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1. SUMMARY

This report details exploration work undertaken on EL 4/2000 Bulgobac during the period 16 May 2002 to 29 May 2003, the third year of this tenement. Work on the licence has focussed on exploring the north east striking contact between the Central Volcanic Sequence and Southwell sub-group correlates, along a strike length of some 9.6 km, for Rosebery and Hellyer style VHMS deposits. The work completed comprised a review of previous UTEM data and completion of a single loop ground EM survey. 4.1 line km of grid was cut, surveyed with DGPS and geologically mapped. These lines and 3.4 line km of uncut, DGPS located lines on Boco Plains were also partial leach (PL) soil sampled (322 samples including duplicates and standards submitted for analysis). 82 samples over the Sawmill Creek anomaly, previously analysed by PL methods, were re-submitted for total digest analysis to follow-up the PL soil anomaly.

Work during the year led to the downgrading of the Boco UTEM anomaly, and the potential downgrading of the Sawmill Creek anomaly (anomalous PL soils but no EM conductor). Work during the next year of tenure will focus on completing partial leach soil coverage of the CVC – Southwell Subgroup contact and selection of at least one target for follow-up by diamond drilling.

2. INTRODUCTION

This report details exploration work undertaken on the Bulgobac EL 4/2000 during the period 16 May 2002 to 29 May 2003, the third year of this tenement.

Access to the tenement is Via the Murchison highway and Emu Bay Railway, in the east, and on the Boco Road, cutting through the centre of the tenement. A network of 4WD tracks, developed for logging and mineral exploration, extend from these main access points and provide excellent access to the majority of the area of interest.

Pasminco's main target on EL 4/2000 is Cambrian Rosebery or Hellyer type Zn-Pb-Cu-Au-rich VHMS mineralisation hosted by the Mount Read Volcanics (MRV). The tenement covers a generally NE striking section of the MRV including the contact between the Central Volcanic complex (CVC) and the overlying Southwell Subgroup (or lower Tyndall Group), separated in part by the Hollway Andesite (correlates of the Que-Hellyer Volcanics). Recent interpretations suggest that all economically significant VHMS Pb-Zn mineralisation in the Central Mt Read Belt occurs at this stratigraphic level and that as such the area of EL 4/2000 warrants detailed exploration. Despite a long exploration history (see Section 5) much of the prospective contact zone has not been adequately tested by modern deep search geophysical or geochemical techniques, a result of focussing on targets in the CVC (the Boco Alteration Zone) and the presence of thick glacial cover (to >100m in some areas). Pasminco are systematically exploring the EL using a combination of geological mapping, partial leach soil geochemistry and infill ground time-domain EM, where there is no existing coverage, or the work that has been done is considered to have been ineffective.

2.1 Attribution

The following personnel were responsible for the work carried out by Pasminco Rosebery Mine on the EL 4/2000 Bulgobac licence area during the reporting period:

Senior Geologist:	Andrew McNeill – Pasminco Rosebery Mine
Geophysicist:	Jovan Silic – Jovan Silic and Associates

3. LAND TENURE

EL 4/2000 Bulgobac (24 sq km) was granted to Pasminco on 16 June 2000 for a period of 5 years. The location of the Tenement is shown on Figure 1. EL 4/2000 covers ground that fell vacant on the relinquishment of EL's 24/95 (Aberfoyle) in February 1998, EL 47/96 (RGC) in September 1998 and the partial relinquishment of Pasminco's EL 44/88 in November 1998. During 2001 Pasminco applied for two blocks of vacant ground adjoining EL 4/2000; ELA 9/2001 (5 sq km) and ELA 10/2001 (4 sq km). These areas were granted on 9th August 2001 and were immediately incorporated into an enlarged EL 4/2000 (33 sq km).

Land covered by EL 4/2000 is all crown land designated as State Forest, informal reserves, parts of the Sawmill Creek, Boco Creek, Burns Peak and Mackintosh Forest Reserves and some HEC land all of which are available for exploration under the Mineral Resources Development Act 1995.

4. REGIONAL GEOLOGY

Basement in western Tasmania is Precambrian age, comprising predominantly greenschist facies meta-sediments with minor basalts and dolerites. Higher-grade amphibolite and eclogite facies are also present within the Precambrian. This Precambrian basement is exposed to the east of the Bulgobac licence (Figure 2).

Cambrian volcanism and sedimentation developed on this Precambrian continental crust, and is subdivided into the Eco-Cambrian tholeiitic Crimson Creek Formation (CCF) and, the mid to late Cambrian predominantly calc-alkaline, Mt Read Volcanics (MRV).

The CCF was deposited in shallow but rapidly subsiding basins (Brown, 1986). The CCF consists of basaltic lavas and volcanoclastics, turbidites, carbonates, chert and minor evaporites. This formation is exposed west of the licence.

Ultramafic cumulates and volcanic equivalents were thrust onto the CCF in the mid Cambrian (Crawford and Berry 1991). These rocks generate strong magnetic anomalies and outcrop within the Huskisson Syncline, to the west of the licence. The ultramafics are interpreted at depth beneath the licence (Leaman, 1992).

The MRV form a 200km long by 20km wide north-south trending belt along the eastern side of the Dundas Trough, adjacent to and in some areas on lapping and intruding the Precambrian basement. The volcanics include intermediate to felsic lavas, sub-volcanic porphyries and granites, volcanoclastics and basement-derived sedimentary rocks. The MRV host six economically significant volcanic hosted massive sulphide deposits.

Equivalents of the MRV underlie the entire Bulgobac licence, and vary from massive

felsic lavas, volcanoclastics and subvolcanic intrusives of the Central Volcanic Complex (CVC) in the east and south. This package is overlain, in part, by a thin micaceous greywacke and shale sequence, correlated with the Animal Creek Greywacke, and the Hollway andesite, a package of feldspar-phyric dacitic to basaltic lavas and hyaloclastic lava breccias with a geochemical signature suggesting a correlation with the Que-Hellyer Volcanics (Coutts, 1990).

Poorly mapped mixed provenance fine to coarse grained sediments (including volcanic quartz-rich volcanoclastics) with minor quartz-feldspar porphyry intrusives and lavas, probable correlates of the Southwell Subgroup (or lower Tyndall Group) overly the Hollway Andesite and define a synclinal structure in the north and west of the tenement (Reid, 1990; McKibben, 1993).

Regional structures that subdivide the MRV are the Rosebery Fault, west of the licence, and the Henty Fault, which is located 5km east of the licence.

Cambrian volcanism and sedimentation was followed by predominantly basement derived late Cambrian to Devonian age sedimentation, which includes siliciclastic conglomerate, sandstone and limestone. None of these sequences occur within the licence.

At least two phases of regional compression were associated with the mid Devonian Tabberabberan Orogeny (Keele, 1991). The development of folding, cleavage and regional thrusts in lower Palaeozoic rocks were associated with this event. Fold trends in the licence are N to NE.

Deformation was followed by the extensive intrusion of Devonian to Carboniferous granitoids. The Meredith Granite and associated hornfels aureole outcrop west of the licence area (Brown, 1986). The Devonian granites are associated with carbonate replacement Sn mineralisation at Renison Bell and Mount Bischoff, and the Pb Zn Ag vein deposits of Zeehan and, possibly, the Tullah Fields.

After substantial erosion of this terrane extensive Tertiary flood basalts and subvolcanic sediments were deposited. Remnants of the basalt flows are preserved to the north of the licence. In the Quaternary extensive unconsolidated glacial and fluvio-glacial deposits up to >100m thick accumulated in the Boco Plain area and the Valley of Boco Creek to the west (Augustinius and Nichol, 1999). These deposits now obscure much of the Palaeozoic geology in the eastern and central part of the tenement.

No economically significant mineralisation is known from the licence area, however a large sericite-pyrite alteration zone has been located as isolated outcrops, and by drilling, on the glacially covered Boco Plain. This zone, the Boco Alteration Zone has been extensively explored, as discussed below.

5. PREVIOUS EXPLORATION

The area of EL 4/2000 Boco Siding (Bulgobac) has had a long history modern of exploration, most of which has been completed in two areas; the Boco Alteration Zone and the Hollway Andesite. In this report the term Hollway Andesite Prospect will be used for the Hollway andesite itself and the volcano-sedimentary sequence overlying the andesite and forming the syncline east of the Pinnacles Rhyolite. Outside these areas exploration has largely been restricted to geological mapping, at various scales, and stream sediment sampling. The tenement area has also been mapped at various scales by MRT (Barton et al., 1966; Collins, 1981; Corbett and McNeill, 1986). Tables 1 and 2 summarise the previous exploration over the Hollway Andesite (including the Summit Prospect) and the Boco Alteration Zone, respectively. Work on the Boco Alteration Zone has also been summarised in detail by Herrmann (in Elliston (1998a)) and Taylor (1987). Table 3 summarises work completed on EL 4/2000 by Pasmenco.

Table 1 Previous exploration over the Hollway Andesite Prospect on EL 4/2000

Year & Reference	Activities
1975 Butt et al. (1975)	Completion of an Airborne EM survey (INPUT); no significant anomalies.
1977-1978 Hall (1978)	Establishment of the EAB grid (two lines of which extend onto the area of EL 4/2000); geological mapping, A0 soil sampling, SP and ground magnetics.
1978 Beamish (1978)	Orientation -80# stream sediment survey over the EAA grid area.
1978-1979 Hall (1979)	The EAA grid was cut (22.8km) north of the Boco Road. Mapping, rock-chip sampling, A0 horizon total digest soil sampling (1024 samples) and a ground magnetic survey were completed; no significant anomalies were located.
1980 Hall and Pigott (1980)	Extend EAB grid east by three lines; geological mapping, ground magnetics, SP and IP, A0 soil sampling (listed as planned work – can't find report of this work at MRT, but appears to have been completed).
1981-1982 Anderson (1982)	EAB grid extended further to NW (ECE extension Grid), soil sampling (C Horizon), and geological mapping.
1983 Shaw (1983)	Drilling of DDH EAB4 (178.0m); results not reported in detail.
1983 Dvorak (1983)	Completion of DIGHEM III survey over area. No outstanding EM responses were located (Trussell, 1984)
1985-1986 Anon (1986)	Line cutting preparatory to UTEM survey, stream sediment sampling, minor rock-chip sampling.
1986-1987 Anon (1987)	Review of previous soil geochemical coverage; line cutting, UTEM III survey (no significant anomalies) and interpretation of stream sediment sampling (BCL & -80#).
1987-1988 Anon (1988)	Completion of UTEM III survey – no significant anomalies
1988-1989 Rosenhain and Mathison (1989)	“limited field observations”; re-logging DDH EAB4; description of geophysical and geochemical anomaly tested by EAB4.
1989-1990 Lorrigan (1990)	Regional aeromagnetic and gravity surveys and preliminary interpretation; collection of magnetic susceptibility data from drill core; rock-chip sampling along the Boco Road and other tracks; two lines of wacker sampling (and 65.5m of DDH) over glacials south of the Boco Road

Table 1 Previous exploration over the Hollway Andesite Prospect on EL 4/2000 cont..

Year & Reference	Activities
1990 Coutts (1990), Reid (1990)	BSc (Hons) theses completed on the Hollway Andesite (Coutts) and the Burns Peak – Boco Road areas (Reid). Work included geological mapping, petrography and whole-rock geochemistry; results indicate the Hollway andesite has geochemical affinities with the Hellyer Basalt.
1990-1991 Kirsner et al. (1991)	Photogrammetry and production of new base maps; re-processing of the 1990 aeromagnetic survey; digitisation of previous IP data; “brief” reconnaissance mapping.
1991-1992 Kirsner (1992)	Re-logging and sampling of DDH EAB4, geological mapping, compilation of soil data, construction of semi-regional cross sections, reprocessing of UTEM data.
1992-1993 Poltock et al. (1993)	Drilling BPD77 472.3m (collared just outside current EL); intersected volcanoclastic with massive sulphide clasts (to 36% Pb, 16.5% Zn); DHEM completed. Review of previous IP data.
1993-1994 Poltock and Saxon (1994)	Geological mapping, rock-chip sampling whole-rock geochemistry and petrology (largely outside the area of EL 4/2000). Drilling of BPD80 (469.7m) to test down-dip extension of sequence in BPD77; best intersection 6m @ 0.9% Zn, 0.2% Pb; DHEM completed. Review of UTEM and IP data.
1994-1995 Saxon (1995)	Geological mapping, rock-chip sampling and petrology (largely outside the area of EL 4/2000). Interpretation of regional gravity and magnetic data.
1995-1996 Quayle and Dibben (1996)	The EAB grid was refurbished and additional lines (1220E-1600E) cut to the east. Dipole-dipole IP and ground magnetic data collected. Compilation of existing mapping and further 1:5,000 scale mapping. A combined IP/soil target defined at the upper contact of the Hollway Andesite (Summit Prospect).
1996-1997 Weber et al. (1997)	Prospectivity Review; compilation of previous exploration data.
1997-1998 Murphy and Denwer (1998)	Diamond drilling (2xDDH for 410.2m) to test Pb-Zn soil (DDH BPD88; 199.8m) and IP (DDH BPD89; 210.3m) anomalies at the ‘Summit’ Prospect; weak Pb-Zn mineralisation was intersected.

Table 2 Previous exploration over the Boco Prospect on EL 4/2000

Year & Reference	Activities
1972-1977 Hanson (1977)	INPUT AEM survey (1975); gridding (57.5 line km), gradient array IP, ground magnetics, grid based mapping and regional mapping, soil sampling (no significant anomalies); diamond drilling (BBP207-209; 475m) to test IP anomalies; alteration and weak base metal mineralisation intersected.
1977-1978 Mill (1978)	New access track and cutting of the Boco Extension grid, regional 1:10,000 scale mapping, gradient array IP (no significant anomalies), ground magnetics.
1978-1979 Mill (1979)	Minor infill gridding and geological mapping, dipole-dipole IP, and soil sampling on the infill lines.
1979-1980	No work.
1980-1981 Mill (1981)	Review of geophysics and geology.
1981-1982 Sainty and McDonald (1982, 1982a)	Boco extension grid pegged (35.76 line km), geologically mapped, soil sampled and covered with Dipole-Dipole IP and ground magnetics.

Table 2 Previous exploration over the Boco Prospect on EL 4/2000 cont..

Year & Reference	Activities
1982 Sainty (1982)	Geological mapping, trial percussion drilling program (7 holes for 226.0m).
1982-1983 Sainty (1983)	Completion of three percussion holes (305.8m); petrology on samples from percussion drilling.
1983 Sainty (1983a)	Completion of four DDH (BBP242 and 246-248; 1899.7m) and two percussion holes (180.2m); core and chip geochemistry and some petrology; commencement of UTEM III survey.
1984 Sainty (1984, 1984a)	Downhole SIROTEM completed – no anomalies; UTEM survey completed – 3 subtle anomalies; diamond drilling of four holes (BBP250-251, 253-254; 1689.5m) – two holes testing UTEM features – no significant mineralisation intersected.
1985 Williams (1985)	CSR farmed in to EL. Diamond Drilling (BBP278-280; 1601m) – no significant mineralisation intersected; petrology, drill core geochemistry and some sulphur Isotopes done; magnetic susceptibility data collected from drill core.
1986-1987 Taylor (1987)	CSR withdraw from JV; Pancontinental farm-in; review previous exploration and geology; petrological and geochemical study; UTEM survey over the extended Boco grid – no significant anomalies; Pancontinental withdraw from JV and tenement is relinquished.
1988-1989 Howland-Rose (1989)	Re-establish grid, RMIP and follow-up of 5 RMIP anomalies with gravity; no results warranting further follow-up. Tenement relinquished.
1990 Randell (1991)	Review of previous exploration, including stable isotopes and litho-geochemistry.
1990-1992 Kirsner (1992a)	Pasminco farm-in; Photogrammetry to produce base maps, high resolution helimagnetic survey, infill gravity survey and interpretation, regional scale geological mapping.
1997-1998 Elliston (1998a)	Review of previous exploration, re-interpretation of helimagnetic data, minor 1:5,000 scale geological mapping, rock-chip sampling and a detailed evaluation of the volcanic facies and hydrothermal alteration at the Boco Prospect. No significant targets worthy of follow-up and the tenement was relinquished (Elliston, 1998b).

Table 3 Previous exploration on EL 4/2000

Year & Reference	Activities
2000-2001 Simpson and McNeill (2001)	Previous exploration reviewed and digital data compiled. 20.8 line km of grid cut and(or) rehabilitated and surveyed with DGPS; 12 line km of this grid geologically mapped, 751 'B' and 'C' horizon soil samples collected and submitted for analysis (including duplicates and standards) and 7 rock chip samples analysed. This work has defined two partial leach soil anomalies, one on the glacially covered Boco Plains and the second at the base of the Hollway andesite, adjacent to a total digest soil anomaly located by previous explorers.
2001-2002 McNeill (2002)	The work completed comprised a review of previous UTEM data, 4.2 line km of grid cut and(or) rehabilitated and surveyed with DGPS; geological mapping of the grid, vehicular tracks and selected creeks and collection and analysis of 567 (including duplicates and standards) 'B' horizon soil samples. Work to date has identified three partial leach soil anomalies and a UTEM anomaly that are worthy of further follow-up.

6. WORK COMPLETED 2002-2003 REPORTING PERIOD

Work carried out by Pasminco Exploration during this reporting period has focused on gridding, partial leach soil sampling, geological mapping and ground EM.

6.1 Geophysics

The review of previous UTEM surveys over the Boco Prospect indicated that anomaly C, an early time current channelling response with a strike length of 300-400m, of the 1983 EZ survey may warrant further Follow-up (Simpson and McNeill, 2001). The anomaly was further reviewed by consultant J. Silic who concluded that it did not warrant any further follow-up.

It was not clear if the 1986 Pancontinental UTEM survey, designed to couple with flat-lying targets, would have coupled with moderately to steeply dipping mineralisation beneath either the Boco Plains or the Sawmill Creek Track PL soil anomalies. Modelling of potential responses was done by J Silic (see report in Appendix 2) who concluded that mineralisation beneath the Boco Plains anomaly would have coupled, however, the situation was not so clear for the Sawmill Creek anomaly and it was decided to resurvey this area with a more appropriate loop design. Consequently 1.8 line km of loop lines and a short extension to line 4300E (0.375 km) were cut to facilitate a 2.95 line km fixed-loop EM survey completed by Outer-Rim Exploration Services in December 2002. An operations report is included as Appendix 1 and an interpretation report as Appendix 2. No conductors worthy of follow-up were located.

6.2 Partial Leach soil sampling

The Boco partial leach soil sampling program was designed to cover the north east striking contact between the Central Volcanic Sequence and Southwell subgroup correlates, interpreted to be the time equivalent of the Rosebery host sequence, between Burns Peak, to the south west, and Animal Creek, to the north east, a strike length of some 9.6 km. Previous exploration over this area is summarised in detail in section 5.

The soil samples were collected at 25m intervals at or near a grid peg and involved digging a hole with a pick, removing the organic rich A-horizon and collecting approximately 500g of sample from the nominal B horizon. The samples were placed in ziplock plastic bags and once returned to the field office the bags were stored open to prevent anaerobic reactions. When a batch of 200 samples was collected, the sample bags were sealed and the samples despatched to Amdel in South Australia for analysis by partial leach technique DL42. Elements determined were Ag, As, Au, Ba, Bi, Cd, Cu, Co, Mo, Ni, Pb, Ni, Y, Zn, Zr and the rare earth elements Ce, Eu, Gd, La and Sm. The pH of the leachate, after digestion, was also determined.

Three duplicate and two standard samples were collected per 100 samples. The field duplicates were also analysed in duplicate to allow assessment of both the sample and laboratory variance. Additionally at each sample site a small amount of soil was collected and stored in a chip tray for reference and to allow soil colour to be recorded. Soil colour was assigned from a Munsell Colour chart with 19 colours.

The 322 samples (including duplicates and standards) from this program were analysed as part of four batches (SDS 4523, 4534, 4535 and 4536).

No samples are obviously contaminated, however, 15 samples, 4.7% of the data set, have a low (pH<8.0) post-digest pH. At these 'low' pHs the speciation of reagents in DL42 may change and the resulting assays may be unreliable. Many of the low-pH samples had high Pb and Zn results that could be important in the interpretation of the dataset. However, Test work at Amdel indicated that decreasing the sample:liquid from 10:1 (method DL42) to 5:1 (method DL43) could buffer the solution to a higher, acceptable, final pH (for samples with a post-digest pH of >7.2) and not significantly affect the precision of the analysis. Accordingly, 14 samples with low post-digest pH (one sample, 357205 was inadvertently not re-digested) were re-assayed with the new protocol. Of the low pH samples all had DL43 post-digest pH's of >8.0. In the preliminary interpretation discussed below the low (pH <8.0) samples from the original dataset have had their assay results replaced by the re-assayed data and the one sample with low initial pH that was not re-assayed (357205) has been deleted giving a dataset of 321 samples.

Assay results are presented in Appendices 3 and 4 and sample locations are shown on Plan 1. The entire Boco dataset (some 1552 samples) has been plotted as a series of images (Figures 3 to 12). The raw data has been used to prepare these figures, however, images were also prepared using response ratios (value/median for each element) levelling by colour-group and also by SDS (both using the median value for each element). These images did not show anything additional to the raw data and have not been included.

Major Features on the images are the Hollway anomaly (spotty Bi, Cu, Ag, Au and Pb), the Sawmill Creek anomaly (Cu, Bi and Pb with weak Zn, Au and Ag [note the possible batch effect defining the western boundary of the Ag anomaly]) and the Boco Plains anomaly (best developed in Pb and Zn). Note that interpretation of this anomaly is affected by strongly elevated Au and Bi on one line [5388600mN] that appears to be an analytical artefact. The Boco plains anomaly is complex comprising two north-south trending anomalous zones. The westernmost of these zones (variably anomalous in Cu, Bi, Au, Pb and Zn) is associated with the Emu Bay Railway line, which is used for hauling base metal concentrates running along the western edge of Boco Plains. The eastern anomaly (Zn and Pb dominant with weak Cu and Bi) appears to follow small creeks and marshy areas on the eastern side of the plain. Given the lack of a well defined EM feature in the Pancontinental UTEM survey (see Appendix 2) which should have

coupled with a conductive and sufficiently connected orebody in this area, this anomaly may result dispersal of metals, particularly the highly mobile Zn, from an anthropogenic source (the Boco Siding area) along the locally north flowing drainage. However, it is recommended that further work be done to follow-up this anomaly.

6.3 Total Digest Soil Sampling

To aid in interpreting the partial leach soil anomalies the reject from 82 samples, over the Sawmill Creek anomaly, analysed by Deepleach 42/43 were retrieved from Amdel and submitted to Analabs in Burnie for total digest analysis. The samples formed part of a single batch (SDS4521) and were analysed for Cu, Pb, Zn, and Ag by AAS (method A102), As and Bi by Hydride generation-AAS (method H102) and Au by Fire Assay (method F614). A problem encountered in this process was that for those samples that were analysed by both DL42 and DL43 there was insufficient sample remaining for total digest analysis. This affected seven samples, which were all, re-sampled and analysed as part of batch 4527 for the elements listed above and Fe and Mn (by AAS; method A102). All results are included as Appendix 5 and line profiles are presented as Figures 13-14. It can be seen from the profiles that with the exception of Pb there is not a good correlation between the PL soil data and the total digest data, although on line 3400E there is a moderate correlation between Zn PL and total data.

6.4 Geological Mapping

Geological mapping was completed over the infill lines in the Sawmill Creek track area and the extension to line 4300E. An outcrop map is presented as Plan 2 and an updated interpretation is included as Plan 3. No significant alteration or mineralisation was located during the reporting period. No significant changes to structural or stratigraphic interpretations were required, with the most significant addition being the location of 2 small Cambrian dolerite intrusives (float of dolerite had been found previously but was thought to be glacially deposited Jurassic dolerite [McNeill, 2002]). One sample of the dolerite (167686) has been analysed for whole-rock geochemistry and its composition is presented in Table 3 (see Appendix 6 for full analysis). As can be seen from Table 4 the dolerite has a similar composition to the Sock Creek basalt (transitional between Crawford et al's, suite 3 and 4) with higher Ti/Zr and lower La/Yb and P_2O_5/TiO_2 values than the two Suite 3 correlates shown.

Table 4 Basaltic Rocks from the Boco area

	167686	Z7250 ¹	W0387	74086 ³
SiO ₂	48.53	50.9	47.46	49.68
TiO ₂	0.57	0.41	1.52	1.06
Al ₂ O ₃	14.95	14.5	22.00	18.43
Fe ₂ O ₃	11.48	8.78	14.71	9.13
MnO	0.23	0.24	0.26	0.86
MgO	11.08	9.22	5.81	3.97
CaO	11.37	12.1	1.05	11.58
Na ₂ O	1.21	3.53	3.50	2.27
K ₂ O	0.49	0.29	2.98	2.53
P ₂ O ₅	0.09	0.07	0.70	0.5
LOI	4.34	5.38	4.75	2.7
Cr (ppm)	634	497		12
Zr	26	28	201	184
La	8.4	9.0		144
Yb	1.8	1.5		2.6
Ti/Zr	131	87.8	43.2	34.7
P ₂ O ₅ /TiO ₂	0.16	0.17	0.46	0.47
(La/Yb) _N	3.12	3.96		37

Note: Major elements re-calculated to 100% volatile free.

¹Sample Z7250 a Sock Creek basalt from DDH SCS3 @ 82.0m (Crawford et al., 1992).

²Sample W0387 a basic dyke from DDH BBP251 @ 167.5m (Herrmann, 2001).

³Sample 74086 a basaltic andesite from the lower part of the Hollway andesite body (Coutts, 1990).

7. CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A program of partial leach soil geochemistry, ground EM and geological mapping to explore the 9.6 km long, north east striking, contact between the Central Volcanic Sequence and Southwell sub-group correlates, continued during the third year of tenure of EL 4/2000. During the reporting period 4.1 line km of grid was cut, geologically mapped and surveyed with DGPS. This grid and 3.4 line km of uncut lines (located by DGPS) on the Boco Plains were PL soil sampled (322 samples including duplicates and standards submitted for analysis). 82 samples over the Sawmill Creek anomaly, previously analysed by PL methods, were re-submitted for total digest analysis to follow-up the PL soil anomaly. A single loop of ground EM (2.95 line km surveyed) was completed over the Sawmill Creek PL soil anomaly, but did not locate any conductors worthy of follow-up.

The major recommendation resulting from this years work is to continue gridding, mapping and sampling CVC/Southwell Subgroup contact across the Boco plains to the northern boundary of the tenement (to abut the planned Sock Creek grid on the adjacent

EL 30/2000). Once coverage of the target horizon is complete an interpretation of the entire strike length will be possible and further follow-up work (ground EM and [or] diamond drilling) will be based on the results of this interpretation.

8. EXPENDITURE

Total expenditure for all work undertaken by Pasminco Rosebery Mine within Bulgobac EL 4/2000, for the period ending 01/5/03 was **\$52,513**. A detailed expenditure statement is given below.

Personnel	\$11,762
Travel & Accommodation	\$191
Geoscience Consultants	\$3,643
Geophysics	\$6,242
Geochemical/Assays	\$5,854
Other Contractors	\$13,760
Stores & Supplies	\$837
Vehicles, Plant & Maintenance	\$2,479
Land & Environment	\$1,393
Computing	\$1078
Depreciation, Office, Sundry	\$500
Administration Fee 10%	\$4,774
Total	\$52,513

9. KEYWORDS & LOCALITY

Keywords

Hollway Andesite, Boco Alteration Zone, geology, Partial Leach soil geochemistry, rock-chip geochemistry, line cutting, EM, geological mapping.

Locality

1:250,000 BURNIE SK55-3
1:100,000 SOPHIA 8014
1:25,000 PARSONS 3638; BLOCK 3838

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