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SUBJECT: Copper Flotation - update
(To be attached to Copper Flotation update, Rhonda Martel
to R. Murarka, June 2, 1983.)

GROUP B TESTWORK (cont'd)

- Copper Prefloat, 2BCD ore

B-9 - see previous report as listed above

B-10 - see previous report as listed above

B-11 - This test followed the same procedure as test no. 7 (see previous reports as listed above), but a 20 minute primary grind. This test was done because the optimum grind for 2BCD was obtained after 20 minutes of grinding, so it was hoped that copper flotation would improve.
- Copper recovery was better in test 7 where a 15 minute primary grind was used.
- no significant change in Pb.

B-12 - This test was done to duplicate the results of the large scale test no. E-4. Test no. B-12 was done to generate a bulk Cu/Pb rougher concentrate using high 2-11 dosage. Test B-12 was a 1000 g chg. test.

B-13 - This test was done to test high Na_2SO_3 with low 2-11.
- 2 kg/T Na_2SO_3
- 70 g/T 2-11 (total)
- no $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$
- Compared to test B-9 where the procedure and scheme is the same except only 1 kg/T Na_2SO_3 was used. *

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GROUP B TESTWORK (cont'd)

- B-13 (cont'd) - Both Pb and Cu recovery improved with more Na_2SO_3 used in the grind
- Cu/Pb separation is not so good.

- B-14 - Cu pre-flout
- Pb depressed by lower pH
 - pH of 6.5 was the goal, pH lowered by H_2SO_3
 - no Na_2CO_3 was used in the grind and pH out of the grind was 5.4, so no H_2SO_3 was used
 - Cu and Pb recovery were poor.

B

Cu Pre Float Testing

ORETYPE and Test Description	SAMPLE	WTS	ASSAYS					DISTRIBUTION				
			Pb	Zn	Fe	Cu	Ag	Pb	Zn	Fe	Cu	Ag
11. <u>2BCD</u> Same as B-7 but with a 20 minute primary grind.	CuCC ₁	36.8	13.00	8.16	17.0	3.18	5.71	15.93	4.41	5.53	48.29	15.15
	CuCT ₁	167.6	12.60	5.99	16.9	.18	4.80	70.34	14.75	25.05	12.45	57.99
	Cu/Pb Conc.	204.4	12.67	6.38	16.9	.72	4.96	86.27	19.16	30.58	60.74	73.14
	Cu/Pb SCLIS	742.8	.52	6.44	9.9	.12	.47	13.73	80.84	69.42	39.26	26.86
	Heads	997.2	3.01	6.83	11.94	.24	1.39	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
12. <u>2BCD</u> Same as B-7 but with high Z-11 Purpose: to duplicate metallurgy in lg scale test	Cu/Pb Conc.	274.3	9.71	5.07	20.4	.57	3.84	88.88	14.91	51.07	64.27	83.67
	Cu/Pb SCLIS	724.5	.46	7.72	7.4	.12	.29	11.12	80.09	48.93	35.73	16.63
	Heads	998.8	3.00	6.99	10.97	.24	1.26	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
13. <u>2BCD</u> -no NaCN -2kg/t Na ₂ SO ₃ -70 g/t Z-11 (total) -no K ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇	CuCC ₁	23.9	30.60	10.26	9.9	5.33	12.26	24.61	3.74	2.04	51.02	14.25
	CuCT ₁	34.2	9.74	9.67	10.2	.28	3.52	11.21	5.04	3.01	3.84	7.91
	Cu/Pb Conc.	58.1	18.32	9.91	10.1	2.36	7.12	35.82	8.78	5.05	54.86	27.16
	Cu/Pb SCLIS	934.4	2.03	6.37	11.7	.12	1.18	64.18	91.22	94.94	45.15	72.84
	Heads	997.5	2.98	6.58	11.61	.25	1.53	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
14. <u>2BCD</u> Cu/Pb Conc. Low pH with H ₂ SO ₃ -20 g/t Z-11	Cu/Pb Conc.	24.0	18.30	10.00	12.5	4.89	7.67	14.82	3.63	2.48	45.02	12.97
	Cu/Pb SCLIS	974.9	2.59	6.54	12.1	.15	1.27	85.18	96.37	97.52	54.98	87.03
	Heads	998.9	2.97	6.62	12.11	.27	1.42	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

GROUP D TESTWORK - Cu/Pb separation from Cu/Pb Rougher Conc.
Pb Cleaning.

D-5 - see previous report as listed above.

- Increases in NaCN did reduce the copper recovery to the PbCC3 considerably.
- Pb recovery did not change much but Pb grade improved as NaCN increased
- Pb recovery in the cleaners is not good, it is below 20%

D-6

- used the Vihanti process, a Finnish process.
- Bulk Cu/Pb flotation to third cleaner
- Separation in fourth cleaner using $K_2Cr_2O_7$ to depress Pb.
- pH 10.8 with lime
- 240 g/t Z-11 (total)
- Separation was not successful.

D-7

- In this test, a bulk Cu/Pb Rougher conc was generated and then Pb cleaning was done to the first cleaner only
- no sulphite or cyanide in the grind
- 200 g/t NaCN to the regrind
- 240 g/t Z-11 used in total
- Pb grade and recovery were not bad
- Cu recovery to the Pb first cleaner conc. was 20%

D

Cu/Pb Separation From Cu/Pb Rougher
Concentrate - Pb Cleaning

ORETYPE and Test Description	SAMPLE	WTS	ASSAYS					DISTRIBUTION				
			Pb	Zn	Fe	Cu	Ag	Pb	Zn	Fe	Cu	Ag
2BCD 1. Std Pb Cleaning circuit -no NaCN to regrind	PbCC ₃	7.7	57.70	4.17	6.6	4.83	22.09	16.50	7.17	3.11	21.62	16.87
	PbCT ₃	8.3	44.10	6.9	9.8	4.87	16.91	13.59	12.81	4.97	23.49	13.92
	PbCC ₂	16.0	50.65	5.59	8.3	4.85	19.40	30.04	19.98	8.08	45.11	30.79
	PbCT ₂	13.3	31.10	5.90	14.1	2.40	11.78	15.34	17.52	11.47	18.55	15.54
	PbCC ₁	29.3	41.77	5.73	10.9	3.74	15.94	45.45	37.50	14.55	63.66	46.33
	PbCT ₁	72.7	20.20	3.85	18.1	1.86	7.44	54.54	62.50	80.45	36.34	53.66
	* Heads	102.0	26.40	4.34	16.0	1.69	9.88	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
2. Same as above - 50 g/T NaCN in regrind.	PbCC ₃	6.6	71.70	1.03	2.9	1.47	26.11	17.74	1.55	1.19	5.59	17.55
	PbCT ₃	7.2	55.60	2.09	7.2	2.80	20.58	15.01	3.44	3.23	11.62	15.09
	PbCC ₂	13.8	63.30	1.58	5.1	2.16	23.22	32.75	4.99	4.42	17.21	32.64
	PbCT ₂	9.2	31.70	4.11	14.5	2.56	11.77	10.97	8.64	8.31	13.57	11.03
	PbCC ₁	23.0	50.70	2.59	8.9	2.32	18.64	43.72	13.63	12.73	30.78	43.67
	PbCT ₁	77.0	19.50	4.91	18.2	1.56	7.18	56.29	86.37	87.27	69.22	56.32
	* Heads	100.0	26.68	4.38	16.1	1.74	9.82	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
3. Same as above - 100 g/T NaCN in Regrind	PbCC ₃	7.6	74.00	1.00	2.4	1.05	26.06	21.07	1.68	1.14	4.72	20.24
	PbCT ₃	6.6	55.20	2.06	6.9	2.37	20.16	13.65	3.00	2.84	9.26	13.60
	PbCC ₂	14.2	65.26	1.44	4.5	1.10	23.32	34.72	4.68	3.98	13.98	33.84
	PbCT ₂	9.5	31.40	4.03	14.2	2.44	11.71	11.18	8.44	8.41	13.72	11.32
	PbCC ₁	23.7	51.69	2.51	8.4	1.64	18.66	45.90	13.12	12.39	27.70	45.16
	PbCT ₁	76.8	18.20	5.13	18.3	1.59	6.98	54.10	86.88	87.61	72.30	54.84
	* Heads	100.50	26.56	4.51	16.0	1.68	9.74	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

* heads were
Cu/Pb Rougher
conc that was
generated
in test E-3.

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Cu/Pb Separation from Cu/Pb Rougher Conc.
Pb Cleaning.

ORETYPE and Test Description	SAMPLE	WTS	ASSAYS					DISTRIBUTION				
			Pb	Zn	Fe	Cu	Ag	Pb	Zn	Fe	Cu	Ag
2BCD 4. std Pb cleaning circuit - 200 g/t NaCN to Re grind	PbCC ₃	6.4	75.56	1.04	2.0	.42	26.19	17.77	1.56	.80	1.55	16.72
	PbCT ₃	7.3	61.90	1.87	4.9	1.13	22.18	16.62	3.06	2.25	4.75	16.15
	PbCC ₂	13.7	68.25	1.50	3.5	.80	24.05	34.39	4.62	3.05	6.30	32.87
	PbCT ₂	9.3	31.40	4.18	14.0	2.23	11.98	10.74	8.71	8.17	12.22	11.11
	PbCC ₁	23.0	53.35	2.58	7.7	1.40	19.17	45.13	13.53	11.22	18.52	43.98
	PbCT ₁	77	19.20	4.51	18.2	1.82	7.23	54.87	86.67	88.78	81.48	56.02
	* Heads	100.7	27.00	4.43	15.8	1.72	9.96	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5. std Pb cleaning circuit - 500 g/t NaCN to re grind.	PbCC ₃	6.8	61.40	1.21	1.9	0.33	26.08	16.46	1.87	.81	1.33	17.27
	PbCT ₃	5.1	58.60	2.02	5.5	.99	20.45	11.78	3.50	1.77	3.07	10.57
	PbCC ₂	11.9	60.20	1.99	3.4	.61	23.67	28.24	5.37	2.58	4.33	28.54
	PbCT ₂	10.2	33.40	6.04	12.7	1.88	12.50	13.43	14.01	8.16	11.40	12.92
	PbCC ₁	22.1	47.83	3.86	7.7	1.20	18.51	41.64	19.39	10.74	15.73	41.46
	PbCT ₁	77.9	19.00	4.55	18.2	1.82	7.42	58.34	80.61	82.24	84.37	58.55
	* Heads	100.0	25.37	4.40	15.9	1.68	9.87	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
6. 2BCD Vihanti process ↓ kg test. Bulk Flotation to Third cleaner conc and separate. - pH to 10.8 with lime - 240 g/t Z-II (total) - Fourth cleaner 2000 g/t K ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇	Cu Conc.	2.3	21.40	2.20	7.7	3.13	12.00	1.27	3.54	.46	2.36	1.39
	Pb Conc.	31.4	52.00	9.40	6.3	1.78	17.08	28.68	20.63	5.18	18.34	27.09
	Cu/Pb CT ₃	28.3	34.70	10.05	10.5	2.42	12.64	17.25	19.88	7.79	22.47	18.07
	Cu/Pb CC ₂	62.0	43.34	10.16	8.3	2.12	14.86	47.20	44.05	13.43	43.17	46.85
	Cu/Pb CT ₂	21.9	20.60	5.81	16.3	1.39	8.03	12.15	8.89	9.36	9.99	8.88
	Cu/Pb CC ₁	83.9	37.67	9.02	10.9	1.93	13.08	59.35	52.94	22.79	53.16	56.43
	Cu/Pb CT ₁	150.3	15.40	4.48	19.6	.95	5.87	40.65	47.06	77.21	46.85	44.56
	Heads	234.2	29.31	6.11	16.29	1.30	8.45	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

* Heads were
Cu/Pb rougher
conc. that was
generated in
test E-3.

Group E Testwork - Large-Scale Flotation

This is a new group. It has been assigned to the tests where a large rougher conc or first cleaner conc has been generated for future test:
ie. generation of PbCC₃ for group C testwork
or// generation of Cu/Pb rougher conc. for group D testwork

E-1 } PbCC₃ generation for group C testwork
E-2 }

E-3 Cu/Pb Rougher conc for group D testwork.
E-4 Cu/Pb " " unused but probably for group D testwork.

