

BRALORNE [MI-92JNE 001,004,007]

On May 23rd I (along with Rick Meyers and Mike Cathro) visited International Avino Mines Ltd. and Bralorne Pioneer Gold Mines Ltd.'s Bralorne gold mine. Early in 1996, the companies purchased a mill from Zeballos, which was subsequently shipped to Bralorne and is currently being re-assembled on site. [Note: at time of visit, there were NO engineering plans for mill construction-previously being supervised by geologist Jim Miller-Tait, who had just recently resigned from the company (to avoid legal/professional responsibilities?)]. The mill is expected to 'handle' 100 to 150 TPD; the company hopes to increase that to 450 TPD [TGS Comment: would need significant upgrading-i.e. skeptical]. Bill Glazier, a Director with Avino, acted as tour guide. Glazier feels there are 2000 to 3000 tonnes of stockpiled (?) ore immediately ready to be sent to the mill. Vic (?), acting Mine Manager, led the underground tour on the 800 level to the newly-discovered (1995) Peter vein and the Crown Shaft area. Existing geological reserves (not incl. the Peter vein) above the 800 level (main haulage tunnel) are 476,835 tons grading 0.31 opt Au. The reserves below the 800 level to the 2600 level (currently flooded) are estimated at 605,432 tons grading 0.27 opt Au. The contractor on site is Procon. We examined the Peter vein underground and on surface, 900 feet above, on the Love Oil ground (photo). On surface, the vein has been traced over a strike length of 215 feet and width of 3.4 feet with an average grade of 0.38 opt Au. Underground the vein has been traced over a strike length of 100 feet and a width of up to 6 feet with an average grade of 0.46 opt Au. We also examined the recently-cleared site for tailings along side the Hurley road. [TGS Comment: at this point in time, the project needs a (good) Mine Manager, a (good) geologist and (good) management. I doubt it if this mine will be back in production in 1996].