

Location/Identification

MINFILE Number:	104P 088	National Mineral Inventory Number:	104P5 Au6
Name(s):	<u>QUARTZ CREEK PLACER</u> QUARTZROCK CREEK, WINGS LEASES		
Status:	Past Producer	Mining Division:	Liard
Mining Method	Underground, Open Pit	Electoral District:	Bulkley Valley-Stikine
Regions:	British Columbia	Resource District:	Skeena Stikine Forest District
BCGS Map:	104P022		
NTS Map:	104P05E	UTM Zone:	09 (NAD 83)
Latitude:	59 16 29 N	Northing:	6570854
Longitude:	129 42 06 W	Easting:	460010
Elevation:	1050 metres		
Location Accuracy:	Within 1KM		
Comments:	Located on Quartzrock Creek about 94 kilometres north of the community of Dease Lake.		

Mineral Occurrence

Commodities:	Gold		
Minerals	Significant:	Gold	
	Mineralization Age:	Quaternary	
Deposit	Character:	Unconsolidated	
	Classification:	Placer	
	Type:	C02: Buried-channel placers	

Host Rock

Dominant Host Rock:	Sedimentary		
Stratigraphic Age	Group	Formation	Igneous/Metamorphic/Other
Upper Paleozoic	Slide Mountain	-----	-----
Quaternary	-----	-----	Glacial/Fluvial Gravels
Isotopic Age	Dating Method	Material Dated	
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Lithology:	Gravel, Meta Sediment/Sedimentary, Greenstone		

Geological Setting

Tectonic Belt:	Omineca	Physiographic Area:	Cassiar Mountains
Terrane:	Slide Mountain		
Metamorphic Type:	Regional		
Grade:	Greenschist		

Inventory

No inventory data

Capsule Geology

The Quartz Creek Placer occurrence is located on Quartzrock Creek about 94 kilometres north of the community of Dease Lake.

As with many streams in the area, Quartz Creek (or "Quartzrock" Creek) near Cassiar was not subject to glacial erosion because it lies transverse to the northeast direction of ice travel. Hence the valley is V-shaped and debris filled. Unstratified glacial debris 4.5 to 6 metres thick overlies a 3 to 4 metre thick layer of stratified gravel on bedrock. Interglacial gravel (2 metres thick) and recent alluvium lie on top.

Most of the placer mining has been performed at the confluence of Quartz Creek and Troutline Creek, on an old buried channel which trends northwest and has a lower gradient than the present creek bed. The channel has been drifted on for 600 metres upstream. Between 1876 to 1890 and 1921 to 1945, a total of 68.3 kilograms (2400 ounces) of gold was recovered.

The source of gold is probably from gold-quartz veins occurring in greenstones and metasediments of the Upper Paleozoic Slide Mountain Complex which underlie the area.

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