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TENEMENT DETAILS

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ABSTRACT

Exploration Licence 25/2004 comprises 12 square kilometres at Alberton was granted on 8th October 2004 to Low Impact Diamond Drilling Specialists Pty Ltd (LIDDS).

During 2012 – 2013 significant literature studies were undertaken to determine if historic work on the Hannah line was worthy of testing.

As a result of the review two holes for a total of 347.1 metres were drilled. Assay results indicated that the Hannah Reef where intersected was mineralised to a low level and indicates that it is worthy of further investigation. An additional reef was intersected.

The reef returned an intersection of **0.15m @ 38.9 g/t Au and 4.0 g/t Ag**.

It is anticipated that additional drilling will occur from the current pad along with an expanded review of other prospects within the licence.

KEY WORDS

Location Name:	Alberton, Ringarooma
Earth Science Related Terms:	Sinstral fault, dextral fault, pre-mineralisation shear, post mineralisation shear, brittle offset.
Environment of Mineralisation:	shear hosted mineralisation, brittle host, quartz vein stockwork.
Commodities:	gold, silver
Exploration Methods:	Historical research, 3D geological modelling, drill testing based on model, rock chip sampling/field mapping, underground mapping.
Mine / prospect name:	Ringarooma United, Gumsucker, Thomas, Hannah, Rosalyn, Strachan Reef, Roaring Meg Reef, Mercury Mine, Victoria Reef, Long Struggle Reef, Short Struggle Reef, Caxton Reef, Scotchman Reef, Montana Reef.
Stratigraphic Name:	Mathinna Supergroup.
Geological province name:	Lachlan Fold Belt.
Geological age:	Devonian

1.0 Introduction.

Exploration Licence EL 25/2004 comprising 12 square kilometres at Alberton was granted on 8th October 2004 to Low Impact Diamond Drilling Specialists (LIDDS) Pty Ltd.

A one year extension to the Exploration Licence of was applied for in October 2011 with approval granted on 8th April 2012.

During the current one (1) year extension to the licence the holder has undertaken 247.1 metres of diamond drilling

The area explored during the last 12 months has focussed primarily on the Hannah mineralised structure in the immediate Ringarooma United Mine area, the major producer on the Alberton Goldfield.

2.0 Exploration Objectives.

The philosophy and objectives of the Exploration undertaken by LIDDS is directed to the definition of a significant hard rock gold resource that would be amenable to economic extraction.

Previous exploration has focussed on testing the down dip extensions of known mineralised structures associated with the Ringarooma United Mine.

As a result of revised structural modelling additional exploration targets both near the Ringarooma United (Hannah and Thomas lodes) have been identified. Additional mineralised areas within the Alberton Goldfields have still to be prioritised in regards to future exploration.

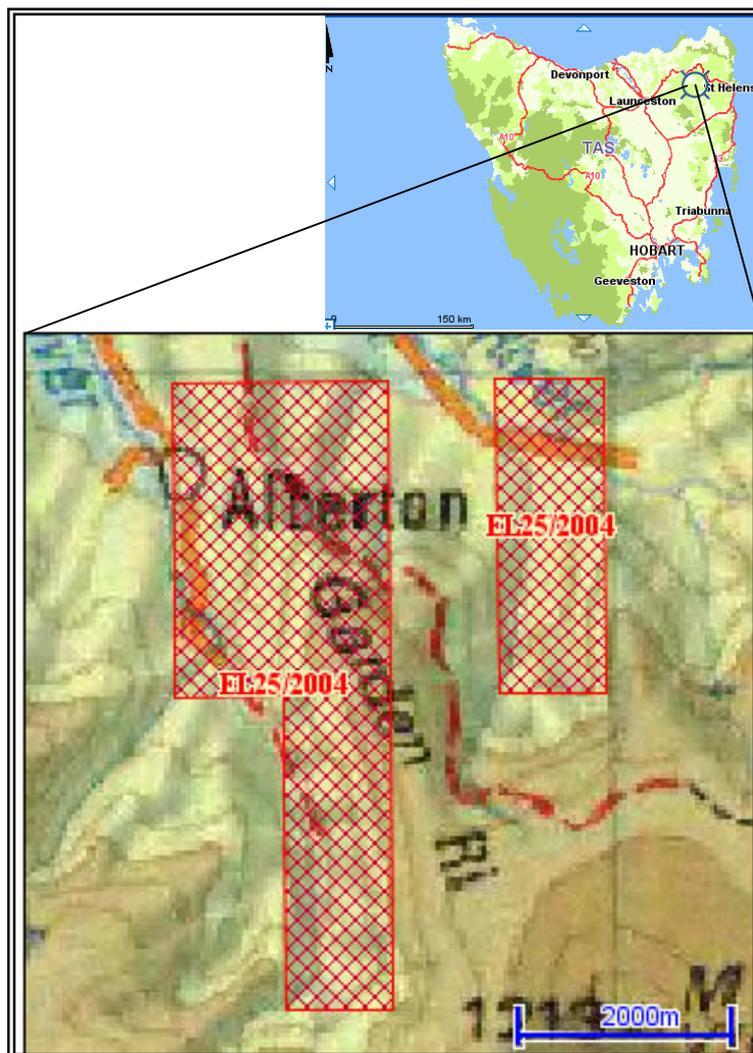
3.0 Location and Access.

Exploration Licence EL25/2004 is located near the rural township of Ringarooma, and covers the ghost-town of Alberton, situated in the north-eastern region of Tasmania.

The licence is situated within both rural and state forest areas and is serviced by a network of sealed and all weather roads and fire trails.

Topographic relief varies from gently undulating pasture areas to steep hills and ridges with deeply incised valleys developed in the central area of the licence. Vegetation in non-farming areas is dominated by wet-sclerophyll forest.

Figure 1. Exploration Licence 25/2004



4.0 Regional Geology.

The regional geology of EL 25/2004 has been previously described by MRT geologists and summarised on the 1:50,000 Alberton geological map. Recent publications specific to the economic geology of the area are provided by Taheri (1992 and 1993), Keele et.al (1994) and Reed, (2004) as part of the Netgold project. The following is gleaned from this work.

The exploration Licence is located within the 70 kilometres long, 2 kilometre wide north westerly trending Mangana to Lyndhurst gold lineament. Gold mineralisation contained within the lineament is hosted by the Silurian to Devonian Mathinna Beds. The Mathinna Beds comprise an alternating sequence of bedded quartzites, sandstones, siltstones and slates. The quartzites have a lithic component and display graded structures locally. The Mathinna Beds are unconformably overlain by probable Carboniferous and Permo-Triassic sedimentary sequences of the Parmeener Supergroup.

Granites and granodiorite of Devonian age have intruded the Mathinna Beds. Sporadic tin and tungsten mineralisation is associated with granitic intrusion.

Regionally the Mathinna Beds are folded about northwest trending axes to form small scale and kilometre scale wavelength tight to moderate folds. Axial plane cleavage development takes the form of a slaty cleavage in the pelitic units. A subsequent deformation has produced regional mega kinking about steep, northeast trending kink planes, and numerous steep dipping bands with both sinistral and dextral geometry.

The age of the gold mineralisation is uncertain; however it is probable that gold mineralisation was concurrent with folding and cleavage development prior to emplacement of the Devonian granites.

5.0 Previous Work.

Auriferous quartz vein hosted mineralisation was discovered in the Alberton goldfield prior to 1883. Over one hundred gold bearing lodes were subsequently discovered and mined between 1883 and 1939.

Recent exploration of the Ringarooma United Mine was first undertaken by Newcrest Mining Limited under EL23/92. An Exploration program in 1992-1993, part of work on a larger tenement, included 1:25,000 scale geological mapping, image processing and interpretation of aeromagnetic data, drainage sampling and detailed geochemical sampling.

The tenement was explored by Mancala Pty Ltd under a joint venture arrangement in 1993-1994. Mancala Pty Ltd re-established access to the Long Tunnel and completed 255 metres of drilling from underground sites with poor results.

During 2000 – 2001 (Denwar, 2001) two diamond drill holes (RUL01 and RUL03) totalling 433.6 metres were completed by Low Impact Diamond Drilling Specialists (LIDDS) in a joint venture agreement with Hercules Resources Pty Ltd (Mancala Pty Ltd had changed its name to Hercules Resources in 1998). A 0.8 metre interval in hole RUL01 assayed 85.9 grams per tonne gold with coarse visible gold. A 0.4 metre interval in hole RUL03 resulted in an assay of 14.8 g/t gold from a different structure.

During 2004 – 2005 (Carswell, 2005) a further hole was completed (RUL02) for 223.7 metres without any significant mineralisation being encountered.

During 2005 – 2007 (de Vries, 2008) several additional diamond holes (RUL03 – RUL07) were drilled with little or no geological input. Drilling occurred in two campaigns with two holes (RUL04 & RUL05) drilled between 10th October and 11th November 2006 for a combined total of 388.20 metres and two holes (RUL06 and RUL07) completed between 9th June and 25th July 2007 for a combined total of 318.5 metres.

Total drilling for the period 2006 – 2007 was 706.70 metres.

During 2007 – 2008 (de Vries, 2008) a completed literature and data review was undertaken.

This review proposed a new structural model for the Ringarooma United with the main mine structure has a steep easterly dip component of around 75 – 85°. The mineralised structure is off set by oblique (NNW – SSE) sinistral, steeply south-west dipping fault zones. The presence of these fault zones; which range up to 5 metres in width has produced the perception that the mine has steeply plunging southerly ore shoots, where in fact that shoots represent the in-between fault sections of the main mine lode or reef.

In order to test the new model three diamond drill holes (RUL08 – 10) were drilled with RUL09 terminated at 20 metres when an unacceptable azimuth was determined by down-hole survey. The two remaining holes both intersected anomalous auriferous structures extremely close to where modelling predicted. These results give credence that the new structural model is in fact valid.

The remodelling with the new structural controls indicated that most of the previous work by explorers on the field was fundamentally flawed. The failure to allow for the 'fault windows' developed between the off-sets of the lode resulted in several drill holes passing through these windows and subsequently missing intersecting any mineralisation. Most of the other deeper drill holes had in hindsight not been drilled deep enough to intersect the easterly dipping structure.

Total drilling for the period 2007 – 2008 was 384.0 metres.

During 2008 – 2009 (de Vries, 2009) surface examinations and tape and compass surveys were undertaken and data reviews was undertaken.

Sampling of the drilling undertaken in 2007 -2008 was also performed. Assay data from holes (RUL06 & RUL07) drilled during May and June 2007 were submitted and received (Table 1). The results indicated broad zones of low grade gold mineralisation one of which is associated with a small parallel structure.

Table 1. Significant Assay Results – Diamond Drilling 2007 - 2008

HOLE ID	FROM (m)	To (m)	INTERVAL (m)	AU (g/t)	AG (g/t)	As (ppm)	COMMENT
RUL06	182.6	194.75	4.15	0.63	1.0	12,501	Lode
RUL07	42.9	44.75	3.60	0.51	0.51	1,178	Fault Zone

During the period 2008 – 2009 three holes were completed for a total of 384.0 metres two holes (RUL08 and RUL10) reached target depth whilst RUL09 was terminated at 20 metres depth when discovered to be off azimuth. Both RUL08 & RUL10 confirmed the structural interpretation that the Ringarooma Mine structure was dipping to the east and not to the west as previously assumed.

Table 2. Significant Assay Results – Diamond Drilling 2008 - 2009

HOLE ID	FROM (m)	To (m)	INTERVAL (m)	AU (g/t)	AG (g/t)	As (ppm)	COMMENT
RUL08	91.80	93.30	1.50	47.43	1.93	7,917	Ringarooma Lode
RUL10	106.60	107.50	0.90	5.28	57.00	2,650	Ringarooma Lode
RUL10	179.00	180.50	1.50	4.01	2.00	11,560	Premier/Thomas?

During the period 2009 – 2012, a new Work Plan was submitted and finally approved in April 2010. Licence conditions and minor modifications to track positioning also resulted in slow work progress. Attempts were undertaken to commence the proposed drilling during late 2010 and 2011 however inclement weather conditions and the reversion to a six month licence extension (which was taking up to 3 months to be granted) meant that only data and minor literature reviews were able to be completed. In April 2012 a new 12 month licence renewal was granted.

6.0 Exploration Completed During the Reporting Period

6.1 Work Completed

During the 2012 – 2013 reporting period an extensive review of all available information was undertaken principally in order to determine the nature and amount of work done on the Hannah line.

Information was gained principally from a review of the Launceston Examiner Newspaper between 1926 and 1938 (Attachment 1) which indicated that extensive development had been undertaken on the Roslyn Adit (Figure 2) in an attempt to test for mineralisation below the Hannah Adit (located 45 metres above).

A total of 276 metres of development had been undertaken on the Roslyn Adit beyond the position of the Premier Stope; with most of it occurring between 1926 & 1938, before work was ultimately abandoned due to lack of capital and apparently unfavourable results. How much work has been undertaken on the extended workings since 1938 is at this stage unknown.

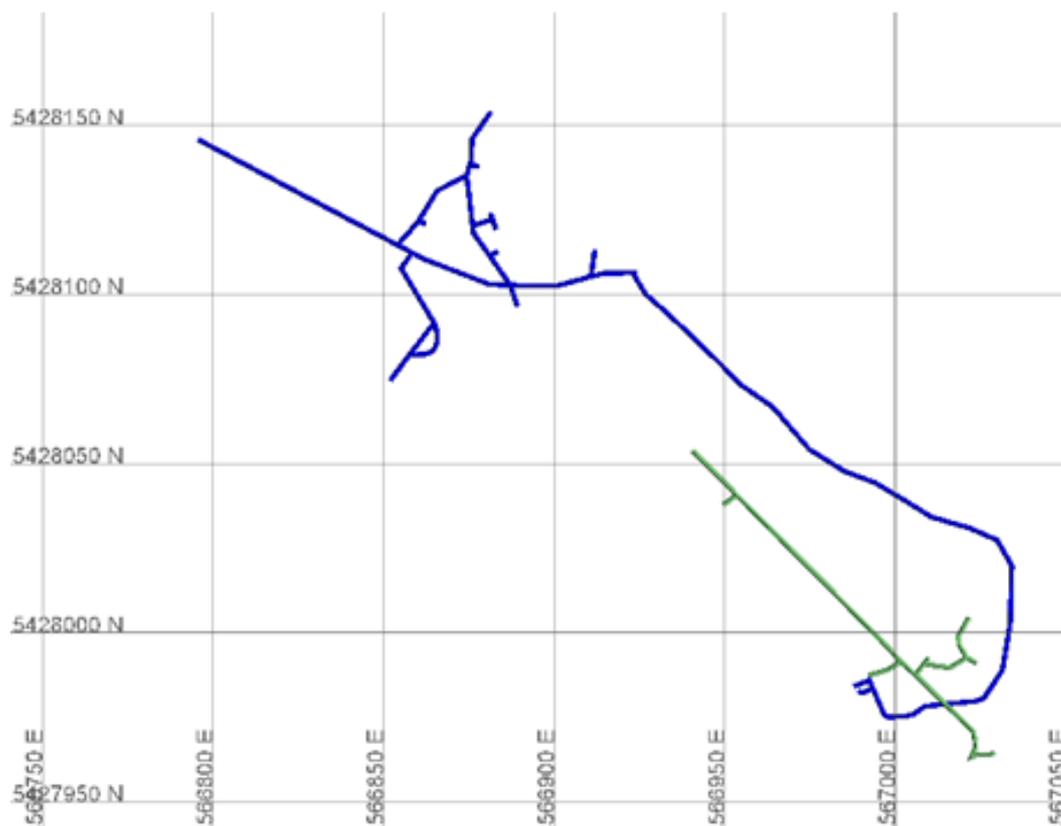


Figure 2. Roslyn Extended Adit (Blue) and Hannah Adit (Green) Plan.

Development at the end of the driving of a short north-westerly cross-cut for 12.5 metres from which two short (4.5 metre) stub drives were driven in a west south-westerly direction would appear to indicate that this development was occurring on some form of mineralisation.

If the development on the short stub drives is was related to mineralisation on the Hannah Lode developed on the Hannah adit 45 metres above the projected dip of the Hannah lode would be between 83° and 85° degrees to the south-east. If however the main drive driven on a west south-westerly course for some 28 metres was the Hannah lode then the projected dip would be around 71° to the east.

As a result of the literature review a diamond drill hole (RUL11) was planned to test the Hannah line at depth and confirm the dip of the structure.

RUL11 had been completed to a depth of 101.7 metres before gear failure resulted in the loss of the core barrel. Several attempts were made to recover the equipment and the hole but ultimately the hole and gear were abandoned in situ.

RUL12 was then drilled from the same collar position, (with a slightly shallower dip) and was completed to a final depth of 245.40 metres.

During the drilling of both RUL11 & RUL12, quartz veining and associated stockwork was intersected between 98.40 and 99.25 metres down hole in RUL11 and between 77.60 and 80.8 metres down hole in RUL12. Additional quartz veining and stockwork was intersected in RUL12 between 235.70 – 235.85 metres and 237.20 – 238.10 metres.

A total of five (5) samples were submitted for analysis, results are shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Assay Results – Diamond Drilling 2012 – 2013.

HOLE ID	FROM (m)	To (m)	INTERVAL (m)	AU (g/t)	Ag (g/t)	As (ppm)	COMMENTS
RUL11	98.40	99.25	0.85	1.48	1	7,100	Lode Qtz Vein
RUL12	77.60	78.30	0.70	0.32	<1	1,400	Stockwork Qtz
RUL12	80.70	80.85	0.15	38.1	4	2,900	Lode Qtz Vein
RUL12	231.20	232.1	0.90	0.28	1	2,800	Stockwork Qtz
RUL12	235.70	235.85	0.15	0.77	1	7,600	Lode Qtz Vein

A review was also undertaken to evaluate all previous drilling undertaken at the Ringarooma United area in light of the new structural interpretations.

Site investigations were also undertaken on the Heathorn and Mt Victoria workings with the intention of expanding future investigations, specifically to follow up on previous anomalous results returned from around the Mt Victoria / Struggle group of workings.

7.0 Discussion and Conclusions.

The results of the drilling of RUL11 and RUL12 indicate the presence of an intermediate mineralised structure exemplified by the intersection of **0.15m @ 38.1 g/t gold** from 80.70 metres down hole in RUL12.

Broader zones of lower grade mineralisation intersected in both RUL11 and RUL12 (0.85 metres and 0.70 metres wide respectively) immediately above the high grade intersection would appear to indicate that the high grade intersection from RUL12 was not quite reached before RUL11 had to be abandoned and may have in fact been in the core barrel when it was lost.

An examination of the Roslyn Extended Level Plan records the presence of a number of veins dipping 70° to the south west around the coordinate (567001mE,

5428040mN). It is possible that the quartz veining stockwork and associated narrow high grade gold vein intersected in RUL12 may be the same as that recorded in the Level Plan.

No significant quartz veining or mineralisation was intersected until around the 231 – 236 metre mark in RUL12. This would tend to conclusively prove that the Hannah lode does dip around 68° - 70° to the south-east.

Although assay results for the Hannah lode intersection were disappointing with the best result being **0.15m @ 0.77 g/t Au** the intersection is 158 metres vertical metres below the level of the Hannah Adit, any plunge development on the mineralisation previously mined may well have resulted in the hole missing the high grade shoot.

The significance of the development and reasoning for the north-westerly cross-cut at the extreme end of the Roslyn Extended workings remain a mystery.

A review of all previous drilling undertaken at the Ringarooma United mine was also undertaken and has determined that a number of previous drill holes, (specifically RUL04 – 07); which were drilled to intersect an assumed westerly dipping Ringarooma Mine structure, may well have stopped short of the target depth; now that the structure is known to dip to the east. An inspection of the condition of the holes would need to be undertaken to determine the feasibility of re-entering and extending the holes.

Exploration for the 2013 – 2014 period will follow-up on the mineralisation intersected in the Hannah and associated lode. Additional drill holes may also be drilled from the current drill pad back toward the Ringarooma Reef. The possibility of re-entering of some of the earlier RUL series holes may also be examined.

8.0 Expenditure 2012 – 2013

Geoscientific Costs

- Geology \$22,244
- Geochemistry \$187
- Geophysics -
- Remote Sensing -

Drilling & Gridding Costs

- Gridding -
- Drilling \$54,323

Land Access Costs -

Rehabilitation Costs -

Feasibility Study Costs -

Other Items \$18,630

Administration Costs \$1,680

Total Costs \$97,063

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Attachment 1.

Examiner (Launceston)

Monday 30 August 1926

THE ALBERTON FIELD.

At Alberton, some 17 miles from Mathinna in a direct line, prospecting and developmental work is still being carried on. In fact, some £40,000 has been expended in this field since 1920. Those at present working on it are the Hannah Syndicate, Fowler's Alluvial, Matthews (Mount Victoria), and M. Wallace and Co. The Hannah Syndicate are driving two tunnels, the work being carried out by contract, two shifts working in each. Good progress is being made in both works. The objective of the Premier tunnel is to strike the lode in the winze of Hannah's tunnel, from which some rich stone has been taken out. The Strahan tunnel is being driven to strike the Junction of the Strachan and Fowler's lode. This tunnel will also get underneath the winze sunk by the late manager of the Ringarooma, Mr. Eddy. Mr. Donald Fraser has just completed the surveying of the lodes and tunnels.

Examiner (Launceston)

Tuesday 12 November 1929

THE MOUNT VICTORIA FIELD.

MINING AT ALBERTON

At Hannah's mine, formerly the Ringarooma United, at Alberton, driving is proceeding in extending the tunnel in the lower workings. A big proposition has been tackled. Indications, however, are favourable for again striking the gold reef. The mine manager (Mr. J. Pickett), in a report under Saturday's date, states: "The ground in the face is a lot better than we have had. There is a quartz formation coming in, running the same way as we are driving."

The mine is well equipped with machinery, and a strike on the lode could be expeditiously dealt with.

Examiner (Launceston)

Friday 15 November 1929

MINING

ALBERTON FIELD

Hannah Mine

Some, interesting developments are now occurring at the Hannah gold mine, formerly the Ringarooma United at Alberton in the Mount Victoria district. The mine manager (Mr. J. Pickett), in a report under Tuesday's date states that the drive in the lower tunnel has been extended 5ft., the total distance for the fortnight being 1ft. The drive is now in 232ft. on the present workings. The formation in the face has made into a lode channel with a nice footwall, and Mr. Pickett adds, looks likely to make into something ahead. The quartz is blue mineral stone, giving promising indications.

Examiner (Launceston)

Tuesday 4 February 1930

MOUNT VICTORIA FIELD

ALBERTON DISTRICT

An exception, however, is Hannah's Mine, formerly the Ringarooma Limited, close to the township of Alberton. The property is a network of tunnels and drives, from which yields had been obtained, and now it is the objective to again pick-up the reef or reefs. Equipped with a fine plant, the work of tunnelling is continued, and the kindly looking country which is being passed through gives much encouragement for the likelihood of the achievement of the objective - the striking of the lode.

Examiner (Launceston)

Friday 21 February 1930

MOUNT VICTORIA FIELD

DEVELOPMENT AT ALBERTON

At Hannah's mine at Alberton a strike of nice-looking gold-bearing stone has been made, and, samples which were on view at Mr. L. Stackhouse's offices; St. John Street, yesterday, attracted much attention. The strike is the result of systematic tunnelling, carried, on persistently by the owner for many months past.

The property was formerly, known as the Ringarooma Limited, worked by a South Australian company, and is well equipped with machinery. Some years ago rich "makes" of gold were discovered in the top, or Hannah's, tunnel, where the gold was averaging 14oz. to the ton, but an inrush of water caused a cessation of operations, not before highly satisfactory returns had been obtained. Shafts had been sunk and other tunnels driven. When the present owner took possession he decided on extending and driving from what is known as the Roslyn tunnel, lower than Hannah's, to junction the three lodes. This has involved considerable work, but the satisfactory result has been to strike gold-bearing stone.

The samples show that the quartz, which is bluish, is mineralised, and gold is showing freely throughout. Some of the stone was "dolleyed" at the mine, the manager (Mr. J. Pickett) to reporting that the result was free gold. The face of the drive is in good country, and water is making freely. It is estimated that, the junction of the three lodes should be effected in about another 150ft. of driving.

Examiner (Launceston)

Wednesday 5 March 1930

MOUNT VICTORIA DISTRICT

DEVELOPMENTS AT ALBERTON

The recent developments at Hannah's mine, late Ringarooma United, at Alberton, have created considerable interest, so much so that it has been found necessary by the management to post notices at the entrance to the Roslyn tunnel, where the strike of rich stone was made, prohibiting persons from entering. The tunnel is now close on 1000ft. In

length, and without a guide those attempting to go through the workings to where operations are being carried on run considerable risk. On one or two occasions miners returning off shift have met small parties attempting, with the aid of matches, to penetrate the darkness, and had to advise them to go back.

Driving on the make of gold-bearing stone is being continued, and there seems to be little or no alteration in the nature of the country. Water, however, continues to come in freely. It is to junction three lodes, including the rich make in the top of Hannah's tunnel, which was giving such handsome returns when an in-rush of water caused operations to be suspended, that the Roslyn tunnel is being extended. Present indications go to show that the junction, if it is successful, should be made in another 130 ft. of driving.

Examiner (Launceston)

Wednesday 9 July 1930

MOUNT VICTORIA FIELD

ALBERTON DISTRICT

Ringarooma United Mine

The Ringarooma United mine, at Alberton, a few miles from New River, owned by the late Mr. Michael Hannah, have been closed down for about a fortnight, but it is understood that negotiations are proceeding between the executors of the estate and the representatives of a syndicate for the early reopening. When operations ceased, shortly after the death of Mr. Hannah, driving in the Roslyn tunnel, which is in about 400ft., to cut a lode under a winze, was in progress. This work is to be continued. When the winze was opened out 80 tons of stone was taken out, and averaged 2oz. to the ton. The inrush of water caused operations to cease, and the extension of the tunnel is with the object of getting under the winze. The mine is well equipped with machinery.

The work that has been going on at the Ringarooma United was followed with much interest, as developments there will have an important bearing on other mines in the immediate vicinity. The Forest King, north and adjoining the Ringarooma United, had a tunnel driven for 225ft., and then a winze was struck. The lode, showing good gold, was cut a depth of 30ft. About 50 tons of quartz was grased, assays going remarkably well; but water came in too freely, and operations had to be suspended. A proposal to install a pumping plant was not gone on with.

Examiner (Launceston)

Saturday 19 July 1930

THE SEARCH FOR GOLD

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES IN NORTHERN TASMANIA.

The Ringarooma United, which is splendidly equipped, was owned by the late Michael Hannah, and arrangements are being finished with the executors of the estate by a small syndicate to take over the mine, machinery, and plant on tribute, and it is expected that active operations by at least two shifts will shortly be commenced. A considerable amount of

work has been done on this mine, and it is proposed to continue to drive the tunnel to intersect what is known as the fifth lode, and also to open out on another lode.

Examiner (Launceston)

Monday 3 November 1930

RINGAROOMA UNITED

ACTIVE OPERATIONS RESUMED

Following on the visit of the directors of the syndicate that has taken over the Ringarooma United Gold Mines at Alberton, Mount Victoria, active operations have been resumed on the property. The plant and machinery were found to be in thorough working order, and a start has been made with the continuation of the drive to intersect a winze in the top (Hannah's) tunnel, from which rich gold bearing stone had been obtained when an inrush of water caused a cessation of work. To intersect this winze the late Mr. Michael Hannah commenced driving from the lower, or Rosalind tunnel, and had gone in about 430ft. when his death occurred. Mr. A. Brewer, mining surveyor, who accompanied the directors and the secretary (Mr. W. Robinson) on the visit, took a check survey of the driving, and calculated that only about 26ft more driving is required to reach the objective. During their visit the directors made an examination of the mine workings, which include six tunnels where lodes had been exposed, and gold bearing stone was practically ready for the battery. When the present driving is completed attention is to be directed to these lodes, as well as carrying on further exploratory work.

The re-opening of the Ringarooma United Mines has created much interest in the Alberton and Ringarooma districts, as in the former a good deal of prospecting is going on, spreading over a large area, and the work decided on by the syndicate will prove the value of the lodes at a depth. This will have a considerable bearing on the future of the field.

Examiner (Launceston)

Thursday 13 November 1930

At Alberton

From Scottsdale the party yesterday morning went on through Ringarooma to Alberton near the foot of Mount Victoria and spent some time at the Ringarooma. United mine. This was recently taken over by a Launceston syndicate from the trustees of the late Michael Hannah's estate. Mr. J. Pickett is in charge. A good deal of gold has come from these workings in former days, and some very rich patches yielded fine returns while they lasted. It was here that when the first crushing was made from the original tunnel, which, incidentally, paid immediately for the work done up to that stage, the occasion was marked by a dance being held in the spacious opening cut from the tunnel, and a piano was even taken in the place for the purpose. But that was many years ago. There have been several tunnels since. The present operations consist of extending a tunnel with a view to cutting the downward continuation of a reef which had formerly been sunk upon from a higher level.

Good prospects had resulted from the tunnel in this higher level until water had prevented progress on the reef. Now, as indicated, the idea is to connect from 200ft. below. It is thought that another month or six weeks will prove it out. The engine providing the compressed air for operating the drill is in first-class order, and the crushing plant is also ready when required. It will be a long time before there vanish the marks of the tremendous torrent which, as the result it is thought of a big cloud burst, tore down the hillside at the foot of which is the site of the old Long Struggle mine. The next place visited was further out from Alberton. The flood here left Mr. .T. Sowell's battery and plant near the mouth of the tunnel. The rehabilitation of this plant is aimed at with a view not only to recommencing operations at the mine, but possibly also treating any stone which might be secured from adjacent property, such as that of Messrs. Ferris and Lowe, who have a prospect which they wish to open out. This prospect nearby was inspected at the same time.

Examiner (Launceston)

Thursday 25 December 1930

SEARCHING FOR GOLD

NORTH MOUNT VICTORIA

A good deal of prospecting for gold is going on in the Alberton and New River districts at North Mount Victoria, and on some shows developmental work is proceeding. Mr. J. Matthews is working a property known as the old Mount Victoria mine, with, it is understood, satisfactory results. Mr. Matthews has been associated with the field for many years, and had charge of the Ringarooma United before the property was taken over by the late Mr. Michael Hannah from an Adelaide company.

At the Ringarooma United mines at Alberton the stripping of the lode where it was cut 178ft. from the winze in gold-bearing stone is being continued, and the prospects are most encouraging. A striking feature is the permanency of the formation, which is heavily mineralised. But with the small staff engaged progress is necessarily slow. Other lodes have been uncovered, and it is understood that these are to receive attention after the development of the present workings.

Examiner (Launceston)

Tuesday 28 July 1931

MINING ALBERTON FIELD

RINGAROOMA UNITED MINE

At the Ringarooma United Mine at Alberton, driving to intersect the gold bearing stone on the winze in Hannah's or top tunnel is being continued. There have been some stoppages due to mishaps to the air compressors, two breakdowns having occurred when an interesting stage in the driving had been reached. During the week-end the property was visited by Mr. A. M. Brewer, mining surveyor, and Mr. W. Robinson, secretary to the syndicate that has taken over the property. A thorough examination and a survey of the workings was made, and recommendations for future operations discussed with the mine manager (Mr. John Pickett). Where driving was now going on, water, highly mineralised and

oxidised was freely coming in on an improved wall, which it was considered might prove to be the hanging wall of the main lode. It was decided to have the wall bored, with the object of driving along the reef.

Stone from gold shows at Alberton and New River continues to be treated at the Ringarooma United battery. A crushing of 10 tons sent in by Mr. J. C. Matthews and party, who are working the Mount Victoria mine, gave highly satisfactory results. Another parcel is being got out from Messrs. Krushka Bros.' find for treatment in the course of a few days. Mr. J. Sowell and party are continuing work at the Struggle mine and others are engaged in different parts of the field.

Examiner (Launceston)

Wednesday 16 December 1931

MINING

RINGAROOMA UNITED MINE

VISIT OF DIRECTORS

Messrs. A. A. Rankin and J. J. Cridge, directors of the Ringarooma United Gold Mining Syndicate, accompanied by some shareholders, visited the property at Alberton on Monday, and made an inspection of the workings. In the drive to the Hannah tunnel it was found that good progress was being made. The contractors, Mr. C. Lowe and party, were now in 5ft. in splendid looking soft slate, which had been proved a further distance of 3ft. Important developments are expected in this portion of the drive, as the indications are favourable. The lode showing in the upper level, according to the underlie, should be very close. Samples of quartz were taken from the 4ft. formation, which had been passed through in the course of driving. The stone in the formation is mottled quartz of a favourable appearance, and the directors decided that if the assay results were sufficiently favourable further work will be done.

Examiner (Launceston)

Friday 29 January 1932

MINING

ALBERTON FIELD

RINGAROOMA UNITED

The principal work going on at the Alberton field, North Mount Victoria, is at the Ringarooma United mine. Driving from the Rosalind tunnel to intersect the lode in the Hannah, or top, workings is being continued, and about ten days ago the long looked for slide was met. The break was gone through, and then what was believed to be the Hannah lode was struck. Mineralised quartz was intermixed with the country. It was considered possible that this was the south part of the Hannah lode, where it hit in the slide. Since then the contractors have driven about 5ft. along the course of the stone, but it has pinched considerably. A change of country was coming in the face, dark slate being met. Opening out on the stone is now going on to prove definitely whether this is the lode.

Examiner (Launceston)

Friday 29 January 1932

MINING

ALBERTON FIELD

RINGAROOMA UNITED MINE

Dealing with operations at the Ringarooma United Mine at Alberton, the manager (Mr. J. Pickett) has reported to the directors that the contractor has extended the drive a further 7ft. for the fortnight, the face still being in hard country. There was a little mineralised quartz showing. Some delay had been caused owing to the shortage of explosives. The drive was now about 7ft. past the position from the winze and the Hannah tunnel was expected to be picked up. The country, however, was good for lode mining, and when the drive was straightened up a bit they might pick up the reef within the next few days.

Messrs. Reece and T. Pickett, tributing on the property, were sinking and prospecting on No. 1 lode from the surface. This was east and above the Hannah lode. Nice looking stone was showing underfoot.

Examiner (Launceston)

Friday 8 July 1932

MINING

NORTH MOUNT VICTORIA

At the Ringarooma United mine at Alberton work is being carried out in the adit leading to the Hannah lode. During the past fortnight a distance of 10ft. has been driven. The manager states that there is a small vein of quartz showing in the formation, otherwise no change in the country. It is anticipated that the gold-bearing stone will be picked up in another 10ft. or 15ft. of driving.

Examiner (Launceston)

Friday 8 July 1932

ALBERTON FIELD

A good deal of general mining work is being carried out on the Alberton Field, extending through North Mount Victoria the properties being worked including the Mount Victoria Mine by Mr. J. C. Matthews, the Short Struggle, and sections at New River. At the Ringarooma United Mine, driving on the adit from the Rosalind tunnel to the Hannah lode is being continued but during the last few feet there has been little or no alteration in the face. From the nature of the formation, however, it is not unlikely that the lode will be struck within a short distance, the indications generally being very favourable. At New River about four miles from Alberton, some prospectors are engaged in mining for alluvial gold. There are several reefs in the vicinity upon which a good deal of work has been done, but owing to the lack of capital, further develop mental work is practically at a stand-still.

Examiner (Launceston)

Friday 5 August 1932

MINING

ALBERTON FIELD

At the Ringarooma United mine at Alberton, driving the adit from the Rosalind tunnel to the upper workings is being continued. The face is still in fairly good country, and water is coming in, presumably from the winze in the Hannah tunnel.

Examiner (Launceston)

Thursday 29 September 1932

MINING

NORTH MOUNT VICTORIA

POSSIBILITIES UNDERGROUND

Underground, prospecting work on portions of the Alberton field, North Mount Victoria, to test the gold-bearing reefs at a depth are shortly to be carried out by the Mines Department, and in this connection the Assistant Secretary for Mines (Mr. J. B. Scott) is now visiting the locality. Many of the shows have been proved on the surface, and no one can say what they might develop at a depth. Gold may not be met with at any given point, but that it exists in the very channels below does not admit of any doubt whatever. Boring operations are to be carried out under the Rosalind tunnel in the Ringarooma United Mine from which a large quantity of gold had been won during the early career of this property, and these should be of great assistance in determining the values and geological features at a depth. There are other reef channels in close proximity, particularly at the Mercury mine, which are considered well worthy of a thorough test.

RINGAROOMA UNITED MINE

The work now proceeding at the Ringarooma United Mine, as outlined in a report by the mine manager (Mr. J. Pickett) to the directors of the syndicate at Launceston, is of more than usual interest, and it states :- The contractors are now driving along a 4ft. lode in the adit from the Rosalind tunnel. Up to September 24 they have driven 4ft., and the lode appears to be going strong, with 8 Inches of clean stone on a hanging wall, and the rest formation. The lode has started to bear away to the south west. I like its appearance very much and there is no doubt if it keeps on like it is going we will soon come to a shoot of gold.

Examiner (Launceston)

Saturday 22 October 1932

MINING

NORTH MOUNT VICTORIA

RINGAROOMA UNITED MINE

Mining work has been suspended at the Ringarooma United mine at Alberton. North Mount Victoria, pending the decision of the shareholders in the syndicate that has been carrying on for the past two years regarding future operations. A meeting called for this purpose is to be held in Launceston next week. The principal work going on at the property has been the driving of an adit front the Rosalind tunnel to intersect a winze in the upper workings. A

considerable distance was driven, but the objective has not been reached. The test by the diamond drill under the Rosalind tunnel which is to be carried out by the Mines Department should prove of great help in determining the value of the known reefs at a depth.

Examiner (Launceston)

Thursday 3 November 1932

ALBERTON FIELD

DRILLING CAMPAIGN

Regarding the proposed diamond drilling campaign at Alberton, North Mount Victoria, recently referred to in "The Examiner," a communication was sent to the Mines Department by Mr. W. Robinson, legal manager, to the effect that at a meeting at Launceston of investors interested in the development of the Ringarooma field, it was decided to ask when it was expected that the Government drill would commence boring for the junction of the Roslyn-Premier lodes at the Ringarooma United Mine.

To this the following reply has been received from the Secretary for Mines (Mr. W. H. Pretymann) :- "I regret it is not possible for me to give even an approximate date when the drill will commence boring at the Ringarooma United Mine. The drill is not yet on the field, and two holes are then to be put down at North Mount Victoria at Stephens and Krushka's. It is possible that further sites will be selected then according to results obtained in the first two bores."

Many of the shows in this district have been proved on the surface, and no one can say what they might develop into at a depth. The late Mr. W. H. Twelvetrees, Government geologist, was emphatic on this point, and stressed that gold may not be met with at any given point, but that it exists in the reef channels below does not admit of any doubt whatever. For over three years endeavours have been made to induce the Mines Department to send a drill to the locality. A small syndicate, formed in Launceston carrying on the Ringarooma United Mine, have already expended over £2,000 in driving for lodes, and the requests for the diamond drill have been turned down. It is considered that now there is some chance of the drill being available, priority in application should have some consideration.

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Wednesday 30 November 1932

MINING

NORTH MOUNT VICTORIA

ALBERTON FIELD

Apart from the prospecting and developmental work that is being carried out at New River, general mining is going on in other parts of the Alberton district. At the Mount Victoria mine a nice make of payable stone has been picked up, which at the Struggle Mine, north and adjoining the Mount Victoria, stone is being broken for the battery. Although no actual mining is at present going on at the Ringarooma United arrangements are being made for the utilisation of the battery for crushings from other shows. Prospectors are engaged in

other parts of the field, but the great drawback is the lack of capital to carry out developmental work. Some promising shows have been opened up, but not sufficiently to bring them to a gold producing stage.

Examiner (Launceston)

Tuesday 13 December 1932

MINING

NORTH MOUNT VICTORIA

MINING ACTIVITIES

On the North Mount Victoria field a good deal of prospecting for gold, and mining development are going on. Drilling by the Government diamond drill plant is being carried out on sections held by the Legunia Consolidated Options at New River, near Ringarooma, and fairly good progress is being made. The object is to cut a reef at a depth of about 100ft., and the second bore is now being put down. After completing its mission on this field, the plant, it is understood, will be taken to Mathinna.

At the Struggle mine, which is being worked by Messrs. .T. Sowell and party a nice make of stone has been met with, and is being treated at the battery on the property. Messrs. J. Mathews and party are continuing g driving on a lode met with in a tunnel. Messrs. C. Lowe and T. Pickett have carried out further prospecting work on a reef known as the Dark Horse on the north: end of the Mercury mine, and to the south of the Long Struggle. A few tons of payable stone are at grass, but having taken the shaft to 50ft., operations had to cease through lack of capital. There are other small reefs on the section, from which crushings of gold had been taken out, as much as 2oz. to the ton having been obtained by Messrs. F. James and McCall brothers.

A few prospectors are engaged on alluvial deposits, some close to the township of Alberton and on the Forest King sections, from which fair returns of gold are being obtained.

Examiner (Launceston)

Saturday 19 August 1933

MINING

NORTH MOUNT VICTORIA

MINING ACTIVITIES

On the Mount Victoria field a northerly extension of the Mathinna slate and sandstone, prospecting and developmental work is being carried out, but options are held over most of the shows by overseas and mainland interests. Notification has been received of the visit of experts to make an examination of the field, some being from England, at the end of the month. There has been a very large production of gold practically, at shallow levels, but the future of the field rests with the application of adequate capital and skill to the systematic development of the reefs at a depth.

Mr. J. C. Mathews, on the old Mount Victoria leases, is still carrying out prospecting and developmental work with very good results. He picked up a nice make of payable stone south of the old workings, and is now engaged in carting a trial crushing of about 20 tons to the Struggle battery.

Messrs. J. Sowell and party are mining on payable stone on the Struggle sections, and have just finished crushing a small parcel at their battery for a return of over 2oz of gold to the ton.

Prospecting work is being carried out on the Ringarooma United and Forest King sections, the latter under prospecting licence by Mr. J. Pickett.

At the Una group, about three quarters of a mile north-west of the Hinemoa, Mr. W. Beck has carried out a lot of prospecting and mining work. He has also erected a water wheel and a small battery for treating the quartz as it is being mined. The country rock is slate, dipping south-west. The main lode consists of new-looking grey mottled stone, carrying pyrite and a little copper pyrites, with some graphitic slate.

A Hobart syndicate is carrying on mining work on promising lodes prospected by Mr. H. A. Raynor south of the Una mine. It has a length of 700 ft. and an average width of 2ft. to 3ft., carrying gold throughout its length. Of ten samples taken across the full width of the lode, five varied from 7dwt. to 23dwt of gold to the ton, these being from the northern portion, while those to the south were a little lower. An adit is now being driven by two shifts to test the lode at a depth.

Examiner (Launceston)

Saturday 19 August 1933

MANAGERS REPORTS

MOUNT VICTORIA FIELD

Prospecting and developmental work are being carried out on the Mount Victoria field, a northerly extension of the Mathinna slate and sandstone, but options are held over some shares by overseas and mainland Interests. Negotiations are also proceeding for the taking over of the Mercury mine, about two miles from the Ringarooma United, which there are two parallel reefs a few chains apart. This mine-was a big producer of gold some years ago, but, like others on the field, was not tested at a depth.

At the Mount Victoria lease, worked by Mr. J. C. Matthews, at the Struggle sections (Messrs. J. Sowell and party), payable stone continues to be taken out and crushed at the Struggle battery. Mr. W. Beck is continuing mining work at the Una group, about three quarters of a mile north-east of the Hinemoa, a small battery treating the stone as it is being mined. The main lode consists of nice-looking grey mottled stone carrying pyrites and a little copper pyrite, with some graphitic slate.

A few prospectors are engaged on tile alluvial deposits, some close to the township of Alberton and at New River. Nice samples of gold have been obtained about two miles north

of Mathinna in the direction of North Mount Victoria, and endeavours are being made to locate a reef from which the gold was shed.

Examiner (Launceston)

Friday 12 January 1934

MINING

NORTH MOUNT VICTORIA

ALBERTON FIELD

On the Alberton field, North Mount Victoria gold mining generally is quiet. Options have been secured over several shows by mainland interests, and a large area pegged out, but so far nothing in the way of developmental work is being carried out. A few prospectors are working alluvial ground but the big drawback is the shortage of water.

On the old Mount Victoria leases Mr. J. C. Mathews is getting out a nice make of stone, but crushing is hampered by little or no water being available. Messrs. J. Sowell and party, on the Short Struggle. north and adjoining the Mount Victoria are carrying out developmental work and are arranging for another crushing to be put through their battery. Mr. W. Beck is opening up a promising, lode on the Una sections.

Examiner (Launceston)

Tuesday 6 February 1934

MANAGERS REPORTS

NORTH MOUNT VICTORIA

ALBERTON FIELD

On the Alberton field, North Mount Victoria gold mining at present is rather quiet, but some prospecting and developmental work is going on. Options have been taken over properties, and an investigation on behalf of overseas interests is shortly to be made. Among these are the Struggle Mines from which good returns of gold have been made. On the old Victoria leases Mr. J. C. Mathews is still engaged on developmental work with good results but the treatment of quartz is held up, due to the scarcity of water. Some stone taken from a show at New River last week returned battery results of 1/3oz. of gold to the ton.

The high price of gold is now attracting attention to this field which has been long neglected, lack of capital retarding the opening up of some promising shows. On the Dark Horse reef, joined on the north by the Mercury mine and to the south prospecting work on a small scale has been carried out. The reef averaging about 11in. of highly mineralised stone, was traced along the surface for over a quarter of a mile. A shaft was taken to 50ft., the depth allowed without proper timbering and operations had to cease through lack of capital. The show, however, is included among those over which options have been taken.

Examiner (Launceston)

Friday 9 March 1934

NORTH MT VICTORIA

On the North Mount Victoria field prospecting and developmental work is going on at some properties, while others are practically idle, insufficiency of capital to carry on being the trouble. Mining work is still suspended at the Ringarooma United mine at Alberton, and the battery is idle, but some prospecting is being carried out on the sections.

Mr. J. C. Mathews, on the old Mount Victoria leases, is still carrying on prospecting and development work with good results, and Messrs. J. Sowell and party are mining payable stone on the Struggle leases. At the Una group, about three-quarters of a mile north-west of the Hinemoa, and also south of the Una mine, some good results are being obtained.

Examiner (Launceston)

Monday 2 April 1934

NORTH MT VICTORIA

GOLD-MINING ACTIVITIES

On the Alberton field, North Mount Victoria, Messrs. Krushka Bros. at New River are continuing developmental work on a promising reef discovered outcropping about a mile south from where they had previously opened up a show. The reef, which is from 2ft. to 2ft. 6in. in width, was sunk on to a depth of 15ft., and six tons of stone taken out gave a yield of 3½oz. of gold. Further stone is being mined, but the prospectors are hampered by not having a battery handy. On the flats, a short distance below the reef, a nice run of alluvial is being exploited. In the old show Messrs. Krushka Bros. worked a 4ft. reef, which gave highly payable prospects, but water came in too rapidly for the small pumping plant to deal with.

Mr. J. C. Matthews, on the old Mount Victoria leases, which he has been working for a considerable time, has picked up another make of payable stone, and crushings are being taken to the Struggle battery. Some very decent returns of gold have already been taken from the sections. The sections prospected by Mr. H. A. Raynor, south of the Una mine, are reported to be still opening up well. The lode was tested at a depth, and payable stone met with.

Examiner (Launceston)

Thursday 3 May 1934

MOUNT VICTORIA FIELD

On the Mount Victoria field a northerly extension of the Mathinna slate and sandstone, prospecting and developmental work is being carried out on some properties, while others are practically idle, insufficiency of capital to carry on being the trouble.

At the Mount Victoria mine, near Alberton, and on the Struggle, north and adjoining the Mount Victoria, work is proceeding with good results. At the Una group, about three-quarters of a mile north-west of the Hinemoa, some fair returns of gold are being made, and

promising developments are occurring on lodes south of the Una mine. No mining work is proceeding at the Ringarooma United. There are a few prospectors in the locality some, being on, alluvial wash.

Options are held over some shows by mainland interests, but so far no thing has been done in the way of having them exercised.

Examiner (Launceston)

Friday 4 May 1934

MANAGERS REPORTS

RETURNS OF GOLD

BATTERY RESULTS.

On the Alberton field, North Mount Victoria, Messrs. J. Sowell and party, working the Struggle mine, are continuing on a good make of stone. The mine is equipped with a small battery and another crushing has been put through, four tons of stone giving a return of 10oz. of retorted gold.

Mr. J. Mathews, who for a long time has been engaged in developmental work with satisfactory results on the old Mount Victoria leases, has had another five tons of stone treated at the Struggle battery, the yield being 9oz. of retorted gold.

At the Forrester Settlement, between Scottsdale and Mount Horror, Messrs. Haley and party who came across a nice reef which gave good assay results have been engaged in shaft sinking. A crushing of eight tons of stone was taken out and put through the Ringarooma United battery at Alberton the return being 11 ½ oz. of retorted gold. Some years ago a fair quantity of gold was obtained from the Linton mine in this locality.

Examiner (Launceston)

Friday 4 May 1934

MOUNT VICTORIA

ALBERTON FIELD

On the Alberton field, Mount Victoria, a northerly extension of the Mathinna slate and sandstone, some prospecting and developmental work is being carried on, and options are held over some shares by mainland interests.

In the past there has been, a very large production of gold, practically at shallow levels, but the future of the field rests with tile application of adequate capital and skill to the systematic development of the reefs at a depth.

A portion of the plant at the Ringarooma United mine has been removed to the Catamaran coal mines, on the East Coast, but the battery remains intact, and crushings are put through for other shows in the vicinity. On the Ringarooma United sections, however, some

prospecting is going on, and it is generally believed that another start will be made shortly with mining work.

Among the shows where production work is being carried out are Mr. J. C. Mathews, on the Mount Victoria leases, and Messrs. J. Sowell and party, at the Struggle mine. At the Una group, north-west of the Hinemoa, Mr. W. Beck is continuing on a good make of stone, and south of the Una mine Mr. H. A. Raynor's sections are also opening up well.

Examiner (Launceston)

Friday 24 January 1936

ALBERTON GOLD FIELD

Mining at Alberton, North Mount Victoria, a northerly extension of the Mathinna slate and sandstone is assuming important dimensions, and there promises to be considerable activity or the field.

Sometime back the Mount Victoria Reefs Syndicate took over the Struggle sections which had been profitably worked by Messrs. Sowell and party, and mining carried out on a large scale, chiefly by putting in adits and shaft sinking. Rams were put in for stripping on the open cut system. An improved drilling plant has now been installed for the thorough testing of the deposits on this and other sections acquired at a depth.

The Ringarooma United Mine, together with its extension machinery has been taken over by the syndicate. This property was some years ago a large producer of gold, and when a company, formed in Launceston, took it over about five years ago, attention was particularly directed to driving from a tunnel to intersect a winze in the higher workings from which payable gold had been won when an in - rush of water occurred. Although considerable driving was done the object was not achieved and operations ceased through lack of capital. Since then no mining has been done.

Negotiations are going on between the syndicate and the management of the Mercury mine regarding the acquisition of the latter's property, where a good deal of prospecting has been done by Mr. H. Stingle and party. There are two reefs, only a few chains apart, running parallel to each other. Two tunnels have been driven, and the lower one intersects both reefs. Crushings from both lodes went from 1oz. to 3oz, of gold to the ton.

Examiner (Launceston)

Wednesday 30 November 1938

TESTING GOLD AREAS AT ALBERTON

For a considerable time some mines on the Alberton field at North Mount Victoria have been practically idle, including the Ringarooma United, the Mercury and the Forest King. The Ringarooma United, which had been a large producer of gold in its early stages, had good prospects when taken over by a company from the late Michael Hannah's estate. Tunnelling was extended, but results did not come up to expectations. No attempts were made to test the reefs at a depth, but stoping in the Strahan tunnel gave some small but exceptionally

high values. The Mercury mine was also a big producer of gold some years ago, but, like others at Alberton, was not tested at a depth.

Preliminary arrangements are now in hand with the view to taking over a group of four sections, including the Ringarooma United, Mercury, and Forest King, and to have them thoroughly tested at a depth and exploited. It is expected that an early start will be made on boring.

On the Long Struggle leases exploratory work is still going on, and a washing is being taken out for battery treatment