

ZAPOPAN N.L.

MCN 147 - BRITANNIA

ACTIVITY REPORT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

MCN 147 (Figure 2) is located about two kilometres NNE of the old Zapopan Mine at Brocks Creek (Figure 1). Contained within the tenement are the old mine workings known as the Britannia Mine. The tenement was granted on 7th July 1983 for a period of 10 years. Access is easily obtained from the Fountainhead road off the Stuart Highway, about 60 kilometres southeast of the Adelaide River township, thence via the track along the abandoned railway line. This report discusses work carried out during 1992.

2.0 REGIONAL GEOLOGICAL SETTING

Regionally, the area contains rocks of the South Alligator Group (Koolpin Formation, Gerowie Tuff and Mt Bonnie Formation) and the lower part of the Finnis River Group (Burrell Creek Formation), both of which form part of the Pine Creek Geosyncline (Figure 1). This geosyncline contains Early Proterozoic sediments deposited from about 2400 to 2100 Ma onto a gneissic and granitic Archaean basement. This basement does not outcrop within the EL area. After a period of uplift and erosion sedimentation continued until approximately 1870 Ma when greenschist metamorphism and a major phase of deformation took place.

The Koolpin Formation comprises a low energy sequence of carbonaceous and ferruginous (pyritic) siltstones and shales, together with laminated and nodular cherts and narrow banded iron rocks (bif). This is overlain by the Gerowie Tuff which consists of tuffaceous mudstones (variable carbonaceous) and laminated cherts, with minor interbedded tuffaceous siltstones and greywackes. The Mt Bonnie Formation is a transitional sequence of tuffaceous mudstones and cherts with minor tuffaceous siltstones and greywackes, grading up to a predominantly siltstone/greywacke sequence of terrigenous origin. It is conformable with the overlying Burrell Creek Formation, a high energy sequence consisting mostly of greywackes, siltstones and shales. Basic intrusive units, probably equivalent to the Zamu Dolerite, are present as bedding - conformable sills.

These groups have been folded into a tight array of steeply dipping to isoclinal anticlines and synclines. Associated with the anticlinal hinges are broad zones of axial plane foliation producing a pronounced cleavage.

The Pine Creek Geosyncline is a significant gold producing region with major gold mines operating at Cosmo Howley, Woolwonga and Pine Creek, while Mount Todd, Union Reefs and Spring Hill are three major gold deposits at an advanced evaluation stage. Although controls on the localisation of gold mineralisation within the Pine Creek area are not completely understood it is known that, at the major operating gold mines mentioned above, there is a strong spatial relationship between the mineralisation and certain favourable geological units, anticlinal structures and axial planar shear zones.

3.0 LOCAL GEOLOGY

The Britannia Mine lode is a strongly silicified mineralised shear zone located within a bedded sequence of coarse to fine pale cream to white, quartz-felspathic micaceous tuffs. The beds are of variable thickness up to several metres thick. Within the tuff beds are laminated siltstones (in part carbonaceous) with a preferred mica orientation defining an axial plane cleavage. Minor 2-4 cm thick saccharoidal chert beds occur within the tuff layers. These are heavily iron stained and contain rare relict sulphides.

Float blocks (approximately five to ten centimetres in size) from a hematitic/silicic/pyritic Banded Iron Formation have also been identified near the old workings. This B.I.F. horizon is similar to another ferruginous chert horizon which has proved useful as a marker bed within the Brocks Creek region where it has a definite lateral continuity.

The Britannia lode is an axial planar shear zone located within the hinge zone of the prominent Britannia anticline. This structure is tight to isoclinal, strikes southeast, and plunges gently in the same direction.

4.0 PREVIOUS EXPLORATION

Historically, the Britannia Mine is reported to have produced 190 tonnes for 870 ounces of gold in the period 1892 - 1893 (NT Geological Survey). Further ore is said to have been produced to 1897 but details were not reported. Shaft and level development to the 200 foot level is also reported.

No further exploration at Britannia took place until 1988 when Zapopan carried out a three stage program (Holden, 1989):-

1. Rock chip sampling in the old Britannia mine workings.
2. Soil sampling.
3. Excavating, mapping and sampling eight trenches.

The rock chip sampling involved selectively collecting samples from within the various old mine working, however it has not been possible to find the assay results.

The soil sampling program consisted of a grab sample of surficial material collected on a 20 m x 20 m grid pattern over most of the claim area. Results show moderate to high gold values over most of the sampling grid, which is to be expected considering the amount of mining activity in the area.

The trenching program consisted of excavating eight costeans across the line of old workings. All costeans were mapped and sampled with the most significant result being 14m @ 3.61g/t Au. This was not associated with the Britannia lode itself, but a zone of abundant quartz veining 30m to the south. The Britannia lode returned relatively insignificant gold values. Geological mapping confirmed the presence of the NW - SE trending Britannia anticline, the hinge of which hosts the Britannia lode, with the mineralisation observed in the trench being restricted to the southern limb.

5.0 RECENT EXPLORATION

During August 1992, a data review was undertaken to assess the potential; of the area. On the basis of this evaluation, an exploration program was designed to test the mineralisation detected in the costean, and to test the down-dip extent of the Britannia lode.

The program consisted of 8 RAB holes totalling 225 metres. Four holes targeted the Britannia lode (BR1 - BR4) while the other four holes (BR5 - BR8) tested the quartz stockwork system (Figure 3).

Holes which targeted the Britannia lode returned very disappointing results with a maximum value of 3m @ 0.15g/t Au. Drill holes which targeted the quartz stockwork were more successful, returning the following intercepts:-

BR5	0 - 12m	12m @ 0.21g/t Au
BR6	0 - 15m	15m @ 0.48g/t Au
BR7	0 - 24m	24m @ 0.65g/t Au
BR8	0 - 3m	3m @ 2.74g/t Au

6.0 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

MCN 147 has been held by Zapopan NL since 1983. The recent RAB drilling program was successful in confirming the presence of gold mineralisation in a quartz stockwork system beneath the exposure in the old costean. The drill results, together with the surface expressions of quartz veining along strike indicate that this area has the potential for gold mineralisation and warrants further exploration.

7.0 EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

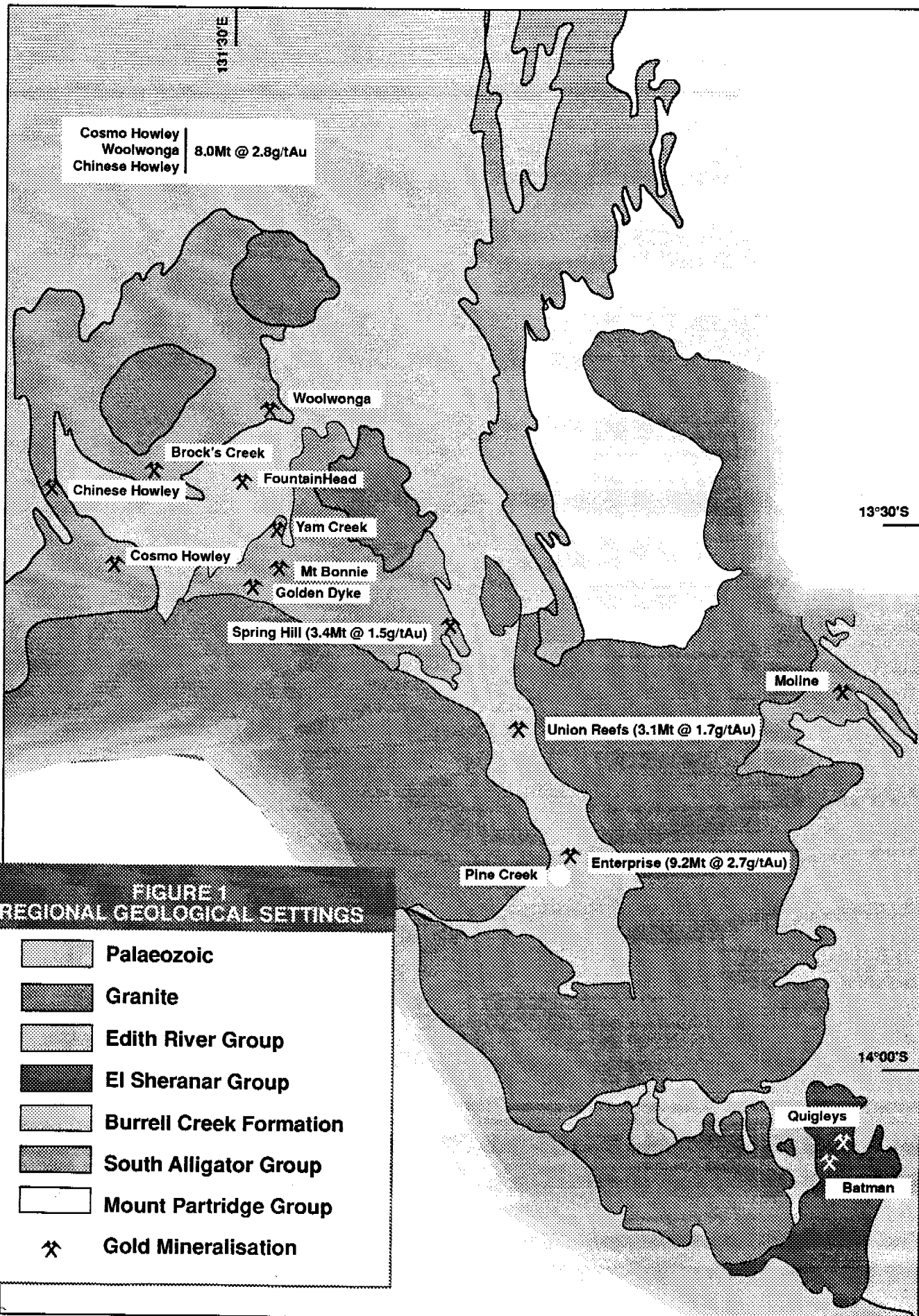
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TENEMENT RENTS	70.00
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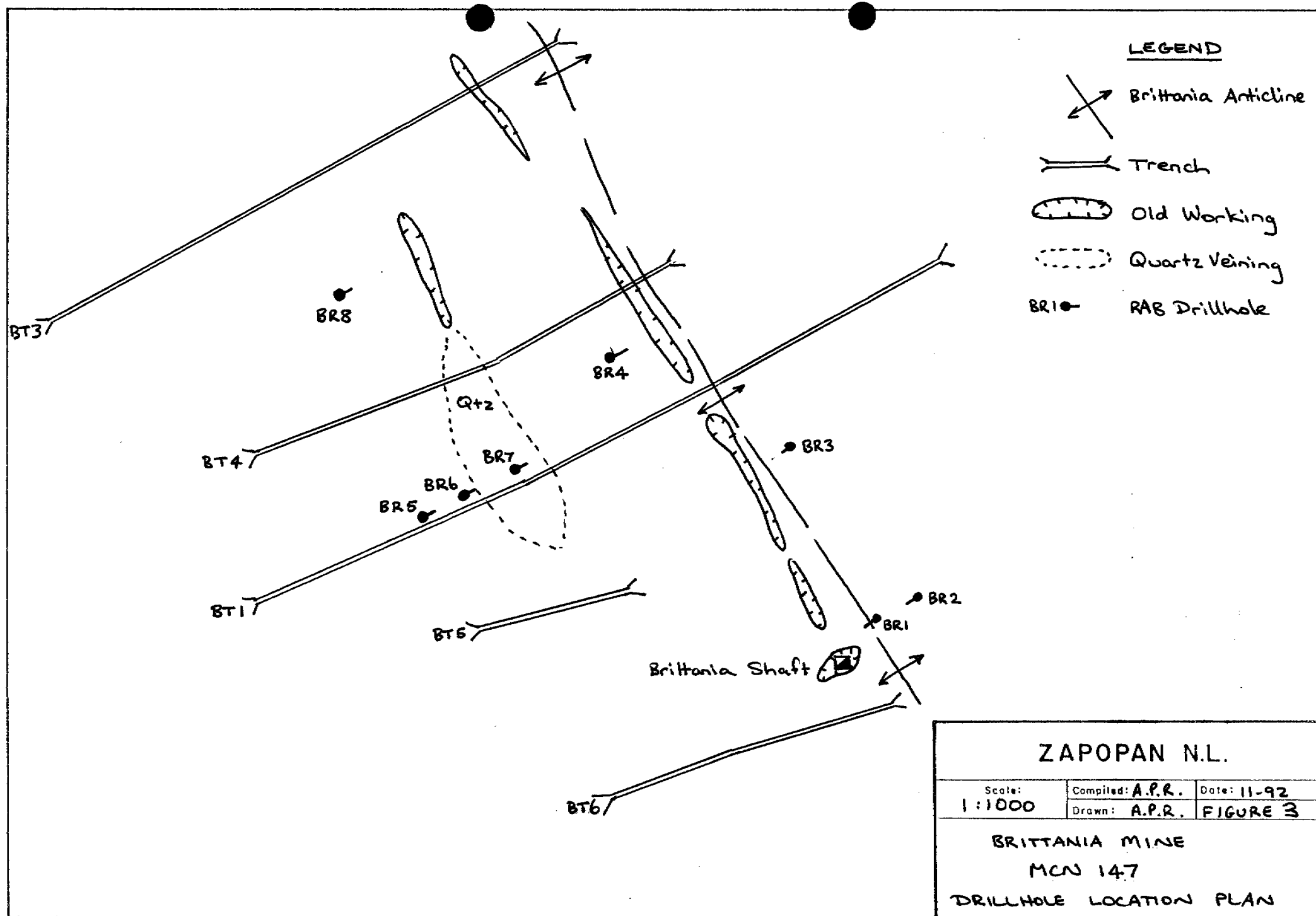
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8.0 REFERENCES

HOLDEN, D., 1989

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(Zapopan N.L. Company Report)





APPENDIX I

DRILL LOGS

BRITTANIA MINE RAB DRILLING

$$60^\circ \rightarrow 255^\circ \text{ M}$$

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GADEN DRILLING.

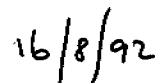
BRITANIA

Prospect:

Hole No: **BR 1**

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Prospect: BRITTANIA
Hole No: BR3

Depth (m)		Sample Number	Assay Data		Sample Number	Au	Rock Type	Colour	DRYNESS	RECOV	OXID.	Alteration				Veining %		Mineralization			CODE	C O M M E N T S
From	To		Au	Au (Rpt)								BL	Ser	Sil	Chl	Q	CO	L	R	Py		
28	29																					
	30	310	0.005					C	D		F											Greynacke + minor chert - EDH @ 30m

Depth (m)		Sample Number	Assay Data		Sample Number	Au	Rock Type	Colour	DRYNESS	RECOV	OXID.	Alteration				Veining %		Mineralization			CODE	COMMENTS
From	To		Ag	As (ppm)								BL	Ser	Sl	Chl	Q	CO	L	H	Py		
0	1							RB	D		W											
	2							Br														
	3	501	.24	.42				Pa Br								20						
	4							↓								50						
	5							↓								20						
	6	502	.36	.41				Gr								5						
	7							↓								1						
	8							↓								1						
	9	503	.35					Br								10						
	10							↓								.5						
	11							Gr								.5						
	12	504	.14					↓								.5						
	13							↓														
	14							↓														
	15	505	.012	.011				↓														

Hole No. **023**
 Colluvium
 Siltstone
 ↓
 Micaceous siltstone
 + minor chert
 ↓
 EDH @ 15m

20



50° → 060°

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Prospect: BRITANNIA
Hole No: BR 7

Depth (m)		Sample Number	Assay Data		Sample Number	Au	Rock Type	Colour	DRYNESS	RECOV	OXID.	Alteration				Veining		Mineralization			CODE	COMMENTS
From	To		Au	Ag (ppt)								BL	Ser	Sil	Chl	Q	CO	L	B	Py		
0	1								D		W											Trench Spoil
	2																					AA
	3	701	1.40	243				K														Khaki micaceous siltstone
	4																					+ minor chert.
	5																					
	6	702	.15	.32																		
	7																					
	8																					
	9	703	.19					Gr			T											Chert
	10							Gr			A											
	11																					
	12	704	.60					C														Chert + green micaceous Sst
	13																					
	14															.5						
	15	705	.72	129												10						
	16							Pa Br								80						Ferruginous Quartz Vehn +
	17															80						minor Siltstone
	18	706	.64													80						
	19							Br								50						Siltstone
	20															50						
	21	707	.205													5						Siltstone + chert.
	22															10						
	23															5						
	24	708	.27	.50				Gr								5						
	25															5						
	26															5						
	27	709	.035					G								2						Siltstone
	28															5						"

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Depth (m)		Sample Number	Assay Data		Sample Number	Au	Rock Type	Colour	DRYNESS	RECOV	OXID.	Alteration				Veining %		Mineralization			CODE	C O M M E N T S
From	To		Au	Au (ppt)								ppm	BL	Ser	Sil	Chl	Q	CO	L	H		
28	29							G	W	F											Pyrific chert	
	30	810	.001					↓	↓	↓											↓	
	31	811	.029	.038																	EOH @ 31m Bagged Rocks.	

APPENDIX II

ASSAYS

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Zapopan NL - Yam Creek

Distribution

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Client Reference:

Project :

Cost Code:

Date Received:

18/08/1992

Number of Samples:

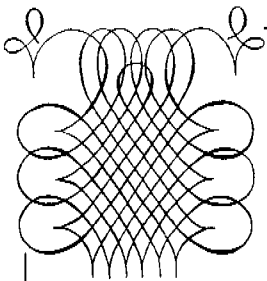
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Sample Preparation

Analysis	Analytical Technique	Precision & Accuracy	Detection Limit	Data Units
Au	FA50	Acc. $\pm$ 15%	1	ppb
Au(R)	FA50	Acc. $\pm$ 15%	1	ppb

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Sample	Au (ppb)	Au(R) (ppb)
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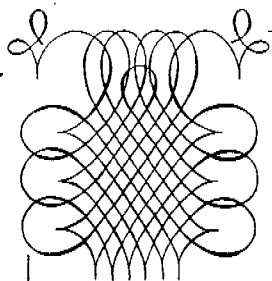
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BR 104	3	

BR 105	4	
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BR 202	2	
BR 203	1	

BR 204	2	
BR 205	2	
BR 206	1	
BR 207	6	
BR 208	5	

BR 209	2	
BR 210	96	90
BR 211	38	
BR 212	4	
BR 213	1	

BR 214	3	
BR 215	1	
BR 216	2	
BR 301	2	
BR 302	9	



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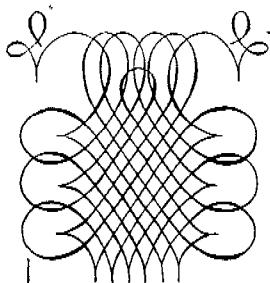
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Sample	Au (ppb)	Au(R) (ppb)
BR 303	5	
BR 304	<1	
BR 305	2	
BR 306	150	160
BR 307	16	
BR 308	13	
BR 309	11	
BR 310	5	
BR 401	5	
BR 402	1	
BR 403	1	
BR 404	<1	
BR 405	1	
BR 406	5	
BR 407	5	
BR 408	4	
BR 409	3	
BR 501	240	420
BR 502	360	410
BR 503	350	
BR 504	140	
BR 505	12	11
BR 601	775	1190
BR 602	350	
BR 603	410	



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Sample	Au (ppb)	Au(R) (ppb)
BR 604	195	
BR 605	440	
BR 606	89	
BR 607	30	57
BR 608	14	
BR 701	1400	2430
BR 702	150	320
BR 703	190	
BR 704	600	
BR 705	720	1290
BR 706	640	
BR 707	205	
BR 708	270	500
BR 709	35	
BR 710	15	
BR 711	18	
BR 712	5	
BR 801	2320	3150
BR 802	81	98
BR 803	31	
BR 804	8	
BR 805	10	
BR 806	3	
BR 807	2	
BR 808	1	

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BR	809	1	
BR	810	1	
BR	811	29	38