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c) Eleven short holes comprising 958.7 meters were drilled into vein 5 to provide improved definition of the known mineralization.

d) Six short holes comprising 656.8 meters were drilled through veins 11 and 14 to improve definition of the known mineralization in these structures.

Logging of the core has confirmed that the deformation zones which host the vein 2 and 5 systems persist under the lake as far west as the limit of drilling. Visual estimation of mineralization is not normally possible at Seabee. However, native gold was observed in vein quartz at several points over a 21-foot section in hole S-161; the most westerly hole on the inferred strike extension of vein 5.

All core has been logged and relevant sections sampled. Assay of the core is now in progress.

applications.  
 The new dynamite grades, POWERditch 500, 750, and 1000, are said to have lower sensitivity to shock, friction, and impact than conventional dynamites. As a result, Atlas says, the likelihood of hole-to-hole propagation under adverse conditions is reduced.

Intended for general blasting, the new Atlas dynamites may be useful, with proper application, in obtaining better breakage, easier digging, and higher production when propagation is concern.

POWERditch 1000 has a density of 1.36, velocity of 18,000 feet per second, absolute bulk strength of 1,450 calories per cubic centimeter, and relative bulk strength of 196 compared to ANFO at 100. Detonation pressure is 105 kilobars, water resistance is excellent, and for underground work, POWERditch 1000 is rated Fume Class 1.

POWERditch 750 has a density of 1.40, velocity of 16,000 feet per second, absolute bulk strength of 1,250 calories per cubic

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# Gold

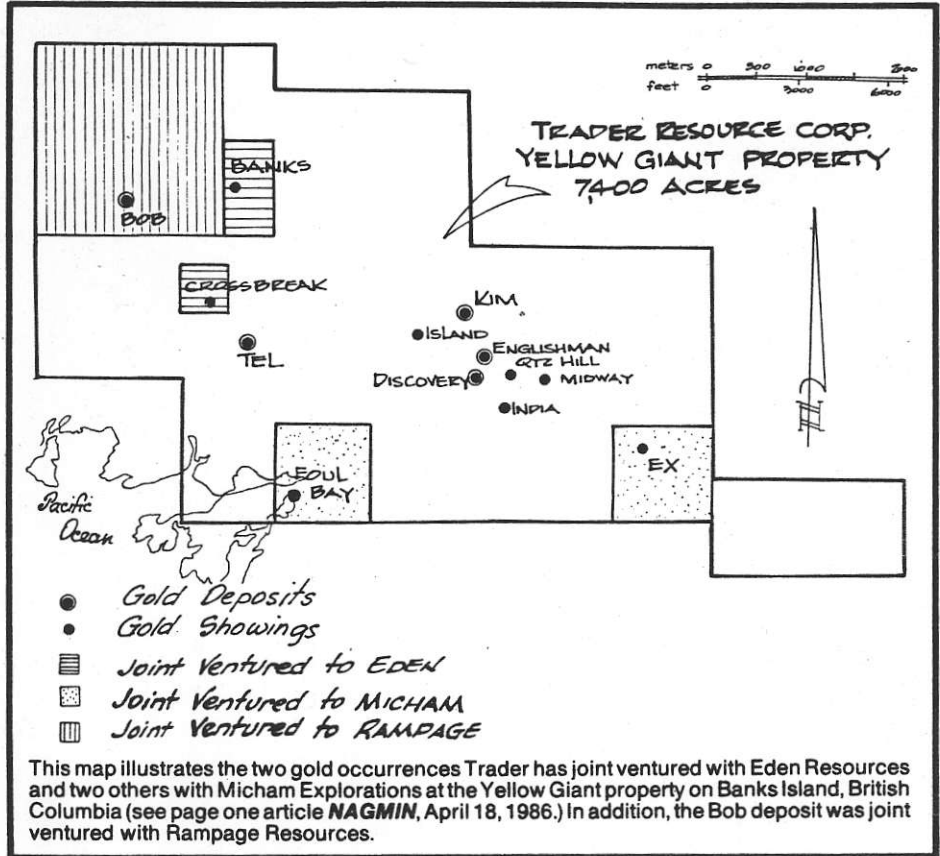
## U.S. mine 3.2 million

U.S. mines produce of gold and 3,230,970 troy ounces in January, according to the U.S. Department of the Interior. This compares to 178,317 troy ounces in December 1985.

In January, Echo F Corp. announced that heap leaching tests on low-grade ores at its Mountain mine in Nevada demonstrated that higher-grade "type II" ores would produce gold recovery of 80 percent. The subsequent processing and processing the "type II" ores would double the mine's reserves.

On January 3, after pouring its first Silverado Mines Ltd. Columbia, shut down Grant mine on Ester Island, Alaska. The decision was reportedly reached after test results failed to meet expectations. Near month-end, Silverado partner, Aurex Inc. project.

Having begun full-scale operations in April 1985, the new heap leaching facility in Plumas County, California, reached its planned capacity of 1,600 tons per day in January. The project is a joint venture between NCA Minerals and American of Albuquerque, New Mexico.



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