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Ketzakey Silver Mines To Work Through Winter

Ketzakey Silver Mines plans to work its 44-claim property, 26 miles south of Ross River, Yukon, throughout the winter. High grade ore will be stockpiled at the base camp for delivery to smelter when the Canol Road is again open for traffic next spring. Four bulldozers are presently engaged in this surface extraction operation.

The property was acquired from R. R. Kirwan of Cassiar, B.C. Commencing at the Canol Road, approximately five miles south of Ross River, the company has constructed 35 miles of access road to the base of Ketzakey Mountain and is now constructing an additional 1½ miles of road from the base to the main orebody. The first 15 miles after leaving the Canol Road is capable of handling any kind of traffic. The remaining 20 miles however, is at present accessible only by four-wheel drive vehicles. This latter section is now being improved.

The company's consultants, J. W. Cooper and Craigie Hood, Jr., geologists of Edmonton and Whitehorse, have described the main surface exposure on Ketzakey Mountain as consisting of massive, high grade lead-silver over a width of 14 ft. High grade oreshoots increase the overall potential width to well over 100 ft. Selected specimens have assayed 500 ozs. silver and 35% lead. Average assays of the high grade material are 80 ozs. silver and 30% lead.

Three adits have been driven into the mountainside. From surface exposures, the consultants have estimated a "conservative" potential of 4,000 tons of high grade material, readily extractable in the surface operations proposed for this winter.

To the present, exploration has been limited and concentrated on the main exposure. However, nine other exposures provide promising leads for future development.

Ketzakey Silver Mines is a private company with registered office at 10029-148 Street, Edmonton, Alta.