

MOTHERLODE & SUNSET

GREENWOOD BC.

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VANCOUVER, B. C., November 15, 1950.

MR. W. I. NELSON

MR. A. E. PIKE

Re: Motherlode and Sunset Claims - Greenwood, B. C.

Dear Mr. Nelson:

I have studied the correspondence from Mr. F. A. Gowing and re-examined the data of Mr. J. W. James in regard to the above property.

As mentioned in my report of August 15th, I felt that the property had possibilities, providing the tonnage and grade estimates of Mr. Gowing could be substantiated. The data and correspondence to hand, in my opinion, fails to substantiate Mr. Gowing's estimates.

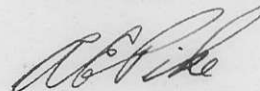
We are therefore left with the choice of having to spend a good deal of money to determine the amount of ore that could be mined by Quarrying as originally planned. Such work would include the reopening of the old workings down to the 200 level so that the workings could be surveyed and sampled. In addition, diamond drilling would have to be carried out, especially in the area south of the shaft, to determine the extent of the ore body in that direction, and also to determine the amount of overburden and waste rock that would have to be removed before quarrying could begin.

The cost of equipping the property with a suitable mill at this time would be very high, and I can only concur with Mr. Baillie's suggestion that the logical time for our Company to place a mill on the property would be when our own equipment might be available, and the property might then be operated as a salvage operation.

I feel that the considerable expense necessary to determine the probable available tonnage is not warranted at this time.

I would therefore appreciate your decision on the property, together with your instructions as to whether or not I should return the property data to Mr. James.

Yours very truly,



A. E. Pike,
Exploration Engineer.

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cc:ASB:RSD:KCF:Vanc.:File

To Al Pike
From KC Falmi
Subject: Motherlode Data.

Dear Al.

Received the ~~message~~ message from you through Bill Gouley
and Mr Baillie this morning asking ~~for~~ us to send ^{you} the
data on Motherlode. The file here has only ^{copies of} letters exchanged
between W. I. N. and Mr Gowing, and a copy and the original
manuscript of your report of August 15th. I presume however
that it is the ~~the~~ folder of reports and information, ^{supplied by Mr Jones} that is
missing. Lloyd McKay says he took ~~it~~ ^{the folder} down to Vancouver
with him and left it in the office ^{on a table} near Miss Gouley's
desk in an envelope addressed to you. Upon returning
to the office, later the same day, he noticed it was gone
and presumed you had picked it up. It may have been
put away by someone in the office and should turn up
there somewhere.

KC Falmi

cc ASB.

Mother lode

Greenwood, R.C.

Good ore under ridge for
some 200' on west side
approx 60% left but out in
rooms, etc.

also south of and around
shaft 32-42

Also much ore on east side of
glory hole 520.

Many boulders up to 10 tons
most draughts hung up in
glory hole mostly fractured

Sample #1

Glory hole eastward

200' from shaft

± 100' from shaft

Sample #2

Glory hole

Sample #3

Sample #4

50 miles N30

Excavation for hoist 20' wide by 30'
largely ~~in~~ epidotized + shows
~~some~~ pyrite, magnetite + chaled

Dump back of shaft. $\pm 75'$
much magnetite

Creek below dump only
a trickle.

Ore bin to top edge
of draw 250'

slope 35-45°

Creek about 100' below level.

an set

Appears to show more copper stain
in glory holes.

Possible backs about 100' above
railroad grade.

R.R. grade to Mother lode would
necessitate repairing trestle or
relocating.

large circular dump on M.L. side
of trestle

Rail road grade about
4%

Road 12%

Also another trestle 200'
on ~~the~~ R.R. grade ~~off~~
above switchback

F. A. Gowing,
Twain Harte, Calif.

October 17, 1950

Mr. W. I. Nelson,
Allenby, B. C.

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Your belated reply to my letter of August 23rd received, the tenor of which is not in accord with my ideas on the subject.

Firstly, I have had about 45 years of operating (including copper blast furnacing) and examinations for such people as Greene Cananea, New Jersey Zinc and W. P. Hammon and do not make bald statements.

I wish however to correct your deductions about values of 0.9% cu. in the ore. I am astonished that you assume that production figures are 100% of the contained values. The B. C. smelter record show the following: Tons smelted 3,772,723 lbs Cu. produced 67,627,575. Smelter feed 1.234% Cu. or 24.68 lbs per ton. Recovery 72.8% of Cu. and about 87% of Au. The average gold head appears to have been 0.049 oz. with recovery of 0.0426.

Regarding Par. 3 of my letter of August 23, the volume of the open glory hole is about 3,800,000 tons, subject to an allowable error of 10%, while the total tons mined from the Motherlode, including the sorted rejects is about 4,400,000 tons or 600,000 tons more than the capacity of the glory hole itself. This latter tonnage must therefore have been mined from the ground below the present bottom of the pit. This more or less limits the tonnage taken from levels below the 60 Ft. level. In regard to this I have fairly complete maps of the lower levels showing stopes, chutes, etc.

I have interviewed men who have worked at the property and Frank Skeels, whom you may know of with St. Jo. lead, now living at Los Gatos and who was at the time quarry foreman, assures me that no selective mining of any type was practiced or was possible.

Regarding the shaft block, I used the foot average of 13 holes, an addition of 5 to those you mention, of a total footage of 736 ft for an average of 1.27% cu. and ~~0.059~~ 0.059 in Au. However, I combined these with mine assays of the area, resulting in a combined average of 1.166% Cu. and 0.058 Au. In calculating the third block of about 800,000 tons which I quoted you as having Au. 0.046 and Cu. 26.8 lbs, I combined the samples shown by James with averages derived from assay records of the B. C. Company.

As to the tonnage estimated for the shaft area, which you give as a possible 386,250 tons, two facts are: one that the collar of the shaft is below the level of some of the ore of the hill above it to the ~~west~~ east and secondly I assumed a difference in elevation of 140 ft. between the 60 ft. level and the 200 ft. level.

In connection with tonnage, in my report on the M. L. my estimates of positive ore for the block you mention is 550,000 tons and in connection with the ore north, I quote from my report as follows: "In further clarification of the tonnage figures used, the southern portion of the glory hole to a point about 300 ft. north of the shaft is apparently uncaved to the 200 foot level, although containing some stoping. On the other hand the portion of the glory hole northerly from this point was affected by the large blasts used, so that the ore in this area is diluted to a certain degree. This is in large part due to slides from the easterly side of the pit. This ore accordingly, with contained waste will necessarily be of lower grade than the value assigned to it from assay records and may be found to vary from 0.75 to 1.0% in copper" As this applies to the blocks designated as probable or indicated ore, it does not affect the ore estimated as more or less positive or sampled".

Aside from the above, which I have written merely for the purpose of correcting improper deductions, I have formerly in writing both Mr. Whicher and yourself requested that I be informed as to your definite interest in the project and also in particular, whether you would consider participation from capital here. I have had no response to this.

It is for this reason, a matter of some indifference to me whether Granby cares to give further consideration to the venture, but I wish to make it perfectly clear that you cannot accept production as representing head values.

I am very truly yours

Copy to L. E. Whicher
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KCF ✓
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F. A. Gowing

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Allenby, B.C.
August 18th, 1950


Mr. F.A. Gowing
Twain Harte
California

Dear Mr. Gowing:

We have had an engineer inspect the Mother Lode and Sunset Mines at Greenwood, B.C. with a view of possible operations. Our engineer had a talk with Mr. J.W. James in Vancouver, but is unable to obtain the data upon which you based your estimate of the grade and tonnages available in the glory hole and in the block of ground surrounding the Mother Lode shaft. Apparently you were the last engineer who was able to sample on the 200 foot level before caving stopped access to these workings and therefore you are the only one who has authentic data on what pillars and other ore there might be available.

Could you supply us with the details of your estimate of the 2,450,000 tons estimated to be available above the 200 foot level, particularly the item of 1,350,000 tons on the south end of its glory hole and the 400,000 tons above the 50 foot level of the Sunset orebody giving grades also for the various blocks.

Yours very truly


W.I. Nelson.

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MOTHERLODE AND SUNSET CLAIMS

Greenwood, B. C.

To: Mr. W. I. Nelson.

August 15th, 1950

As instructed, I contacted the Apex Gold Mining Co. Ltd. at 626 West Pender St. in Vancouver regarding the above properties. This address is that of McInnes and Arnold, a law firm, and is the registered office of Apex Gold Mining Co. Ltd.

I was referred by that office to Mr. J. W. James of 1996 W. 41st Ave. in Vancouver. He apparently represents the Apex Company in the matter of any deal. A visit was made to Mr. James, who has a quite complete data in the way of maps, drill logs etc. He gave the writer some of the early history of the property and was quite conversant with the correspondence between F.A. Gowing of Twain Harte, California, and our Company. He knew of Mr. C. M. Campbell's report in our files (#255) and the large discrepancy between Campbell's figures of available tonnage and that estimated by Gowing. James claims that Campbell told him that the figures were not based on examination, but that they were figures received from the operators at that time. James also stated that Campbell made an examination a few years ago and arrived at a tonnage in excess of 1,500,000 tons.

Should such be the case, then the report in our file is inaccurate and misleading. It should be noted in this regard that in 1916 some 255,000 tons were shipped from the Mother Lode and 10,000 tons from the Sunset, and I believe shipments were continued in some degree up to 1920. The Minister of Mines report for 1915 quotes the General Manager as stating that the "total ore reserve under present conditions is 100,000 tons". It would appear that the ore tonnage was under-estimated in view of later shipments.

A set of plans showing the claim boundaries, glory-hole, level workings and assay plans of dumps was loaned to me by Mr. James.

On August 10th a trip was made to the property by the writer with E. Day as assistant. The purpose was primarily to procure suitable samples for mill tests and to check the district with reference to a possible mill site location and the availability of power and water.

Two samples, each about 150 pounds, were taken and delivered to Allenby. One sample was taken from the south end of the glory hole some 75' north of the shaft, while the second sample was taken from the main dump at the Motherlode. Both showed fairly heavy mineralization of pyrite, magnetite, and some chalcopyrite.

In considering possible mill sites, it is felt that if sufficient tonnage can be assured, then a mill might well be located close to Greenwood and the ore trucked from the mine. The mill location near Greenwood offers the following advantages:

1. Close to West Kootenay power.
2. Close to water which could be taken from Boundary Creek.
3. Close to C.P.R. for shipping concentrates.
4. Minimum of surface plant as no accommodation would be required for employees.
5. Close to labour supply.

A brief reconnaissance of the area suggests that a possible favourable mill site might be on a low ridge on the north east side of Deadwood Creek just behind the old smelter stack. The site is just alongside the road up Deadwood creek to the mine, making it easily accessible and about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Greenwood. The area is clear and there is little overburden on the ridge.

Water might be taken in part from Deadwood Creek and the balance pumped from Boundary Creek. The status of water rights on these creeks would have to be checked with the Commissioner of Water Rights.

Electric power is readily available as the site lies only a few hundred yards from the West Kootenay sub-station, where transformer capacity is far in excess of local demand. No rate for power could be obtained in Greenwood but can be secured from Mr. Lee at Trail.

From the proposed site there is a railroad grade down to the C.P.R. tracks for convenient loading of concentrates.

The question of suitable tailings disposal will require surveying near the site above the old slag pile. It appears that if the water in Deadwood Creek can be used or flumed that the draw of the creek could be filled with tailings. Other draws close by could also be filled to take a quite large tonnage. No attempt was made to determine if such land was owned by individuals, as it was thought that any such local enquiry at this time would be ill advised.

The road to the property from the proposed mill site is about 3 miles long. This road, though narrow, is in good shape, with low grades up to the old town of Deadwood. From Deadwood up to the property the road grade is steeper but is steady at about 10 to 12%. The road is mostly hillside and could easily be widened in most places. There is also the old railway road bed about 5 miles long with a grade of about four percent which could be used, especially for loaded trucks. There are at least two trestles, however, which would have to be rebuilt or the draws filled.

The suggested system of open pit mining is quite feasible and would allow for the reclaiming of the old dumps. A road could be cut down into the bottom of Deadwood Creek from the road to the Motherlode which would allow the main Motherlode dump to be taken. From the old ore bins near the shaft to the edge of the creek draw however is a flat area 250' wide, and it is not known how much overburden covering the bed rock would have to be removed to get to the ore. From the data to hand, it is also not known how far the ore extends south from the shaft. It is known, however, that the 500' level bottomed the ore body.

C.W.S. Tremaine of the Hedley Mascot Co. has shown an interest in the property and is in possession of much data supplied by Mr. James. The Hedley Mascot Co. as such are not interested in the property. Tremaine, on the basis of information supplied by James, made the following estimate of ore reserves in the shaft area at the Motherlode above the 200 level.

	Ore		Dilution	
	Tons	Grade	Tons	Grade
	413,400	1.51	67,580	0.37
Less	<u>30,000</u>	? removed in shafts, tunnels etc.		
	383,400	tons @ 1.51% cu. 0.05 ozs. au. and 0.20 ozs. ag.		
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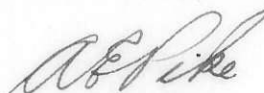
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The purchase price of the property was stated by Mr. J.W. James to be \$500,000.00. He mentioned that a deal for the property was almost completed in 1939 with American interests at which time a \$10,000.00 down payment was to be made with the balance being paid for on a royalty basis. It is possible therefore that some similar sort of deal could be made at this time.

The property in my opinion offers definite possibilities, providing the Gowing tonnage and grade estimates can be substantiated, a suitable deal made, and a satisfactory recovery made in the mill tests.

Respectfully submitted,



A. E. Pike.
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