

Exploration activity in the Dunnage Zone, central Newfoundland

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Dunnage Zone exploration activity focused on the search for base-metals and gold. Although activity was not at record levels, it was at a healthy pace in comparisons to recent years. Several of the more advanced projects began production in 1996 or have set production dates for 1997. Cambro-Ordovician and Ordovician volcanic sequences such as the Victoria Lake Group, the Buchans Group and the Catchers Pond Group were the main focus of base metal exploration, with significant activity on prospects at Hungry Hill and Rendell-Jackman (Lochinvar).

Gold activity was concentrated mainly on the Baie Verte Peninsula with the continued development of the Nugget Pond deposit, the Rambler property and the Rambler tailings project. A number of new gold zones were also discovered at the Rendell-Jackman property on the Springdale Peninsula. Exploration activity in the eastern Dunnage Zone was limited and was concentrated along the northern GRUB line and in the vicinity of the Beaver Brook antimony deposit.