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Proposed road construction in the Orieco mine area

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A proposed road line and mine workings in the Orieco mine area were examined on the surface on 19 September.

The proposed route of the new forestry road would require the filling of a large (10' x 4') shaft near the mouth of the main Orieco adit. This shaft was originally sunk to enable the driving of a further level 100 feet below the main adit level but there is no information available to determine whether the shaft was ever sunk to the required depth or, if so, if a further level was driven but it may be safely assumed that the shaft was not completed.

The shaft in question has a present water level at 16 feet below the collar and is partly filled at that depth with collapsed timber. Below the partial blockage the shaft appears to be open to a tape plumbed depth of 55 feet where a soft (silt?) obstruction was encountered.

The Forestry Commission officer on the site was advised that permission to fill would not be granted and that an alternative route (already determined) should be selected as the shaft would be needed should any future exploration be carried out in the mine.

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