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# SUMMARY REPORT

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EXPLORATION DRILLING PROGRAM POTENTIAL (GOLD) PLACER DEPOSITS TOODOGGONE RIVER VALLEY AND TRIBUTARY CREEKS NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### INTRODUCTION

A total of nine (9) placer mining leases (5 special and 4 ordinary) were acquired late in 1960. These covered an area of approximately 11-1/2 square mile in the valley of the Toodoggone River plus the lower portions of McLaren and Moosehorn Creeks (tributary to the Toodoggone River).

The area had been test drilled in 1934-6, under the direction of Mr. Sam Hancock, a placer engineer of considerable reputed experience. Good gold values were reported (and confirmed verbally by Hancock) from this drilling, but no detailed record or maps showing the drill results could be obtained. The area was taken under lease on the strength of these reported results.

An experienced Placer Engineer (Mr. C. F. Herbert), was engaged. A joint preliminary examination of the ground by Herbert and C. H. E. Stewart was made in early June, 1961. This examination indicated the existence of large volumes (100,000,000 cubic yards <u>plus</u>) of potential dredging gravels in the valley of the Toodoggone River. In addition, there were lesser, but substantial yardages of possible sluicing and/or hydraulicking gravel in the valley of both McLaren and Moosehorn Creeks. These two areas were regarded as satellitic to the main river valley gravel deposits. Successful exploitation of the creek gravels would only become feasible provided large yardages of profitable dredging ground was proven in the main river valley and detailed exploration also proved payable yardages in the valley of the two creeks.

The only way to check the ground was by a preliminary drilling program. This procedure was recommended by Herbert and concurred in by Stewart. A program of 20-30 check holes was laid out as a preliminary exploration project.

#### OPERATION

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C. F. Herbert was engaged to take charge of the field work on the job, with C. H. E. Stewart maintaining general overall supervision.

During the period June 25 - July 12, the necessary equipment and supplies were purchased in Seattle, Vancouver and other localities, freighted to and assembled at Fort St. James (On Stuart Lake), Northern British Columbia).

Principal items of equipment consisted of:

- Fairbanks "Model 58" Churn Drill complete with cable, tools, bits, accessories and engine.
- 1 Case "Terrtrac 500" diesel tractor, with torque converter, angle dozer and winch.
- 1 River punt 16' x 5' built in two knockdown longitudinal sections for air transport.
- 1 35 H.P. outboard motor.
- 1 rocker
- 1 chain saw gas driven.
- 1 Core (sludge) pump

1 - two-way radio telephone transmitter.

Testing accessories, cookery equipment, propane stove and camp equipment. Miscellaneous tools, wrenches, chain tongs. Food supplies, gasoline and diesel fuel oil. Sufficient 4" casing had been located at the property and was found to be in good condition.

A Fairchild "Husky" aircraft was leased. All equipment was dismantled down to size required for air transportation at Fort St. James and air lifted to a dock site, which had been established by an advance party on Toodoggone Lake, an air line distance of 240 miles. The boat was re-assembled at dock site and used to move all equipment and supplies up river (5 miles) to the drilling site. Camps were established at this location and the equipment re-assembled.

A crew of experienced drillers and panners plus the required helpers and auxiliary personnel were assembled and flown to the property (10 men).

The air lift and re-assembly job started on July 13 and was completed by July 25. First drilling actually commenced on the latter date.

## DRILLING PROGRAM

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The area selected for check drilling covered the alluvial fan at the junction of McLaren Creek and a complete cross section of the Toodoggone River valley. This section was reported by Hancock to have returned consistently good (in fact high) gold values in the original drilling. It thus covered the area where any unduly high concentration of gold values might be expected as a "fan" at the mouth of McLaren Creek.

The job was personally supervised and checked by Herbert throughout all phases.

Drilling commenced on July 25th and was continued to August 21st on a 2-shift basis.

A total of fifteen (15) holes were completed (plus one abandoned at 22-1/2' due to a broken casing). Results were uniformly low, running from nil or trace to a maximum of 5-6 cents per cubic yard over short sections.

Total Footage Drilled: 1,060 feet.

All concentrate from pannings was personally completed to final clean up, gold recovery and weigh-up stage by Herbert. Any gold recovered was cleaned with nitric acid and weighed to the nearest milligram  $(0.10\phi$  at \$35.00 gold).

All tailings from panning operations were put through the rocker as a check against any possible gold losses. Extra precautions were exercised to ensure against any gold losses in drilling or recovering sludges from the holes.

A close liaison was maintained between Herbert and Stewart throughout the job.

The drilling proved conclusively that there was no chance of establishing a profitable dredging operation in the valley of the Toodoggone River. The values reported by Hancock both in press releases in 1934-5 and to Stewart in person can only be classed as without foundation in fact.

Without a profitable dredging operation as the main activity, the chance of establishing small scale <u>auxiliary</u> hydraulicing or sluicing operations on either McLaren or Moosehorn Creek offers no attraction from a profit standpoint.

Herbert was authorized to suspend drilling operations on completion of Hole #15 (480.6 - 33.1 on attached map).

An inspection trip was made to the property by Stewart over the period August 24th-27th inclusive and all phases of the job and situation fully discussed with Herbert.

The outfit assembled (drill, tractor and auxiliary equipment) constitutes (with some minor additions such as casing, welding outfit, etc.) a complete and efficient placer prospecting unit.

It was decided to salvage all equipment and supplies of value. Herbert was requested to complete a final report on the operation.

## EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL

A tractor road was bulldozed down the river valley from the camp and drilling location to Toodoggone Lake (about 4-1/2 miles). All equipment items and supplies considered worth salvaging were listed and earmarked for transportation to a loading site on Toodoggone Lake. Large and heavy pieces will be disassembled for air transportation. The plan involves air lifting the entire lot to Bulkley House (at head of Takla Lake). Thence by boat and barge to Fort St. James (foot of Stuart Lake) for truck transportation (via Central Freightways Limited) to Prince George for storage. The tractor will be overhauled and reassembled prior to storage. It is anticipated that all equipment will be delivered and in storage at Prince George by October 20, 1961.

The outfit will be held for sale "en bloc" or use in exploring other prospects.

#### FINANCIAL

It is estimated that sufficient funds are on hand to complete the storage phase of the job and meet all obligations.

Accounts are being brought up-to-date. All accounts should be in hand and a final accounting possible on or about November 15, 1961.

As soon as these accounts are available in final form, a meeting of the participants will be called to discuss and decide on future policy. The basis for all share allotments will also be finalized and made.

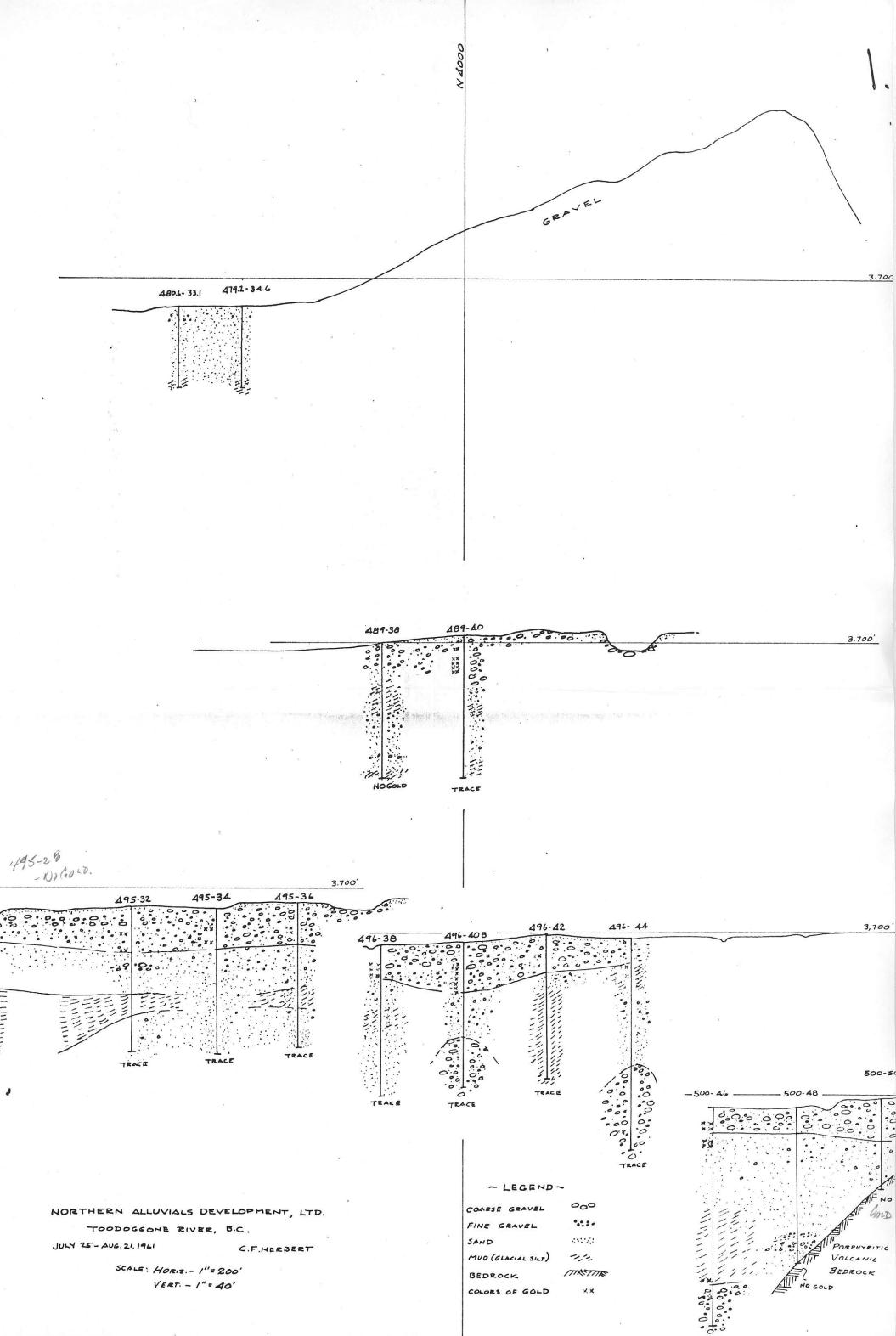
Respectfully submitted. B. Stewart Consulting Mining Engineer.

Toronto, Ontario, September 27, 1961.

# Appendices:

Report on operation - by C. F. Herbert, dated August 27, 1961.
Churn drilling record and Log of holes.
Plan and section of Holes drilled.

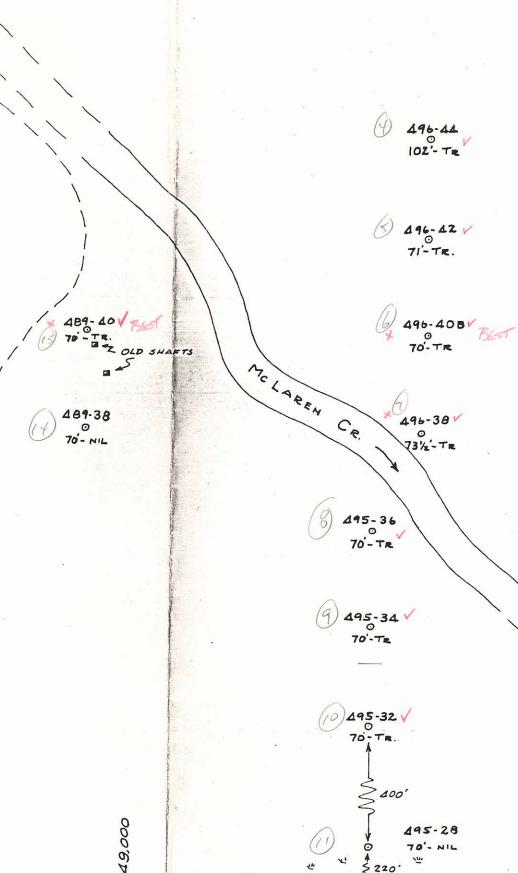
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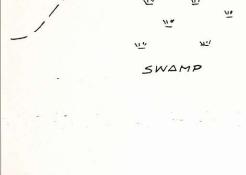
## BENCH

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NORTHERN ALLUVIALS DEVELOPME TOODOGGONE RIVER, B.C. JULY 25- AUG. 21, 1961 C.FHERBE

SCALE: 1"= 200'

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4" CASING . 51/2" SHOE

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CHURN DRILLING RECORD

JULY 25 - AUG. 21, 1961

F	512" SHOE	-	TOODOG	GONE R	IVER, B.C. JULY 25-AUG. 21, 1961 SHEET 1
DRILL HOLE	COORDINATE	ELEVATION	DEPTH	VALUE /	FORMATION
479.2 - 34.6	N 3.4.63 E 47.921	3686.4	40	CUBIE YD. NIL	SAND, SILT, LITTLE FINE GRAVEL (LAKE BED ?)
480.633.1	N 3.3/2 E 48.057	3,686.5	40	NIL	SAND, SILT. LITTLE FINE GRAVEL (LAKE BED ?)
489- 38	N 3.800 E 48.900	3,700.7	66	NIL	0-16' MEDIUM GRAVEL, LITTLE CLAY 16-70' FINE GRAVEL, SAND, SILT
¥89-40	N 4.000 E 48.900	3,703.5	70	TRACE	0-24 COARSE GRAVEL, LITTLE CLAY-LITTLE GOLD 24-70' FINE GRAVEL, SAND
495-28	N 2.800	3,685.8	70	N/L	0 - 7' COARSE GRAVEL
	E 49.500				7'- II' FINE GRAVEL II' 34' SAND, LITTLE FINE GRAVEL
10 - 00			and the second	-	34'-70' GLACIAL SILT
495-32	N 3,200 E 49,500	3,690.6	70	TRACE	0-9' MEDIUM & FINE GRAVEL, SOME CLAY 9'-26' SAND & FINE GRAVEL, LITTLE GOLD 26'-31' COARSE GRAVEL 31'-41' SAND 41'-49' MUD. WOOD. QUICKSAND 49'-70' SAND, SOME FINE GRAVEL
495-34	N 3.400 E 49.500	3,690.3	70	TRACE	0-32' GRAVEL, SOME CLAY. LITTLE GOLD 32-70 SAND, FINE GRAVEL
<i>495-36</i>	N 3,600 E 49.500	3,693.0	70	TRACE	0-20' GRAVEL AND SAND, LITTLE GOLD 20'-55' SAND & FINE GRAVEL 55'-70' FINE SAND
<i>496</i> -38	N 3.799 E 49.597	3,693.6	73 1/2	TRACE	0-12' GRAVEL, LITTLE GOLD 12-14' FINE GRAVEL, CEMENTED, LITTLE GOLD 14'-731/2 SAND& FINE GRAVEL, LITTLE GOLD@ 20'
496-40A	N 3.999 E 49.603	3,695.6	22 1/2	TRACE	0-221/2 COARSE GRAVEL, 2mg. gold
A96- A0B	N. 3.997 E 49.603	3,695.6	70	TRACE	0-26' GRAVEL, LITTLE GOLD (38 COLDES UNDER) 26'-46' JAND& FINE GRAVEL 46'-70' LOOSE GRAVEL WITH JAND LAYERS, GOLD
196-12	N 1.198 E 19.603	3.699.5	.71	TRACE	0-19' GRAVEL, LITTLE GOLD 19-26' SAND & FINE GRAVEL 26'-71' GLACIAL SILT
A96-44	N	3.697.5	102	TEACE	0 - 27' GRAVEL, SAND, SOME MUD, LITTLE GOLD 27'- 61' FINE SAND 61'- 102' COARSE GRAVEL & SAND
500.46	N 4.597 E 49.999	3,693.3	106	TRACE	0-17' GRAVEL SAND, LITTLE GOLD 17'- 86' SAND & GLACIAL SILT 86-106' GRAVEL
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DRILL HOLE	CO-ORDINATES	ELEVATION	DEPTH FT	VALUE! CUBIC Y.D.	FORMATION				
500-48	N 4,797 E 50.000	3,694.1	75 1/2	NIL	0-12' COARSE GRAVEL 12-28' FINE GRAVEL				
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					60'-63' FINE GRAVEL, CEMENTED 63'-69' GRAVEL				
4					69- 75' SAND				
					75- 751/2 HARD, VOLCANIC BEDROCK				
500-50	N 5,000 E 50.000	3,698.2	43		0-20 LOOSE GRAVEL 20'- 40' SAND, SOME GRAVEL				
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