

Goldrich Resources has reopened the former Bayonne mine near Creston, B.C., where resampling of underground workings has established 31,070 tons of proven reserves grading 0.44 oz. gold per ton and 0.75 oz. silver. Substantial new reserves are possible with the opening of a 10th level, the company says.

Stope preparation is under way and Goldrich wants to drive another level (No. 9) some 150 ft. below the last working level in the mine. Eight levels were driven from surface on the main vein, one of two known to exist and both these have been mined in the past.

The vein system is very narrow, generally averaging 1-1.5 ft., notes Roy Phendler, the company's consultant. He adds that a dilution factor of six inches must be added to either side of the vein. Concerning mining technique for the narrow vein, he explains that the vein is extracted first then some of the wall rock is knocked down to provide a platform to continue stoping.

Goldrich has rehabilitated much of the mine and resampled old levels for which assay plans were not available, he says. Rehabilitation of the No. 8 level proved fairly difficult since crews had to drive through a very bad cave-in. This level is about 2,000 ft. long and about three-quarters of it was stoped so there appears to be good potential in old workings.

Production records indicate that the mine's output was 85,000 tons grading 0.47 oz. gold (from 1947-51) and Mr. Phendler predicts direct shipping ore this time should average about 0.4 oz. gold. The company is considering shipping to either Trail (Cominco) or Tacoma, Wash.

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