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Dear Sir:

RE: Mineral Act s.11 application - L.H. Woolman - your ref: M.O. 1424

I act on behalf of Mr. Lewis Woolman who wrote to your predecessor on 13th December, 1985.

May I refer you to the reply sent on 15th January under your department's reference number M.O. 1424.

Nothing further has been heard since that letter. Unfortunately neither my client nor I are sufficiently versed in these procedures to know whether we have waited for an inordinate period, or whether it is usual for these matters to take several months.

Perhaps you would be kind enough to ask one of your staff to let me know what stage my client's application is at, and what, if any, active steps and representations can be made by him or by me on his behalf.

Yours truly,

James Swales

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Mr. L. H. Woolman, L. H. Woolman and Associates Ltd.; Box 40. Campbell River, British Columbia. V9W 5A4

Dear Mr. Woolman:

This is in reply to your letter of December 13, 1985, regarding your property at Vidette Lake.

I am accepting your correspondence as an application to restrict the use of the surface of the mineral claims in question, pursuant to Section 11 of the Mineral Act. Consequently my staff shall investigate the matter and report back to me in due course. You may therefore anticipate hearing from a member of the Mineral Titles Branch in the near future.

I trust this will result in a satisfactory solution to the situation.

Yours truly,

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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY MINISTER

Stephen Rogers, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

## I. H. WOOLMAN and ASSOCIATES LTD.

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

December 13, 1985.

Hon. S. Rogers,
Minister of Energy, Mines and
Petroleum Resources,
Government of British Columbia,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.
V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Rogers:



## Re: Potential Conflicts Regarding Vidette Resort

I am the registered owner of District Lots 4744, 4746 and 4762, Lillooet District. The property encompasses the former Vidette gold mine and townsite. It is situated on Vidette Lake, approximately 60 kilometers northwest of Kamloops in the Lillooet Land District.

The mineral rights to District Lot 4744 are held by Thomas J. McQuillan. The other two lots have had mineral claims staked on them sporadically by a variety of prospectors over the years but there are no deeded mineral rights to Lots 4746 and 4762.

For the last three years I have been constructing a major resort on my Vidette property and have spent some \$293,000 to date. The budget to bring the project to completion is \$2.6 million. During the three years to date I have hired seven crew members for varying periods of time ranging from a few weeks up to three full years. I anticipate the total project would generate a minimum of thirty man-years of construction employment and five permanent full time jobs. These employment figures do not include contributions from engineering consultants or subcontractors involved in the project.

Recently a Kamloops mining company, Tugold Resources Ltd., acquired mining options on my properties. As a result, I have had to ask the Gold Commissioner to resolve the matter of conflicts with Tugold. This was successful for the present time but is not a permanent solution.

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My reason for writing you is to request your assistance. I find it difficult to carry on my sizeable project because Tugold, or some other mining company, can reappear at some future date. In the action with the Gold Commissioner, Tugold stated they do not now plan exploration activity on my properties but would do so at some time "but not for a number of years". The effect of the present situation is that my resort could be rendered non-viable at any time.

The Vidette situation is such that Tugold Resources Ltd. can enter the disused mine (abandoned in 1939) by means of a level tunnel known as the North Portal. This access is adjacent to but not on my property. There is a road to the access point across Crown land and no conflicts need occur. I also believe there are no mineral values remaining on the property because I permitted an exploratory drilling program on my property in 1983 and was advised by the geologist, Mr. Holt, that nothing of value appeared to lie under my three properties.

Nevertheless, I have always permitted free miners access to my property. The problem is centered on the issue of exploration activities and their impact on the resort. Attached is the development plan for the resort. Essentially the plan is to create a very carefully designed and sited facility that permits a wilderness recreational resort. The resort will have full facilities and will allow the guests to have complete privacy while at the same time enjoying the spectacular beauty of the area, its historic and scenic attractions and the excellent fishing. This plan is entirely compatible with your government's policy of encouraging more sophisticated tourist facilities. To be quite blunt I fear that I will be unable to invest further time and money in this project if the threat of some future mining exploration persists.

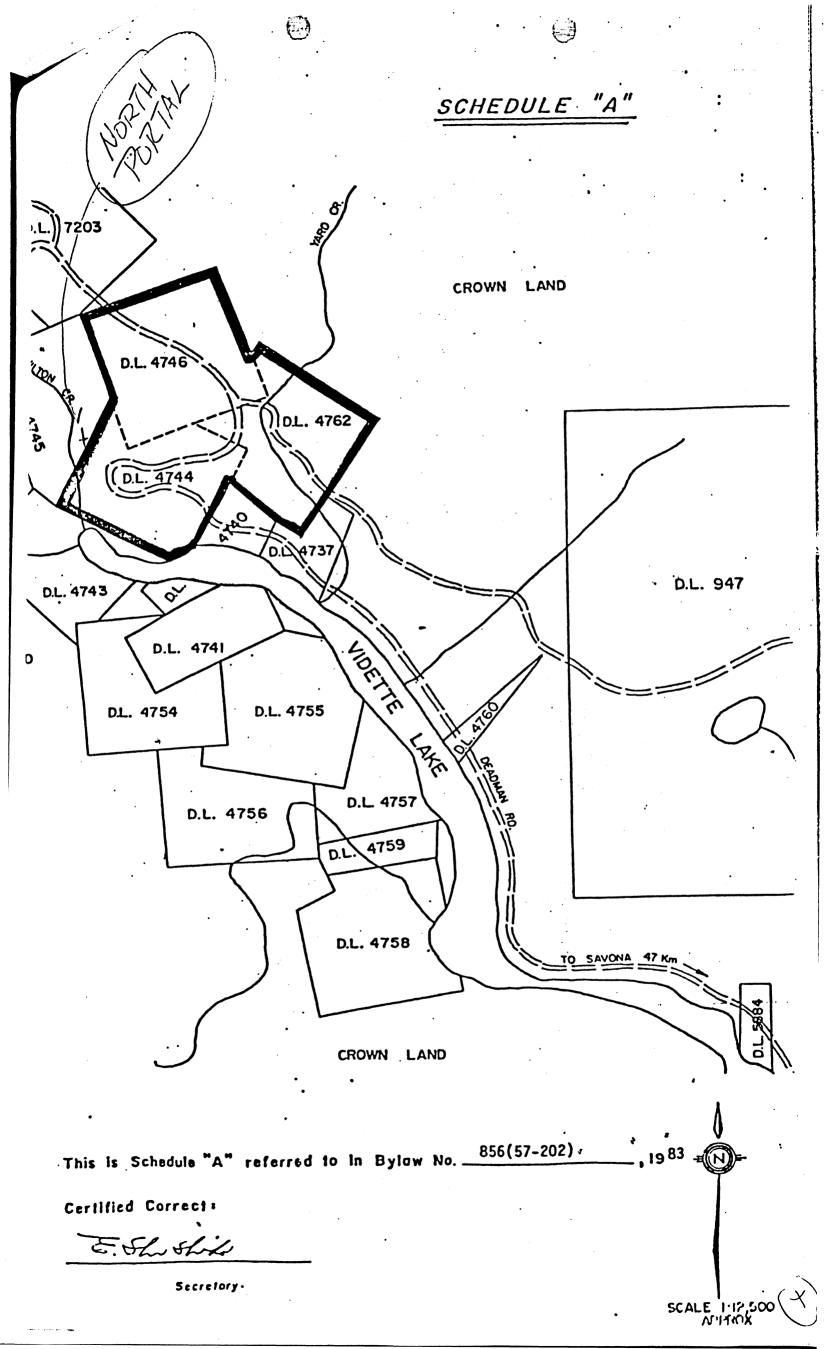
It is my understanding that under provision of Section 11 of the Mineral Act you can intervene in situations such as I am facing.

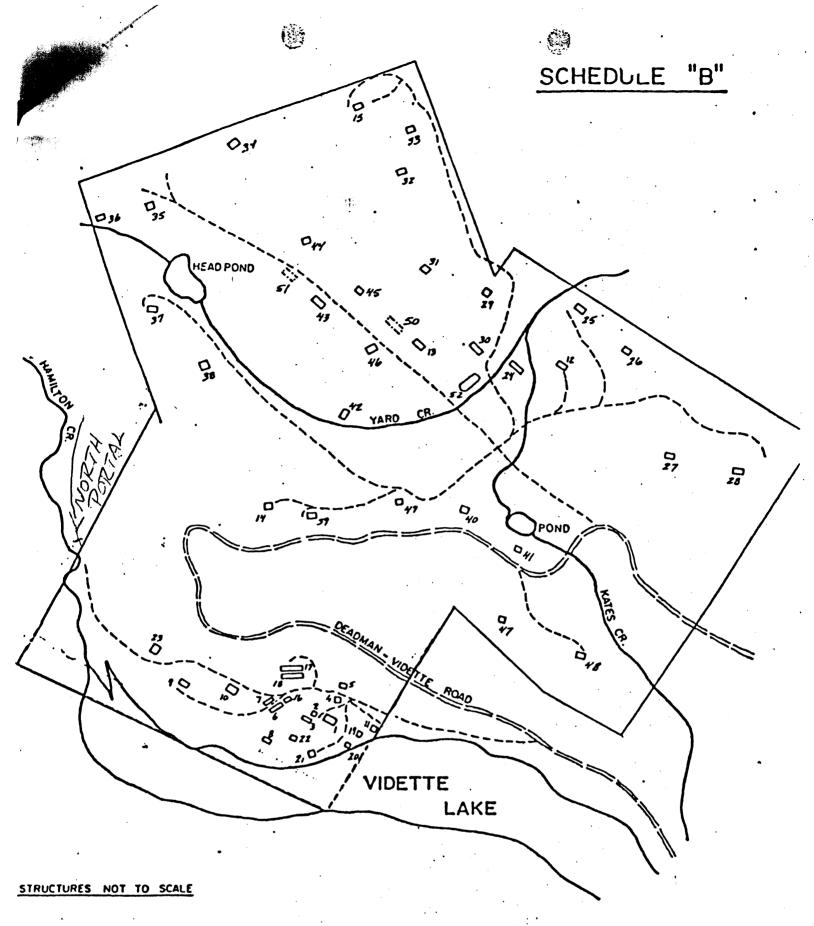
Would you please accept this letter as my application under Section 11 of the Mineral Act for a restriction of surface rights uses by the holders of mineral claims on my property and thereby assist my resort project situated on Lillooet District Lots 4744, 4746 and 4762? Reserving these properties from surface mining activities would ensure the viability of my project and permanently remove any potential conflict. If a more formal application procedure is required could you please advise my solicitor, Mr. James Swales, Suite 2, 3564 W. 41st Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6N 3E6.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Yours very truly,

L.H. Woolman.





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10.	Structure	No.	Structure	No.	Structure	
1	Lodge	18	Tennis Court	35	New Cabin	
ز	Smokehouse .	19	New Cabin	36	Generator and Turbine	
3	Gashouse	20	New Cabin	37	New Cabin	
1	No. 2 Cabin	21	New Cabin	38	New Cabin	•
. 5	Meathouse	. 22	"Old Store"	39	New Cabin	
5	Warehouse	23	New Cabin	40	New Cabin	
7	Chickenhouse	24	Greenhouse	41	New Cabin	
3	Foreman's Cabin	25	New Cabin	42	Replica House	
3	Hudson Bay Cabin	26	New Cabin	43	Butcher Shop	
10	No. 3'Cabin	27	New Cabin	44	Assay Office	
11	No. 1 Cabin	28	New Cabin	45	Replica House	
12	Blair's Cabin	29	New Cabin	46	Mine Store	
13	Blair's Barn	30	Tennis Court			
14	Livingroom Lodge	31	New Cabin	47	New Cabin	-3(1
15	Kilima House			48	New Cabin	
16			New Cabin	49	New Cabin	
	Powerhouse (Squash Court)	33	New Cabin	50	School Replica (Contemplated)	į
17	Tennis Court	34	New Cabin	51	Blacksmith Shop(Contemplated)	ı
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