

Boundary Zone - The Geology of a New Zinc Discovery in the Macmillan Pass Zn-Pb-Ag district Jack Milton, Ph.D., P.Geo. - Chief Geologist January 2022

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### Macmillan Pass district: 940 km<sup>2</sup> of potential





### **Blueprint for Value Creation**



2018 PEA Establishes Base Case, then add:

- Government C\$71M funding of road reduces up front CAPEX
- Engineering Optimizations increase pit size at Tom using new Geotech/Geochem data
- Resource Expansion at both Tom & Jason improve mine life & throughput
- **Boundary Zone** inaugural resource, and integration, creates larger mine plan
- Exploration Potential elsewhere blue sky, could lead to expanded mine life

= More NPV

## **Huge Gravity Anomaly at Boundary**

Ground gravity survey in August 2020 revealed a huge gravity anomaly:

- Gravity high over Boundary extends 200 m east and 800 m west from areas of drilling
- Boundary West discovered in 2020
- This suggests a massive system, which has barely been drilled
- Even at low grades, metal endowment could be staggering



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#### **Boundary Zone – drilling and cross section**



# **Boundary Zone**

#### **Extensive zinc system**

#### Drilling highlights:

- NB19-002:
  - 230 m of 4.1% Zn from surface
  - Including 100 m of 7.95% Zn
    - With 6.4 m of 42.5% Zn
- NB19-001:
  - 230 m of 3.4% Zn from surface
  - Including 97 m of 5.6% Zn
- NB20-002:
  - 213 m of 4.4% Zn
  - Confirmed a vein stockwork
- NB21-005:
  - 1.54% Cu, 5.42% Zn over 2 m
  - First discovery of copper mineralization at Boundary
- Significantly extended zinc zone down-dip Large size potential
  - True thickness 200 to 250 m
  - At least 250 m down-dip and open
  - Higher grades concentrated near surface



#### **Boundary Zone – Mineralization Styles** Mineralization is very different in character to Tom & Jason









#### **Boundary West Massive sulfide and barite**



### **Discovery hole massive sulphides**

NB20-004: 26 m of massive sulfides (pyrite-sphalerite-[galena]) – Red Dog style?



### High grade Tom-style stratiform mineralization <sub>13</sub>



#### Howard's Pass style zinc mineralization



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NB20-009: Late Ordovician – Early Silurian hosted stratiform mineralization – Howard's Pass style



#### **Boundary West – vein mineralization**



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## **Geological evolution and genesis**



- Early-formed structures influence mineralization
- Reactive host rocks favoured barite and volcaniclastics
- Multiple pulses of mineralization at Boundary Zone
- Long-lived hydrothermal system

- Overprinting episodes of mineralization
- Large time integrated fluid flux
- Fault system points to deep architecture and crustal scale plumbing system
- High potential for forming a very large deposit

## **Geological Analogue for Boundary – Red Dog**

- Red Dog is an analogue and a model for exploration going forward
- Boundary has been targeted for the potential for barite hosted massive sulphides



Red Dog vein ore



(From Kelley et al, 2004)



(From Leach et al, 2004)

#### **Boundary Zone – huge size potential**



Investors are cautioned that Boundary Zone is an exploration target with no Mineral Resources. Fireweed has done insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the target being delineated as a mineral resource. The dimensions of the targets stated here are estimates and should be regarded as ranges with a ±25% relative uncertainty. Target dimensions have been estimated using interpretation of the geology in 3D using logging and assay constraints available from drilling. Potential ranges of zinc grades have not been estimated.

#### Two 2021 drill hole assays, ground gravity and soils pending

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