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known as "The Old Great Caledonian Gold Mine."

Sirs,

During the years 1907, 1917, 1924 and 1932 I employed men at my own cost to help Prospect the Country at the Five Mile Rose and surrounding country at Middlesex District. The results I obtained satisfied me that certain old abandoned mines were well worth further opening up; Chief amongst them - the Old Great Caledonian Gold Mine - It was not till November 1932 that I obtained further proofs to further prove that I was fully warranted to ask my friend to assist in obtaining sufficient Capital to enable me to unwater and further prove it. I then made application to the Secretary for Mines for an extended Prospecting claim of 160 acres, being entitled to this under my 1932 Prospectors Licence; this was duly approved by the Hon. the Minister for Mines, but it was not definitely granted by the Warden of Mines at Devonport till 24th January 1933, this seemed to me the exclusive rights to hold the ground under my new 1933 Licence for 6 months till July 25th 1933 with the right of a further extension for another 6 months, providing I complied with the conditions, viz: to further work the property. I have complied with all the Conditions and I have now made application for the further extra 6 months from July 25th 1933 till January 25th 1934, which has now been granted from the date by extended Prospecting Claim Secured up till April 1933 I further prospected the ground and being satisfied then proceeded to form a Syndicate in which I was successful together with the help of my friends in so doing.

On May 29th work was started by Messrs. P. Betts and Party to whom I let a Contract to unwater the Mine and do other work. Under my supervision the work was carried out faithfully by the Contracting Party, but owing to the greater amount of work that had to be done I put on other labour to help the Contractors, who were worthy of all the help I could give them. And I herewith wish to state that they did their work to my entire satisfaction. It was certainly a far bigger job than they or I anticipated. I wish here to record that no body of men could have worked better than they did. Nearly four million pounds weight of water was pumped and hauled. Now when the Mine was unwatered it enabled the party, with myself, to thoroughly sample the Mine and take samples which were sent to Mr. Bath, Chief Chemist and Assayer at the Mines Office Laboratory, Launceston, and his returns for eight assays are now here before you for your inspection, which I am sure you will be pleased with.

DESCRIPTION OF WORKINGS.

The Main Shaft is 6 x 3' in the clear well timbered 50 feet deep with a 10 feet sump - from there a big chamber has been cut 26 feet long and 14 feet in the clear; at back from this a Winze has been sunk 53 feet and a Cross Cut opened out which has cut the Capping of what looks to be a Big Lode Formation, yet to be proved. If it is a continuation of the Lode in the 50 feet level or a distinct Lode the 50 feet Level extends 500 feet going S.E. from Main Shaft, and there is about 400 feet of ground ready to stope out, all containing payable Gold. There are three Shafts: No.1 Main Shaft 50 feet. No.2 Underlay Shaft 50 feet. No.3 Hammond Shaft 50 feet. Chamber as described and Winze 53 feet, besides 1 Level driven off 50 feet Level; And all these were full of water, which, we had to bail and pump out by hand power only. All timber in all workings are in first class order as sound as the day they were put in. If we had to do the same work now it would cost £5,000 to £6,000.

We have a Mine well opened up for us and ready to win payable Ore from when the needed machinery is available. There is an abundance of timber on the property for all requirements for many years to come.

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The facilities for cheap Mining are all that could be desired, there being a good fall for tailings.

There is a large Dam on the property that can be made available for big supply of water at a cost of under £20. The fall in ground from shaft is in every way suitable for Bins, Battery, Hoppers and Machinery Site and Dump for Tailings etc. All workings are well timbered and in good condition, notwithstanding the fact that all have been under water for over 40 years - A SPLENDID ADVERTISEMENT FOR OUR TASMANIAN TIMBERS.

The Mine is situate 15 miles from Wilmott, a good motor road most of the way to within 2 miles of the Mine Workings. Motor Lorry's have been right out to the workings with loads of timber etc. for me.

Daisey Dell, Mr. R. Quailes Cattle Station and house is 13½ miles from Wilmott and only 1½ miles from Mine.

SHAREHOLDERS.

In conclusion I state I am proud of the fact that I have introduced to you after I had satisfied myself it was a safe proposition, and what I feel sure will be a payable Mine, and I feel confident that results will prove that.

Fellow Shareholders, I have every confidence that with careful and Sound good Management the Mine in the near future will speak for itself.

If the Board of Directors who may be appointed will consent to act for the first 12 months free of fees, I am sure, after that date the Mine will be in a position to pay remuneration to both Directors and Shareholders.

I shall be pleased to take the position as General Manager and Managing Director for the first year.

With my compliments,
I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

E. B. James
MANAGER.