

Thursday, May 14, 2009

File: 14675-20/1620786

John Brain

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Dear John Brain

Re:

Application for Mines Act Permit

Property: PC 546117

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Sincerely,

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- 3. Mapping of the bedrock in and about the stream is required. I am enclosing an example of the mapping required;
- 4. As tenure 546117 is owned by yourself and 2 other individuals, you are required to provide written authorization from each tenure holder;
- 5. You must provide to this office, an Emergency Response Plan with a detailed map that can be used for navigation, which will be posted at the work site at all times, and which must include the name of the designated Mine Manager. All employees must be advised and trained in the use of this plan. I am enclosing a copy of our MERP guidelines for your use.

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6. MANAGER (Person responsible for management and operation of propagation of pro	s.22Fax No:
fo whom is correspondence sent regarding this notice? Agent	Owner Operator

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE JOHN BRAIN TO APPLY FOR AND WORK THE CLAIM # 546117 (COMPANY ONE)



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The Best Place on Earth

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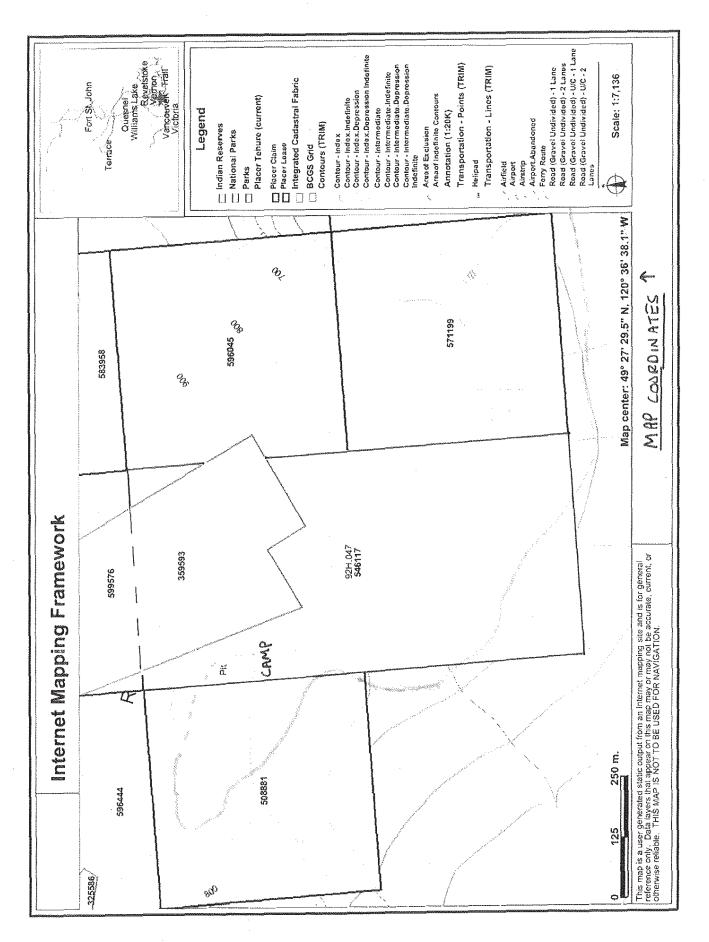
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2. LOCATION Are surface rights to any part of this property privately owned? (Operator responsible for contacting Owner) Name and address of private land owner:
Mining division: All NTS map sheets (e.g. 093G/02E): 092.047 Latitude
3. ACCESS Describe access route to property from nearest town (give exact distances in kms, including secondary roads): Approx. 5 Km South of Princeton Via Hwy 3 plus a 7 Km. gravel road To RIVER. Access is (please check): Existing To Be Constructed Both. Indicate type of existing access: All season road Four wheel drive ATV. Is there an alternative access route to the property? (explain): WILL NOT BE MAINTAINED LAST 2 Km. IN WINTER
4. OPERATOR/AGENT (Person or Company controlling property on behalf of the owner): CROWN LAND Name: Telephone No: Fax No: Company contact person: Address: City: Province: Postal Code: E-mail Address: Date:
5. OWNER (Title Holder): CLAIM OWNER Name: John Brain Telephone N Address: s.22 Province. nature of Owner: Date. Apr. 4.09 6. MANAGER (Person responsible for management and operation of property)
Name: Telephone No: Fax No: To whom is correspondence sent regarding this notice? Agent Owner Operator

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7. EXPLORATION WORK (brief description, attach additional sheets if necessary): CANYON BEDROCK
Blasting: Geophysical (list type): Other: SNIDING
Grid and Line development (distance, width, method):
8. TIMBER: Will merchantable timber be cut during this project? YES NO
Merchantable timber type: Non-merchantable timber type:
Area to be Cleared: m ² Volume of Merch: m ³ Volume of Non-merch:
Will timber be used on site? Yes No If no, indicate method of disposal below:
Bucked and scattered Decked for other timber tenure holders As directed by cutting authorisation
9. WATER SUPPLY (subject to approval under the Water Act): Stream name: TWAMEEN
Describe the source of water supply: TULAMEEN RIVER Draining to: RVER
Pump size in water course: 1.5 inches Quantity of water to be used:
Pump size in set(ling pond:inches Location of water intake (show on plan):
Are you proposing changes in or about a stream (bridges, culverts, pipelines, dams, stream diversions, etc.)? Yes
If yes, explain in the space provided below and attach a map (1:20,000 scale) showing the location of all proposed changes.
Describe the waste water treatment facility (settling pond design, recycling, distance from creek, etc.) NO WASTE WATER Is your operation planned for zero discharge (zero discharge means no water is released back into a stream either through a pipe, an overflow, by pumping, or by visible scepage through an impoundment): YES NO If no, please describe: TALLINGS TO BE PLACED BY HAND ON GRAUEL BAR
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11. EQUIPMENT LIST (Note: all equipment to comply with the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code): Number and Type Size/Capacity
a) H-3 ENHANCED SNIPING
b) MARKINE RUN BY OH. D ENGINE
c)
d)
12. FIRST AID FACILITIES (Must comply with W.C.B. regulations):
Describe methods of communication on site: CELL PHONE
Lucation of nearest hospital: PRINCETON 12 Km. Travel time to hospital (surface): 15 MIN.
Number of persons on site (including contractors): 2 Type of transportation available: 4 words
First aid equipment on site: FIRST AID KIT VEHICLE
First aid certificate level(s): Expiry Date:
Holder of Supervisor Certificate: Expiry Date:

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Present land use: FORESTED,	
Is riparian buffer (10 metre reserve) intact?	Yes No
S	If yes has a key been supplied to the Inspector?
Old equipment(describe):	
Recreational Trails/use (describe):	
Cultural/Heritage Resources (describe):	
17. RECLAMATION PROGRAM:	*
trees and slash shall be disposed of in an a At the final completion of operations, all d growth medium and revegetated. All build Reclamation will be conducted concurrently Describe in detail the program of reclamation	listurbed areas shall be contoured to conform with the natural terrain, covered with topsoil of dings and equipment shall be removed from the site. with mining, or Reclamation will be conducted at end of season n in accordance with the standards described above:
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Note: If underground exploration or development is contemplated, an additional "Underground Exploration Work Application for Approval" must be completed.

Failure to complete all relevant sections may cause the application to be returned

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19. MINING PLAN - Detailed Plan of Distur		
(This application will be returned if not accon-	npanied by a legible map or sketch showing - if applicable)	
location of claim posts	mining cuts	
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property boundaries	overburden stockpiles	
access to work areas	tailings disposal areas	
watercourses	settling ponds	
roposed grid layouts	intake water	
Y other surface facilities	fuel storage	
Camp facilities	north arrow	

PLAN TO DO FURTHER EXPLORATION

WORK FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS IN

CANYON SETTING, SNIPING BEDROCK CRACKS

THE COMPANY ONE CLAIM IS ACCESSED

VIA SOOD GRAVEL ROAD TKN FROM HWY 3.

AND IZ KM. FROM PRINCETON.

I PLAN TO USE A 4-5" ENHANCED SNIPING

MACHINE WITH A 6 HPOWER ENGINE AND

A 1.5" PUMP.

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JOHN BRAIN PHONE:

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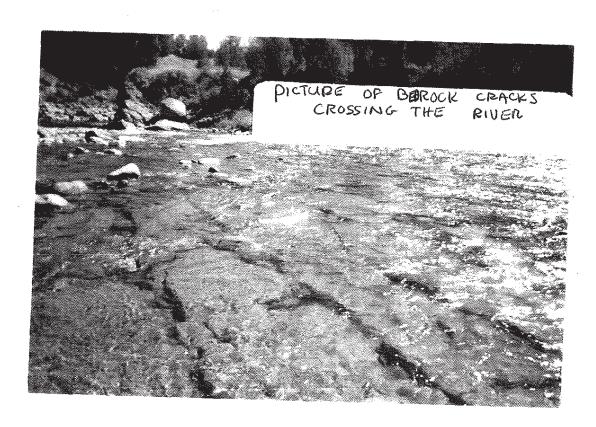
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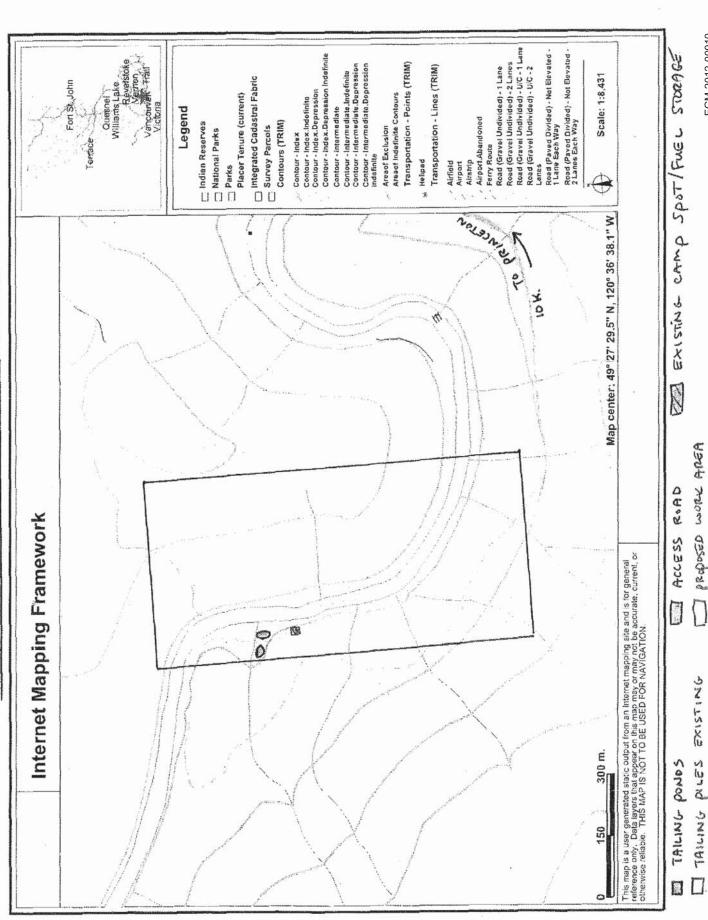
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Service Services

DFO/BCE GUIDELINES

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THE USE OF SUCTION DREDGES TO "SNIPE" FOR GOLD

The following guidelines apply to the use of portable suction dredges to "snipe" for gold in bedrock canyon areas. The general prohibition on suction dredging in B.C. is not waived, rather, the Regional Placer Mining Coordination Committees may allow portable suction dredges to be operated for sniping on a site specific basis. The following guidelines are offered on an interim basis and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and B.C Environment (BCE) will follow up these guidelines to assess their applicability and compliance.

- a) Canyon site selected for sniping must be true bedrock based, not clay or hardpan.
- b) DFO and BCE may limit the number of suction dredges that are operated in a given area.
- c) The potential site must be well mapped and photographed. This information must accompany the application. The operation must be confined to the delineated area.
- d) Timing on the operation may be confined to after freshet, and prior to fall rains. Site specific restrictions on timing may be applied to reflect sensitive fish life history phases.
- e) To facilitate agency monitoring the portable suction dredge should be painted a fluorescent red/orange in colour. The permit number, clearly visible from the air shall be displayed.
- f) Equipment is restricted to hand-operated, portable units, including suction dredges with intake valve diameters of not greater than 6".
- g) No entrainment of fish, under any circumstances, is permitted. While the nozzle may remain unscreened, all other intakes must be screened in accordance with DFO guidelines.
- h) During sluicing, a tailings bag, approximately 2 m x 1 m in dimensions and comprised of a nylon type material must be attached to the sluice outfall.
- During sluicing, the tailings bag and tailings, must be deposited on the stream edge outside the wetted perimeter with no discharge to the stream.
- Gravel tailings must be contoured to the natural bank above the wetted perimeter.
- k) Removal or shifting of large boulders that may be in the stream bed, or any alteration of the bedrock is strictly prohibited.
- All fuel and oil products must be stored in a secure manner well removed from the wetted perimeter.
- m) Fuel tanks on the suction dredge should be confined to approximately 4 litres capacity.

March 22, 1995