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Dear Bill:

The enclosed notes some activity on the part of Starbird Mines Ltd. - whoever they are - in the Glacier Creek area. The 1973 Northern Miner "Mines Handbook" shows their head office as 427 - 510 West Hastings and indicates that among other holdings, they have 19 claims 4 miles from Stewart - obviously including the 3 crown grants I have noted - which were the main claims of the old Portland Canal Mining Co.. I also note that in 1968, Granduc cleaned out the old #3 tunnel on the Portland Canal workings at 2400 ft. and surveyed and mapped same. (this from Groves' report).

This raises three possibilities - first, I wonder if we could find out if their work this summer was at all fruitful; two, if they have any substance behind them, they might be interested in an option on our Glacier Creek claims - as I am sure we must be all around them ; and third I wonder if Granduc were at all impressed with what their work in 1968 on this ground showed - and if so, this might further their interest on Cassiar's properties in the Glacier Creek area.

If you have any knowledge of this outfit, or can find out anything about them and the results of their work, I would be interested in your comments. I wrote to Harry Bapty in the Dept. of Mines (who sent me the enclosed) to see if he could expand ~~KN~~ on this at all.

I hope Erik Ostensee is still interested - we are down to one wing new - and perhaps you can think up another outfit who might be interested - esp. if Granduc drops out.

Sincerely,



Bill Hick

Texas Gulf (Ecstall Mining):

The Red and Sus group of mineral claims were optioned from Silver Standard. Ecstall Mining carried out a small drilling program, consisting of 3000 feet of percussion drilling. A tent camp was established and serviced by helicopter from Eddontenajon. Total of six men were employed for two months.

Imperial Oil Limited:

The Spectrum - Owl property optioned from Spartan Exploration was drilled. Five 600-ft. deep diamond drill holes were planned. A tent camp for ten men was put up and serviced by helicopter from Eddontenajon. The program was completed in six weeks.

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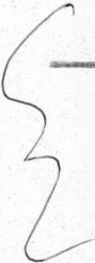
The TACH claims optioned from Sam Aikins were drilled. Five short diamond drill holes were put down. The result was disappointing. Only two of the holes encountered 1/4 inch asbestos fibre. Five men were employed for six weeks. The tent camp was serviced by helicopter from Dease Lake.

Rio Plata Mines Limited:

The Hobo Creek property was optioned from Hobo Creek Copper Mines by Rio Plata. Four short diamond drill holes were completed near the caved adit. The tent camp for four was serviced by helicopter from Atlin. Intermittently four persons were employed for two months.

Starbird Mines Limited:

Hobo Creek



Last year's trenching below the old Portland Canal Mine workings was followed with eight short surface X-ray diamond drill holes. Five men spent about six weeks on the property. The tent camp was serviced by helicopter from Stewart.

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- Gypsum
- trucking loc
- trucking Service

Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting:

The diamond drilling on the Galore Creek property of Stikine Copper was continued for four months. Approximately 40,000 feet of diamond drilling was completed by Canadian Longyear. Six tent units were put up temporarily to provide additional living quarters. The permanent camp is sufficient for 40 persons; however, about 60 people were employed for four months. Wright Engineers were collecting feasibility data for plant site and townsite in the Anuk River area. The property was serviced by aircraft from Terrace.

November 27th, 1973.

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Dear Bill:

Re: Cassiar Consolidated Mines Ltd.

Your letter of November 24th has been received and I have a number of items for your interest.

Firstly, I enclose an inventory of the data that I entrusted to Erik Ostensoe. In addition to this lengthy list, there were 3 blueprints that I turned over to Ray Wheeler on October 23rd. Ray showed these to Erik and Erik got copies of these 3 items so we don't have to bother Ray for the return of the following (Premier maps):

- (1) Prosperity & Porter-Idaho "Assay Plan & Projection of 3E '2' My. Raise and Drifts, 1"=20'.
- (2) Assay Plan & Projection of D #1 Stope above El. 4900', 1"=20'.
- (3) Assay Plan & Projection of D #1 Stope, 1"=20'.

Now to get down to your letter of November 24th. I called on Starbird Mines Ltd. yesterday morning and talked to Bill Timmins, a pretty reasonable engineer who also serves as a director. A chap by the name of Vern McKenzie is a director and the president is Robert Meirte. The only one I know is Timmins and I know him well enough to ask for all pertinent data on the property plus his assessment of the 1973 results. He realizes that these results are interesting but not economic.

I enclose two reports by Hainsworth on the property and Hainsworth is a reliable engineer. I also enclose 5 drill sections which clearly indicate that, in general, the Little Joe vein (on which all the 1973 drilling was done) dips flatly westward, similar to the vein structures encountered in the Glacier Creek tunnel. For a quick reference, I enclose a claim map showing the relationship of the Little Joe claim, about 3 claim lengths S30°E of the Mosquito claim where the Glacier Creek tunnel terminated.

To answer another of your questions, Starbird is, unfortunately, not a well financed company.

This morning I spent about 1½ hours with Erik Ostensoe and also had a word with his boss, Phil Conley. Very shortly, Erik will be reviewing all the data on the Cassiar Consolidated property and making a comprehensive report to his superiors. As of now, he is still interested in the property.

I talked to him about the No. 3 Portland Canal tunnel and he was not sufficiently impressed to recommend any work subsequent to his examination. He was a bit vague but stated it was his impression that the surface showings were more impressive and higher grade than anything encountered in the tunnel.

I think we must be patient for the moment until Hecla (Granduc) gives us some indication of their intentions. We seem to be facing a time of great uncertainty provincially, nationally and internationally that is certainly having an effect on future plans of even the biggest companies.

Yours very truly,

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