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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

1. In Victoria, a mine product known as "cement" was extracted, set aside, then checked for gold by older deep lead miners, as it was sometimes quite auriferous. More often it was nearly barren. In GSV Memoir 7, "cement" is described as a conglomerate, quartzite, quartz-gravel bound or cemented together with an argillaceous, silicious or ferruginous cement. Lumps of this material are common enough on the dumps near the shafts of old deep lead workings along the Madame Berry and other leads in the Central Goldfields of Victoria. Sometimes one is found which carries gold, and was over-looked in the past. The reference below investigates one lump with gold, found in 1997 by geologist Phil. Kinghorn while working for Golden Heritage.

The Annual Report for Year 1896 published by the Department of Mines, Victoria, records the aggregate amount of cement reported as treated up to that time in the State as 564,801 tons, yielding 111,930 oz. gold, or an average of almost 4 dwt. gold per ton treated (about 6 grams per tonne).

Far more interesting statistics exist for a specific section of the old deep lead workings within Mount Rommel's EL 3821 - a stream section of about 500 metres. Here are a series of reported crushings of cemented gravels won from the Lone Hand No. 1 shaft workings associated with that particular stream section. The given gold data (incomplete) is only that for "cement", as follows ---

10 April, 1882	94 tons	113 oz.
1 May 1882	87 tons	147 oz.
29 May 1882	80 tons	99 oz.
12 June 1882	95 tons	101 oz.
3 July 1882	72 tons	64 oz.

2. It can be established from week to week published records like these that upstream of the Lone Hand No. 1 workings this cemented wash was worth crushing (value 9 dwt. per ton) including to the immediate south, the old Ristori No. 2 shaft -- but not much further south. The implication is that gold enrichment here may have a local explanation, and be associated with oxidation of pyrite (or other sulphides). There has been no cost-effective procedure available to check this exploration prospect.

In the same Ristori Company records (Half Year, published 26 October 1881) the then mine manager states how he is impressed with quartz observed in that mine -- on which no development ever progressed at a later date. The quartz location is unspecified in those records. Again, there has been no cost-effective procedure allowing a check of these past statements.

At the time of the Golden Heritage / Aberfoyle joint venture (1996 / 97), drilling took place in the paddock immediately south of the old Ristori No. 2 shaft. The traverse of holes extended east from Lone Hand Road, but stopped short of testing under the old Ristori deep lead

channel. One vertical hole was drilled some 100 metres beyond the east side of the Ristori channel - hole RP01-19 -- the last hole to the east.

In the same paddock, in July 1997, Aberfoyle carried out a CSAMT survey traverse, extending it eastwards only as far as hole RP01-19. Early versions of the CSAMT equipment apply to that work.

Considerable encouragement as to the application of modern CSAMT in this part of Victoria's goldfields has come about through the completion of the Stag Road group of CSAMT traverses during April, 2012.

The outcome of that April 2012 work -- not yet made public - directs attention to application of the new CSAMT method in and around those parts where gold-rich cemented wash is recorded -- that is, south and east of the 1997 percussion hole RP01-19. It is proposed to carry out an extension to the April CSAMT program as soon as a crew is available -- the work to include investigation across the places described above.

For those who have no familiarity with what constitutes gold-rich "cement", the Company has up-loaded to its web-site under Current Projects – Allendale, one of a number of reports held by it relating to earlier investigations of material found on dumps within the original bounds of EL 3821.

The report is released in entirety: reference Pontifex No. 7857, dated 29 June 1999. The date is of no consequence: Report No. 7857 to our knowledge provides information unique and not otherwise obtainable. It describes gold in "cement" found 1,000 metres west of the immediate area of interest, but from within the same general drainage, upstream of the old and famous Madame Berry mine. The investigation of Report No. 7857 produces observable facts which may apply equally well to the cemented wash in the vicinity of the old Ristori - Lone Hand workings, as crushing records confirm.

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