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## CAREER EXPERIENCE

### March 2006 – Current: Mineral Exploration Consultant, GeoQwest Excursions Ltd., West Kelowna BC.

- Belcarra Group, Silver Viper Minerals Corp: Ag/Au exploration, Sonora, Mexico
- Saturn Mineral Inc.: Light conventional oil and coal exploration, Williston Basin, Saskatchewan
- GeoQwest Excursions Ltd.: Independent prospecting, property research, placer testing, claim staking; South Central BC
- Teck Corp: Porphyry Cu, epithermal Au prospecting/crew training; Western/Northeast Turkey
- Teck Corp: Porphyry Cu, epithermal Au prospecting/property evaluation; Cananea district, Sonora, Mexico
- Colorado Resources: Project logistics, permitting, tenure, First Nations issues; British Columbia, Yukon, Canada.
- Almaden Minerals: Epithermal Au prospecting, property evaluation; States of Puebla, Veracruz, Tlaxcala, Hidalgo, Mexico
- Almaden Minerals: Epithermal Au prospecting, drill target definition; Puebla, Mexico
- Almaden Minerals: Infill definition diamond drilling, past epithermal Au producer; Interior Plateau, British Columbia
- Killdeer Minerals: Data compilation, ground truthing/prospecting, target definition, diamond drilling; Saskatchewan
- Killdeer Minerals: Property evaluations; Rice Lake Au belt; Manitoba. Skarn mineralization prospects evaluation; Vancouver Island. Data compilation and Au/VMS/CuNi evaluation, northern Saskatchewan
- Copper Fox: QA/QC RC core resampling porphyry Cu/Au; northern British Columbia
- Cambria Geoscience: Au and Cu property evaluations for acquisition; Sinaloa, Sonora, Mexico
- Galore Resources: Pinasquitos/Camino Rojo sediment hosted Au prospecting, crew supervision; Zacatecas, Mx
- Logistics/prospecting/sampling/crew supervision, epithermal Au/Ag/porphyry Cu projects in Chihuahua, Sinaloa, Sonora, San Luis Potosi, Zacatecas, Mexico w/ various Vancouver based companies
- Barrick Gold: Reconnaissance prospecting, intrusive related gold; Donlin Creek region, Alaska
- Kenrich-Eskay Mining: Camp construction and project management (45 person) on diamond drill project, Anyox, BC

### Winters: 2008 – 2009: Risk Manager/Professional Ski Patrol: Crystal Resort, Westbank, BC.

- OFA 3 First Aid and Risk Management for employees and visiting public: resort risk recognition and mitigation, accident investigation, guest relations, security, staff training and supervision.

### 2000 – 2005: President, GeoQwest Excursions Ltd., Kelowna, British Columbia.

Established British Columbia's 1<sup>st</sup> licenced wilderness touring company requiring full range of administrative and technical functions of a private corporation: incorporation, licencing, advertising, promotion, financial, media relations, client service, government regulation, land use, marketing.

**Winters:** Risk Manager/Professional Ski Patrol, Crystal Mountain Ski Resort, Westbank, BC. Responsible for staff and public safety and risk mitigation.

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**1996 - 2000 Winters: Technical Services Coordinator, Cominco Ltd. Vancouver, B.C.**

- Coordinated all aspects of computer system hardware and software including evaluation, installation, staff training and maintenance in the Vancouver office with adoption by Cominco's global exploration offices.
- Introduced database software for central records and library indexes.
- Supervised office layout, engineering, warehousing, office equipment purchase, staff space allocation, staff hiring, office location change logistics.

**Summers: Field Geologist**

- Annual field project generation, budgeting, staffing, execution and reporting. Supervision of reconnaissance exploration in the Yukon Territory and Nunavut. Installed and staffed field computer and communication systems. Field staff hiring and training.
- Company booth representative at industry trade shows and university conferences.

**1993-1996 Project Supervisor, Minera Cominco Resources Chile Ltda., Antofagasta, Chile.**

- Supervised Chilean field staff of a large sampling program in northern Chile including scheduling, field logistic, project priority assessment, budgeting and reporting.
- Training of Chilean, Peruvian, Turkish staff on geochemical software and field techniques.
- Built and supervised sample preparation laboratory for processing before shipping to Vancouver.
- Supervised/coordinated research and field teams in Chile, Argentina and Peru.
- Facilitated exploration program efficiencies with with Argentinian political authorities.

**1988 – 1993 Geologist, Project Development, Cominco Ltd. Vancouver, B.C.**

- Provided technical/logistical support, applied geochemistry and prospecting expertise as part of a select team evaluating new commodities for the company.
- Attended conferences and seminars across Canada/US researching new commodity/exploration concepts.

**1983 – 1988 Geochemical Technician, Cominco Ltd. Vancouver, B.C.**

- Mentored to the company Chief Geochemist for professional development.
- Project support in on Canadian remote terrain reconnaissance projects.
- Software evolution from mainframe to PC applications.
- Tested, implemented and trained staff to PC exploration and productivity software.
- Extensive training in geochemistry and geology at conferences throughout North America.

**1981 – 1983 Exploration Technician, Cominco Ltd. Vancouver, B.C.**

All aspects of camp and project support including camp construction, power/water/communication systems, supply logistics, transportation, safety, equipment supervision, blasting, geological sampling, prospecting, claim staking, permitting, reporting and data management.

**1976 – 1981 Student Employment**

- 1980/81 Geochemical Sampler, Cominco Ltd., Vancouver B.C.
- 1979 Maintenance Crew, Western Canada Steel, Richmond, B.C.
- 1978 Castor, Lead and Silver Refinery, Cominco Ltd., Trail, B.C.
- 1977 Equipment Operator, Pine Point Minesite, NWT.
- 1976 Labourer, Pine Point Minesite, N.W.T.

## **EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2002, 04, 06, 08, 10, 2013 5<sup>th</sup> re-certification OFA3 First Aid
- 2012 Anti-terrorism/Anti-kidnapping training, Guadalajara Mexico
- 2008 Transportation of Dangerous Goods certification (TDG), WHMIS
- 2005 Canadian Ski Patrol Instructors re-certification
- 2005 Advanced Ski Patroller re-certification
- 2005 Industrial Fall Arrest and Rescue certification
- 2002 - 2005 Canada West Ski Area Associations Risk Management Conference and Seminars
- 2001 - 2005 Workshops/public committees on Nature Based Tourism in BC
- 2004 Advanced Ski Patrol certification including Entonox, Sagar splint, Epinephrine
- 2001-04 Canadian Ski Patrol First Aid annual re-certification
- 2002 Instructor and Examiner: Canadian Ski Patrol
- 2001 Small Business seminars: Accounting, Marketing, Consumer Law, Sales, Time Management
- 2000 Class 4 drivers licence
- 2000 HTML programming
- 2000 Professional Aptitude Evaluations: Myers-Briggs, Strong, Jarvis Vocational/Interests.
- 1982-2000 Exploration trade shows across Canada, U.S., Chile with short courses/field trips
- 1985 – 1999 Various classes in PC software.
- 1999 Workers Compensation Board: N.W.T./Nunavut Level 2 Supervisors Certificate
- 1991 Management Leadership Training: Increasing Human Effectiveness Management Training
- 1990 Personal Effectiveness Management Training
- 1988 – 1991 Igneous Petrology, Metamorphic Petrology, Sedimentology, UBC
- 1982 Prospecting and explosives certification
- 1976 - 1982 Bachelor of Arts: Physical Geography, Simon Fraser University

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

- IT coordinator, Cominco Ltd, Vancouver 1996-2000. All aspects of applied computer software, hardware, networking and staff training.
- 1980 – 2000: IBM Mainframes to current PC configuration skills: DOS, Win 3.x, Win 95/98, NT4+, ME, XP, Vista, Win7... Wordperfect, Lotus 123, XEdit, KEdit, QuattroPro, Dbase, Foxpro, FilemakerPro, NT workstation and server/bridge configurations and maintenance.
- Extensive data and graphics format editing, interchange and configuration experience
- DGPS: Trimble Pathfinder, GeoExplorers, ProExcel
- OziExplorer. Familiarity with Arc and Mapinfo and data interchange formats
- Advanced Google Earth application and data transfers
- Advanced MSOffice suite: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access
- Numerous generations of DOS/WIN utility, applications and tools
- Field instrumentation setup, programming and use including HF/VHF/UHF communications, DGPS/GPS, EDM total station, portable XRF, Au analyzers, cold extraction geochemistry, VHF/MAG/EMAG geophysics
- Satellite communications installations: MSAT, Inmarsat, Iridium, GlobalStar, Direcway, Ka
- Website writing and maintenance of company and non-profit organizations.

**LANGUAGES** English, Conversational level Spanish

## **VOLUNTEER POSITIONS**

- Motorcycle 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Team, Whistler Ironman 2014
- Coast range debris flow field trip: Pemberton, Carpenter Lake, UBC Geography Department 2014
- Pleistocene Landscapes Field Trip Guide: Vancouver Island, UBC Geography Department 2009
- Director, Adventure Okanagan Cooperative. 2003 – 2005
- Canadian Ski Patrol: On-hill Instructor, Trainer/Examiners Certification 2001 - 2004
- Neighbourhood Development Planning Committee: Richmond, Delta, B.C. 1986 - 1991
- Vancouver International Airport Expansion, Citizen's Review Committee 1990

**INTERESTS** Motorcycle touring, 4x4 driving, automobile restoration, maintenance and repair, travel, construction.

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