provision-Performance and Coverage" method and you are of the opinion that a re-appraisal under the "Man-days" method would result in the approval of a greater number of days credit per claim, you may, within the said fifteen day period, submit assessment work breakdowns listing the employees names, addresses and the dates and hours they worked. The new work breakdowns should be submitted direct to the Land Management Branch, Toronto. The report will be re-assessed and a new statement of credits based on actual days worked will be issued.

June 24, 1985

File: 2.8202

Rodney Knappett 157 Jeffcoat Drive Rexdale, Ontario M9W 3C4

Dear Sir:

Subject: Geological Survey submitted on Mining Claims TB 762782, et al, in the Township of Oboshkegan

Enclosed are the maps in duplicate for the abovementioned survey. In order to complete yopa submission for assessment, please plot the nature of the overburden in areas of no outcrop.

Please forward the above information, in duplicate, to this office quoting file 2.8202.

For further information, please contact Doug Isherwood at (416)965-4888.

Yours sincerely,

S.E. Yundt Director Land Management Branch

Whitney Block, Room 6643 Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3 Phone: (416)965-4888

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Dear Madam:

RE: Notice of Intent dated July 29, 1985 Geological Survey on Mining Claims TB 773614, et al, in Oboshkegan Township

The assessment work credits, as listed with the above-mentioned Notice of Intent, have been approved as of the above date.

Please inform the recorded holder of these mining claims and so indicate on your records.

Yours sincerely,

S.E. Yundt Director Land Management Branch

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cc: Sherritt Gordon Mines Ltd P.O. Box 723 Dryden, Ontario P8N 2Z4 Attention: Vincent Scime cc: Mr. G.H. Ferguson
Mining & Lands Commissioner
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cc: Resident Geologist
Thunder Bay, Ontario

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June 6, 1985

Mr. S.E. Yundt Land Management Branch Whitney Block, Room 6643 Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3

Dear Mr. Yundt;

Enclosed are duplicate maps and reports for a geologic survey of claims 762782-784, 762786-788, 783614,615 and 784355,356 in Oboshkegan Township in the Thunder Bay Mining Division. Work Reports have been forwarded to the Mining Recorder's Office in Thunder Bay.

In recent months, some correspondence from the Land Management Branch has been forwarded to Sherritt's Corporate Office in Toronto rather than to the Field Office here in Dryden. The Dryden office is solely responsible for property maintenance and any correspondence sent to the Toronto office (particularly Notices of Intent) can cause administrative problems here. In the future, please forward all correspondence to the Dryden Field Office.

Sincemety yours;

Vincent Scime

Senior Project Geologist



