

### HISTORY:

The history of exploration work on this property has been summarized in detail by Belik (1984) and his report is quoted extensively here.

Copper mineralization was probably first discovered here in the late 1800's when the Arizona Territory was being opened up. The first recorded work was carried out by the Hauxhurst Copper Company in the early 1900's. Surface exploration and the excavation of shallow pits and shafts was reported by the U.S. Bureau of Mines when the property was known as the U.S. Mine.

A report on the property by W.E. Greenwalt in 1912 mentions work on two parallel veins about 250 feet apart. Two shafts, 456 feet deep and 40 feet deep were sunk on the main vein reported to be as much as 100 feet wide. A 100 foot deep shaft was said to have been sunk on a 4 foot wide copper rich zone within a second vein, reported as 30 feet wide.

In a 1914 report by T.C. Alsorf work is reported on four veins or "bands of silicified rock". Most work was carried out on the No. 1 and No. 2 veins (Lower Shaft Zone and Upper Shaft Zone respectively). The No. 1 vein was developed by a 20 foot shaft, a 106 foot shaft and a 60 foot shaft. The principal development on the No. 2 vein was a 486 foot shaft. A cross cut to the west was reportedly driven for a distance of 48 feet at the 250 foot level in this shaft. According to old reports mineralized material was encountered over the length of this cross cut.

The early development work, all probably carried out before 1920 is summarized in a 1958 U.S. Bureau of Mines report as follows:

"The principal development work was performed shortly after the turn of the century and consists of a vertical shaft said to be 500 feet deep with fairly extensive lateral workings (lower shaft), and another vertical shaft said to be 480 feet deep (upper shaft). The deeper or main shaft (No. 1) is collared near the base of the ridge on its southeastern slope and the other shaft is collared on the same side of the ridge at a point 300 feet southerly from the main shaft and about halfway up the slope of the ridge. Both of these shafts are inaccessible and no clear account is available regarding the workings or mineralization disclosed. However, the substantial dump at the lower shaft is evidence of a substantial deposit of low grade gold ore with a small copper content."

No further work is reported until a local Wickenburg miner acquired a five year lease on the property in 1943. During the term of this lease it is reported that 4500 tons of dump ore was treated and returned an average value of \$4.50 (U.S.) per ton (gold at \$35.00 U.S. per ounce) and from 0.50 to 0.75% copper per ton.

Between 1952 and 1958 minor exploration was carried out by local miners and in 1961 a total of 133 tons of ore from various dumps was shipped to the Phelps Dodge smelter at Ajo, Arizona. This material reportedly averaged 0.091 oz gold and 2.01% copper per ton. The claims were surveyed and brought to patent in 1966.

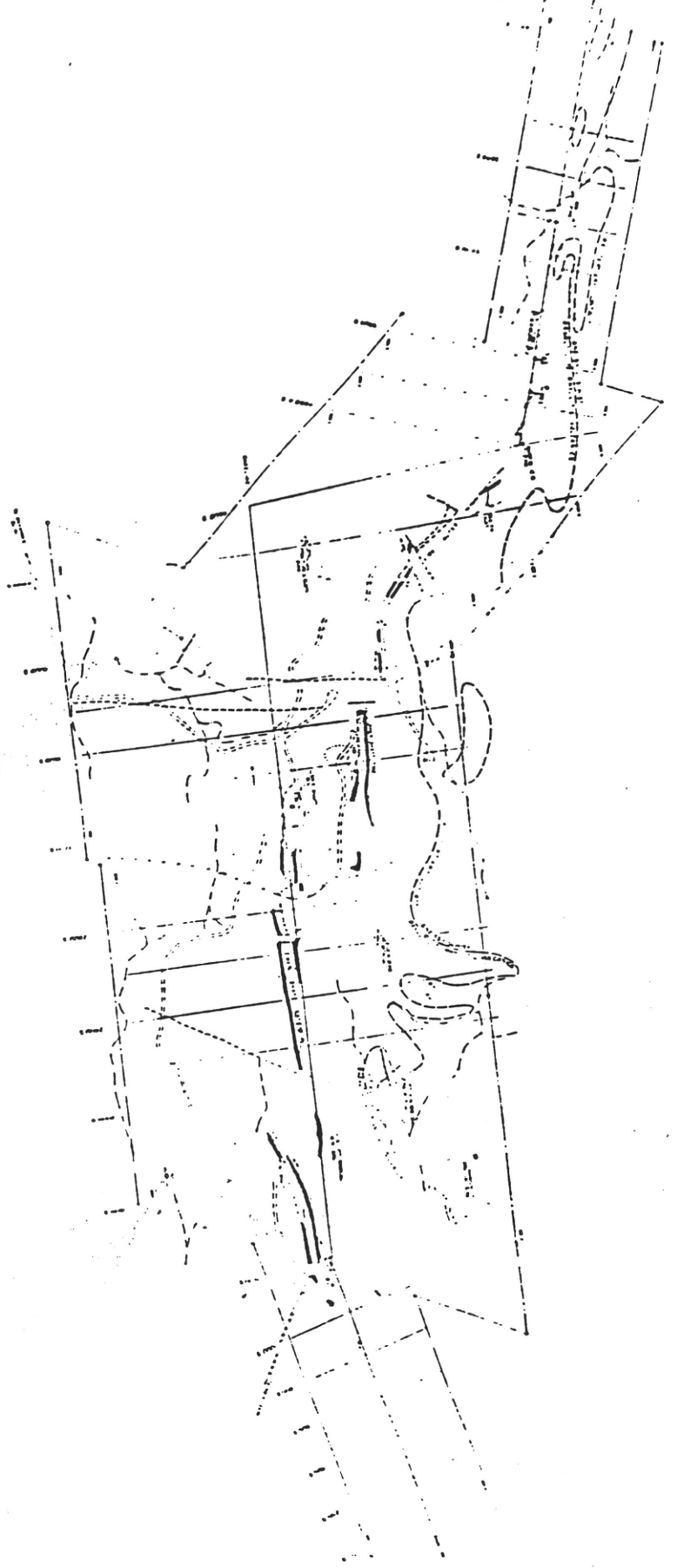
Louisiana Land and Exploration Company purchased the property in 1971 and during the next two years this company carried out a broadly based prospecting, mapping and sampling programme on the subject claims and surrounding property. This company may have performed geophysical surveys and probably drilled the four deep core (?) holes now found on the claims. (see figure 325-3) No records of this work apparently exist however it is believed that this company was testing the prospect with the hope of developing a large tonnage, porphyry copper deposit.

The property was examined by E.D. Black, P. Eng. in 1976 and 1982 who subsequently acquired an option from Louisiana Land and Exploration Co.

Roddy Resources Inc. entered into an agreement with Mr. Black in late 1983 and carried out a detailed evaluation of the property during November, 1983 and January and February, 1984. This report is based largely on the results of that work.



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### GEOLOGY:

The property is underlain by a mixed succession of Tertiary volcanic flows and fragmental rocks which unconformably overlie Precambrian metamorphic basement. A linear and perhaps arcuate fracture zone is the locus for the intrusion of younger Tertiary diabase dikes and sills, and an extensive zone of epithermal quartz veining and stockworks. Later faulting has locally disrupted the continuity of the zone of quartz veining.

The oldest rocks found are Precambrian mica schists, quartzites and biotite-epidote gneisses which outcrop at and west of the west boundary of the claims. These metamorphic basement rocks are interpreted to dip shallowly east under the Tertiary cover and perhaps to be down dropped by a series of north-trending normal faults.

Unconformably overlying the Precambrian basement is a mixed sequence of Tertiary volcanic rocks. These consist of pink to white, rhyolitic to dacitic crystal tuffs, green to purple andesitic tuffs and flows, dark green to maroon basaltic tuffs, flows and agglomerate, and dacitic agglomerate, lahar and breccia. These rocks are complexly interfingering as well as folded (?) and faulted, however in general they are thought to dip to the east.

A northerly-trending and possibly arcuate fault and/or fracture zone cuts the Tertiary volcanic package and parallels the Tertiary-Precambrian basement contact. This feature may be part of a much larger circular fracture zone associated with Tertiary caldera development. A number of narrow diabase dikes and sills are spatially related to this fracture zone. They are now largely altered and dislocated by later hydrothermal activity and faulting.

Also associated with this zone of weakness is a distinctive zone of epithermal quartz veins and stockworks. This zone of quartz flooding is about 4500 feet long, up to 130 feet wide and has been locally disrupted and offset by later high angle normal faults and high and low angle thrust faults (see figure 325-3).

#### MINERALIZATION:

Gold and copper mineralization is associated with the arcuate, north-trending band of epithermal quartz flooding. This area of quartz flooding is essentially tabular in form, stands approximately vertical though locally its walls may dip steeply east or west and has been locally displaced as much as 300 feet by later faulting. It varies from a few feet to as much as 130 feet in width. It has been described by Belik (1984) as follows:

.....an intensive stockwork of quartz veins and veinlets with intensely silicified vein/breccia-type zones up to 16 feet wide. Less intense stockwork zones locally occur within and peripheral to the main stockwork zones. The host volcanic units typically are strongly kaolinized. The quartz within the stockwork and vein/breccia zones generally is banded, contains abundant drusy cavities and locally has jasperoid fragments and bands. Black to earthy red hematite, jarosite and specular hematite, in amounts up to 20% occur finely impregnated within quartz and are present as veinlets and blebs cutting quartz and wallrock. Calcite is present as a minor constituent in the south but locally reaches amounts up to 5% near the north end of the North Adit Zone (see figure 325-3).

Copper as secondary oxides, carbonates and silicates generally is abundant within the vein/breccia zones (locally 5 - 10% by volume) and present in minor amounts within the stockwork zones. Gold, ranging from 80 ppb to about 19,000 ppb (0.542 oz/ton) occurs both within the stockwork and vein/breccia zones. There is no apparent correlation between the abundance of quartz vein material and higher gold values. ....a number of shafts, pits and adits have investigated various parts of this mineralized system. Most of this work appears to have been directed towards evaluating copper-rich segments."



Belik (1984) carried out a detailed mapping and sampling programme and subdivided the mineralization into 4 zones:

- (a) South Adit Zone.
- (b) Upper Shaft Zone.
- (c) Lower Shaft Zone and Lower Shaft Extension.
- (d) North Adit Zone.

A programme of geochemical soil sampling (see figure 325-4) shows that significant gold mineralization is confined to the main zones of quartz veining and stockworks. The results of Belik's sampling as well as check samples taken by the writer are summarized on Figure 325-5.

The South Adit Zone can be discontinuously traced for about 1000 feet and varies from about 15 feet to more than 70 feet wide. It has been developed by several pits and an 80 foot long adit. A 45 foot chip sample along the adit wall averaged 0.068 oz Au/ton. Two other chip samples near the north end of this zone assayed 0.090 oz Au/ton over 15 feet and 0.132 oz Au/ton over 25 feet respectively.

The Upper Shaft Zone can be traced for about 600 feet along strike and varies from 15 to 80 feet in width. It has been developed by a number of pits as well as a 60 foot shaft and a 486 foot shaft. Six chip samples were taken across this zone (see figure 325-5) and the results are as follows:

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Au (oz/ton)</u>
1	15'	0.110
2	24'	0.077
3	40'	0.095
4	50'	0.050
5	10'	0.045
6	15'	0.060

Two 25 foot check samples were taken by the writer across the 50 foot section at Belik's No. 4 sample location. Results are as follows:

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Au (oz/ton)</u>
JD-5	25'	0.06
JD-6	25'	0.044

Material on the dump of the 486 foot deep shaft is more or less similar to that seen in outcrop on surface. The host rock of some of the material is Precambrian metamorphic rocks, indicating that the mineralization continues below the Precambrian-Tertiary contact. A composite sample collected from this dump by Belik (1984) assayed 0.117 oz Au and 0.13% Cu/ton.

The Lower Shaft Zone and Lower Shaft Extension together can be traced for about 1150 feet and must continue for some distance to the south of the main shaft where it is overburden covered (see figure 325-3). This zone varies from 20 feet to 130 feet wide though it is not possible to sample the widest part because of overburden cover.

It has been developed by a number of pits, a 600 foot shaft, a 20 foot shaft and a 120 foot long adit. The locations of surface chip samples are shown on figure 325-5 and are as follows:

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Au (oz/ton)</u>
1	60'	0.045
2	75'	0.133
3	45'	0.108
4	63'	0.038
5	20'	0.084
6	15'	0.015
7	45'	0.020
8	45'	0.022
9	20'	0.034
10	38'	0.024

## EXPLORATION POTENTIAL:

An extensive, gold-bearing, epithermal system has been outlined on surface by sampling on the Bighorn property. The system is at least 4500 feet long, as much as 130 feet wide and is known to extend at least in some places to at least 600 feet of depth.

There is an excellent possibility for the delineation of several million tons of gold-bearing material in the 0.05 to 0.10 oz/ton range which might be mined by low cost, bulk mining methods. A detailed drilling programme is certainly warranted to fully test this potential.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

### Phase I:

1. Carry out a surface programme of bulldozer trenching and sampling to fully delineate the mineralization on surface.
2. Repair the property access road as well as upgrading and extending the present roads on the claim block.
3. Test the Lower Shaft Zone with inclined reverse circulation drill holes to about 300 feet of depth with 4 set-ups on roughly 100 foot centers - 2 set ups with a fan of 3 holes each and 2 single inclined holes. Total of 8 holes of roughly 500 feet each = 4,000 feet.

### Phase II:

Contingent upon the success of Phase I, further drilling should be carried out as follows:

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| (a) Lower Shaft Zone - 3 additional set-ups with<br>a fan of 3 holes each - 9 holes                                     | total 4,500 feet |
| (b) Upper Shaft Zone - 4 set-ups with a fan of<br>3 holes each plus a single hole at<br>each end of the zone - 14 holes | total 7,500 feet |
| (c) South Adit Zone - 6 holes   | total 2,000 feet |

- (d) Lower Shaft Extention - 5 holes  
(e) North Adit Zone - 6 holes

total 1,500 feet  
total 2,000 feet

Total Drilling Phase II . . . . 17,500 feet

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APPENDIX A

ESTIMATED COST OF RECOMMENDED PROGRAMME:

PROGRAMME COSTS:

Phase I

1.	Surface Trenching and Sampling (includes D-6 Tractor, 2 samplers, geologist supervisor, room and board, assays and travel for 20 day period)	\$30,000.00 U.S.
2.	Road repair and construction of drill sites	20,000.00 U.S.
3.	4,000 feet of reverse circulation drilling (include direct drilling cost of \$9.00 (U.S) per foot plus supervision, sampling, room and board, transportation, freight, assays and consulting - say \$20 (U.S.) per foot all in	80,000.00 U.S.
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	Contingency @ 10%	13,000.00
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	Total Cost Phase I: . . . . .	\$143,000.00 U.S.

Phase II

17,500 feet of reverse circulation drilling all in (\$20 (U.S.) per foot	350,000.00 U.S.
Contingency @ ~ 10%	37,000.00
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Total Cost Phase II: . . . . .	\$387,000.00 U.S.

APPENDIX B

ASSAY RESULTS:



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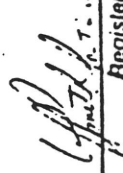
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I hereby certify that the following are the results of assays made by us upon the herein described \_\_\_\_\_ samples

Kral No.	Marked	Au		Ag							
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1	3343	.038		.08							
2	3344	.03		.06							
3	3345	.230		.08							
4	3346	.093		.05							
5	3347	.06		.04							
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Rejects retained three weeks.  
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unless otherwise arranged.

  
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Registered Assayer, Province of British Columbia

APPENDIX C

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Preliminary Economic Evaluation

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### Summary

The Bighorn Property, situated in Maricopa County, northwestern Arizona, contains four zones of significant epithermal-type gold mineralization. Based on the results of surface and underground sampling and drilling carried out to date, mineable reserves of the Lower Shaft and Upper Shaft Zones, calculated to a maximum depth of 350 feet, are placed at 565,000 tons probable, grading approximately 0.09 oz gold per ton. These reserves are amenable to open pit mining at an ore: waste ratio of 1:3 to 1:3.5.

There is a good potential for developing additional reserves at depth in the Lower Shaft Zone, along the extension of the Lower Shaft Zone to the north, and within two other zones on the property referred to as the North Adit and South Adit Zones. Although it is premature to estimate possible additional reserves, these target areas could host another 0.5 to 1.5 million tons.

Based on a open pit, 150,000 t.p.y., heap leach-type operation it is estimated that gold can be produced from the Lower Shaft and Upper Shaft Zones for about \$87 U.S. per oz. At a gold price of \$250 U.S.,



assuming reserves of 565,000 tons at an average grade of 0.09 oz/ton and a recovery rate of 70% (indicated from results of preliminary column leach tests), a 150,000 t.p.y. operation would generate an annual profit, before royalties of \$1,566,000 U.S. for a period of 3.8 years. Total net profit after royalties and payback of capitalization costs (estimated at 1.3 million) would be 4.26 million with an average annual rate of return on investment capital of 52.05%. Payback of capitalization costs would be achieved in 0.86 years.

The 3.8 year mine life, operating at a rate of 150,000 t.p.y., is based on probable reserves developed on the property to date. If the potential for additional reserves is realized the operating life of the mine could be extended by an additional 3 - 10 years.

The preliminary economic evaluation outlined above suggests that Bighorn Property offers an excellent opportunity for developing a mine. However, before making a final production commitment, it is recommended that further work be carried out including: a) a pilot heap leach test to verify recoveries b) fill-in drilling to establish with certainty the grade/tonnage estimates

of the Lower and Upper Shaft Zones c) a topographic and drill hole survey to assist in the final feasibility studies and d) final feasibility studies to provide a more detailed economic evaluation and to determine optimum pit designs, access route, waste disposal sites etc. The estimated cost of this program is \$300,000 U.S., which is included in the estimated \$1.3 million capitalization costs to bring the property into production.

## Introduction

This report, which is written at the request of the Directors of Roddy Resources Inc., provides a preliminary economic evaluation of the Bighorn Property based on the results of exploration work carried out to date.

## Salient Features and Exploration History

The Bighorn Property, consisting of ten patented and 12 unpatented mineral claims, is situated in rolling, foothills-type terrain, within a desert region of northwestern Arizona. The property can be reached via about 20 miles of back roads from either Wickenburg, on Highway 93, or Aguila, on Highway 60.

The claim area straddles a major northerly-trending fault which separates a Tertiary volcanic sequence on the east and Precambrian schists and gneisses to the west. Within the area of the claims, in close proximity to the Tertiary/Precambrian fault contact, significant epithermal-type gold <sup>+</sup> copper mineralization occurs within steeply dipping, tabular quartz stockwork

and vein/breccia zones up to 130 feet wide. Post ore faulting has segmented the mineralized structure into four en-echelon zones which have a combined strike length exceeding 3200 feet.

Early development work, which includes several shafts, adits and shallow pits, was carried out by the Hauxhurst Copper Company between 1908 and 1920. The main workings consist of two vertical shafts, 600 ft. and 486 ft. deep. The deeper, or Lower Shaft (No. 1) has fairly extensive lateral workings on the 150 and 250 levels. The Upper Shaft (No. 2) has about 200 ft. of lateral development on the 250 level and 300 ft. on the 350 level.

There are no records of any substantial production. About 4,500 tons of dump ore reportedly was milled in 1943 which yielded \$4.50 U.S. gold per ton (\$35 gold) and 0.5 to 0.75% copper. In 1961, three shipments of dump and surface ore, totalling 133 tons, were treated by the Superior and Hayden Smelters in Arizona. These shipments averaged 0.091 oz gold per ton and 2.01% copper.

Since acquiring the property in January, 1983, Roddy Resources Inc. has carried out a comprehensive

exploration program consisting of detailed surface sampling and mapping, reverse-circulation drilling (9840 Ft. in 35 holes), underground mapping and sampling and bulk sampling for metallurgical testing.

### Mineralization

Within the area of the claims, significant gold mineralization is confined to complex quartz vein zones characterized by an intense stockwork of quartz veins and veinlets, up to 130 feet wide, with intensely silicified vein/breccia-type zones up to 16 feet wide. Less intense stockwork zones locally occur within and peripheral to the main stockwork zones. The host volcanic units typically are kaolinized and locally chloritized.

Quartz within the stockwork and vein/breccia zones generally is banded, contains abundant drusy cavities and locally contains jasperoid-type fragments and bands. Black specular hematite and dark, earthy red hematite, in amounts up to 30%, occur finely impregnated within quartz and wallrock and within veinlets and blebs cutting quartz and wallrock.

Fine native gold, ranging from less than .01 to more than 1.0 oz/ton occurs both within stockwork and vein/breccia zones. There is no apparent correlation between the abundance of quartz vein material and higher gold values.

Copper as secondary oxides, carbonates and silicates locally is abundant within the vein/breccia zones and generally present in minor amounts within the stockwork zones. The average copper content is estimated to be between 0.15 and 0.3 percent.

#### Reserve Estimates

Based on the results of surface and underground sampling and drilling carried out to date, reserve estimates for the four main zones are as follows:

##### Lower Shaft Zone

Probable: 365,000 tons  
Grade: 0.092 (oz/ton Au)  
Open Pitable: Yes  
Ore: Waste: 1:3.5

Possible: additional 200,000 - 500,000  
Grade: insufficient data

Open Pitable: Yes

Ore: Waste: insufficient data

-additional possible reserves are based on the results of hole #19 which intersected 100 ft. (true width) averaging 0.04 oz gold with a 30 ft. core grading .092 oz gold; this intersection is situated about 200 ft. north of the area included in the probable reserve category; if a continuity with the mineralization to the south can be established the Lower Shaft reserves could be increased by 200,000 - 500,000 tons.

#### Upper Shaft Zone

Probable: 200,000

Grade: .085

Open Pitable: Yes

Ore: Waste: 1:2.5

#### North Adit Zone

Possible: 300,000 - 700,000

Grade: .03 - .04

Open Pitable: Yes

Ore: Waste: insufficient data

-the north adit zone was tested by a series of 5 holes spaced at 200 ft. intervals; although the grades encountered are lower than in the Upper and Lower Shaft Zones, there is a potential for higher grade mineralization at depth.

### South Adit Zone

Possible: insufficient data

-although impressive assays locally were obtained from surface sampling (up to 0.132 across 25 feet) drilling from the west failed to intersect the structure; it appears probable that the zone flattens or is faulted at depth to the east; drilling from the east would have to be carried out to determine if there is a potential for developing reserves in this area.

In addition to the above probable and possible reserves there is a potential for higher grade ore at depth in the Lower Shaft Zone which could be mined underground. This zone contains a high grade core which strengthens with depth. At the north end of the 250 ft. level drift (cutoff used for the open pit reserve calculations) an 80 ft. section averaged 0.3 oz gold across a true of 20 ft. This high grade segment is open to the north and at depth.

### Column Leach Tests

Two composite, bulk samples, representative of higher grade and low grade mineralization, were collected from the Lower Shaft Zone for preliminary column leach tests.



Columns utilized were 5 ft. high with a capacity for holding about 100 lbs. of material.

Initial testwork was carried out on material crushed to minus  $3/4$ ". Crushed material was placed in the columns and then leached with a cyanide solution, raised to a PH of 10.5 - 11.0, for a period of 7 days. The pregnant solution was passed through a carbon recovery system to extract the gold. At regular intervals, the pregnant solution was assayed in order to determine the effective recovery period.

The initial testwork produced a gold recovery of about 50% for both samples, in less than 72 hrs., with a cyanide consumption of 2 - 2.5 lbs./ton and a lime consumption of 5 lbs./ton.

To determine if the recovery rate could be improved a size fraction analysis was carried out on the leached residue from the higher grade sample. From this it was determined that most of the gold was being leached from the minus  $1/4$ " material and most of the gold was being retained by the plus  $1/4$ " material. Based on these results a second test was carried out on the high grade material crushed to minus  $1/4$ ". This resulted in a 70%

gold recovery within an effective leach period of less than 72 hrs. Although cyanide consumption was higher (3.4 lbs.) the lime consumption remained the same.

From the results of the testwork carried out it appears that the Bighorn mineralization is suitable for a heap leach-type operation with the optimum recovery achieved on material crushed to minus  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

#### Preliminary Economic Evaluation

The Bighorn Property is viewed as having an excellent potential for the development of an economically viable open pit, heap leach-type operation. Table I illustrates the projected annual net profit, at various metal prices, for a 150,000 t.p.y. operation mining ore from the Upper and Lower Shaft Zones at an average grade of 0.09 oz gold and 0.15 oz silver per ton. The calculations are based on a gold recovery of 70%, a silver recovery of 25% and operating cost of \$5.50 per ton (2.25 mining and 3.25 crushing and leaching).

Table I: Projected Annual Net Profit (before royalties)  
at various metal prices (U.S. funds)

<u>Price (\$)</u>		<u>Value</u>		<u>Total Value</u>	<u>Net Profit</u>	<u>Annual</u>
<u>Au</u>	<u>Ag</u>	<u>Per Ton (\$)</u>	<u>Ag</u>	<u>Per Ton (\$)</u>	<u>Per Ton</u>	<u>Net Profit (\$)</u>
500	10	31.50	0.38	31.89	26.39	3,958,500
400	8	25.20	0.30	25.50	20.00	3,000,000
350	7	22.05	0.26	22.31	16.81	2,521,500
300	6	18.90	0.23	19.13	13.63	2,044,500
250	5	15.75	0.19	15.94	10.44	1,566,000
200	4	12.60	0.15	12.75	7.25	1,087,500
150	3	9.45	0.11	9.56	4.06	609,000

Table II shows the projected earnings for the life of the operation, mining only the Lower and Upper Shaft reserves at an average gold price of \$250 U.S. and an average silver price of \$5 U.S.

Table II: Projected Earnings at \$250 gold and \$5 silver

Year	Net Profit (before royalties)	Capitalization \$	Cum \$	Royalties \$	Undisc N.P. \$	NPV 20% \$	Cum NPV \$
0	0	1,300,000	0		(1,300,000)	(1,300,000)	(1,300,000)
1	1,566,000	0	1,566,000	47,250	1,518,750	1,265,625	(34,375)
2	1,566,000	0	3,132,000	47,250	1,518,750	1,054,687	1,020,312
3	1,566,000	0	4,698,000	165,375	1,400,625	810,547	1,830,859
3.8	<u>1,253,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,951,000</u>	<u>132,300</u>	<u>1,120,700</u>	<u>559,097</u>	<u>2,389,956</u>
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Profit Ratio: 4.28

Payback: 0.86 yrs.

Rate of Return, 3.8 yrs.: 52.05% per year

The above projected earnings and operating life are based only on probable reserves established to date. If the potential for additional reserves is realized the life of the operation could be extended an additional 3 - 10 yrs.

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It is estimated that the above program could be completed for about \$300,000 U.S. It is further estimated that the cost of putting the property into production, at a rate of 150,000 t.p.y., would be approximately 1.0 million U.S., which would bring the total estimated capitalization cost to production to 1.3 million U.S.

Respectfully Submitted



G. D. Belik, M. Sc.

March 6, 1985

## Appendix I

### Estimated Cost of Recommended Program

#### Phase I

- pilot heap leach test to verify recoveries \$ 50,000
- using about 1500 tons of material (available in dumps) crushed to minus 1/4"

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TOTAL PHASE I \$ 50,000

#### Phase II- contingent upon results of Phase I

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5000 ft. at \$25/ft. all inclusive \$125,000
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-percussion holes to provide additional info along the 150 & 250 levels in the Lower Shaft Zone and possibly a section of holes down the Upper Shaft 25,000
- c) topographic and drill hole surveys 20,000

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TOTAL PHASE II \$170,000

#### Phase III- contingent upon results of Phases I & II

- feasibility studies \$ 80,000

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TOTAL PHASE III \$ 80,000

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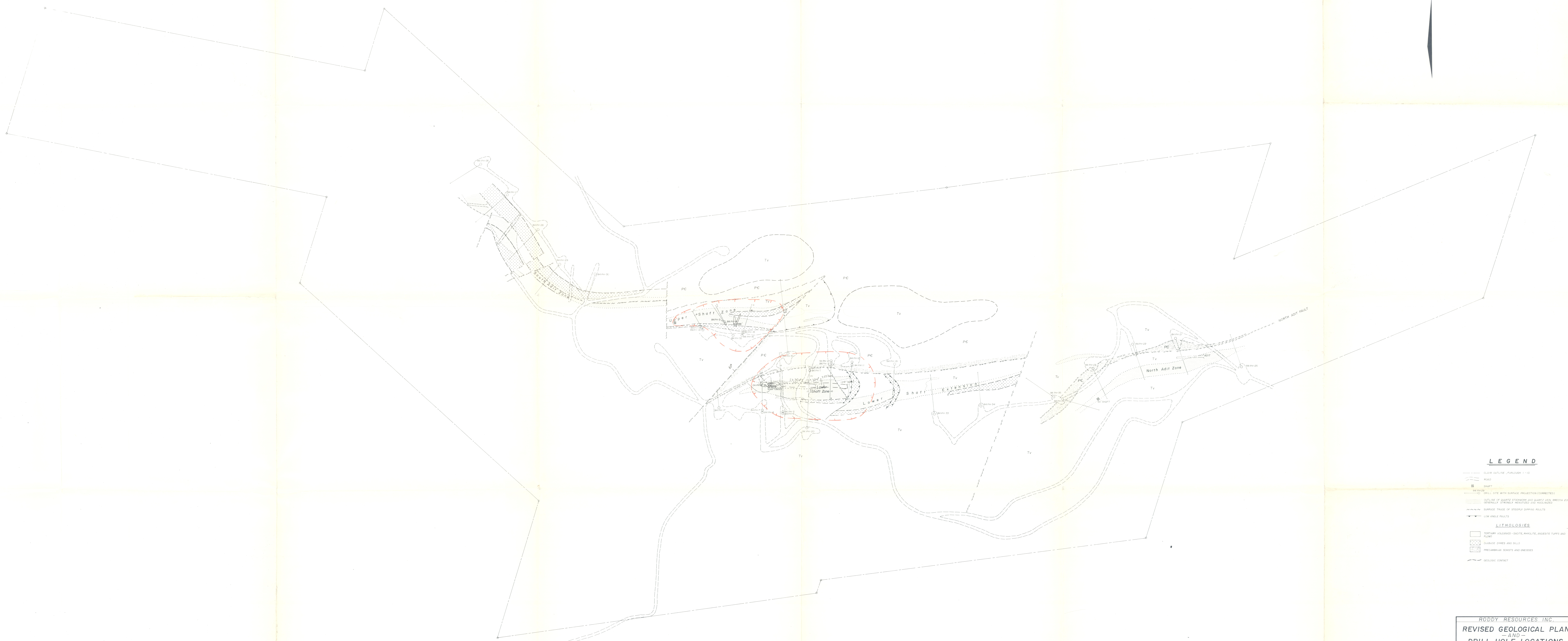


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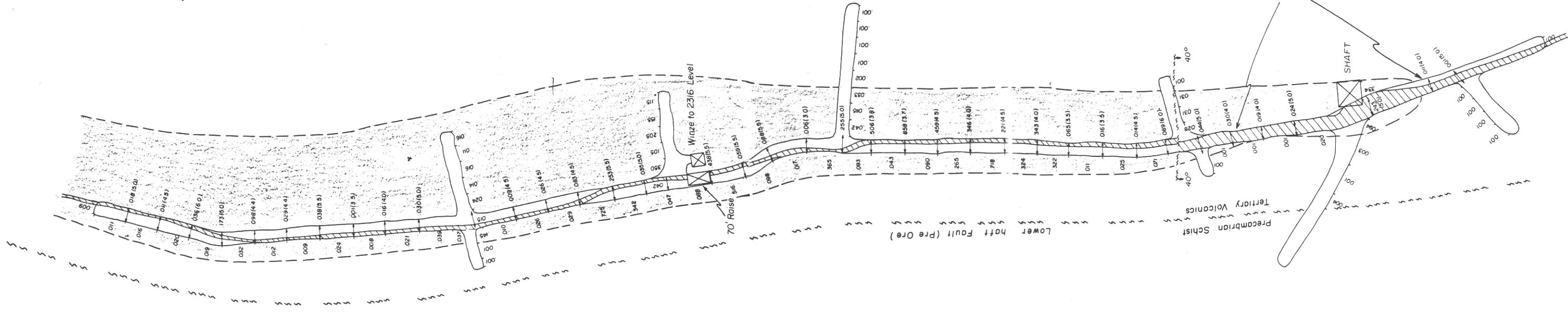
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RODDY RESOURCES INC.  
**REVISED GEOLOGICAL PLAN  
-AND-  
DRILL HOLE LOCATIONS  
BIGHORN PROJECT**  
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, U.S.A.

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150 LEVEL-LOWER SHAF  
(ELEVATION -2350' APPROX.)

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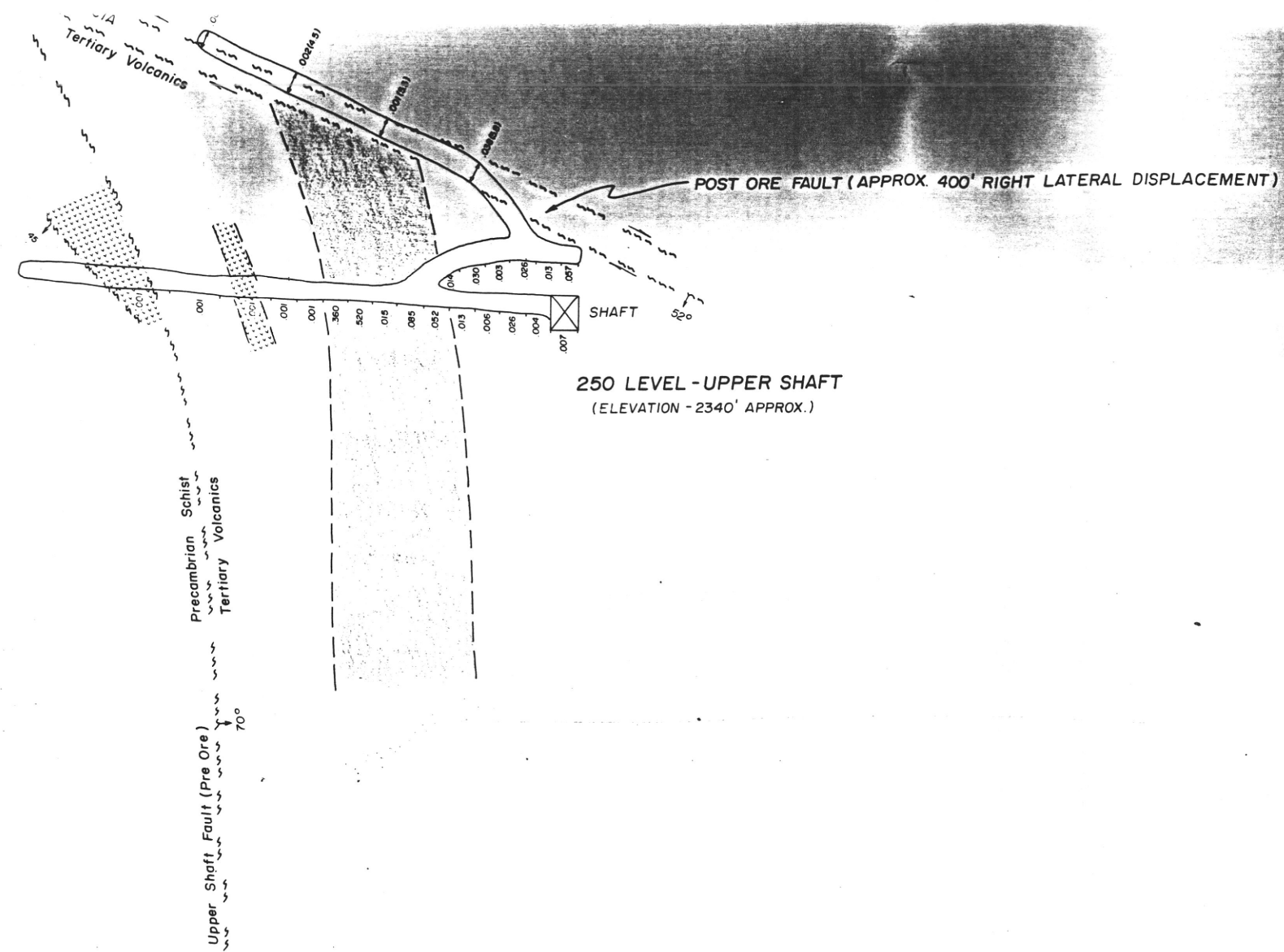


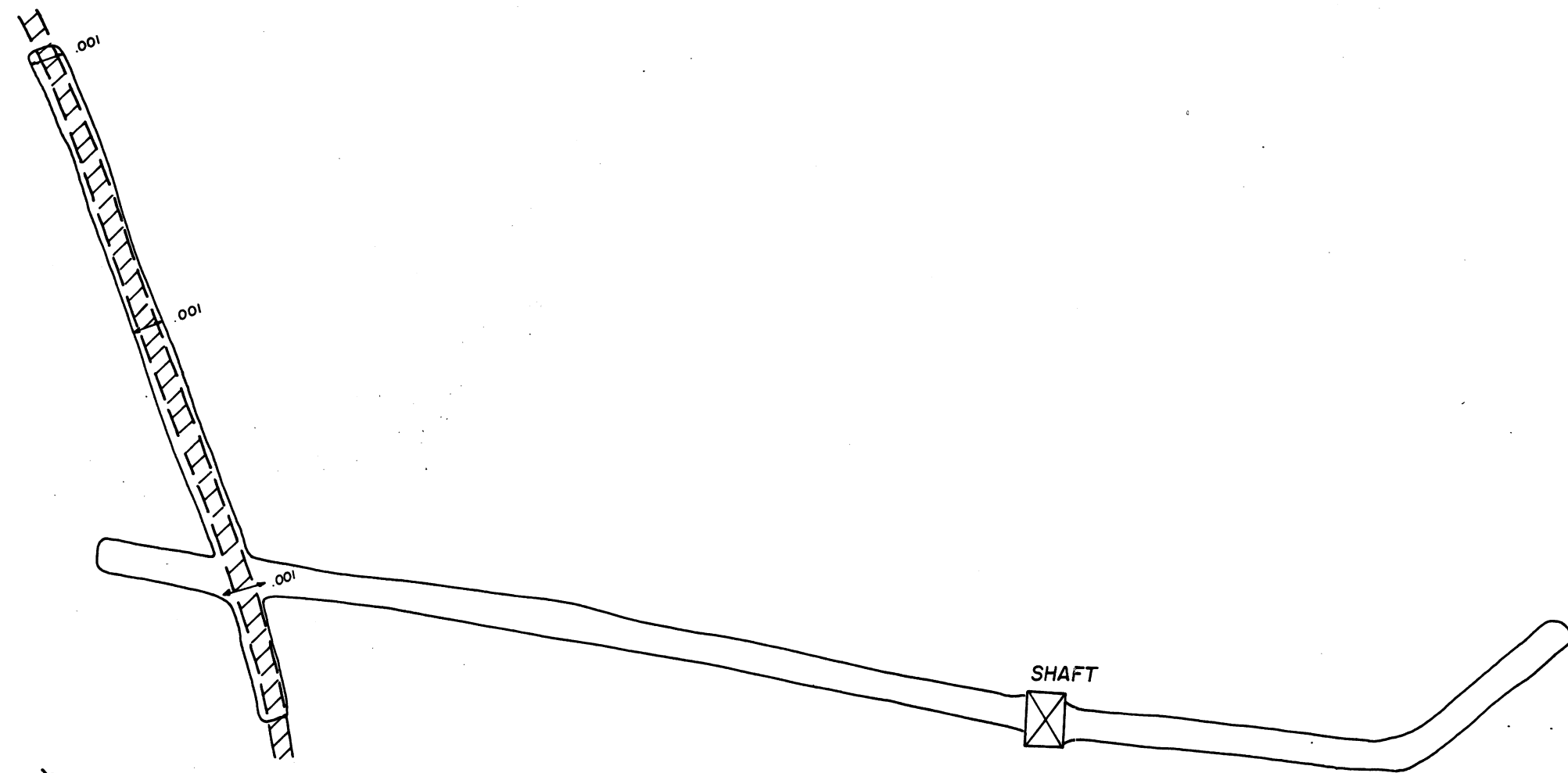
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PRODUCTION FROM WICKENBURG AREA GOLD MINES  
(After Wilkins, 1985)

	Tons	Au Oz	Ag Oz
Congress Vein	370,222	259,105	230,263
Niagra	293,220	121,685	108,180
Queen of the Hill	<u>20,125</u>	<u>8,050</u>	<u>7,157</u>
Total Congress	683,367	388,750	345,600
Alvarado	140,000	25,000	31,000
Octave	800,000	204,000	200,000
Others*	150,000	20,000	20,000
Rich Hill		<u>100,000</u>	
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\*Estimated production from Yarnell, Johnson, Meyer and Reese Mines.

	Tons	Au	Ag
Vulture Mine	200,000	366,000	400,000
Vulture Placers		<u>50,000</u>	
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**350 LEVEL - UPPER SHAFT**  
( ELEVATION - 2225' APPROX. )

POST ORE FAULT ( PROJECTED FROM 250 LEVEL )

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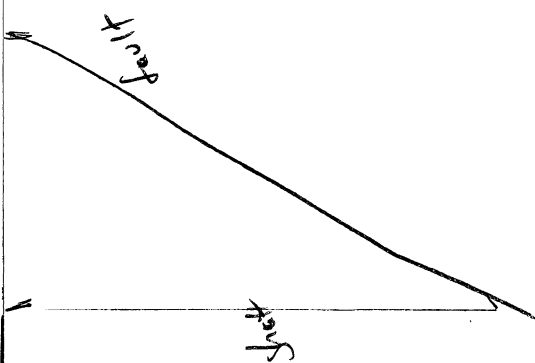
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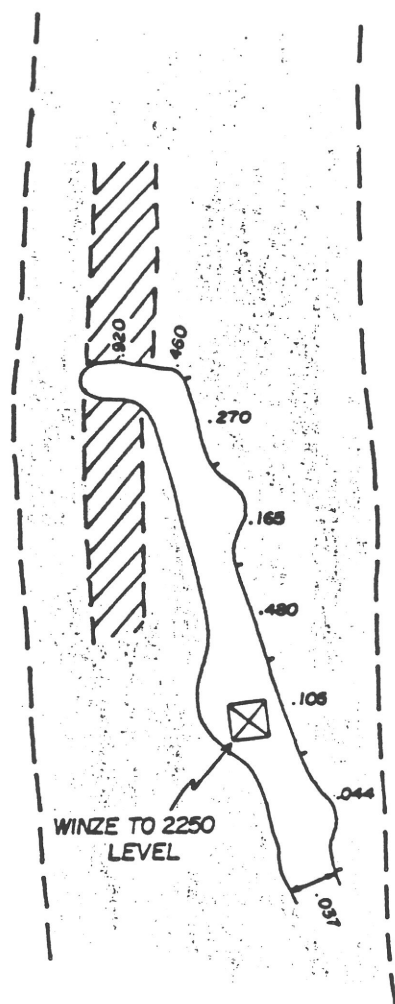
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RAISE TO 2316 LEVEL



# **LEGEND**



MINERALIZED ZONE



EXPLORATION DRIFT



SHAFT, WINZE OR RAISE



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SAMPLE INTERVAL ALONG DRIFT WALL  
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186' level

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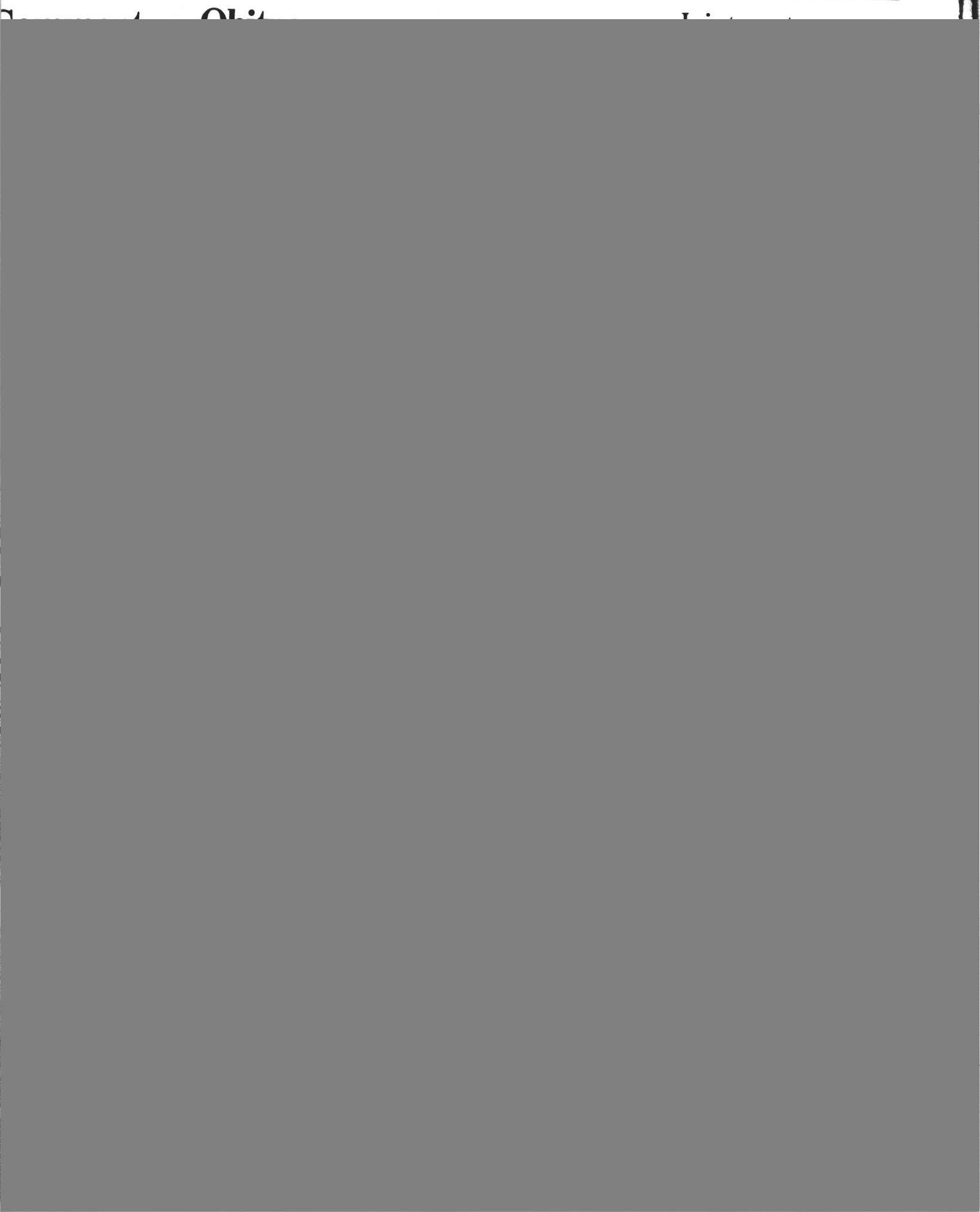
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Tech. Work By:  
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Scale: 1" = 20'

Approved By: G. Belik, M.Sc.

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# WESTMONT

MINING INC.

May 15, 1987

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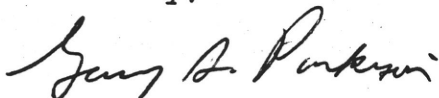
Dear Walter:

While in the Wickenburg area recently Hugo Dummett and myself stopped in unannounced at your Bighorn Project. I was glad to see that your plans for a small-scale heap leach project at the Bighorn had been fulfilled and that the operation seems to be running quite smoothly. Hopefully, the gold bars will continue to come forth for several more years.

This letter is to thank your people at the site, particularly your new operations manager and your geologist for taking the time out of their busy schedule to briefly review with us various aspects of the organization.

Westmont Mining Inc. recently purchased the assets of NICOR Mineral Ventures. Westmont continues to look for significant gold-silver prospects and if you should seek a joint venture partner in the future, please contact Hugo or myself at this office.

Sincerely,



Gary A. Parkison  
Senior Geologist

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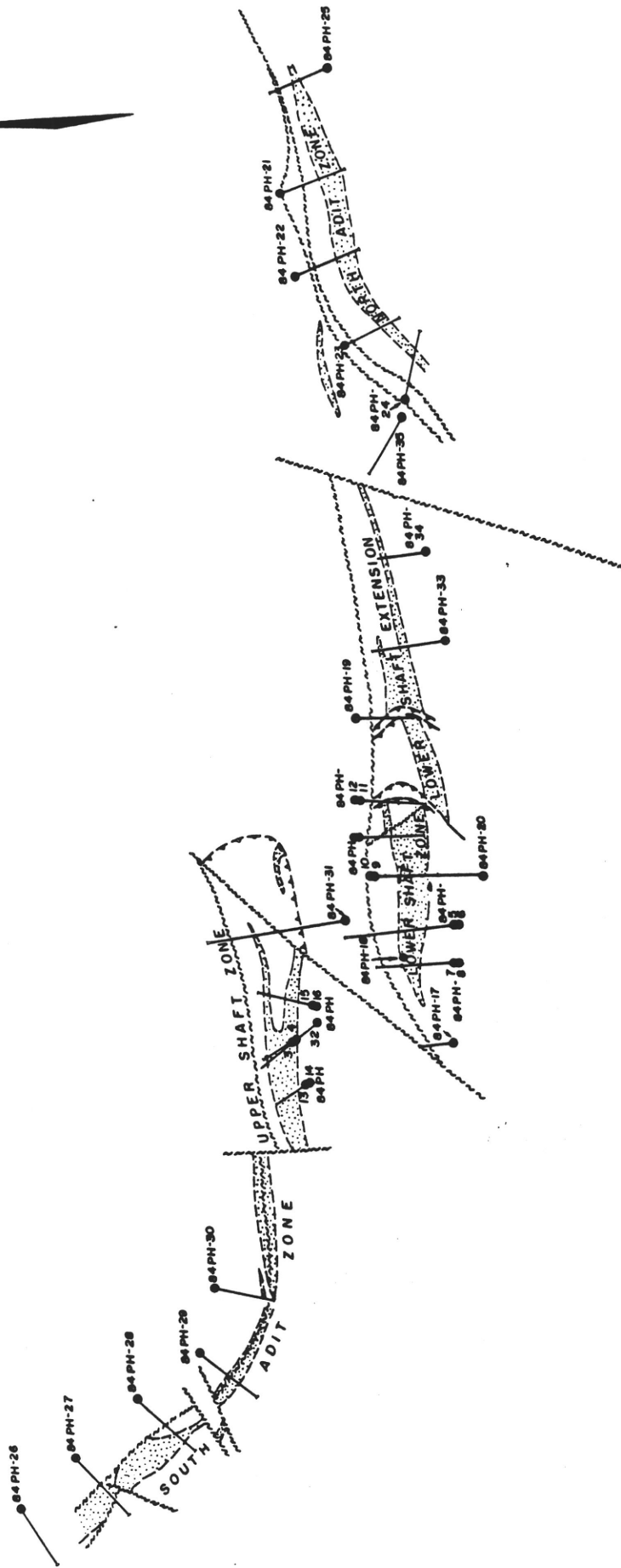
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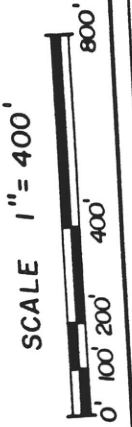
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**BIGHORN PROJECT**  
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Steeply dipping faults  
Low angle faults



Outline of quartz stockwork and  
quartz vein breccia zone  
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projection

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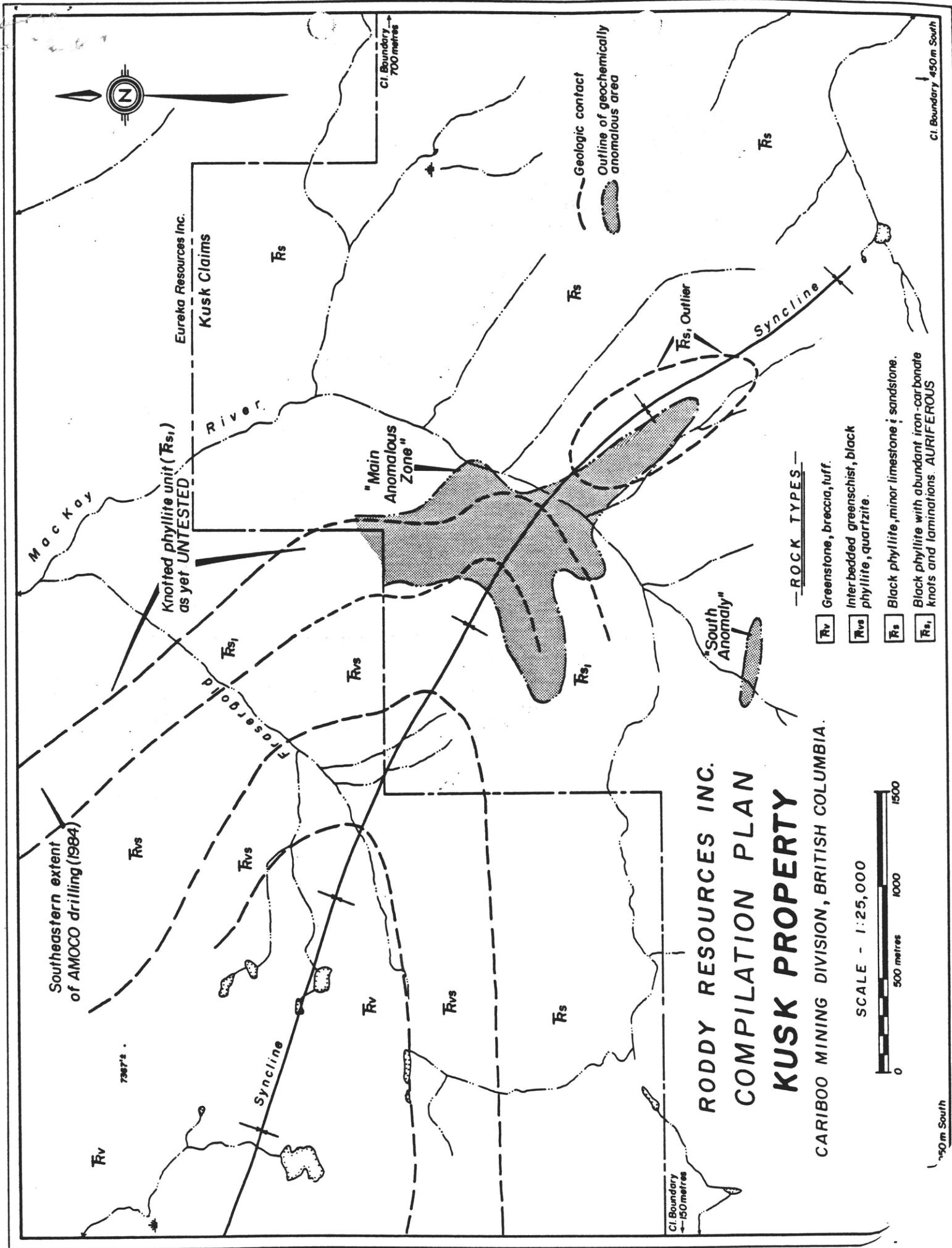
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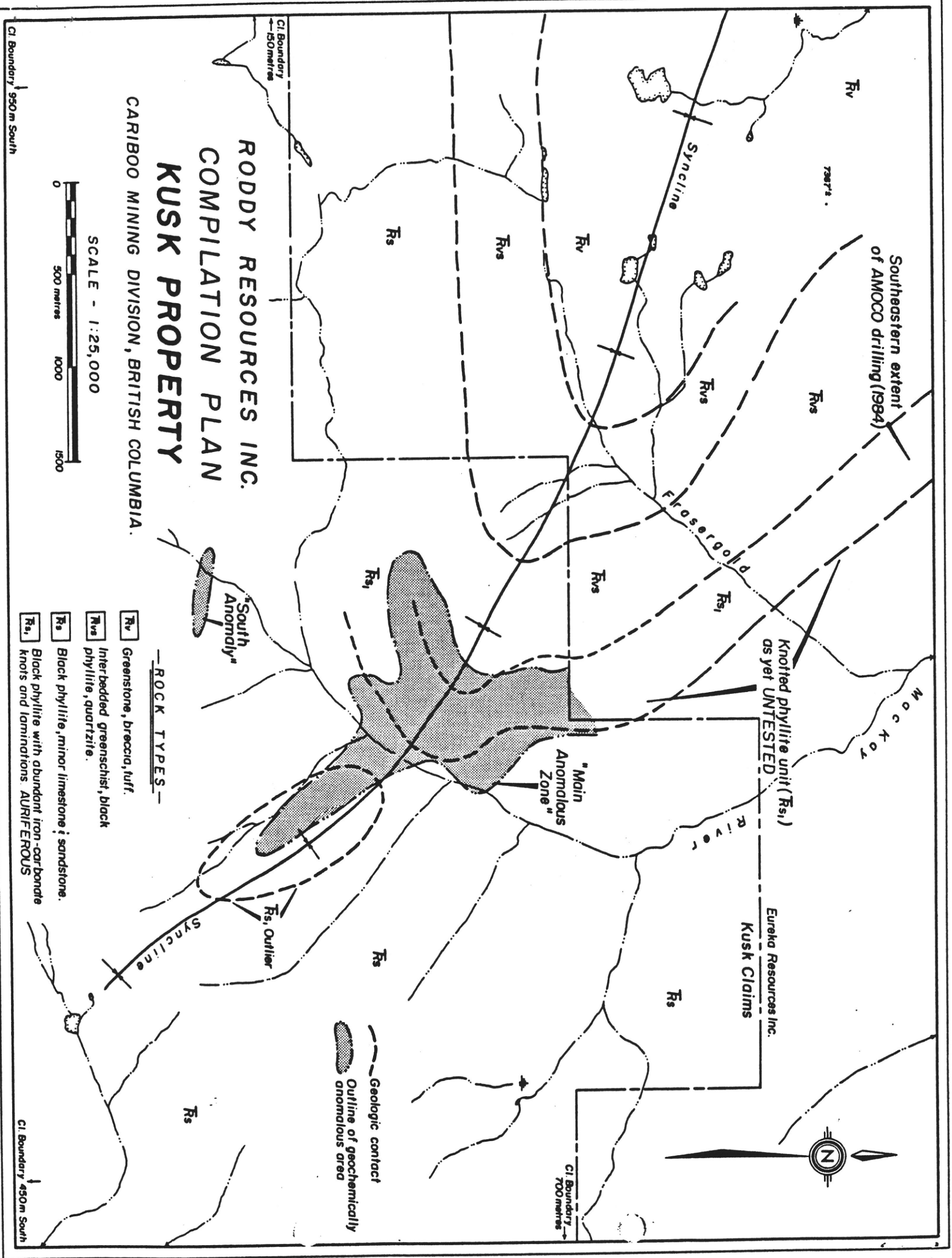
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Southeastern extent  
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MOCKROY

Knotted phyllite unit (Rs<sub>1</sub>)  
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Eureka Resources Inc.

Kusk Claims

RIVER

Frosergold

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"Main  
Anomalous  
Zone"

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# RODDY RESOURCES INC. COMPILATION PLAN KUSK PROPERTY

CARIBOO MINING DIVISION, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SCALE - 1:25,000



CI Boundary 950m South

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Geologic contact  
Outline of geochemically  
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## ROCK TYPES-

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PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC EVALUATION

- of the -

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Maricopa County  
Arizona, U.S.A.

- for -

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## Introduction

The Bighorn Property, situated in Maricopa County, northwestern Arizona, contains four zones of significant epithermal-type gold mineralization. Based on the results of surface and underground sampling and drilling carried out to date, mineable reserves of the Lower Shaft and Upper Shaft Zones are placed at 565,000 tons probable, grading approximately 0.09 oz gold per ton. These reserves are amenable to open pit mining at a waste: ore ratio of 3:1 to 3.5:1.

Based on a open pit, 150,000 t.p.y., heap leach-type operation it is estimated that raw gold bullion can be produced from the two zones for about \$87 U.S. per oz. At a gold price of \$300 U.S., assuming a recovery rate of 70% (indicated from results of preliminary column leach tests), the operation would generate an annual profit, before royalties of \$2,044,500 U.S. for a period of 3.8 years. Total net profit after royalties and payback of capitalization costs (estimated at 1.3 million) would be 6.08 million with an average annual rate of return on investment capital of 57.3%. Payback of investment capital would be achieved in 0.65 years.

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#### Salient Features and Exploration History

The Bighorn Property, consisting of ten patented and 12 unpatented mineral claims, is situated in rolling, foothills-type terrain, within a desert region of northwestern Arizona. The property can be reached via about 20 miles of back roads from either Wickenburg, on Highway 93, or Aguila, on Highway 60.

The claim area straddles a major northerly-trending

fault which separates a Tertiary volcanic sequence on the east and Precambrian schists and gneisses to the west. Within the area of the claims, in close proximity to the Tertiary/Precambrian fault contact, significant gold mineralization is confined to steeply dipping, tabular quartz stockwork and vein/breccia zones up to 130 feet wide. Post ore faulting has segmented the main mineralized structure into four en-echelon segments which have a combined strike length exceeding 3200 feet.

Early development work, which includes several shafts, adits and shallow pits, was carried out by the Hauxhurst Copper Company between 1908 and 1920. The main workings consist of two vertical shafts, 600 ft. and 486 ft. deep. The deeper, or Lower Shaft (No. 1) has fairly extensive lateral workings on the 150 and 250 levels. The Upper Shaft (No. 2) has about 200 ft. of lateral development on the 250 level and 300 ft. on the 350 level.

There are no records of any substantial production. About 4,500 tons of dump ore reportedly was milled in 1943 which yielded \$4.50 U.S. gold per ton (\$35 gold) and 0.5 to 0.75% copper. In 1961, three shipments of

dump and surface ore, totalling 133 tons, were treated by the Superior and Hayden Smelters in Arizona. These shipments averaged 0.091 oz gold per ton and 2.01% copper.

Since acquiring the property in January, 1984, Roddy Resources Inc. has carried out a comprehensive exploration program consisting of detailed surface sampling and mapping, reverse-circulation drilling (9,840 Ft. in 35 holes), underground mapping and sampling and bulk sampling for metallurgical testing.

#### Mineralization and Geological Model

The complex quartz vein zones which host the mineralization on the Bighorn Property are characterized by an intense stockwork of quartz veins and veinlets, up to 130 feet wide, with intensely silicified vein/breccia zones up to 16 feet wide. Less intense stockwork zones occur within and peripheral to the main stockwork zones. The host volcanic units typically are kaolinized and locally chloritized.

Quartz within the stockwork and vein/breccia zones generally is banded, contains abundant drusy cavities

and locally contains jasperoid-type fragments and bands. Black specular hematite and dark, earthy red hematite, in amounts up to 30%, occur finely impregnated within quartz and wallrock and within veinlets and blebs cutting quartz and wallrock.

Fine native gold, ranging from less than .01 to more than 1.0 oz/ton occurs both within stockwork and vein/breccia zones. Copper as secondary oxides, carbonates and silicates locally is abundant within the vein/breccia zones and generally present in minor amounts within the stockwork zones. The average copper content is estimated to be between 0.15 and 0.3 percent.

The Bighorn Property displays most of the characteristics of a classic epithermal-type deposit. Deposits of this type have been major producers of gold and silver throughout western North America and Mexico.

A sketch illustrating the probable evolution of the Bighorn deposits is shown in Figure 1033-3.

#### Economics

A preliminary economic evaluation of the Bighorn

Property was carried out by G. Belik and Associates Ltd., in February, 1985. Based on the results of work carried out to date the property is viewed as having an excellent potential for the development of an economically viable open pit, heap leach-type operation.

Probable reserves established to date would sustain a 150,000 t.p.y. mining operation for 3.8 years. Possible additional reserves could add another 10 years to the life of the operation.

Table I illustrates the projected annual net profit, at various metal prices, for a 150,000 t.p.y. operation mining ore from the Upper and Lower Shaft Zones at an average grade of 0.09 oz gold and 0.15 oz silver per ton. The calculations are based on a gold recovery of 70%, a silver recovery of 25% and operating cost of \$5.50 per ton of ore.

Table II shows the projected earnings, at various metal prices, for the life of the operation.

### Conclusions and Recommendations

The Bighorn Property has many positive features.

Table I: Projected Annual Net Profit (before taxes & royalties) at various metal prices (U.S. funds)

Price (\$)	Value Per Ton (\$)		Total Value Per Ton (\$)	Operating Costs Per Ton (\$)	Net Profit Per Ton	Annual Net Profit (\$)
	Au	Ag				
500	31.50	0.38	31.89	5.50	26.39	3,958,500
400	25.20	0.30	25.50	5.50	20.00	3,000,000
350	22.05	0.26	22.31	5.50	16.81	2,521,500
300	18.90	0.23	19.13	5.50	13.63	2,044,500
250	15.75	0.19	15.94	5.50	10.44	1,566,000
200	12.60	0.15	12.75	5.50	7.25	1,087,500
150	9.45	0.11	9.56	5.50	4.06	609,000



Table II: Projected Earnings at various metal prices (U.S. funds) for life of operation (3.8 years)

Price \$	Au	Ag	Net Earnings \$	Capitalization \$	Royalties \$	Payback of Capitalization (yrs.)	Net Profit after Royalties and pay- back of Capitalization
500	10		15,042,000	1,300,000	630,000	0.34	13,112,000
400	8		11,400,000	1,300,000	544,000	0.44	9,556,000
350	7		9,582,000	1,300,000	501,000	0.53	7,781,000
300	6		7,769,000	1,300,000	458,000	0.65	6,077,000
250	5		5,951,000	1,300,000	392,000	0.86	4,259,000
200	4		4,133,000	1,300,000	317,000	1.24	2,516,000
150	3		2,314,000	1,300,000	238,000	2.27	776,000

Projected earnings are based only on probable reserves established to date. If the potential for additional reserves is realized the life of the operation could be extended an additional 3-10 years.

The property is readily accessible by road, close to towns and transportation facilities and is situated in a warm arid region suitable for a year-round leaching operation. A preliminary economic evaluation suggests that sufficient reserves have been outlined to support a moderate size mining venture which could generate a strong positive cash flow in a short period of time.

The above features suggest that the Bighorn Property has an excellent mine-making potential. However, before making a final production commitment it is essential that further work be carried out. This work should include:

- a) a pilot heap-leach test to verify recoveries obtained in the column leach tests, b) fill-in drilling in the Lower and Upper Shaft Zones to establish with certainty the tonnage/grade estimates, c) topographic and drill hole surveys to assist in the preparation of final feasibility studies and d) final feasibility studies to provide a more detailed, updated evaluation and to determine optimum pit designs, access routes, waste disposal sites etc.

The program outlined above is estimated to cost \$300,000 U.S., which is included in the estimated \$1.3 million capitalization costs to bring the property into production.

Respectfully Submitted,

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