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ENGINEERING REPORT ON LOT 166

MERRITT COALFIELD

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Bear Sir:

Enclosed is my report covering the plan and **vertical** sections of Lot 166, **which** was sent to you on Friday, October 6th. **The** sections are tracings and you can make as many copies as **desired**.

At the apex of the fold there are definite possibilities of strip mining, but the tonnage of coal that could be available to this type of mining will have to be proved by future drilling.

If **there are** any questions regarding the report, please give me a ring.

Pours very truly,

Robert B. **Bonar**, Prof. **Eng.**

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## ENGINEERING REPORT ON LOT 166, MERRITT COALFIELD

This report will deal **exclusively** with the area of Lot 166 from the **vicinity** of No. 3 North mine to Coldwater Hill. It is **obvious** that if Lot 166 is to be proven to have adequate **reserves** of coal to support a large operation, then the area stated above **is** the key and further diamond **drilling** will be necessary.

To facilitate the **spotting** of **drill** holes, the geology of the area was worked out from the **information** gained from previous **drill** holes and from the old mines in the area.

The **geological** structure at No. 3 North mine from the gravel road to the Coldwater River is a flat lying **syncline** with the **limbs** **pitching** to the northeast and southwest at about 30 degrees. If these **pitches** hold true then the four seams of coal believed to be below the No. 6 seam (No. 3 North mine) will outcrop at **approx-**  
**imately** the lines drawn on the plan. The **vertical** section D-D1 indicates this trend. It would also **explain** why the No. 14 diamond-drill hole did not intersect **any** coal seams.

The **vertical** section at Coldwater Hill indicates that the **seams** are rising **moderately** to the southwest and form a **fold** with the northeast **limbs** of the **syncline**. Nos. 8 and 4 seams are eroded as indicated by the hatched **lines** above the land surface. The fold would appear to plunge fairly gently in a **northwesterly** **direction**, flattening out as it approaches the northern boundary of Lot 166. **Vertical** section E-E1 indicates this flattening out trend.

In the Coldwater Hill area the diamond-drill hole No. 2, drilled to 242 feet, appears to have encountered no seams of coal of economical importance. However, when checking this hole with No. 3 hole, 300 feet to the west, it is **apparent** that the **results** as found do not check and I feel that one or both of these holes are not to be **relied** on.

### RESERVES

As indicated on the plan the **potential** reserves of the area enclosed by the orange **lines** are about 28,000,000 short tons. These reserves were calculated using a coal thickness of 31 feet which **included** Nos. 8, 4 and 1 seams and **excluded** No. 5 seam. However, this latter seam could prove to be of **value** and would substantially add to the reserves.

It must be understood that the calculated **reserves** are potential only. The **geological** structures as **shown** on the **plan** and **sections**, together with the seam **thicknesses**, must be proved by diamond **drilling**. The stratigraphical intervals and seam thickness are as shown in Mr. James Dickson's report on the area.

NORTH SECTION OF LOT 4

There is little or no information concerning this area which would enable one to draw any reasonable conclusion, however, I feel certain that the area contains the coal measures and future geological study and drilling could prove additional reserves.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that drill holes Nos. 1A and 2A as shown on the plan and sections be drilled to prove the geological structure and seam thicknesses. The holes are shown inclined, being at right angles to the estimated pitch of the seams. This will lessen the cost of the holes.

Respectively submitted,

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The geological structure at No. 3 North mine from the gravel road to the Goldwater River is a flat lying **syncline** with the limbs pitching to the northeast and southwest at about 30 degrees. If these pitches hold true then the four seams of coal believed to be below the No. 6 seam (No. 3 North mine) will **outcrop** at approximately the lines drawn on the plan. The vertical section D-D1 indicates this trend. It would also explain why the No. 14 diamond-drill hole did not intersect any coal seams.

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In the Goldwater Hill area the diamond-drill hole No. 2, drilled to 342 feet, appears to have encountered no seams of coal of economical importance. However, when checking this hole with No. 3 hole, 300 feet to the west, it is apparent that the results as found do not check and I feel that one or both of these holes are not to be relied on.

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