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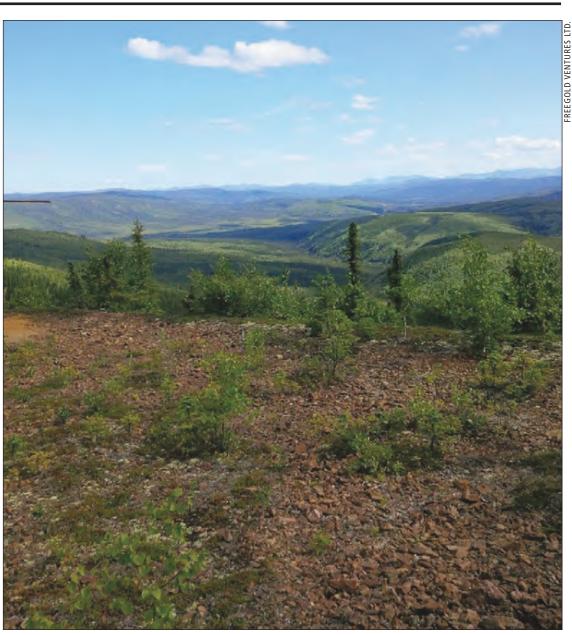
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SuperLig Molecular Recognition Technology has successfully separated the entire suite of rare earths.

REE technology attracts another investor

Ucore Rare Metals Inc. Aug. 17 reported that a second high-net-worth US-based investor has agreed to purchase a royalty on the sale of products and services related to the processing of rare earth elements and other specialty metals and critical materials with SuperLig Molecular Recognition Technology. Ucore and Utah-based IBC Advanced Technologies formed a joint venture to develop this new method of separating rare earths using molecular recognition technology, a process designed to bind selectively with ions based on multiple parameters such as size, chemistry, and geometry. Under the terms of the JV, Ucore will retain a 60 percent interest and IBC will retain a 40 percent interest in the exclusive rights to the SuperLig MRT platform developed by IBC. The new unidentified investor has agreed to pay US\$1 million payment to purchase a royalty of 5 percent of the gross sales from Ucore's first MRT installation or installations, payable until the recapture of the initial investment; and thereafter a net smelter royalty equal to 0.5 percent of the net sales from Ucore's first tier I client, which has an estimated gross revenue volume to Ucore exceeding C\$50 million per year. In May, another unidentified investor paid US\$4 million to purchase a royalty of 5 percent of the gross sales from Ucore's first MRT installation or installations, payable until the recapture of the initial investment; and thereafter a 2.0 percent net smelter royalty from Ucore's first tier I client. At a bench scale, the SuperLig platform has successfully separated the entire suite of rare earths. In July, Ucore contracted with IBC for the design and construction of a pilot plant that will test the molecular recognition technology for the separation



The Shorty Creek property near Livengood, Alaska has long been known to host gold, copper and molybdenum mineralization. This year, Freegold Ventures Ltd. is testing the idea that an underlying porphyry copper-gold-molybdenum system is the source of the mineralization seen at surface.

Solving Shorty Creek

Freegold Ventures drilling will add pieces to Interior Alaska porphyry puzzle

By SHANE LASLEY Mining News Development compiled all of the data from various historical exploration programs to reveal a bigger

of REEs at bulk scale. "The intention is for the unit to be a test mule, capable of accepting pregnant leach solution and bulk concentrates from multiple prospective REE feedstock locations around the world," Ucore President and CEO Jim McKenzie said at the time. "One high-priority source of pilot-scale test material will be the Bokan-Dotson Ridge project in Southeast Alaska."

Chandalar placer gold mine nears start

Goldrich Mining Co. Aug. 17 reported that placer gold operations at the Chandalar project in northern Alaska are expected to start this month. Overburden removal at the project began in March and through June crews had stripped 780,000 yards. Operations were expected to start earlier in the summer, but construction of ponds and completion of the wash plant has taken longer than projected. Subject to weather at the arctic project, the plant is expected to run through mid-September. The Chandalar placer mine is being developed and operated by Goldrich NyacAu Placer LLC – a 50-50 joint-venture formed between Goldrich and Alaska

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Freegold Ventures Ltd. is testing the idea that a large and previously unrecognized porphyry deposit could lie beneath its Shorty Creek property in the Livengood Mining District of Interior Alaska.

Earlier this month, the exploration company raised C\$1.35 million to fund a 3,000- meter drill program that could provide definitive evidence that various zones of copper, gold and molybdenum found across the 26,000-acre Shorty Creek land package are actually pieces of one porphyry copper-gold-molybdenum deposit spanning up to eight miles across.

Shorty Creek puzzle

For at least three decades, geologists have known that Shorty Creek is prospective for gold, copper and molybdenum. With the available data, the explorers concluded that the mineralization seen at surface comes from two separate sources – an intrusive-related gold system in the southern part of the property and a copper-molybdenum system to the north.

Like pieces of a puzzle, Fairbanks-based Avalon

picture at Shorty Creek. Avalon President Curt Freeman saw what appears to be a zoned porphyry system that covers an area eight miles in diameter.

"While the interpretations of this report represent a departure from previous thinking about the Shorty Creek project area, this is the first time a single study has been able to incorporate all of the available data. Previous investigators focused on individual parts of the larger system, but did not recognize these parts as being integral pieces of a larger porphyry coppergold-molybdenum system," Freeman wrote in a 2010 technical report.

While the picture of copper-gold-molybdenum porphyry was becoming evident, some key pieces of the puzzle were still missing. This is something Freegold has been working to rectify since acquiring the Shorty Creek property last year.

To add to mounting evidence of a hidden porphyry system, Freegold completed ground geophysics and soil sampling that blanketed both the gold and copper-molybdenum targets and the area in between.

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Coffee takes big step toward production

Kaminak Gold Corp. Aug. 13 reported results from roughly 31,000 meters of infill drilling completed at its Coffee gold project in 2015. This confirmation drilling was undertaken on the series of parallel, north-south striking gold bearing structures that make up the Supremo deposit. According to a preliminary economic

assessment completed for Coffee in 2014, the Supremo deposit contributes about 1.27 million ounces of recoverable gold at an average diluted grade of 1.13 grams of gold per metric ton in oxide resources, plus 44,000 oz at 1.64 g/t gold in transitionaloxide resources. This accounts for nearly 70 percent of the gold included in the mine plan outlined in the PEA. Drilling completed at Supremo has firmed up the existing geological interpretation providing additional confidence in the location, geometry and continuity of the mineralized lodes. This year's infill drilling is part of a larger confirmation program that started in 2014. "Our infill drilling program, which consisted of 70,000 meters, was executed on schedule and on budget in less than one year," said Kaminak President and CEO Eira Thomas. "Upgrading the confidence level of the Coffee gold resources is a big step towards



Five years after Kaminak Gold Corp. drilled this discovery hole at the Supremo Zone, the company is readying the Coffee gold project for a feasibility study ahead of potential development.

de-risking Coffee as we move it through feasibility towards production." Kaminak anticipates the infill drilling will result in a high conversion rate of in-pit resources from the inferred to higher confidence indicated category. The upgraded resource will form the basis of a feasibility study for Coffee, scheduled for completion early in 2016. In addition to infill drilling, Kaminak announced results from two step-out holes at the Kona North prospect. Both holes cut gold mineralization, including 19 meters of 2.4 g/t gold in hole CFD0602. The company said this drilling has extended the strike length of Kona North to 330 meters, and the deposit remains open along strike and at depth.

Drills turn at Klondike's Lone Star

Klondike Gold Corp. Aug. 18 reported the start of a 1,000-meter drill program at its Lone Star gold property about 20 kilometers (12 miles) south of Dawson City, Yukon. The company said roughly 12 holes will test various areas of quartz veining containing visible gold on the property, including the Nugget zone. Bulldozer trenching in the early 1990s and excavator trenching in 2005 have identified quartz veins containing visible gold at the Nugget zone. Limited follow-up included three diamond drill holes in 2007 which missed the target because they were drilled precisely parallel (down-dip) to the veining. Earlier this year, Ground Truth Exploration Ltd. completed roughly 1,000 meters of induced polarization along three lines spaced 50 meters apart across this target. The IP results show features attributable to southwest dipping bedrock as well as to northeast dipping quartz veining and associated fault structures along the 100-meter strike length sur*see* **NORTHERN NEIGHBORS** page 12

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placer miner, NyacAU LLC, in 2012. In addition to supplying its placer mining expertise, NyacAU is fronting all the capital needed to get a commercial operation going at Chandalar. Through 2015, some US\$27 million has been invested to develop the mine,

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"We were excited about the geophysics and geochemistry we did up there last year," Freegold President and CEO Kristina Walcott told Mining News.

"Last year was the first year anyone had ever done ground geophysics, and we did identify two significant, what look like very distinct, porphyry systems," she added.

On one side of the puzzle is a gold prospect known as Hill 1835.

In 1989 and 1990, 20 relatively shallow holes were drilled at this prospect. Highlights from this historical drilling include 67 meters averaging 1.21 grams per metric ton gold and 58 meters of 0.51 g/t gold from surface.

Freegold's 2014 exploration program identified gold and bismuth geophysical anomalies that correspond with a strong chargeability (induced polarization) anomaly at Hill 1835 and expanded the breadth of this target area.

While the deepest holes of the historical drilling only reached a depth of 500 feet (152 meters), many of these holes were cutting significant copper mineralization, hinting at a potential porphyry system that could be lurking below.

"It looks very much like the copper is increasing at depth," Walcott explained

Mapping has indeed found quartz porphyry in a nearby creek bank about 30 meters below the depth of the historical drilling.

By drilling to a depth of up to 300 meters, Freegold will test the idea that the historical drilling fell short of reaching a porphyry deposit underneath.

About 2,500 meters to the northwest of Hill 1835, Freegold's 2014 program identified a strong chargeability (IP) anomaly stretching across the coppermolybdenum prospect at Hill 1710. Freegold's soil sampling outlined a 2,000- by 1,000-meter area of strong copper values (up to 669 parts per million copper) with a 1,000- by 800-meter strong molybdenum (up to 235 ppm according to Goldrich Mining's midyear financial statement. At full capacity, the recovery plant at Chandalar is expected to process 600 cubic yards of placer material per hour, which will be realized as gravel screens and gold recovery tables are added in stages through 2016. Goldrich NyacAu Placer forecasts this operation will recover more than 130,000 ounces of placer gold over the next five years.

molybdenum) core.

A portion of this year's drilling will test what lies underneath this coppermolybdenum prospect.

Freegold hopes a picture of a significant porphyry system emerges from this drilling.

"There are, of course, no guarantees, but it certainly is very compelling to see ground geophysics, airborne geophysics, geochemistry and geology all in agreement," Walcott said.

Golden Summit PEA

While piecing together the Shorty Creek puzzle, Freegold continues to move ahead with a preliminary economic assessment for its Golden Summit project located less than five miles north of Kinross Gold Corp.'s Fort Knox Mine near Fairbanks.

The Dolphin-Cleary Zone at Golden Summit has an indicated resource of 79.8 million tons averaging 0.66 grams per metric ton (1.68 million ounces) gold; and an inferred resource of 248.1 million metric tons averaging 0.61 g/t (4.84 million oz) gold.

The upper 60 meters of this resource is oxidized, providing a nice layer of goldenriched mineralization that could be placed on a heap leach pad during the early years of a mine at Golden Summit.

At a 0.2 percent cut-off, the oxide cap of the Dolphin-Cleary zone has an indicated resource of 25 million metric tons averaging 0.55 g/t (439,000 oz) gold; and an inferred resource of 16.6 million metric tons averaging 0.47 g/t (253,000 oz) gold.

Based on the extensive work it has carried out at Golden Summit, Freegold is confident that it can significantly expand this oxide resource with additional shallow drilling.

The PEA is expected to examine the potential for a standalone heap leach operation. The assessment also will include a comprehensive review of the current sulfide resource, with the idea that the mine could be scaled up to a larger milling operation in future years. \bullet

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chip samples collected, 13 were of wall rock and 25 were of quartz veins. Only six samples had gold values under 0.1 gram per metric ton gold, suggesting goldenriched wall rock. Thirteen samples had values between 5 g/t and 30.5 g/t gold. One sample chip sample returned 8 g/t gold over 4.3 meters.

Gold confirmation continues at Brucejack

Pretium Resources Inc. Aug. 19 reported that results from the underground infill drill program in the Valley of the Kings at the Brucejack project in northwestern British Columbia continue to confirm the style and grade distribution of the gold mineralization. Highlights from the third batch of results include: 14.6 meters of 154.13 grams per metric ton gold in hole VU-459; 29.5 meters of 29.94 g/t gold in hole VU-463; 6.8 meters of 81.08 g/t gold in hole VU-445; 12 meters of 48.36 g/t gold in hole VU-445; and 14 meters of 47.06 g/t gold in hole VU-455. To date, results from 60 holes (10,572 meters) of the 40,000meter infill drill program for the Valley of the Kings have been reported.

Agnico returns to drill **Aura's Greyhound**

Aura Silver Resources Inc. Aug. 14 reported that Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. has begun a 1,000-meter drill program at Aura's Greyhound property in Nunavut. This drilling program will focus on the previously identified gold and silver rich zones around Aura Lake as well as the gold and base metal, copper-rich area at the Dingo zone. Agnico completed a similar-scale program at the property last year. The Greyhound property is located 32 kilometers (20 miles) south of Agnico's Meadowbank gold mine in Nunavut. In 2014, Agnico Eagle entered into an option agreement to earn an initial 51 percent interest in a portion of Greyhound by paying Aura C\$250,000 and investing C\$1.75 million in exploration by the end of May 2017, a stake that can be raised to 70 percent with additional expenditures. Agnico has budgeted C\$500,000 for this year's 10-hole program. Drilling should be completed by the end of August or early September.

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