
Eagle Plains (EPL-TSXV)

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Eagle Plains Resources (EPL-TSXV; C\$0.195) is processing gold ore at the Yellow-jacket gold mine near Atlin, British Columbia. Mining is getting started under a small mines permit that allows the operation to process up to 75,000 tonnes a year.

Eagle Plains is earning a 40% interest in the mine from Prize Mining (PRZ-TSXV), who developed the mine but ran short of money before getting it into operation. The partners expect to mine 35,000 tonnes this season, after the pit is dewatered. The mill is processing ore that was stockpiled from test mining last year. Initial results suggest recoveries in the range of 73% to 80% from the gravity mill. The grade is erratic, but appears to be close to an ounce a ton. The operation is small, but Eagle Plains management expect that it will offset some of the exploration costs for a project where they see potential to outline a meaningful gold deposit.

The company is active on several exploration projects across western Canada, with joint venture partners funding several of the projects. Among the active projects is a follow-up program at its Iron Range gold project located 15 kilometers northeast of Creston, British Co-

lumbia. Results from drilling last year included 7 meters grading 51.5 grams per tonne gold. A geochemical survey, trenching, and detailed geological mapping are underway in anticipation of further drilling this year.

In another further sign that activity is accelerating in the junior resource arena, a couple of new joint venture deals have been announced where other juniors are raising money to earn interests in Eagle Plains' projects. The company is also raising C\$1.85 million through a combination of non-flow-through and flow-through units priced at \$0.20 and \$0.25, respectively.

Investor interest is generally returning to exploration companies, which should soon reflect in the Eagle Plains share price. The company has a lot of activity underway, all building on prior results. With so many active projects, prospects are good that one or more of them will deliver good news.

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