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British Columbia

Ministry of
Energy, Mines and
Petroleum Resources

MEMORANDUM

To: G. McArthur
Manager
Resource Data & Analysis

011804

Date: May 12, 1982

Our File:

Re: Esperanzo Valley Claim (92K/3e)

In reply to your memo of May 10th I enclose a retyped copy of my 1977 memo to Nick Carter, then Senior Project Geologist. I have heard nothing from or of Mr. Clayton or Mrs. Wilson since I wrote him.

The area bounded by the Island Highway, Discovery Passage, and the Brown Bay and Elk Bay roads does not seem to have received much exploration. The weak mineralization that I found in the course of a leisurely drive-through would indicate some potential. Two small showings have been reported just north of the Brown Bay road. Carlisle shows a quartz diorite stock extending northwest from the north slope of Mt. Menzies, and my finding a granitic body farther south may indicate that the stock continues beneath Karmutsen rocks and send scattered apophyses through them. This would be a favourable environment for skarn deposits.

There should be no serious mining problems. The area is almost unpopulated: in 1977 there was a small logging camp at Elk Bay, Clayton's buildings just south of McMullen Point, and Adams Resort on Brown Bay. Logging of the area should now be almost finished. A small-tonnage mill could probably be sited on the shore and discharge tailings into Discovery Passage, but a large mill might have to be sited on a bench where the tailings could be impounded. There might be some difficulty obtaining the rights to enough creek water to supply the mill.

G.E.P. Eastwood

GEPE/dlb

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PROPERTY FILE

92K16W

This claim is
1 Mile North

of 92K123(FS)



To: N.C. Carter

Retyped May 12, 1982

Date: June 23, 1977

Our File:

Esperanzo Valley claim - owned by Mrs. Irene Wilson of Campbell River.

This is a new-style claim of 3 units, affirmed to have been located April 27 - May 3, 1976. The location shown is west of McMullen Point, which is 8 miles north of Menzies Bay, which in turn is 8 miles northwest of Campbell River.

On August 12, 1976, Mrs. Wilson brought several boxes of ~~mgd~~ ^{mineralized} rock in to Fraser Shepherd, who in turn referred her with them to me. The host rock in some samples is ls, which interested me, because no ls is known in this area. I could not visit her property until September because of other fd commitments. She would be involved with a field camp until mid-September, and when I telephoned her after that date she had had influenza and was in no shape to go into the field. We agreed that the early part of the week would suit us both, so I asked her to let me know which week would suit here, and I would make the trip up from Victoria. I heard nothing from her all winter. I wrote her on June 2, 1977, then telephoned on June 10, both without response. I then tracked her down in her trailer court on my way up-Island on June 14th. She explained that she had been away attending the funerals of her uncle and son-in-law. We tentatively arranged to go in to look at her showings on June 23rd. On the 22nd, after the coal tour, I called on her again, but she had her handicapped son with her and couldn't leave him. So I decided to try to find the showings myself. She directed me to Norie's camp on Elk Bay, telling me to go right to Charlie's shack, then turn south along the shore road until it climbed and crossed a creek on a log bridge. When I asked her where the showings are, she said "you are right there - at the bridge."

On June 23rd I stopped at the cabin on Elk Bay and spoke to a man I assume was Charlie Green. He did not know where the showings are, but thought they might be down near the beach, beside Clayton's place, and directed me there. I stopped at the log bridge and found the creek flowing over a boulder pavement through gravels, with no bed-rock anywhere around. I drove down to the beach and called on Harry Clayton and his wife Nancy. He is a retired logger who knows the country well, and they have been living there part of the year for the past 7 years. He had seen limestone at Blubber Bay, and was sure there was none of that rock on or near Mrs. Wilson's claim. He was certain that no new road cuts in the recent years had exposed mineralization anywhere in the vicinity. He had seen pyrite-bearing specimens at Mrs. Wilson's in Campbell River, but had not seen her take any from her claims.

He could only lead me to a couple of her claim posts down the beach. They turned out to be the final posts of the old-style claims Esperanza 3 and Esperanza Valley, located November 26, 1974. Clayton recalled that an inspector had come in with her in 1974, and she had been unable to show him any more posts, so he had told her the claims were not properly located. No auxiliary post could be found nor any cut or blazed line where the south boundary of the new-style claim should intersect the beach.

Harry Clayton explained that he has a special-use permit from the B.C. Forest Service, renewable annually, on a plot with 600 feet of shoreline. His son tried to get an adjoining plot, extending northeast to McMullen Point, but was told all such applications for special-use permits were being frozen pending review of policy by the Forest Service. Shortly thereafter Mrs. Wilson announced that she now owned the surface rights, including the access road built by Clayton, apparently being unaware that mineral claims at best carry only minimal and subordinate surface rights.

I decided that the only other thing that could be done in the field was to try to find the legal post shown at the southwest corner of the claim. I guessed that it would probably be beside a road, possibly the Norie road leading through from the log bridge and the top of Clayton's road to the Brown Bay road. Clayton drew me a sketch of this road, and between it, the topographic 1:50,000 map, and the claim map I was able to approximate where the legal post should be. No post was found.

Some interesting geology was seen incidentally. Along the beach around the more southerly 1974 post the Karmutsen bedrock is extensively exposed and consists of coarse volcanic breccia. It appears to be very fresh, lacking epidote and any other signs of alteration. Almost directly uphill, however, on the main Norie road, a small road-side quarry exposes a flat-lying shear zone along which the massive Karmutsen has been altered to garnet-epidote skarn containing minor disseminated chalcopyrite. About a mile to the south, sluggish ditch-water is heavily charged with iron oxide, the soil overlying Karmutsen outcrop is even redder than usual, and in one cut joint surfaces in the bedrock are stained with malachite and azurite. This weak mineralization is immediately adjacent to the sheared contact with a previously unmapped (?) granitic intrusion.

The record form shows that a credit of \$100 from abandonment of the previous claims, record nos. 37944-46, was applied on August 12, 1976, and that an additional \$800 worth of physical work was declared and applied at the same time.

G.E.P. Eastwood

cc: E.W. Grove

PROPERTY FILE

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TO NORTH SEE MAP 92K/6W

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Mc Mullen
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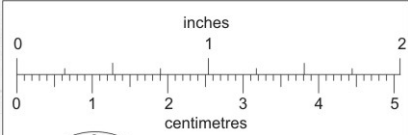
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This claim is 1 mile
north of FS 92K123.

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Tree farm sign

Robert's Lake

Turn right onto Norrie's road

" " again at " camp on Elk Bay

Continue to log bridge over creek flowing to McMullen Pt. Shing. is
right there.

E/S 100

pt. a Final claim post No. 2; Esperanza 3. Locator: Mrs. Irene
Wilson, Date: Nov. 26, 1974. Tag No. 165532M.

Karmutsen here is a great mass of coarse volc. v.

pt. b Final post (No. 2); Esperanza Valley. Locator: Mrs. Irene Wilson
Date: Nov. 26, 1974

Alt. rdg -90' at 2.30 PM at Claytons 2' above low tide.

" " +20' at 2.45 back on Norie's 5 rdg just S of brj.

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