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# Gold Mines In Our Backyard:



# LOMIKO METALS®

## Lomiko explores the Cassiar District

Understanding risk and establishing trust are skills A. Paul Gill has worked to develop. The CEO of Lomiko Metals (TSX-V: LMR) brings projects and investors together to revitalize public companies. He's been able to survive and prosper in the turbulent junior public markets. "It's profitable and rewarding," says Gill. "I've had good, motivated people to rely on over the years. My father, Charan Gill, has worked in the community for years and was awarded the Order of B.C., My brother, Jack, created Tritech Group, a fast-growing B.C. company. It's easy to recognize talent when you are surrounded by it all your life."

Gill developed a simple value proposition: find a mining company that is stagnant; restructure that company with new management and projects; invest the money necessary to change the direction of the company; then stand back or step aside and watch valuation rise.

"I either like the project or find new projects and dovetail with the management that exists and help move the company forward," he says. "The best move of my career thus far was to resign as President of Norsemont Mining and work for free while Norsemont was resurrected under a new team who decided to join the company. The market capitalization of the company grew from \$1 million to \$50 million within two years and I was carrying a \$14 million cheque to the bank from a major investor. The company was recently bought by HudBay Minerals for \$512 million under the guidance of

**CASSIAR FACT:**  
B.C.'s biggest gold nugget – 73 ounces – was found in McDame Creek within 4 kms of the Vines lake Project

new directors." He says there are always experts in the field; sourcing them, asking the right questions, and understanding the answers are what allow him to make sense of potential opportunities. The board of Lomiko currently features Jacqueline Michael as CFO, a seasoned business executive with years of experience; Garth Kirkham, Geologist, a busy and well-respected B.C. expert; and Mark Nesbitt, P.Geo, LLB, a geologist and lawyer with 30 years of international law experience.

Right now, gold and the long-term potential of lithium have captured Lomiko's and Gill's attention.

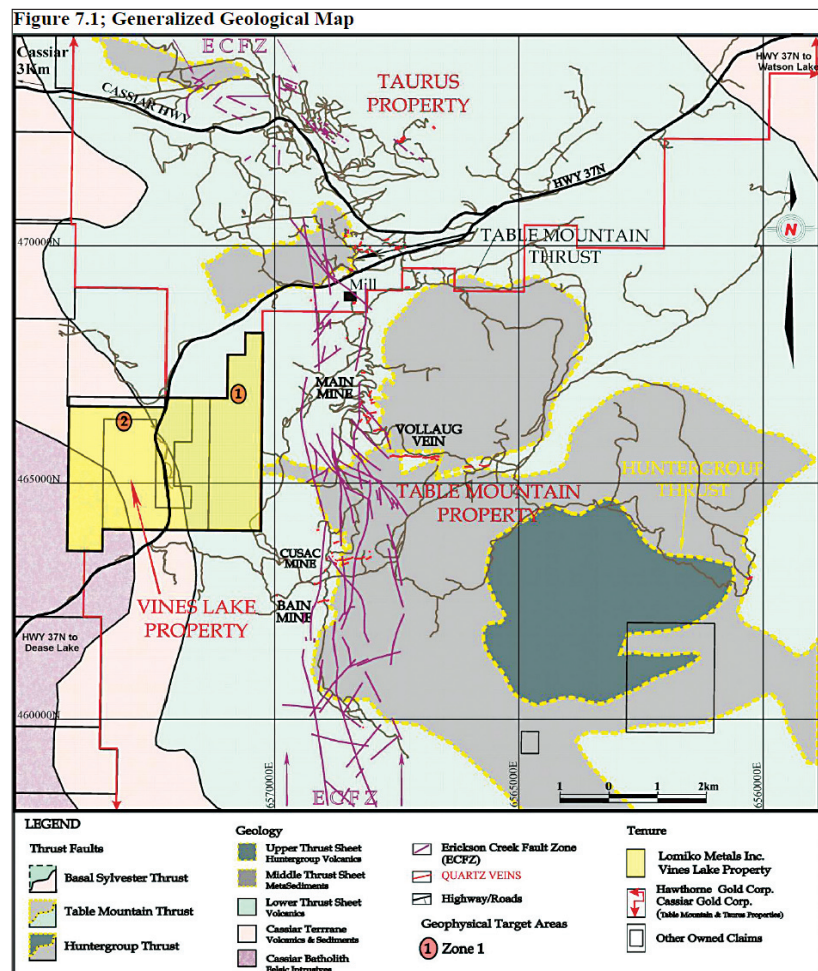
"Lomiko is exploring for lithium in South America and gold in Northern BC, and searching for other opportunities," says Gill.

"Lomiko acquires properties under letter of intent, evaluates them, does some exploration, and then decides whether to complete the purchase."

"I look for individual owners that believe in projects rather than optioning from public companies. We want to dovetail the projects into public vehicles. I try to find a way to salvage the money they spend and mitigate their risk by vending the project into a public company where investors share the risk."

Lomiko has three acquired projects where it holds 100 per cent of each: Vines Lake near Cassiar, BC; Salar de Aguas Caliente in Chile; and a soda ash project, Rose and Cunningham Lake, north of 70 Mile House in BC.

"Both projects, Vines



Lake and the Chile project, were chosen specifically because of their low entry cost and multi-billion dollar potential," says Gill.

Lomiko has renewed interest in the Vines Lake Gold Project and conducted a geophysical survey that included charting magnetic anomalies. Recently, China Minerals Mining Corp. invested into the Table Mountain Mine through purchasing shares of Hawthorne Gold in 2010 adjacent to the Vines Lake Project.

"The adjacent, fully-permitted, 270 tons-a-day capacity Table Mountain Mine has had 400,000-plus ounces of gold removed from high grade underground veins stemming from the Erickson Fault in the past 30 years at grades of 18-plus grams per ton and extraction from the streams and rivers through placer operations. This is a similar setting to the White Gold District of the Yukon which is just north of the B.C./Yukon border. It is a very promising area," says Gill.

"The interesting part of the Vines Lake project," he says, "is that it has a fault running northwest dissecting the property which is either an offshoot of the Erickson Fault or its own system. Adding intrigue is several magnetic anomalies that are identified in the region, many of which host the producing veins in the region."

Vines Lake is providing Lomko with the potential opportunity to greatly increase value in the short

term. The company has recently received \$400,000 specifically for the exploration of the project and a promise of more on good results.

"We feel that the targets we have identified on the Vines Lake Project are just the start on that property. Further discovery would significantly impact our valuation," Gill says. "We have the property, the management, the funding, and a special situation with the new investment China Minerals Mining Corp. made into our neighbouring mine. We are dedicated to maximum return on investment."

At Salar de Aguas Caliente in Chile, the Lomiko team prepared an internal report on the exploration program strategy and met with local, provincial, and Ministry of Mining officials to discuss exploration plans.

"I worked my way down the corporate ladder, starting as CEO, then CFO, then VP of Business Development. I believe this is the secret of any growth-oriented company. My best asset is attracting key individuals to entrust the development of the projects," he says. "The biggest issue out there for an investor is how do they conserve capital in the market, lower risk, and obtain a good return on investment? The only way of addressing risk is to invest early, invest when management invests, and use tax relief products such as Tax Free Savings Accounts or RRSPs to hold the shares."

