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Rancheria Mining Company Limited, 409, 25 Wellington Street West, TORONTO 1, Ontario.

Att: Mr. W. S. Kennedy, President

Gentlemen:

The following report outlines in resume the impressions derived from Chapman, Wood and Griswold Ltd. report on examination Rancheria Mining Company Limited, AMY Group, Liard Mining District, British Columbia, September, 1967.

We note two discrepancies in the Chapman, Wood and Griswold report namely; 1) page 16 - stage 2 - block C - the elevation illustrates indicates a slope raise length of 300 feet, not 120 feet. 2) page 21 - item C; application custom duties - PB 0.75 dollars per pound ZN 0.67 dollars per pound. This we believe should read cents per pound.

In order to evaluate the proposition we must accept certain standards and as a guide we are governed by the data and compilation presented by Chapman, Wood and Griswold. For the purpose of this report the following are assumed:

- 1. Statistics and data presented by Chapman, Wood and Griswold Ltd. to be factual.
- Freight rate of \$50.00 per ton (U.S.) to smelter as valid - \$54.00 per ton Canadian.
- ,3. Geologically inferred tonnaged is a reasonable basis for calculating reserves.
- *4. Average grade will persist in the geologically inferred tonnage.

5. Diamond drill results suggest probable increase of 5.3 feet in mining width.

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- 6. Established width 4.6 feet for 60,000 tons ore reserves.
- 7. Probable width 9.9 feet for 130,000 tons
- Average grade (60,000 tons) silver 24 ounces per ton, lead 4.87%, zinc 6.83%.
- Lead price, net at smelter, 9-1/2¢/lb. less freight.
 Zinc price, net at smelter, 8-1/2¢/lb. less freight.

We are not in complete agreement with Chapman, Wood and Griswold in respect to smelter returns, and present the following terms as probable conditions to apply:

Silver settlement - 95% less $l \phi/ounce$. Lead pay 9.5 ϕ/lb . at smelter. Zinc pay 8.5 ϕ/lb . at smelter.

Ore Value: Recovery silver 90% of 24 ounces/ton. Lead 90% of 97 lbs./ton. Zinc 92% of 136 lbs./ton.

Value at Smelter: Silver - 90% x 24 ounces/ton x \$2.00/ounce = \$43.20/ton.

Lead - 88% x 97 lbs./ton x \$0.95/lb. = \$8.11/ton. Zinc - 92% x 136 lbs./ton x \$0.85/lb. = \$10.64/ton. Total Value Gross - \$61.95/ton.

Costs Per Ton:	Mining Development Diamond drilling & exploration	\$ 4.35 6.85 <u>2.35</u> \$13.55	
	Milling Mine office, head office & general Research & overhead	9.50 16.80 1.85 28.15	
	Total Costs	\$41.70	

Concentration Ratio: 16.9%, equivalent to 12.68 tons/day from 75 ton/day operation.

At \$50.00/ton to smelter, per diem freight cost \$634.00, or \$8.45/ton mined. Total operating costs plus freight \$50.15/ton.

Net Mine return - \$11.80/ton.

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If we are interpreting the elevations presented by Chapman, Wood and Griswold Ltd. correctly, they propose an entrance on the 4,200 foot elevation with raising to 4,450 foot elevation. We consider this excessive for practical mining, both for the development phase and for the mining phase. A deposit of this type suggests intermittent values and demands a greater latitude of flexibility in the mining procedures than would be permitted by intervals in the order of 300 feet without intermediate access. We would suggest an entry at 4,300 feet and a second entry at 4,150 feet, if terrain permits. This would result in an increased development cost initially but will improve mining practices and reflect favourably in overall mining costs.

Our revision in mining interval would result in some additional development costs and we suggest that Chapman, Wood and Griswold Ltd. have estimated their costs low in certain areas.

Applying the original assumptions our cost estimates indicate:

Stage 1

Α.	Development	on	4,350	foot	level	\$130,500.00
Β.	Development	on	4,150	foot	level	113,100.00

Stage 2

Α.	Raising	49,500.00
Β.	Stope preparation	24,000.00

Total \$31

\$317,100.00

Surface Diamond Drilling	\$240,000.00
Development of Blocks D,E,F, & G	85,000.00
Initial Cash Requirement for	
mine development	642,100.00

It is noted from the balance sheet June 30th, 1966 that liabilities stand at \$213,129.00, plus contingent and contractoral liabilities as per notes 1, 4 & 6. Should these conditions still prevail another \$283,000.00 should be available, bringing total requirement to approximately \$925,000.00.

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No less than \$400,000.00 plus sufficient funds to retire current liabilities should be made available before commencing stage one of this venture.

Approximately 54,500 tons of ore neting \$11.80/ton will be required to retire the initial development and exploration costs.

It is our understanding that this organization would be approached to operate and administer the program for Rancheria Mining Company Limited. Appended find a Management Contract outlining the terms to apply.

Yours truly,

J. FOSTER IRWIN, B.Sc., P.Eng.

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