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ACTIVITY AT CLUNES

Drilling is in progress. Hole CD15-04 is from much the same collar as CD15-03, the fourth hole at depressed 68 degrees, azimuth 270 M.

Four holes from one bench indicates a steady expectation of value from each hole.

On Sunday next, March first, the core shed will be open between 11 a.m., and noon. Those present can view the quartz structures generating such interest.

To begin this Sunday meeting, I propose to display a copy of the mine plan of the Port Phillip gold mine as at 1893. It is my belief that this plan drawing, while no doubt correct in every recorded detail, is itself the source of confusion for that mine while active, and for many geologists since.

The old workings are mostly located on this plan. The consequence -- assumptions by viewers that the workings along strike CONSISTENTLY represent the path of veins as those were mined. I believe this to be the case *only sometimes*. Given the plan projection of all these old workings is far from normal, we need to ask the question -- "Why?"

From the Half Year Reports, the mine "lost its way" quite early, circa 1869/1870. The south end stopes of Robinson's Vein must have been magnificent above the old 374 feet level, but definitely were not below that level. Underground managers changed at this time. Knowledge about the mine appears to have been lost for a while, and not recovered entirely.

The benched area for current drilling provides the means to investigate a part of the Clunes goldfield open to an alternate possibility.

At the Sunday meeting, I will illustrate why I believe this difference above and below the old 374 feet level is very real. Part of the geological cause appears to be visible in the core of hole CD15-01 (and can be shown to those present Sunday). This leads on to why hole CD15-03 has intersected a structure thought to be the dislocation of Robinson's Vein. The current hole CD15-04 is going down both to confirm the interpretation, and to provide a second intercepts for assay.

From the core in the trays, we can observe no workings in this part, and that plenty of un-mined tonnes exist, subject to assay evaluation.

Assays exist for CD15-01. Samples along hole CD15-02 were prepared and have been delivered to the assay office. Hole CD15-03 is being prepared for sampling today, and provides the best illustration of the commentary above.

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