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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: WHY NOT GOLD GROUP

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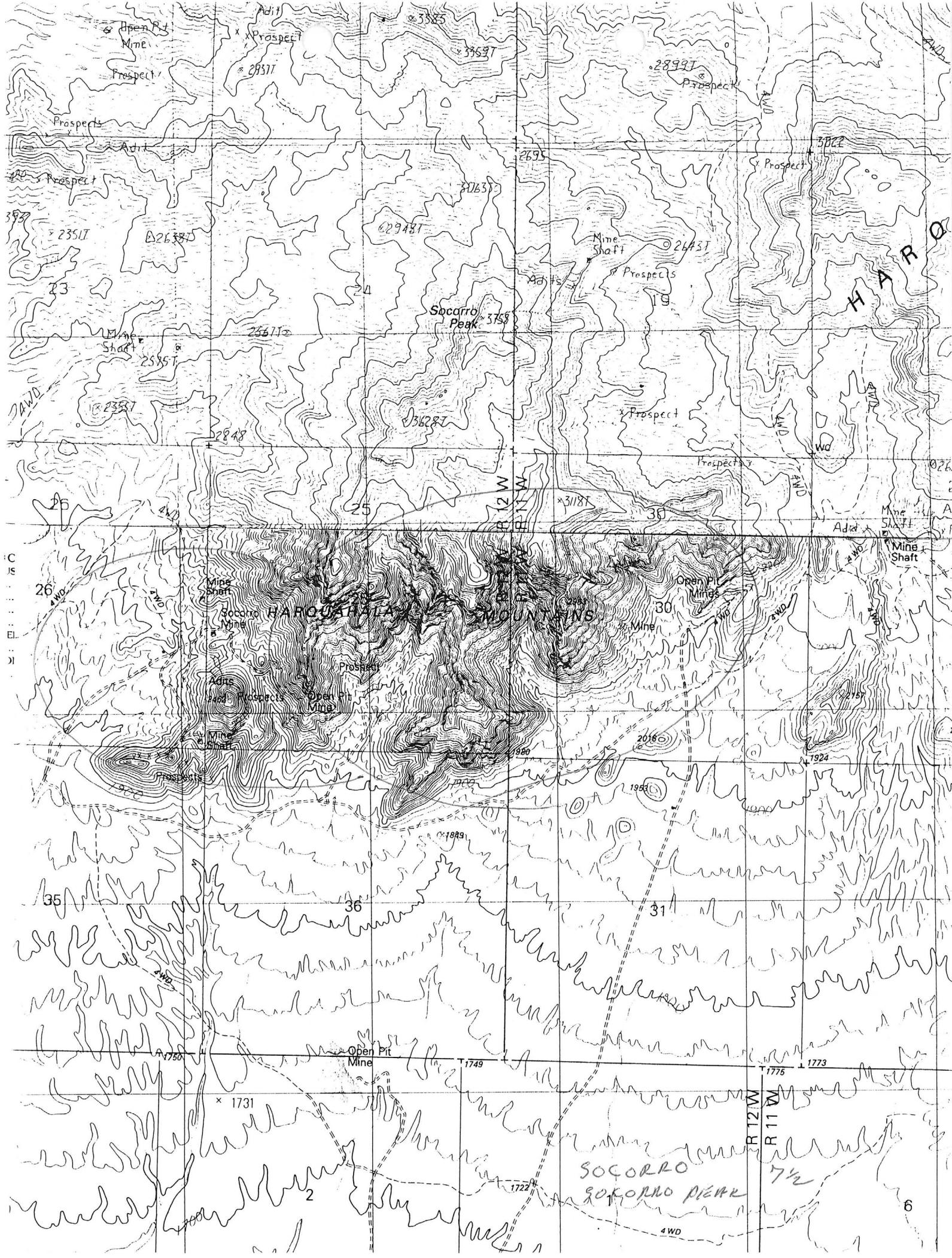
LA PAZ COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 91

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 5 N RANGE 11 W SECTION 30 QUARTER NE
LATITUDE: N 33DEG 44MIN 53SEC LONGITUDE: W 113DEG 26MIN 25SEC
TOPO MAP NAME: LONE MOUNTAIN - 15 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: PAST PRODUCER

COMMODITY:
GOLD LODE
SILVER
COPPER

BIBLIOGRAPHY:
KEITH, S.B., 1978, AZBM BULL. 192, P. 154
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MINE

WHY NOT GOLD & CLIPPER

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R12W?

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DATE: May 12, 1986

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And I want to say it is a nice lot of ore blocked for a small plant and from the net proceeds the ground can be developed to a point where there will be enormous tonnages of commercial ore available and can be treated on a large scale.

ACCESSABILITY.

We have a fine auto road to the camp from Salome station, a distance of ten miles, not a grade on the road. Approaching, or to get to the mill site, there will have to be a little road building, about 400 yards to avoid a wash which has a very steep descent but short, also very abrupt ascent of about 300 ft.

WATER FOR MILLING.

An abundance. The mine makes below the 400 ft. level, 2300 gallons a day, and we have 400 ft. of water in the shaft at this time. For a five stamp mill, which I propose installing the supply is adequate, and we have enough storage to run for a year, but the daily average is sufficient for all milling requirements.

Water for domestic use at present we haul from what we call Needs Ranch $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles away. No doubt when the contact is reached the water will be good to use, as it is the same water that we get at the ranch. The ledges are the waterways of that country.

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

Arizona - the term is significant. Meaning 365 days available for work, while in this locality there are three months that are a little warm, June, July and August. The rest of the year in this section is delightful, nothing to equal it in the world for climate.

RETURNS

Returns are based upon the lowest grade ore that we will treat with a five stamp mill, and it is safe to say that we can hold up the average to \$15.00 or better, which will increase our output 50% because our expenses will not be increased.

RETURNS FROM MILL.

Per month.

We will treat 15 tons per day, and we will work the mill, allowing four days for repairs, 28 working days a month.

Our ore will net us \$10.00	\$150.00
Per day for 28 days - 28x\$150.....	3900.00

Gross returns per month	
Pay roll, running expense	\$3900.00

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3 miners @ \$8.50 each, per day	\$429.00	
1 blacksmith, \$6.00	156.00	
2 mill men, \$6.00	312.00	
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Fuel and lubricant \$10.00 per day	260.00	
Incidentals	223.00	
Wear and tear, powder fuse caps & coal		
\$10.00	260.00	
NET BALANCE	2000.00	
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On an investment of \$10,000.00 the returns are at the rate of 240% per annum.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Hoist and 3 machine air compressor 9x12.
With this machine I will pump water out of mine for mill.

50 H.P. Engine (gas)
1 6 H.P. Hoist
Piping to connect up ready for use.

I have in view a plant which I am told can be bought for \$1000.00. The above complete, and about 18 miles from our claims. This price includes steel 200 ft., 3 machines (Sullivans) Jack hammer type, and many other things, picks, shovels, one car and track.

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Grading, hauling and erecting will take about 90 days.

FUEL

Internal combustion engines will be our motive power. The Standard has a storage station at Salome where they keep all kinds of fuel and lubricants which can be had at the market prices, with discounts where quantity is consumed. We will use tops in all of our engines which is selling at this time for 9¢.

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10 miles SE of Salome

Yuma County

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