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ASSESSMENT REPORT on the PHYSICAL WORK performed on the SALKELD PROPERTY NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO 52J/2SE



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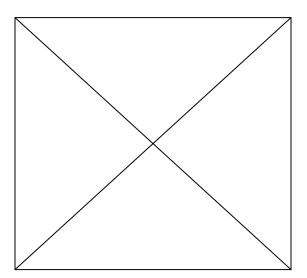
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1.0 Introduction and Summary

The Salkeld property is located near the northeast arm of Sturgeon Lake in Northwestern Ontario and contains numerous gold-bearing quartz veins. Physical work done in 1996 consisted of mechanical overburden stripping on selected areas near known veins (referred to here as Stripped Areas No. 1, 2, and 3) followed by channel sampling to determine the gold content of both the quartz veins and surrounding wall rock.

2.0 Property Location and Background

The Salkeld property consists of three staked claims, numbered 816312, 816313 and 816314 on the Squaw Lake claim map (G 1340). They are located about ½ mile southeast of Belmore Bay on the northeast arm of Sturgeon Lake, which is about 14 miles south-southeast of the town of Savant Lake, Ontario. Refer to Figure No. 1.

In the mid 1980's, Falconbridge and Giant Yellowknife Mines jointly funded a number of gold projects in Ontario, including the Salkeld property; the original vendor being Allan Best of Savant Lake. Falconbridge's interest passed to Falconbridge Gold Corporation, and then on to Pentland Firth, while Giant Yellowknife Mine's interest passed onto Royal Oak Mines Inc. Pentland Firth abandoned their interest in 1995, and Falconbridge subsequently transferred its interest to Royal Oak. Consequently, Royal Oak Mines now holds the Salkeld Property, under an option agreement with Allan Best.

3.0 Access

Logging roads originating at Savant Lake come to within about two miles of the property, after which a trail, mostly through swampy ground, continues to the area of the stripping in the centre of the property. The distance via this route from Savant Lake is about 26 miles. The property can also be reached by an 18 mile boat trip from Trappers Point Landing to Belmore Bay on Sturgeon Lake, and then via a ½ mile walk along a trail. Refer to Figure No. 2.

4.0 Previous Work

Work done on the property originated in the 1930's, and consisted of about ten trenches and some 25 holes drilled at various times between 1936 and 1954. Da Costa (1987) details this poorly documented previous work which describes veins 3 to 10 feet wide containing free gold with numerous multi-ounce assays.

Falconbridge completed linecutting, mapping and soil sampling, as well as chip and sawcut sampling in 1985 and 1986 (Da Costa, 1987). Da Costa recommended mechanical overburden stripping on the area of the known veins, a suggestion which was followed up by Royal Oak Mines in their 1996 Program.

5.0 Geology

The property lies within the Squaw Lake-Sturgeon Lake area of Northwestern Ontario and consists of a volcanic-sedimentary sequence bounded by granitic complexes within the Wabigoon Belt of the Superior Province of the Canadian Shield.

Locally, the property is underlain by mafic volcanics and intrusives, and this geology is fully described by Da Costa (1987).

The geology in the area of the mechanical stripping consists of a diorite intrusion; the coarse-grained porphyritic phase is well exposed at Area No. 1, and the finer grained massive phase is exposed at Area No. 2 and 3. Small areas of quartz-feldspar porphyry are also exposed at Area No. 3.

The structural deformation of the property appears to be complex, especially at Area No. 3, where at least two orientations of foliation are evident, and the quartz veins have apparently been fractured and rotated.

6.0 1996 Program - Mechanical Overburden Stripping and Channel Sampling

Following the recommendation by Da Costa (1987), Royal Oak Mines conducted a Mechanical Overburden Stripping Program on the property between March 16 and March 30, 1996. D. M. Dumphy Backhoe of Sioux Lookout completed this work using a JD690 Backhoe and a JD850 Bulldozer. Allan Best provided the field supervision for the work, and the site was visited on March 28 by the author.

Washing and Channel Sampling was done on the property between August 26 and August 29, 1996, with this work being done by the author and Paul Collins of Timmins, Ontario. Allan Best provided a swamp buggy to transport the equipment from the end of the logging road to the property and back.

Figure No. 3 is a location map of the stripped areas, which are described in detail in the following sections.

6.1 Stripped Area No. 1

Area No. 1 was stripped to expose the bedrock around a soil sample with a value of 9300 ppb Au obtained by Falconbridge. It is a circular area about 100 feet in diameter on a north sloping outcrop of coarse-grained, porphyritic, massive diorite. This area lies on claim 816313.

The area was thoroughly inspected and no significant veining, shearing or alteration was observed. A piece of 2" wide rusty quartz vein material from an area of rubble at the bottom of the outcrop (where it enters the swamp) was found at the location of the anomalous soil sample.

A grab sample taken from vein material averaged 0.158 opt Au, a grab sample from the wallrock averaged 0.003 opt Au.

Figure No. 4 is a map of this area.

6.2 Stripped Area No. 2

Area No. 2 was stripped of overburden to expose a north-south trending vein described by Da Costa (1987) as Trench 8, which is at a location that straddles claims 816312 and 816313.

The bedrock consists of a fine to medium grained massive diorite, which is a dark green colour. The dominant feature here is a well-developed joint set orientated at 180° - 60° W. Barren, white sugary textured quartz-carbonate veinlets < ½" are commonly found on these joints. The stripped area exposes a quartz vein 1" to 6" wide occupying one of these joints, and was cleaned off for a strike length of about 25 feet. The immediate wall rock for the vein is a rusty, chloritic schist mineralized with pyrite and pyrrhotite. The vein and schist wallrock is boudinaged, varying from 1" to 24" wide where exposed, and has a very sharp contact with the diorite wallrock. The diorite is locally mineralized with 1% pyrrhotite and is rust-stained adjacent to the vein. The quartz vein itself is white-rust stained, massive, and contains traces of pyrite and pyrrhotite.

A weak foliation at 030°-90°, as well as a few 1" barren quartz veins at 120°-90° were also noted on this outcrop.

A total of seven samples were taken from this area. Channel No. 4 cut 6 feet of diorite east of the vein; 1 foot of the vein, and 5 feet of diorite west of the vein. Channel No. 5 cut the vein and adjacent chloritic schist at its maximum width of 24", about 10 feet north of channel No. 5. Two additional grab samples were taken from the vein, and one from a sheared and rusty area about 27 feet east of the main vein.

Figure No. 5 is the detailed geological map of this area, Figure No. 5a is the sample map.

6.3 Stripped Area No. 3

Area No. 3 was cleared off for about 130 feet long and 70 feet wide. It exposes the area where most of the historical work was done on the property, and several quartz veins are easily seen.

The underlying bedrock is a fine-grained massive chloritic green diorite as seen in area No. 2. A minor amount of quartz-feldspar porphyry is also exposed here.

Structurally, this area is quite complex. The dominant feature is a 5 foot wide shear zone consisting of a pyritic, chlorite-ankerite schist trending at 45°-90°. Within this zone is a series of discontinuous quartz veins typically 6-10" wide, which are ribbon textured, and contain trace amounts of sulphides (pyrite-pyrrhotite). Where fully exposed, these vein segments are 5-15 feet long and end abruptly in the chlorite-ankerite schist.

A second, weaker fabric is developed at 090°-90°, and several discontinuous veins similar to those described above are also found at this orientation. Barren quartz veins with horsetail margins are also exposed, and appear to be controlled by the 090°-90° foliation. The wallrock is moderately foliated, contains patches of weak ankerite, and contains trace - 1% pyrite.

A total of 28 samples were taken from Area No. 3, 20 as channel samples from three different cuts, and eight as grab samples of quartz vein material.

The channels were designed to not only sample the quartz vein, but to systematically sample the enveloping wall rock, which in the case of channels No. 2 and No. 3, appears to have undergone moderate deformation and weak mineralization.

Figure No. 6 is the detailed geological map of this area, Figure No. 6a is the sample map.

7.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

The mechanical overburden stripping, washing and sampling program done by Royal Oak Mines on the Salkeld Property in 1996 was beneficial because it exposed the geology of the gold-bearing veins known to exist on the property.

The dominant bedrock is a massive diorite; in Area No. 1 a grab sample from an isolated vein in the diorite averaged 0.158 opt Au. In Area No. 2, a north-south vein was exposed for 25 feet and four samples from the vein (0.154, 0.052, 0.050 and 0.038) averaged 0.074 opt Au. The wallrock did not carry significant gold values.

Area No. 3 is the most complex, and is where most of the work was done in 1996. The highest assay obtained from this program was from a vein near Channel No. 1 (0.264 opt), however all other samples from the various quartz veins exposed here were only weakly anomalous in gold.

Shear Zones in Area No. 3, mapped as pyritic chlorite-ankerite schist, and often containing quartz veins with horsetail margins, contained gold values in the 0.032 opt to 0.070 opt. range.

Past work on the Salkeld Property has focussed on the quartz veins, where significant gold assays are often recorded. Mechanical stripping in 1996 has shown these veins to be broken into "segments" generally 5-15 feet long (as in Area No. 3), and boudinaged (as in Area No. 2). The variable geology and lack of continuity on these veins would make mining them difficult. The pyritic shear zones, however, represent a different type of target. Property scale geophysical surveys (ie. Induced Polarization) designed to map out these pyritic shear zones, followed by diamond drilling, may uncover zones of sufficient size, grade and continuity to warrant mining.

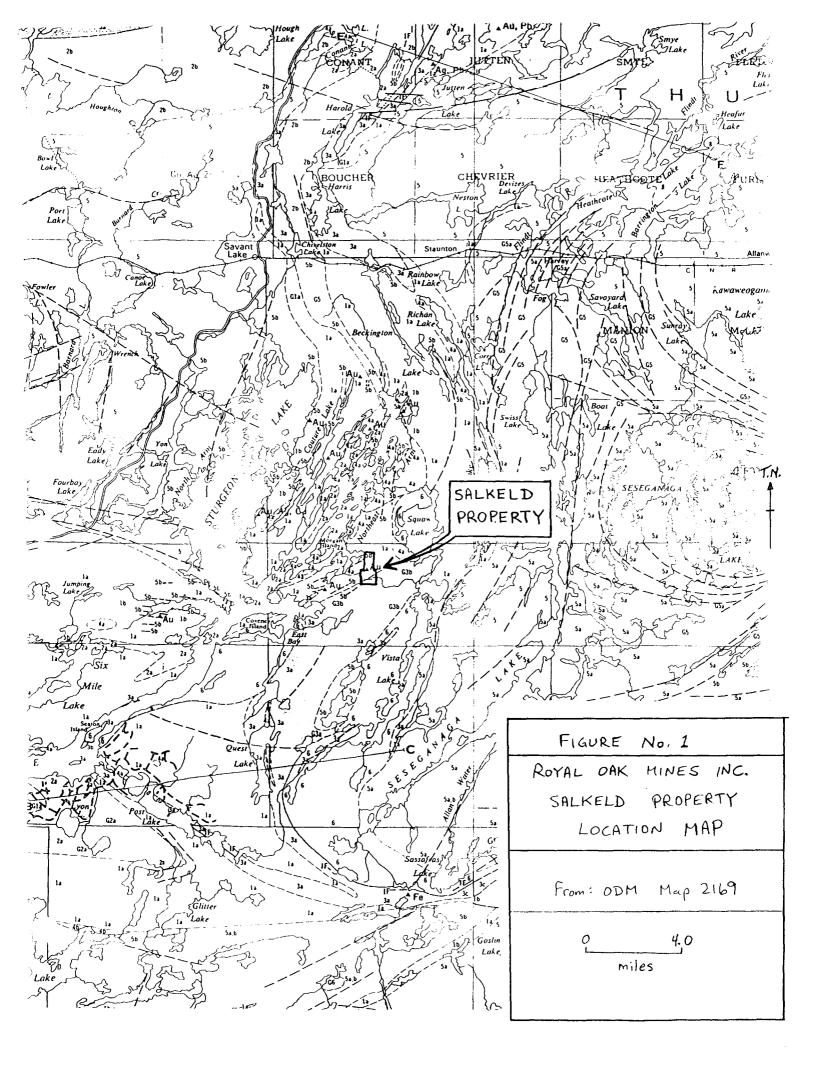
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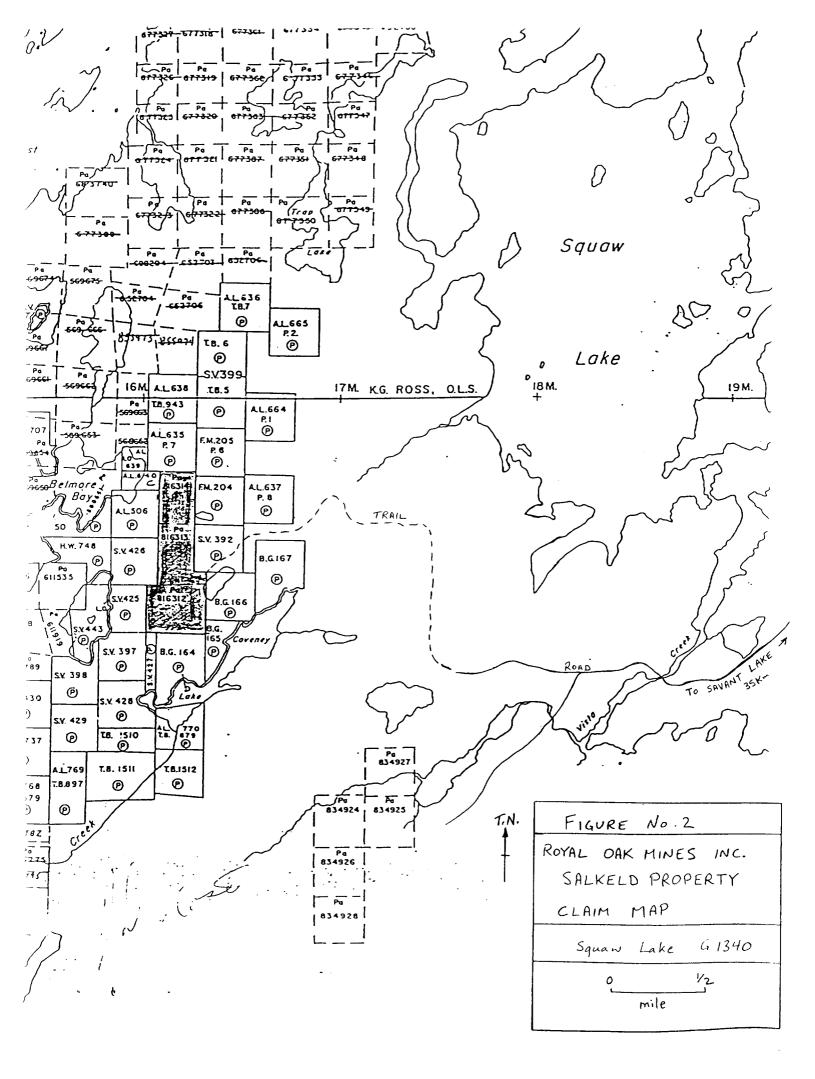
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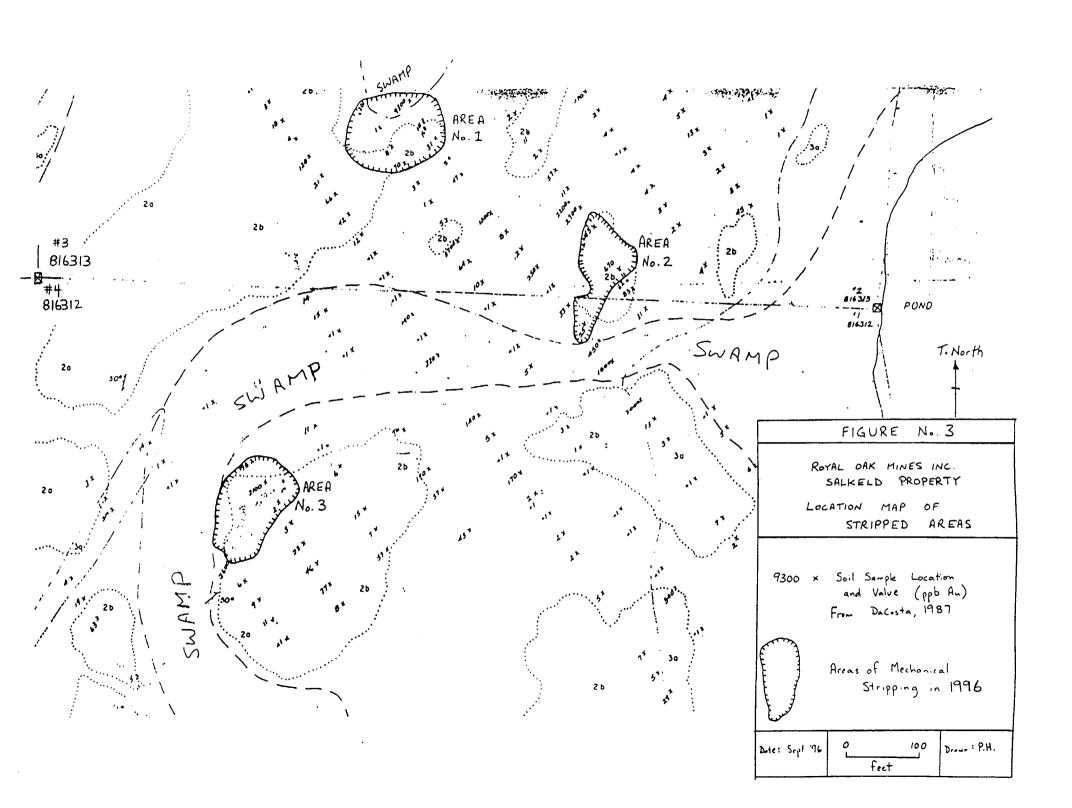
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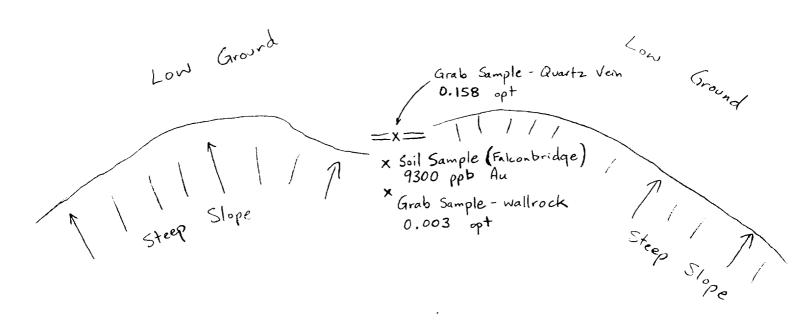
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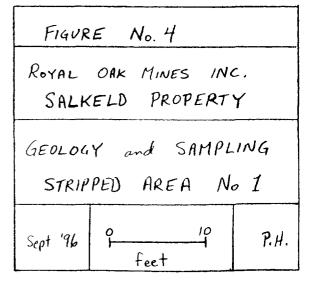


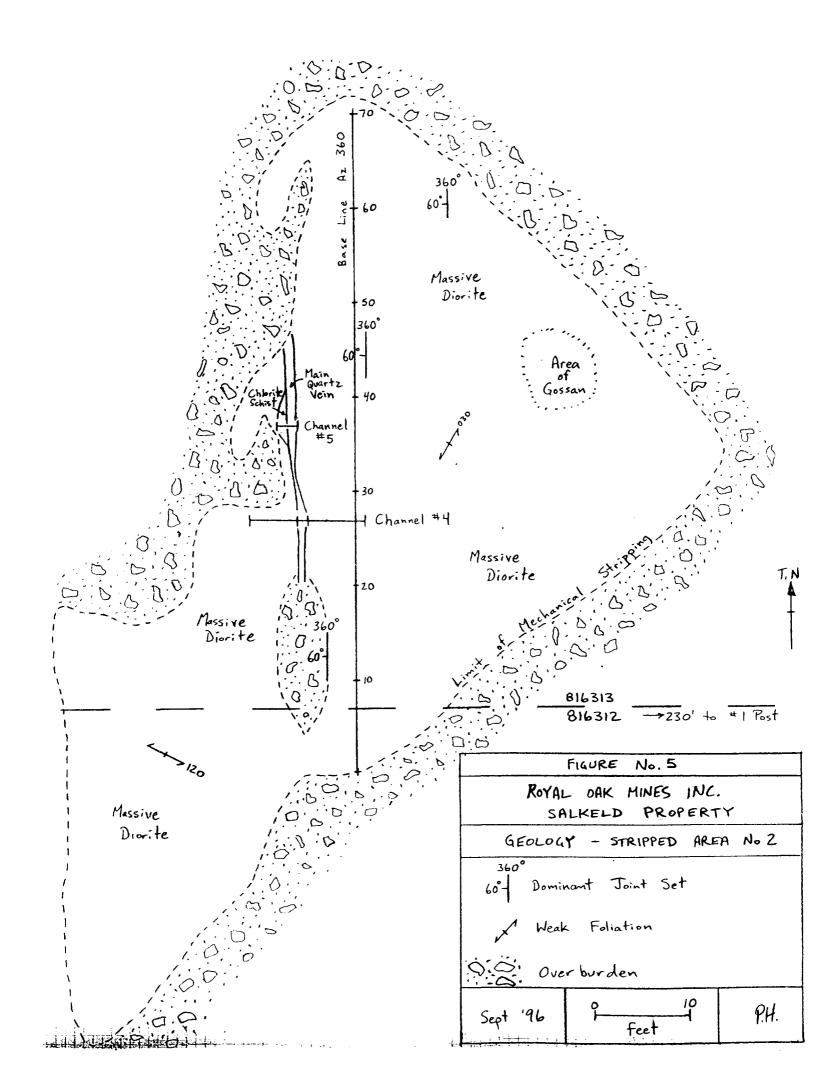


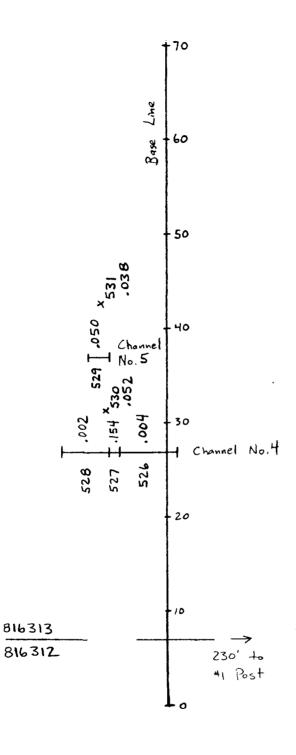


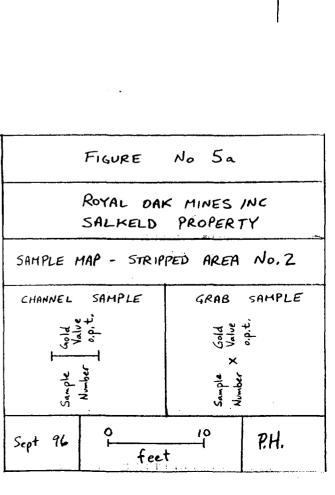


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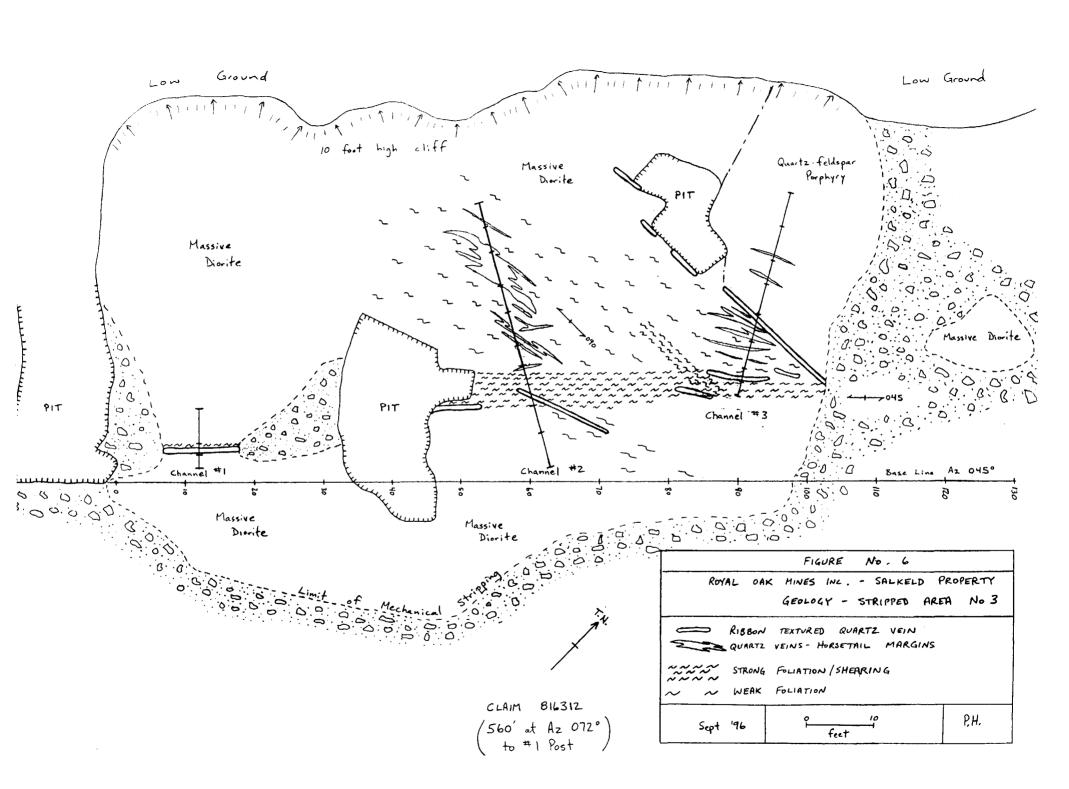


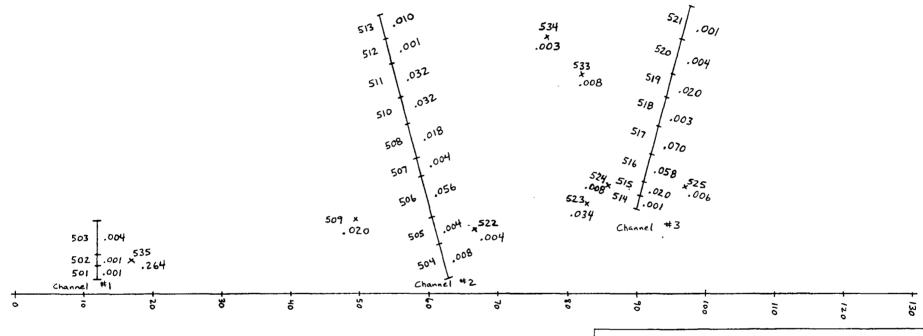


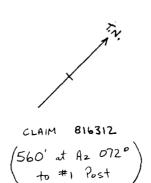


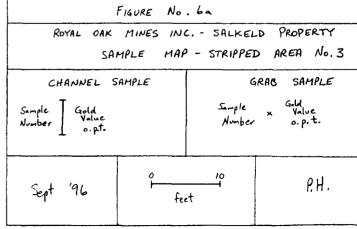


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APPENDIX

Statement of Qualifications

I, Peter G. Harvey, of the City of Timmins, Province of Ontario, do hereby certify that:

- 1. I received a B. Sc. degree (Honours) in Geology from Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario, in 1985;
- 2. I have been employed as a geologist by numerous mining companies in Ontario since 1985;
- I have no direct interest in the claim group described in this report, nor on any adjacent or surrounding properties; and
- 4. This report is based on my direct observations and interpretation as completed during the course of the work described.

Dated this 13th day of September, 1996, Timmins, Ontario

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Peter G. Harvey

Project Geologist

Royal Oak Mines Inc.

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Geologist: P. HARVEY

Chief Chemist: ___

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(o/a D. M. Dumphy Backhoe) Box 211 Sioux Lookout, Ontario P8T 1A3

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Royal Oak Mines Inc.

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Subtotal	1,810 00
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Deposit	0.00
Net Invoice	1,936.70

Invoice No.

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(o/a D. M. Dumphy Backhoe)

Box 211 Sioux Lookout, Ontario

P8T 1A3

Invoice Date

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Royal Oak Mines Inc.

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Royal Oak Mines Inc.

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6.00	hours	FLOAT Float JD690 from Sioux Lookout Ontario to jobsite north of Savant Lake, Ontario	75.00	450.00
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(o/a D. M. Dumphy Backhoe) Box 211 Sioux Lookout, Ontario P8T 1A3

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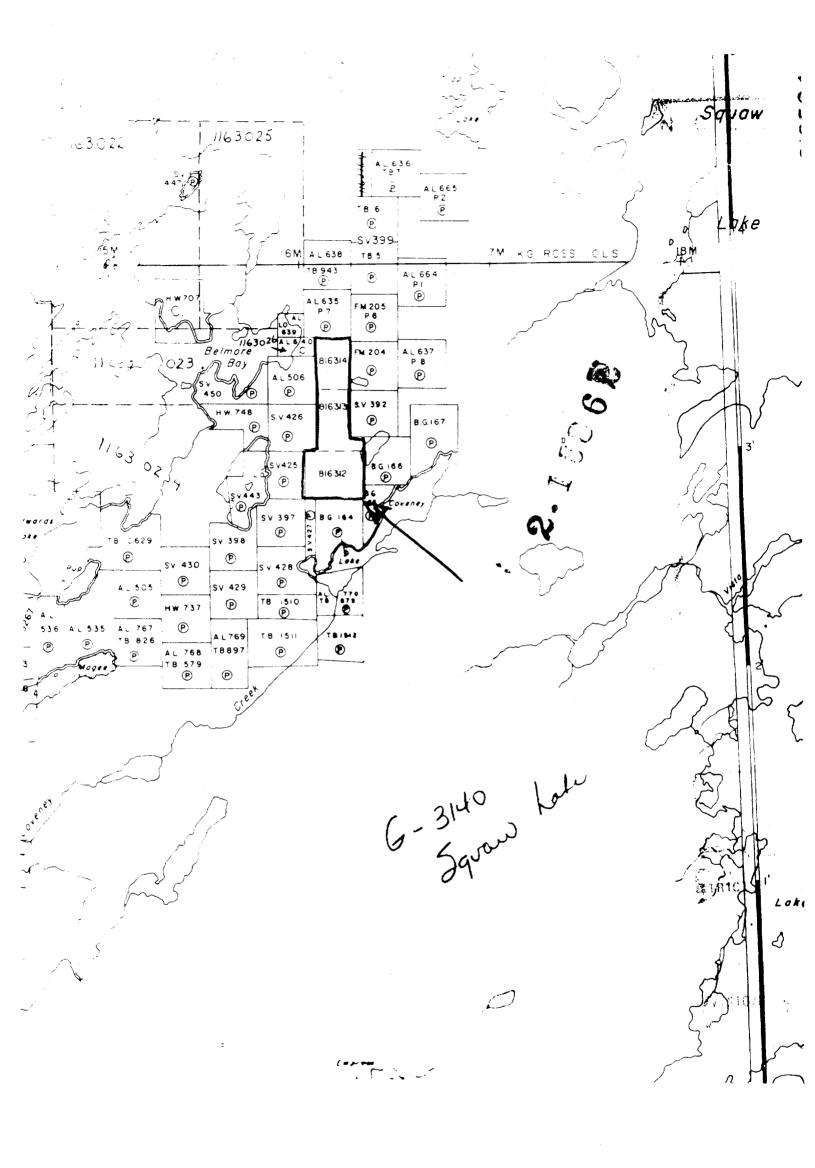
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TOTAL VALUE OF ASSESSME	NT WORK × 0.50 =	Total \$ vat	ue of worked-claimed.		
Note: - Work older than 5 years is not eli	alble for credit.	-	· · · · ·		
- A recorded holder may be require	od to verify expenditures claimed in the ction/clarification. If verification and/or	is statement of costs w r correction/clarification	ithin 45 days of a is not made, the		
Certification verifying costs:					
(please print full name)	, do hereby certify, that the				
reasonably be determined and the	costs were incurred while conducting	assessment work on th	ie lands indicated on		
the accompanying Declaration of V	Vork form as recorded holder, agent, or state	Creation is t	l am authorized		
to make this certification.					

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December 19, 1996

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Submission Number: 2.16862

Subject: Transaction Number(s): W9630.00073

We have reviewed your Assessment Work submission with the above noted Transaction Number(s). The attached summary page(s) indicate the results of the review. We recommend you read this summary for the details pertaining to your assessment work.

If the status for a transaction is a 45 Day Notice, the summary will outline the reasons for the notice, and any steps you can take to remedy deficiencies. The 90-day deemed approval provision, subsection 6(7) of the Assessment Work Regulation, will no longer be in effect for assessment work which has received a 45 Day Notice.

Please note any revisions must be submitted in DUPLICATE to the Geoscience Assessment Office, by the response date on the summary.

NOTE: This correspondence may affect the status of your mining lands. Please contact the Mining Recorder to determine the available options and the status of your claims.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Bruce Gates at (705)670-5856.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY Ron C. Gashinski

Senior Manager, Mining Lands Section

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Mines and Minerals Division

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Work Report Assessment Results

Submission Number: 2.16862

Date Correspondence Sent: December 19, 1996

Assessor: Bruce Gates

General Comment:

An excellent report accompanies this submission.

Transaction Number First Claim

Number

Township(s) / Area(s)

Status

Approval Date

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SQUAW LAKE, STURGEON LAKE

Approval

December 18, 1996

Section:

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Recorded Holder(s) and/or Agent(s):

Peter Harvey

ROYAL OAK MINES INC. Timmins, Ontario

96 OCT 15 P12:55 Area G-2532 MINING RECORDER PATRICIA MINING DIVISION 1 JAN 28194 (REC) 94MAROH REC **LEGEND** PATENTED LAND CROWN LAND SALE LEASES LOCATED LAND LICENSE OF OCCUPATION MINING RIGHTS ONLY SURFACE RIGHTS ONLY IMPROVED ROADS Sturgeon KING S HIGHWAYS RAILWAYS **POWER LINES** MARSH OR MUSKEG CANCELLED 2524 2543 REFERENCES Ġ 9600614 - B AREAS WITHDRAWN FROM DISPOSITION G MRO - MIN NG RICHTS ONLY SRO - SURFACE RIGHTS ONLY Area Lake M + S - MINING AND SURFACE RIGHTS 17M KG ROSS OLS 2.16862 Fourb 1162929 1162984 AREA SQUAW LAKE M N R ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT DRYDEN MINING DIVISION PATRICIA LAND TITLES / REGISTRY DIVISION THUNDER BAY Ministry of Land
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