# BULLDOZER TRENCHING REPORT

COAL LICENCE NO. 153

Report Submitted re: Section 19 (2) (e) and 19 (h) of the Coal Act



Licensee: T. G. Stout Operator: Cyprus Anvil Mining Corporation



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## INTRODUCTION

By an agreement entered into on April 10, 1981 with T. G. Stout, licencee of Coal Licence No. 153, Cyprus Anvil Mining Corporation undertook a second small bulldozer trenching program on this licence in May, 1982. This licence is contiguous with Cyprus Anvil's other Tulameen Coal Project land holdings. Work was carried out under Surface Work Permit No. C-115.

A total of two long trenches were excavated, with a total length of 320 meters, in addition to nine small test pits. On completion of this trenching, all trenches were completely backfilled. All disturbed areas were then seeded and fertilized.

## LOCATION AND ACCESS

The Tulameen Coalfield is located in southwestern British Columbia on the east flank of the Cascade Mountains, about 170 air-kilometers E.N.E. of Vancouver, and 48 kilometers north of the United States border. Coal Licence No. 153 is located south of the town of Tulameen and west of the town of Coalmont.

There is good private gravel road access to the property from Coalmont, a distance of about five kilometers. A paved road connects Coalmont with Princeton, a distance of about 20 kilometers to the southeast.

A C.P. Rail branch line runs from Princeton, through Coalmont and Tulameen, connecting the main line at Spences Bridge. The rail distance from Coalmont to Vancouver is 420 kilometers.

### GEOLOGY

The Tulameen basin consists of an elongate, oval-shaped, synclinally folded sequence of Tertiary sediments, including coal seams and volcanics which rest unconformably on a basement of Upper Triassic Nicola Group metamorphosed volcanics and sediments.

Underground coal mining was carried out along the southwestern margin of the Tulameen basin from 1919, continuously until 1940 by Coalmont Collieries Ltd. in three adjacent mines. A small open pit mine was operated in the same area during the mid-1950's by Mullins Strip Mine Ltd. Approximately 2,150,000 tonnes were extracted from the underground workings and 225,000 tonnes were obtained from the open pit.

The primary object of exploration work carried out by Cyprus Anvil since 1977 within the Tulameen basin has been to prove coal reserves that would be minable at a low stripping ratio. For this reason, work has been concentrated along the western margin of the basin. In this area, dips are moderate  $(25 - 45^{\circ}E)$  and, for a considerable stike distance, the topographic slope tends to fall off the east, resulting in a favourable surface mining situation. Mapping is very sketchy and incomplete along the eastern and southern margins of the basin because of a lack of bedrock exposure.

Tulameen basin stratigraphy is summarized as follows:

Nicola Group (unit 1) rocks are exposed along the extreme south and eastern contacts of the Tulameen Tertiary basin. The Nicola Group of Upper Triassic age consists mostly of a varied assemblage of metamorphosed, highly fractured quartz and carbonate veined volcanic rocks

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## Table 1

# TABLE OF GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS

## TERTIARY UPPER YOLCANICS Brown to black, fine-grained basalt. Unconformity. COAL - BEARING TERTIARY SEDIMENTS 3 UPPER SANDSTONES (600 m) 3c 3c2 Granule conglomerate, coarse sandstone, minor shale, mudstone. Transitional unit; interbedded sandstone, mudstone, minor thin coal. 3C1 35 COAL MEMBER: Shales, mudstone, tuffs, coal. (130 m) Blocky breaking mudstone and shales. 3b10 3b9 Finely laminated, fissile shales. 368 Interbedded thin dirty coal, bentonite, shales, mudstones. 3b7 Main coal seam 3b6 Light grey, medium-grained sandstone; white muddy matrix. Dark grey, massive, blocky breaking mudstone. 3b5 364 Distinctive color banded, light to dark grey, interbedded shales, mudstones, muddy sandstone. 3b3 Mudstone, medium brownish grey to dary grey, massive to medium laminated. Lower coal seam. 3b2 Interbedded fragmental bentonitic tuff, thin coal seams, coaly 3b1 bentonitic mudstone. LOWER SANDSTONE: Coarse to fine sandstone, interbedded with mudstone and 3a shale (100 - 150 m). 2 LOWER VOLCANIC: Massive to porphyritic or fragmental; andesitic to felsitic.

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#### UPPER TRIASSIC

1 NICOLA GROUP:

Highly metamorphosed volcanic and sediments.

varying from porphyritic and non-porphyritic dacite to basalt. Also present are minor argillite, tuffs, limestone and chlorite and sericite schist.

Unit 2, the Lower Volcanics, are the oldest Tertiary rocks in the area and they unconformably overlie the Nicola volcanics. This unit consists of a wide variety of generally light colored, massive to porphyritic and/or fragmental andesite to felsites. This is a very resistant outcrop forming unit. Best exposures are on Hamilton Hill and Jackson Mtn. along the western and northern margin of the basin. Total thickness of this unit, in Collins Gulch, is about 500 meters.

Unit 3 includes the Tertiary sedimentary strata. Unit 3 can be further broken down into a lower sandstone unit (3a); unit 3b, the coalbearing member consisting of shales, mudstone tuffs, flows and coal; and an upper sandstone horizon (3c).

Unit 3a is a recessive, poorly exposed, poorly cemented, often arkosic, coarse to fine-grained sandstone, interbedded with minor thin mudstones and shales. The thickness of this unit in the western and northern basin is in the order of 100 - 150 meters.

Unit 3b, the coal member, is about 130 meters thick along the western margin of the basin. This unit appears to conformably overlie unit 3a along the western and northern portions of the basin but, to the east and south, it progressively overlaps unit 3a and unit 2 to lie directly on the Upper Triassic Nicola Group basement. Using drill cores and electrologs, unit 3b has been further broken down into a

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number of sub-units  $(3b_{1-10})$ . These units are readily identifiable in core and electrologs and have been correlated between all holes in the area drilled along the west margin of the basin. Unit 3b is a very recessive weathering unit with very few natural exposures. In weathered surface exposures (outcrop, road cuts, shallow cat and backhoe trenches), it is very difficult to differentiate between the various unit 3b shale and mudstone sub-units.

The Tertiary sediments are folded into an assymetric, northwest trending synclinal structure. In the area of the old underground mines along the southwest margin of the basin, the beds dip between 20 and  $25^{\circ}$  to the northeast. To the north of this area, between Sections 1 and 5 in the area of proposed surface mining, dips increase from  $25^{\circ}$  to  $45^{\circ}$ . The beds tend to flatten to about  $20^{\circ}$  around the northern nose of the syncline and then steepen  $40^{\circ}$  to  $80^{\circ}$  to the southwest around most of the basin, because of the almost total lack of unit 3 rocks exposed, is unclear.

A major northeast trending fault zone exists between the abandoned No. 3 and No. 4 underground mines. A similar major northeast fault zone has been described as forming the southeast limit of the No. 3 underground mine. No surface evidence of this zone has been seen. Although numerous small scale faults and drag folds have been encountered throughout the basin, no other faults with major displacements are indicated.

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## TRENCHING

Cyprus Anvil acquired Coal Licence No. 153 in 1981. Within this licence there is very little natural bedrock exposure within the coal-bearing section. Small trenching programs were carried out within this licence during 1981 and 1982 to define the stratigraphy of the area and to expose coal seams for examination and sampling. The trenches are fully described on Map No. 1, which indicates the geological units exposed, the trench dimensions, and shows their locations with respect to boundaries of the licence, access roads, drill sites, and other surface workings.

Trenching during the 1982 program was carried out during the period May 12 - 21. Equipment utilized consisted of a Caterpillar D6D bulldozer and a Caterpillar 225 backhoe excavator.

On the completion of the 1982 program, all new trenches and test pits were completely backfilled and all disturbed areas were seeded and fertilized.

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T. J.

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# APPENDIX I

## STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

I, Thomas J. Adamson, geologist, with business address at 300 - 355 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, and residential address at 3842 - West 23rd Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, hereby state that:

1) I graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1967 with a B.Sc., majoring in geology.

2) From 1967 to the present, I have been actively engaged as a geologist on mineral and coal exploration programs in British Columbia, Alberta, and Yukon Territory.

3) From 1972 to the present, I have been employed by Cyprus Anvil Mining Corporation of Vancouver, British Columbia.

4) I personally participated in and supervised all 1982 field work on Coal Exploration Licence No. 153 and have compiled and interpreted all data resulting from this work.

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T. J. Adamson Senior Geologist, Coal Projects

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# APPENDIX II

# COAL LICENCE NO. 153

# 1982 Trenching Cost Statement

Equipment Rental	-	D6D bulldozer, Cat 225 Backhoe Tri Valley Construction Ltd.	\$4,032.00
Transportation	-	Cara Truck Rentals Gas	849.54 143.00
Accommodation	-	Sandman Inn, Princeton	267.38
Salaries	-	one man, 9 days	2,114.00
Reclamation	-	seed, Buckerfields Ltd. seed spreader, fertilizer, Knapps Ltd.	216.90 75.76

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I, Thomas J. Adamson, do hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above statement of costs is both correct and true.

T. J. Adamson Senior Geologist, Coal Projects

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