

INTER-OFFICE

To: Dr. W. R. Bacon
From: J. C. Stephen
Subject:

COMPANY: MASTODON-HIGHLAND BELL MINES LTD.
DATE: January 18th, 1968

Re: Riverside and Imperial Properties,
Kettle River

The following is a summary of developments leading to recommendation for exploration of these claims:-

1. Because of the 30 mile radius limitation on exploration in the Beaverdell area this property was not included in preliminary research in the spring of 1967.
2. Permission was given to conduct exploration in the Beaverdell area, at or about the end of July 1967. Work was initiated in the mine vicinity August 10th and progressed north first in more accessible areas. In part, exploration progressed where permission could be most easily obtained from the local Forester due to forest closure restrictions.
3. The exploration files at the Highland Bell mine were examined for information. Virtually no information was available on this particular property.
4. As crew members left for school near the end of the season the writers program became basically one of examination of old showings with accompanying reconnaissance prospecting. This progressed from north and northeast to south and terminated on October 6th with examination of a property on the north side of Ed James Creek and a reconnaissance drive through the area to the southwest in the McKinney Creek country.
5. After return to Vancouver the office files and library records were searched for further information on some of the old showings and in the process three separate files of various dates were discovered referring to this property under the names Riverside, Imperial Mine and Jack Paul Mine. These three files were consolidated and found to include reasonably adequate assay plans and an engineers report that were of considerable interest.
6. On November 8th the writer accompanied W. R. Bacon on a visit to the Highland Bell mine and took along prints of the assay plans for the Riverside and Imperial property for the Highland Bell mine files.

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7. During conversation with Mr. Goetting on November 8th, it was understood no one from the mine had ~~ever~~ visited this particular property. The writer urged a visit and on November 9th, W. R. Bacon, B. Goetting, and the writer examined the more accessible workings and took a number of check samples.
8. Upon receipt of favourable assay results, and with the knowledge that the more important claims were held by Columbia Mines Ltd. of Spokane, Washington, the writer got permission to approach that company while in Spokane for the convention, December 1 and 2nd, 1967.
9. In Spokane some time was required to locate Columbia Mines Ltd. and it was found that Mr. Frank Marr effectively controlled the property. With considerable assistance from Bruno Goetting a meeting was arranged with Mr. Marr and preliminary discussion was held after the Moose Milk breakfast, December 2nd. This discussion indicated a wide area of similar intent and agreement with regard to the property. Mr. Marr requested that a letter be sent from our Vancouver office indicating our interest in the property so that he could more easily negotiate consolidation of adjoining claims.
10. A rough draft of such a letter was composed by the writer on his return and was submitted to Mr. K. J. Springer. The matter was then left in Mr. Springer's hands.

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