

Yukon Placer Database Operations Report



Field Name: Wheelton, 1999-2001

Last Update: 23-Feb-2005

Status: Exploratory

Stream: Vancouver: a tributary of McQuesten

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Operators

Name	From (Date)	To (Date)	Comment
John Wheelton	1999/01/01	2001/12/31	

Owners

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General Location

This was an exploratory mining development and assessment program on the upper reaches of Vancouver Creek.

Location Details

Date:	Latitude			Longitude			Elevation	Distance from Mouth
	Deg	Min	Sec	Deg	Min	Sec	(feet)	(feet)
2003/01/01	63	45	2	137	1	9		
2001/01/01	63	45	0	137	0	0		
1999/01/01	63	45	0	137	0	0		

Water Licence(s)

Number	Comments
PM99-088	

Work History

Mining activities consisted of a series of trenches to systematically prove the value of the property. Three trenches were dug along the left limit of the drainage with two of these areas being stripped for potential mining. The two stripped areas were 300 feet by 200 feet and 100 feet by 200 feet respectively; the bulldozer was used to sample from within these cuts. Access difficulties limited the mining program, and by 2001 the test program had not proven the ground economically viable and the license was closed.

Equipment

The new access was constructed with a D-8 Caterpillar bulldozer and the test trenches were stripped with the same equipment. Hand-testing pay gravels in the trenches was done to ascertain values and a drilling program with a 5-inch auger drill was done to supplement local knowledge for development of the mining program. Ground water was used for the hand testing in the trenches.

Landforms

Landform	Comments
Alluvial Valley	

Bedrock Geology

The intervening ridges between Vancouver, Right Hook and Thoroughfare Creeks are composed largely of Yukon schist, quartzite, and phyllite, with some small local intrusions of granite and granodiorite. Vancouver Creek heads in a massive granitic intrusion.

Gold Comments

No economic pay values were found in the testing program and all values recovered were described as flour.

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Pictures

Title: John Wheelton's operation on Vancouver Creek

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