An Introduction to the Balagundi VMS Exploration Project
Location
- The Gindalbie Terrane is considered prospective for volcanogenic massive sulphide deposits.

Area
- Pioneer holds 770 square kilometres of tenements that are considered prospective for VMS Mineralisation

Progress
- Initial exploration programs have been very encouraging.
- Pioneer now seeks a JV partner to make the discovery.
Gindalbie Terrane geological units are considered by the GSWA to be prospective for volcanogenic massive sulphide ("VMS") style copper-lead-zinc deposits.

Target style includes Teutonic Bore and Nimbus Mines.
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Other tenements held by Pioneer are prospective for gold or nickel.
Question: If the Gindalbie Terrane is geologically similar to the Canadian Superior and Slave Provinces, why are there not more VMS deposits here?
- Less Outcrop: evidence buried?
- Deep weathering—evidence removed?

Modern Exploration recognises these issues and uses vectors which may lead to a discovery.

Pioneer has completed:
3,486 site geochemical survey—very low detection level analyses;
PIMA analysis from pre-existing RAB drilling—alteration halos;
Fact mapping and geochemistry, looking for fertile rock analogies—ie flat REE felsic volcanics;
10 RC holes at the Trapdoor Prospect drilled, two holes intersected weak malachite (copper) mineralisation.
**Positive Vectors:**

HFS element plots show a volcanic island arc calc-alkaline magmatic affinity. Normalized RE and ERE plots for the **Western and Middle flows** are flat.

- Zn -Ag-TI-Sb gossans and paragonitic alteration zones at **Red Bluff Dam**.
- Cu-Pb-Ag-Bi-Mo-Sn-bearing anomalies for the **Eastern Felsics**

- PIMA-defined sericite- and chlorite-bearing alteration zones, with paragonitic muscovite and Fe rich chlorite signatures consistent with proximal VMS alteration

- 4m at 3.2% Cu returned in drilling, in albite-altered, probably distal alteration assemblages **(Redback)**.
Bimodal mafic volcanics and felsic lavas and derived clastics
Mafic sills
Thrust repetition of stratigraphy

Solid Geological Interpretation based on aeromagnetic imagery and rock lithologies from RAB drilling spoil.
Regolith Interpretation based on aeromagnetic and radiometric imagery.

Historic drilling

Targeted gold, however re-assaying old chips has produced useable geochemistry.
New Multi-element Geochemistry

Very low detection level auger sampling completed. While the purpose was to generate trace element anomalies, base metal anomalies are evident.
Red Bluff Gully

Highly acid alteration-proximal to VMS discharge zone
End of hole PIMA:
Sericite Composition

Phengite-distal alteration, alkaline fluids

Paragonite - proximal alteration, acid fluids
Primary Mineralisation: - Copper

Red Bluff Gully

Cu (ppm)

Drill chips

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Primary Mineralisation: - Zinc

Red Bluff Gully

Zn (ppm)

Drill chips

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Proximity Indicator: - Thallium

Red Bluff Gully

Drill chips

Auger

Thallium Ranges
- 1 to 1,000
- 0.5 to 1
- 0.2 to 0.5
- 0.1 to 0.2
- 0.05 to 0.1
Proximity Indicator: - Antimony

Red Bluff Gully

Sb (ppm)

Drill chips

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Exploration Targets

- Strike extensions to the Red Bluff Gully acid alteration system
- Red Bluff Gully - Intense acid alteration, proximal Ag-Sn-Th-Sb signature
- Base Metal Target - Geochemistry: Very strong Cu-Pb-Bi-Sn anomaly On the edge of, or under, laterite
- Flat REE felsics with anomalous Cu geochemistry: REQUIRES RAB DRILLING