

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2002.

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Dear Sir

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The last year of exploration involved some track works for access to the areas of interest within the licensed area. Hand testing for tin with pan and shovel indicated significant tin quantities existed throughout the licensed area. The methods used were not of sufficient accuracy to quantify the values and these are planned for assessment in the coming year.

Following the advice of officers of Mineral Resources Tasmania we have ceased track clearing and concentrated our efforts on the development of equipment to process a bulk sample at one beach before moving to another.

In October we trailed the shaker screen and found it unsatisfactory. Because of the river environment we are trying to develop a system using as little water as possible. The shaker system worked well when the material was dry but when damp the 6mm plate holes became blocked and a large amount of material was lost out of the rear of the plant making it impossible to accurately record findings. Water could be used for washing but due to the screen's design a lot of dirty water could be lost out of the rear of the screen and being close to the river we considered it unacceptable and not be best way of minimizing water clouding.

We are presently changing our shaker screen to a trommel screen. This system we know does work and although water is used with it; all of the used water can be pumped away from the river edge along with the material to be processed. The shaker screen trials did support our theory in regards to the processing with tailings. Discoloured water released into the existing tailings embankment flowed freely back into the river system without clouding within 20 meters of the jig's water release.

This result was encouraging as well as exciting for us and also for our adviser Gilbert Salter. Supporting future environmentally acceptable mining as planned.

**Expenditure:** Expenditure for exploratory works to 30/09/02 was \$ 14,139.28.

On November 13<sup>th</sup> Dorset Water Watch Co-ordinator Debbie Searle met with us at the site to conduct a river life study and was impressed with our findings in regards to the water filtering in the tailings.

**Proposed activities in the coming year:**

In the coming 2003 year we expect to have key testing equipment developed to enable better assessment of tin resources and to determine environmental best practice for extraction process should mining values indicate acceptable viability. A program to identify all beaches by G.P.S will also be concluded with beaches named.

Yours faithfully,

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