REPORT ON

MOSQUITO CREEK GOLD MINES LIMITED

FOR

PEREGRINE PETROLEUM LIMITED

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## APPENDIX

Work sheet 1 to 16 in support of operating Cost Summary.

#### INTRODUCTION

The writer was engaged by Mr. C.J. McFeely,
President of Peregrine Petroleum, to investigate the
advisability of completing a proposed 1400 ft. decline
at their 50 percent owned Mosquito Creek Gold Mine
at Wells, B.C.

A visit was made to the mine July 2 and July 3, 1981. A short report was forwarded at that time recommending a feasibility study be completed to determine the projected operating profit if the decline was sunk and the mine operated at its full capacity of 36000 tons per year.

Mr. McFeely requested the feasability study be completed. The writer made additional trips to the mine August 4 to 6, 1981 and September 8 to 10, 1981 to obtain information for the study.

#### SUMMARY

It is estimated that capital expenditure amounting to \$3,224,800 will be required to sink a 1400 ft. decline and to complete the auxiliary items necessary for efficient ore movement at the Mosquito Creek Gold Mine at Wells, B.C.

When these projects have been completed the mine will be able to deliver 36,000 tons of ore annually to the concentrator. The grade of ore treated is expected to average 0.51 ounces per ton and 94 percent of the gold will be recovered. The total operating cost per ton of ore treated is calculated to be \$210.10 or the operating cost could be expressed as \$438.25 Can. per ounce of gold recovered.

## SUMMARY ...cont'd...

An operating profit before depreciation, depletion, and taxes is estimated to be \$1,030,884 annually based on \$500 Can. per ounce of gold. Every dollar per ounce increase in the price of gold will generate an additional \$17,258 profit annually.

On-going capital expenditures (over and above the \$3,224,800) is estimated to be \$500,000 annually. This sum is required to cover normal equipment wear and replacements.

It is assumed that total "write-off" of depreciation and depletion will be used against operating profits.

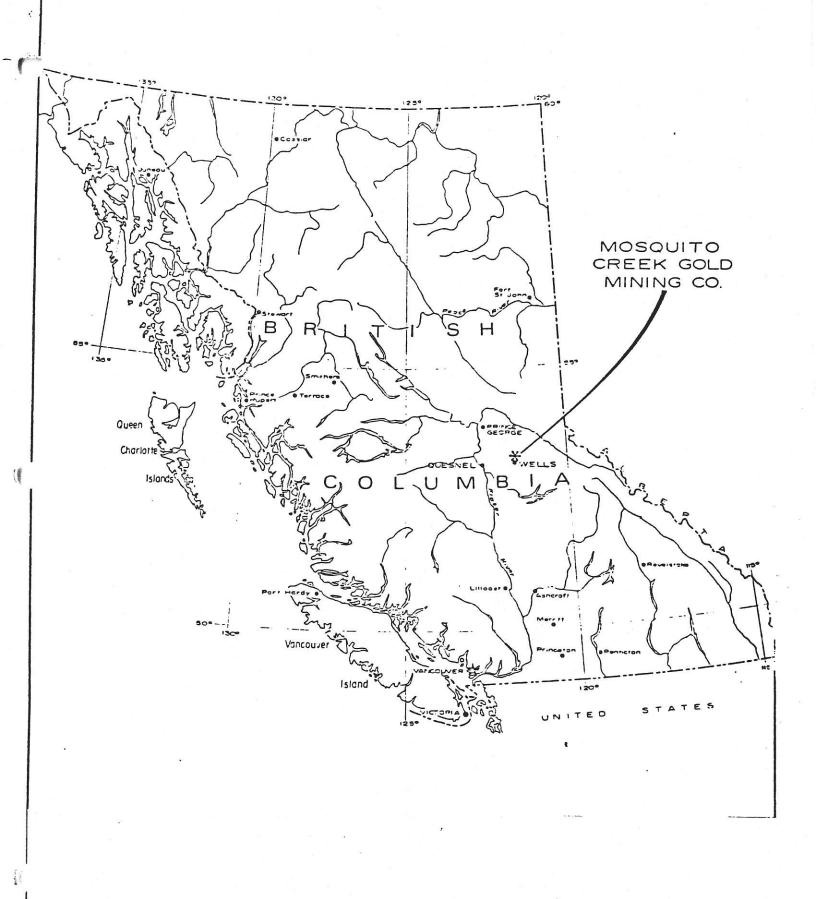
SUMMARY ... cont'd ...

The following table would indicate funds available for depreciation and depletion:

Gold Value	\$500 C	\$550 C	\$600 C	\$650 C
Profit Generated	\$1,030,884	\$1,893,784	\$2,756,684	\$3,619,584
Less annual funds needed for capital replacements	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Profit available for write-of	530,884	1,393,784	2,256,684	3,119,584

The "write-off" on the decline capital costs are completely dependent upon the price of gold in Canadian funds. At time of writing the price of gold was close to \$550 C per ounce. If any improvement in the gold price is forecasted, the "payback" could be made in acceptable time.

Silver recovery is negligable and has not been included in gross income.



### LOCATION & ACCESS

Records indicate the property comprises 29

Crown Granted Claims or Fractions and, two Placer

Mineral Leases. The property is owned 50% by Mosquito

Creek Gold Mining Company Limited, the operator, and

50% by Peregrine Petroleum Limited. The writer has

not investigated claim or property ownership.

The mine is two miles by gravel road from the town of Wells, B.C. Wells is 55 miles by paved highway from the town of Quesnel. Employee housing and recreational facilities are available in Wells at no cost to the company.

### HISTORY

Lode mining was started in the Wells area in 1933 by the Cariboo Gold Quartz Mining Company and the following year by Island Mountain Mines on adjacent ground. These companies amalgamated in 1954 and con-

HISTORY ...cont'd...

tinued operating until 1967. The closure was not due to lack of ore reserves but rather lack of profits as mining costs increased during the period of fixed gold prices. Total production of the two companies was reported to be 2,927,246 tons of ore grading 0.43 ounces per ton of gold.

The present Mosquito Gold Mining Company overlaps in part the former productive areas. It has been developed from a 3 compartment shaft to a depth of 516 feet. Four levels were established at 100 ft. intervals and sufficient ore was developed by 1980 to start a concentrator at a proposed rate of 100 tons per day.

#### **GEOLOGY**

The following is a description of the property geology by Marcel Guiguet in his 1978 report to Mosquito Creek Gold Mines:

"The Gold Mines lie in the Cariboo Group of sediments and are contained, it is believed, in an overturned fold. Mine production was confined to a relatively narrow corridor comprising the Baker members of phyllites, limestones and light coloured argillites and siliceous quartzite and the more competent rainbow members of dark quartzites and argilites. The whole plunging 22 degrees to the North-East and the mass showing much folding both of a major and of the drag varieties.

The mine areas are characterized by the occurrances of major faults at intervals along the length of the anticlinorium and normal to it in the main.

Major folding is a feature related to most of the Island Mountain Mine faults. Fold flextures in the Baker limestones have been the areas of deposition of the gold bearing replacement sulphides, which are the main target of the past and present mine exploration.

Quartz veins both gold bearing and barren are more prevalent in the more fissible rainbow rocks where tension fractures developed, mainly normal to the strike of the bedding. These quartz veins were the mainstay of the Cariboo Gold Quartz Mine on Cow Mountain and to a lesser degree in the Island Mountain Mine where the limestone replacement sulphides proved of higher grade in the ratio of .30 oz to .45 oz. per ton gold in the quartz veins to the replacement sulphides grades ranging from .50 oz. to several ounces per ton.

GEOLOGY ...cont'd...

The Mosquito Creek Workings lie vertically 1000 feet over the old mine workings where some 40,000 tons grading .70 oz/ton are reported as the last reserves of the Island Mountain Mines. Of course these workings are now flooded and inaccessible.

The exploration for the limestone replacement is concentrated in following as nearly as practical the Rainbow-Baker contact and explore the limestones adjacent to the contact where most of the sulphides have been discovered. As the limestone is irregularly deposited in drag folded lenses, this search requires close drilling from cross-cuts penetrating the Baker rocks."

#### ORE RESERVES

Mr. Marcel Guiguet's report of 1978 placed indicated ore reserves at 21,400 tons grading 0.84 oz. gold per ton.

The Mosquito Creek Gold Company commenced production in 1980 and current reserves are reported to be in excess of that original figure. The grade of ore treated has not been 0.84 oz. per ton due partly to mining dilution and partly to mixing in some lower grade vein type ore. It is estimated future mill heads will average 0.51 oz. per ton.

### ORE RESERVES ...cont'd...

The mine staff is confident that ore reserves and ore grade can be maintained providing an agressive exploration program is maintained.

#### THE MAJOR OPERATING PROBLEM

The Mosquito Creek concentrator is designed to treat 100 tons per day (3000 tons per month). To date this tonnage has not been achieved due mainly to inadequate hoisting facilities at the mine.

The problem stems from the original shaft design. Instead of hoisting ore and waste in skips to surface bins, the material is hoisted in mine cars. Hoisting capacity is insufficient to feed ore to the concentrator and to also hoist the development waste rock.

### THE MAJOR OPERATING PROBLEM...cont'd...

Modernization of the present hoisting facilities would require a new headframe, ore bin, waste
bin, loading pockets, dump mechanism, skip installation,
and the necessary underground ore pass and waste pass.
These changes would necessitate a complete plant shutdown and would take an estimated five to six months
to complete.

An alternative, recommended by Management, is to sink a new 1400 ft. decline. Work in the decline will not interfere with current ore production. Upon completion, the decline will provide flexability for ore-waste haulage and improve mine ventilation.

The location of the decline has been planned to provide new exploration targets and to develop known ore on a new 5 level horizon. The decline will also require installation of ore and waste passes and loading

#### THE MAJOR OPERATING PROBLEM ...cont'd ...

facilities. Time to complete the decline and make ready for production is estimated to be five to six months.

### COST ANALYSIS

The factors involved in determining a choice between shaft revision and decline sinking are very complicated.

The cost of sinking the decline will be much greater than the necessary shaft revisions. However, any operating profit currently being generated by the mine would be lost, making shaft revisions very costly.

The mine staff is convinced that the decline is the route to go. Site preparation and connecting roads are being prepared. Capital expenditures and operating costs have therefore been prepared on the basis of the decline being sunk.

### COST ANALYSIS ...cont'd...

To establish a base for developing operating costs the following assumptions were made:

- (1) Capital expenditures will be made to enable the mine to deliver 36,000 tons of ore per year.
- (2) The grade of ore delivered will be 0.51 oz. per ton and, gold recovery by the concentrator will be 94 percent.
- (3) The labour productivity as established in the appended work sheets will be achieved.
- (4) The labour contract agreement currently in force with a B.C. firm is terminated and a mine accounting office is established on the property.
- (5) Due to the time required to complete the decline the 1981 operating costs were increased 12 1/2 percent to establish 1982 operating costs.

# PROFIT SUMMARY

Gold value (Can. Dollars)	\$500C	\$550C	\$600C
Tons treated per year	36,000	36,000	36,000
Grade of ore (ounces/ton)	0.51	0.51	0.51
Mill Recovery (percent)	94	94	94
Ounces recovered per year	17,258	17,258	17,258
Income per year	8,629,000	9,491,900	10,354,800
Less marketing costs	24 536	24 536	24 516
@ 3.00/oz.	34,516	34,516	34,516
Income per year	8,594,484	9,457,384	10,320,284
Less 1982 Operating Costs	7,563,600	7,563,600	7,563,600
Operating profit 1982	1,030,884	1,893,784	2,756,684
Cost per ounce of gold	420.25	420.25	420.25
produced	438.25	438.25	438.25

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## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES TO

## ACHIEVE 36,000 TONS PER YEAR

(1)	To sink decline 1400 ft. @ 1,342/ft.	\$1,878,800
(2)	New underground sump 8000 cu. ft. @ \$3.00/cu. ft.	24,000
(3)	Shaft connection 5 level to 4 level	100,000
(4)	Ore pass, waste pass, chutes, manways	108,000
(5)	Sump pumps, discharge lines, settling pond	16,000
(6)	Decline trucks and loading units	340,000
(7)	Improvements to haulage roads	30,000
(8)	Modifications and concentrator expenditures	110,000
(9)	Additional underground equipment plus	
	purchase of existing rental purchase items	325,000
(10)	Add contingency @ 10%	293,000
	TOTAL	\$3,224,800

In addition to the above capital expenditure necessary to decline haulage, Mosquito Creek Gold Mines

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ESTIMATED...cont'd...

will require "on-going" capital expenditures of \$500,000 per year to cover equipment replacements.

### TOTAL OPERATING COST SUMMARY 1981

	COST PER TON
Direct exploration cost	\$50.60
Direct mining cost	56.62
Direct milling cost	34.46
Surface overhead cost	28.41
Administration cost	16.67
Total operating costs per ton	\$186.76
Cost per ton in 1982 @ 12 1/2% inflation	\$210.10

### CERTIFICATION

I, James B. Magee of Campbell River, Province of British Columbia, hereby certify that:

- I am a Consulting Mining Engineer residing at 1191 Ash Street, Campbell River, B.C.
- 2. I am a registered Professional Engineer of British Columbia. I graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1947.
- 3. I have practiced my profession for 34 years.
- 4. The information in this report is derived from engineering data in company files, an examination of the operation, and personal experience.
- I have no interest, direct or indirect, in Mosquito Creek Gold Mines or Peregrine Petroleum Limited.
- 6. I consent to the use of this report in, or in connection with the prospectus, or in a statement of material facts, relating to the raising of funds for Peregrine Petroleum Limited.

Dated at Campbell River, B.C. this 17th day of September, 1981

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APPENDIX

# MINE COST SUMMARY 1981

	COST PER
Exploration and development costs	\$50.60
Mining Cost	21.82
Tramming and haulage	9.95
Hoisting	2.64
Underground equipment costs	7.14
Underground overhead costs	15.07
Total direct mining cost per ton	\$107.22

## MONTHLY EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT COSTS 1981

It is estimated some 1100 to 1200 lineal feet of development work will be required monthly to maintain 3000 tons per month. The breakdown is as follows:

300 lineal feet of drifting @ \$127.52 /ft.	\$38256
660 lineal feet of crosscuts @ 83.58 /ft.	55163
220 lineal feet of raises @ 86.98 /ft.	19135
2100 lineal feet of diamond drilling @	39249
18.69 /ft.	

Total direct monthly development cost	151803
Cost per ton milled	\$50.60

## DIRECT DRIFTING COSTS 1981

Assume two miners advance 7.4 ft. per shift. They drill, blast, bar, muck, ditch, lay track and pipe

Wages - 2 miners @ \$238.05	\$476.10
Drill supplies	61.94
Explosives	100.00
Track and pipe	125.84
Ventilation	23.52
Ground control @ 4.00 per ft.	29.60
Total direct charges per shift	\$817.00
Direct cost per foot	110.41
Allow one miss round per month	
Direct cost = $110.41 \times \frac{21}{20}$	115.93
Add 10% contingency	11.59
Direct drifting cost per ft.	\$127.52
Advance per 21 day month 7.4 x 20	148.0 ft.
No. of drift miners required	4

# DIRECT SCRAPER CROSSCUT COST 1981

Assume two miners will advance 10.5 ft. per shift. They will drill, blast, bar, scrape, muck, tram, lay pipe.

Wages - 2 miners @ 238.05	\$ 476.10
Explosives	125.00
Drill supplies	87.88
Pipe	36.75
Ventilation	33.37
Slusher supplies	38.64
Total direct costs per shift	\$7 <b>97.74</b>
Cost per foot	75.98
Add 10% contingency	7.60
Total direct cost per foot	\$ 83.58
Advance per 21 day month	220 ft.
Crosscut miners required	
2 (660 ÷ 220)	6

## DIRECT RAISING COSTS 1981

Assume one raise miner advances 5.5 ft.

per shift. He will drill, blast, bar, install pipe
and ventilation. Additional help will muck out broken
rock.

Wages - 1 miner @ 238.05	238.05
Drill supplies	51.59
Explosives	78.86
Pipe	11.00
Ventilation	11.00
Mucking & tramming	12.70
Ground control @ \$2.00 /ft.	11.00
Total direct raise round cost	\$414.20
Cost per foot	75.31
Allow one miss round per month	
Cost per foot 75.31 x $\frac{21}{20}$	79.07
Add 10% contingency	7.91
Total direct cost per foot	86.98
Advance per 21 day month = 5.5 x 20	110
Number of raise miners required	2
Number of muckers required	1/3

## DIRECT DIAMOND DRILL COSTS PER SHIFT

Assume 1 diamond driller drills 25 ft. per shift with help only to move and set up a J.V. drill.

Wages 1 @ \$188.07	\$188.07
Help to move & set up	
2 hrs. @ 17.41	34.82
Equipment costs	81.60
Drill bits	112.80
Core boxes	7.50
Total direct cost per shift	\$424.79
Total direct cost per foot	16.99
Add 10% contingency	1.70
Cost per foot	\$18.69
Drill footage per 21 days	525
Diamond drillers required	4
Helpers required	1

## DIRECT MINING COSTS 1981

Assume 1 miner will drill, blast, bar, and scrape 17 tons per shift:

Wages 1 @ \$219.41	\$219.41
Drill supplies	11.00
Explosives	16.15
Cables & blocks	6.80
Ground control @ 2.50 /ton	42.50
Pipe and ventilation	8.50
Manways @ 1.00 /ton	17.00
Total direct cost per shift	\$321.26
Cost per ton broken and scraped	18.90
Allow one miss blast per month	
Cost per ton broken and scraped	19.84
$18.90 \times \frac{21}{20}$	
Add 10% contingency	1.98
Direct stoping cost per ton	\$21.82
Tons broken per 21 days = 17 x 20	340
Stope miners required = $\frac{3000}{340}$	9

### DIRECT TRAMMING & HAULAGE COSTS 1981

Assume level trammers will move 60 tons per shift and service the level.

Assume the decline haulage truck will move 143 tons of ore or waste per shift.

### TRACK TRAMMING COST:

Wages - per shift	\$1	86.70
Supplies - per shift		2.00
Total direct tramming cost	1	88.70
Cost per ton moved (ore & waste)	\$	3.14
Cost per ton of ore moved		6.28
Add 10% contingency	_	.63
Total direct cost per ton of ore	\$	6.91

### TRUCK HAULAGE (decline to mill) COST

Wages - per shift	\$186.70
Supplies - per shift	12.00
Total direct haulage cost	\$198.70
Cost per ton moved (ore & waste)	1.38

# TRUCK HAULAGE (decline to mill) COST ...cont'd...

Cost per ton of ore moved	\$ 2.76
Add 10% contingency	 .28
Total direct cost per ton or ore	\$ 3.04
Total direct haulage costs /ton of ore	
6.91 + 3.04	\$ 9.95
Number of truckers required	2
Number of trammers required	5

## DIRECT HOISTING COSTS 1981

Number of hoistmen required

 $\label{eq:Assume present hoist will continue to service} % \begin{center} \begi$ 

Wages - 2 @ \$189.09	\$378.18
Direct cost per ton of ore	2.64
(378.18 ÷ 143)	

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# UNDERGROUND EQUIPMENT COSTS

Assume 13 mechanics maintain underground equipment.

Wages - 1.5 x 190.88	\$286.32
Mucking Machine repairs @ 40¢ /ton	40.00
Slusher repairs @ 38¢ /ton	38.00
Rock drill repairs @ 60¢ /ton	60.00
Motor repairs @ 1.25 /ton	125.00
Car repairs @ 10¢ /ton	10.00
Underground truck @ 90¢ /ton	90.00
Total cost per day	\$649.32
Cost per ton	6.49
Add 10% contingency	.65
Cost per ton	\$ 7.14

## UNDERGROUND OVERHEAD MONTHLY COSTS

Supervision:	
1 superintendent	\$4391
3 Shift bosses	12273
Miscellaneous Labour:	
k mechanic	2004
ት electrician	2004
1 timberman	4.056
2 labour	5848
Maintenance Costs:	
Hoist	990
Shaft	2200
Pumps	600
Sumps	150
Ventilation	480
Air & water lines	625
Level maintenance	1500
Small tools	800
Handling supplies & sanitation	1200
Mine rescue & F.A.	200
Mine dry & lamps	800
Waste dump maintenance	1000

Total O.H. costs

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# UNDERGROUND OVERHEAD MONTHLY COSTS...cont'd...

O.H. costs /ton	\$ 13.70
Add 10% contingency	1.37
Cost per ton	\$ 15.07
DIRECT MILLING COSTS (30 day month) 1981	
Labour:	
1 mill superintendent	4271
1 mill foreman	4151
1 millwright	4008
ት electrician	2004
4 crusher	12477
4 grinding	12631
4 solution	12863
2 assay	7702
2 labour	5848
Total monthly labour	65955
Total monthly labour	6292

Labour cost per ton

21.98

## REPAIR & SUPPLY COST

Crusher & conveyors /ton	\$ .84
Grinding	1.58
Solution	5.67
Refinery	.20
Tailings	.16
Assaying	.70
Miscellaneous tools, etc.	
Total repair and supply cost / ton	\$ 9.35
Total milling cost per ton	31.33
Add 10% contingency	3.13
Total milling cost per ton	\$34.46

## SURFACE OVERHEAD COSTS MONTHLY

<u>Labour</u> :	
1 - Master Mechanic	4391
1 - mechanic	4008
2 - surface workers	7600
Mobile Equipment (supplies & maintenance):	
12 - pick-ups (4x4)	4400
2 - wheel loaders	5000
l dozer	4000
Power Units (supplies & maintenance):	
2 - mine units (600 KVA)	12000
3 - compressed air units (2850 cfm)	16000
2 - concentrator generator units (550 KVA)	16000
Surface Maintenance:	
Building repairs	1200
Shop overhead	1000
Roads & yards	900
Sewage & sanitation	100
Water supply	100
Heating	500
Fire protection	100
Reclamation	200
Total surface O.H.	77499

# SURFACE OVERHEAD COSTS MONTHLY ...cont'd...

Cost per ton	25.83
Add 10% contingency	2.58
Cost per ton	28.41
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS 1981	
Mine office salaries	9753
Administrative salaries (Manager & Calgary)	10000
Corporate costs	3500
Consulting costs	3000
Wells office costs	1800
Medical & F.A.	200
Employee expense	700
Freight & cartage	2000
Office supplies	200
Postage	150
Telephone	250
Donations	200
Legal & audit	2200
Licenses & fees	2000
Management travel	1200

## SURFACE OVERHEAD COSTS MONTHLY ...con't...

Plant security		1000
Insurance		2200
Property taxes		500
Bank charges		200
Engineering & geology		4400
Total administrative costs		45453
Cost per ton		15.15
Add 10% contingency		1.52
Administrative cost per ton		16.67
OPERATING CREW		
Mine:		415
Supervision	3	
Develop miners	12	
Stope miners	9	
Muckers & trammers Helpers	8	
Hoist	2	
Mechanic	2	
Electrician	ļ,	
Timberman	1	
Diamond drillers	4	

# OPERATING CREW...con't...

Mill	<u>L</u> :		19 <del>5</del>
	Supervision	2	
	Millwright	1	
	Electrician	ž	
	Crusher	4	
	Ballmill	4	
	Solution	4	
	Assay	2	
	Labour	2	
<u>Sur f</u>	ace:		11
	Manager	1	
	Office	3	
	Survey	2	
	Geology & engineering	1	
	Mechanic	1	
	Labour	2	
	Master mechanic	1	
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TOTAL

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	Base Rate / Day	Add O.H.@ 15% of Base	Add Cola / Day	Add Bonus / Day	Add Tax Free Item / Day	Total Cost / Day
Dev. Miner	93.20	13.98	21.00	93.20	16.67	238.05
Stope Miner	93.20	13.98	21.00	74.56	16.67	219.41
Trammer	90.32	13.55	21.00	45.16	16.67	186.70
Slusher Mucker	90.32	13.55	21.00	45.16	16.67	186.70
Cage	90.32	13.55	21.00	12.00	16.67	153.54
Timberman	95.92	14.39	21.00	45.16	16.67	193.14
Hoist	92.40	13.86	21.00	45.16	16.67	189.09
Diamond Drill	96.00	14.40	21.00	40.00	16.67	188.07
Solution Op.	100.40	15.06	21.00	-	16.67	153.13
Grinding Op.	98.00	14.70	21.00	-	16.67	150.37
Crusher Op.	96.40	14.46	21.00	-	16.67	148.53
Labour	88.32	13.25	21.00	-	16.67	139.24
Mechanic	100.40	15.06	21.00	37.75	16.67	190.88
Electrician	100.40	15.06	21.00	37.75	16.67	190.88
Truck driver (surface)	90.00	13.50	21.00	-	16.67	141.17
Truck driver (underground)	90.00	13.50	21.00	45.16	16.67	186.33
STAFF:	Salary /month	Add 20% to Base	Add Cola /month		Add tax Free item /month	Total Cost / Month
Mine sup't.	3000	600	441		350	4391
Mine Shifter	2750	550	441		350	4091
Mill Sup't.	2900	580	441		350	4271

PAYROLL ...cont'd...

Staff:	Salary /month	Add 20% to Base	Add Cola /month	Add tax Free item /month	Total Cost / Month
Mill foreman	2800	560	441	350	4151
Engineer	3000	600	441	350	4391
Surveyor	2340	468	441	350	3599
Assayer	2550	510	441	350	3851
Accountant	2650	530	441	350	3971
Timekeeper	2000	400	441	350	3191
Secretary	1500	300	441	350	2591

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### PRODUCTIVITY ESTIMATES

Monthly mine production

3000 tons ore

3000 tons waste

Daily ore breaking requirements in a 21 day work month =

 $3000 \div 21 = 143 \text{ tons}$ 

Tons broken per miner shift = 17

## **HAULAGE:**

Tramming on levels - 60 tons /shift

Decline haulage - 143 tons (ore or waste) per shift.

### **CONCENTRATOR:**

Monthly throughput - 3000 tons

Operating time - 95%

Tons throughput per day =  $3000 \div .95 \div 30 = 105$ 

Average mill heads - .51

Average gold recovery - 94%