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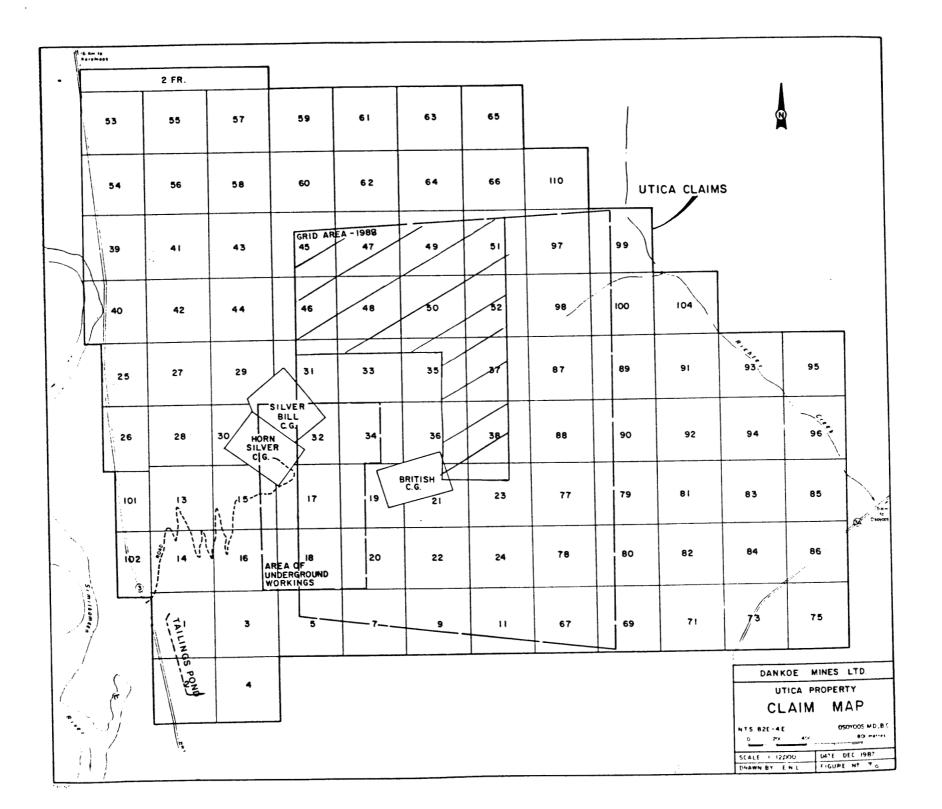
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DRILLING:

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Mobilization / Demobilization	\$2,275.00
Travel drill crew food and accommodations	600.00
Drilling	5,117.40
SUPERVISION:	
Engineer professional fees	\$2,266.00
Travel, food & accommodations	592.71
Lab unit testing	2.,459.20
Equipment rental, field supplies, telephone and courier	530.70
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	
Stability analysis, liquefaction assessment, drafting and preparation	
of Design Reports	7,163.18
Surveying, B.C. Land Surveyor	2,085.00
TOTAL	\$23,089.19

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Our File: PB 1443 0301 WP 541 May 11, 1990

Dankoe Mines Ltd. 1 Ridgewood Road Toronto, Ontario M5P 1T4

<u>Attention: Mrs. Alana Kotler</u>

Re: Report on Raising Permitted Crest Elevation of Dankoe Tailings Dam

Dear Madam:

We are pleased to submit six copies of our report, dated May 11, 1990, on raising the crest level and increasing the storage capacity of the Dankoe tailings impoundment. We recommend that the maximum permitted tailings level be increased by 22 ft to elevation 1,398 ft to provide additional storage of 250,000 tons or about 5 years mill production.

This report addresses all the items requested by the British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

The raised tailings dam will have adequate factors of safety for both static and dynamic conditions. Standpipe piezometers have been installed to allow ongoing monitoring of saturation levels within the tailings deposit.

Prior to resuming production, further construction of talus berms is required. A berm should be constructed on the existing tailings beach, stepped in about 20 ft from the existing crest to achieve the overall design slope of 2.5 horizontal to 1 vertical. A berm should also be placed on the 1,355 ft bench to flatten the existing oversteepended slope and to cover exposed tailings on the slope. It is mandatory that a Klohn Leonoff engineer be on site at the outset to confirm the construction layout and procedures, as past practices have not fully conformed with design.

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Please advise us if we can provide any assistance in your application for approval of the increased capacity of the impoundment.

Yours very truly,

KLOHN LEONOFF LTD.

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Peter C. Lighthall, P.Eng. Project Manager

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REPORT ON DESIGN REVIEW

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OF DANKOE MINE TAILINGS DAM

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DANKOE MINES LTD.

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents a geotechnical review of the Dankoe Mines tailings dam and supports an application to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to increase the height and capacity of the impoundment. The proposed impoundment raising provides additional tailings disposal capacity of 250,000 tons, sufficient for five years at an annual mill throughput of 50,000 tons.

The most recent approval for the tailings dam was granted in a letter from the Chief Inspector of Mines dated October 8, 1980. In that letter the maximum dam crest elevation was set at 1,380 ft. In letters dated April 27, 1989 and August 3, 1989 and an inspection report dated July 22, 1989 the Geotechnical Inspector of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (MEMPR) pointed out to Dankoe that the tailings pond was essentially full to its permitted capacity. The District Inspector of Mines issued Dankoe a notice on November 20, 1989 that "no further milling will be permitted .. until .. the tailings impoundment meets the approval of the Chief Inspector of Mines".

Klohn Leonoff prepared an inspection report dated September 28, 1989 based on a site visit on September 12. In that report it was concluded that the tailings pond was being operated according to good practice and the recommendation was made that the crest could be raised to elevation 1,388 ft. Klohn Leonoff had not, however, been made aware of any of the above correspondence from the MEMPR.

The approval requirements for tailings ponds, either for new ponds or for raising above previously approved levels, are laid out in the MEMPR "Guidelines for the Design, Construction, Operation and Abandonment of Tailings Impoundments". In an MEMPR internal memorandum, page 2 of which was sent to us by fax, the Geotechnical Inspector listed those additional items from the Guidelines to fulfil the requirements for an approval.

Guideline Clause 1.1 - Topography - of the dam, pond and backhill.

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Clause 1.5 - Hydrology - Determination of the catchment area, the design storm and the storm storage provided.

Clause 1.7 - Nature of Tailings - Grain sizes and potential for acid generation.

Clause 2.1 - Test Holes - Boreholes with blow counts, samples and moisture profiles are requested, especially towards the southern end of where the decant pond is located.

Clause 2.2 - Testing - Laboratory grain size distribution, consolidation tests and shear strength tests.

Clause 2.5 - Storage - Calculation of storage requirements for tailings and estimation of the water balance.

Clause 2.6 - Stability Analysis - Determination of the critical factor of safety.

Clause 2.7 - Instrumentation - Installation of piezometers and movement detection hubs.

This report addresses the above points in support of Dankoe's application. This review is based on a site visit and drilling program by Robert Toombs of Klohn Leonoff Ltd., March 27 to 28, 1990 in accordance with Klohn Leonoff proposal dated February 16, 1990. The program was authorized by Mrs. Alana Kotler of Dankoe Mines Ltd. in her letter dated February 28, 1990. Mr. Bob McTiernan, Mine Manager, was present at the initiation of the field program.

2. BACKGROUND

Dankoe Mine is located adjacent to British Columbia Provincial Highway No. 3, approximately midway between Keremeos to the north and Osoyoos to the south. The tailings dam is situated on the east hillside of the Similkameen River Valley, above the highway and below the mine/mill (note Drawing D-3001). The underground silver mine has been inactive since the early 1980's. However, the concentrator facility, with a maximum capacity

of 500 tons/day, has been operated intermittently in recent years, either on a custom milling or lease basis.

The tailings pond structure is shown in plan and section on Drawings D-3001 and D-3002. These plans are based upon a site survey carried out on March 28, 1990 concurrent with the drilling program.

The tailings pond overlies a granular alluvial fan deposit, which in turn overlies Similkameen River deposits. Along the east end of the impoundment, at the back of the pond, the tailings abut a steeply sloping talus deposit. The dam has been built in stages using a series of talus rockfill dykes, constructed progressively upstream.

Tailings from the Dankoe concentrator are carried by pipeline to the tailings pond, where they are spigotted from discharge points located at intervals along the crest. The tailings line is either laid directly on the crest, or supported on wooden trestles just upstream of the rock fill crest. The objective of the discharge system is to vary the discharge points to form a beach of the coarse (sand) fraction of the tailings around the outer perimeter. This coarse zone provides a free-draining tailings mass. It is critical to the overall stability of the structure that this drained condition is maintained through proper tailings discharge procedures. The fine fraction and water flow into a decant pond in the eastern portion of the tailings pond, adjacent to the hillside. The fine fraction settles out in the decant pond. Throughout the life of the operation, supernatant water has infiltrated into the free-draining talus at the east abutment of the pond, with no reclaim to the mill. The mill will obtain all water from a well about 300 ft deep midway between the mill and the highway.

Klohn Leonoff has carried out periodic investigations of the tailings impoundment between 1970 and the present. At the time of our site visit in September 1988 tailings were being deposited 400 ft from the north end

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of the pond, contrary to good upstream practice. It was recommended at that time that the tailing pipeline be extended to allow spigotting of tailings along the entire dam crest to construct a beach of relatively free-draining sand adjacent to the crest. It was noted, during the September 1989 site visit, that the line had been extended along the entire length of the crest. During the site visit of March 1990 spigotting was not in progress, milling being last carried out in late 1989.

TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

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A topographic survey was carried out by C.W. Gehue and Associates Land Surveyors of Kelowna, British Columbia, on March 28, 1990.

Spot elevations are shown on Drawing D-3003. Location, elevation and coordinates for the reference bench mark (BM 572 H) as well as two other temporary bench marks (TBM) are shown in plan. The TBMs are suitably painted points on rock boulders and may be used for future survey work.

From these spot elevations (shown on Drawing D-3003) a topographic map of the site at 10-ft contour intervals was made. Contour intervals to as close as 1 ft were interpolated locally across the surface of the pond. This result is shown in plan and section on Drawings D-3001 and D-3002.

Elevations and coordinates of current piezometer and drill hole locations, as well as surface settlement monuments were taken.

4. <u>OBSERVATIONS - MARCH 1990</u>

Skylark Resources has been operating the Dankoe Mill based upon an arrangement with the owners, Dankoe Mines Ltd. We understand that the production rate of the mill will be about 100 tons/day, or about 500 tons/week on a 16 hour/day, five-day/week basis. Production rates may be increased to 1,000 tons/week or 50,000 tons/year. Additional

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tailings storage capacity up to 250,000 tons over the next five years may be required.

At the time of our March 1990 investigation, the mill was inactive and no tailings were being discharged from the 4-inch diameter pipeline around the pond perimeter. No significant change to dyke construction was noted since our September 1989 visit. Several loads of dumped talus on the dyke opposite Piezometers A and B remain unspread. The general elevation of the crest is 1,380 to 1,382 ft. The 1,376-ft contour runs around the full perimeter of the tailings surface, from north to south, adjacent to the talus dyke, as shown on Drawing B-3001. The wet pond area noted in September 1989 when milling was active is currently dry. The pond location is identified by the 1,374-ft contour (approximately) shown in plan.

5. FIELD AND LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS

Boreholes DH90-01 (44.5 ft), DH90-02 (55.3 ft) and Dynamic Cone Hole DC90-01 (44.5 ft), DC90-02 (19 ft) were made to depths shown in the parentheses. Standpipe piezometers were installed in all holes. The drill rig was an HT 1000 rotary drill mounted on a bombardier. Locations of these drill holes are shown in plan on Drawing D-3001.

A dynamic cone hole, DC90-01, was performed to refusal at 44.5 ft in the southwest corner of the tailings pond. Blow counts were recorded for every foot of penetration using an automatic hammer (140 lb, 30-inch drop) with a 60 mm diameter sleeved cone. Upon withdrawal of the cone, the hole caved at 19 ft, permitting installation of an open standpipe (D1) to a depth of 18.6 ft below ground surface.

Drill hole DH90-01 was made adjacent to DC90-01 to a depth of 44.5 ft where refusal was encountered by the SPT samples. Continuous sampling was made with Shelby tubes for the first 11.5 ft. Thereafter, sampling was made at 5-ft intervals with split spoons for SPT and also Shelby tubes. The purpose was to examine the vertical tailings profile, with emphasis on the top 10 ft. Standpipe piezometers were installed at 28.9 ft (C2) and 43.0 ft (C1).

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A second borehole, DH90-02, was installed, as shown in plan, equidistant from existing Piezometers A1, A2 and B1, B2. Natural ground was encountered at a depth of 55.3 ft. The Shelby samples were taken continuously to 12-ft depth. Thereafter, Shelby and SPT sampling was done alternately at 5-ft intervals. Standpipe piezometers were installed at depths of 54.5 ft (E3), 35.6 ft (E2) and 15.8 ft (E1).

Midway between Boreholes DH90-01 and DH90-02, a dynamic cone hole, DC90-02, was performed to record penetration per foot for a shallow hole (19.0 ft) by automatic hammer and allowed for installation of a standpipe piezometer (G1) at 18.7 ft.

All of the samples were returned to our Richmond laboratory for visual classification and moisture content. Sieve analysis was done on selected samples, with shear testing on two samples and Atterberg limits on one.

Borehole logs and laboratory test results are presented in Appendices I and II, respectively. The logs are summarized on Sections A, B and C of Drawing D-3002.

6. <u>SITE AND SOIL DESCRIPTION</u>

The Dankoe tailings dam is founded on an old fan deposit at the base of a steep mountainside. Throughout the life of the mine, tailings have been discharged to the pond by spigotting off the dam crest. One exception to this process was noted in September 1988 when spigotting was from a location 400 ft south of the north end of the pond, which promoted settlement of fines against the southern perimeter of the dam. Selective spigotting along the crest produces beaches of coarser tailings fractions near the dam with the slimes fraction and process water impounded at the

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back of the pond against the steep hillside. Process water leaves the pond by evaporation and by infiltration into the pervious soils underlying the base and the back of the pond.

The south abutment of the dam and the back of tailings pond contact a talus deposit which contains fine to coarse rock. The floor of the pond is seated on a fan deposit, consisting of coarse sand and gravel, with some silt, described previously in the Klohn Leonoff report of January 15, 1974. The Klohn Leonoff report of September 1980 describes clean, highly pervious gravels encountered at a depth of 50 ft below the fan deposit, probably deposited by the Similkameen River. The fan deposit and underlying river gravels form a dense, free-draining foundation.

Exploration carried out in 1970 and 1980, as well as the current (1990) program, is shown in plan and section on Drawings D-3001 and D-3002.

Drill Holes BH90-01 and 02 encountered 44.5 and 55.3 ft of tailings, respectively. The tailings encountered were similar to those encountered in TH2 (1980). The tailings are mainly fine to medium sand with some silt. Lenses of finer silt sizes (slimes) are present in the sand. As determined by sieve analysis on samples from both 1980 and 1990, the percentage of fines by weight passing the No. 200 sieve ranged from 20 to 90%. Such variation in gradation is expected in a tailings deposit developed by spigotting.

Auger Hole HA2 (1970) and Drill Hole TH3 (1980) as shown on Section C, Drawing D-3002 indicate tailings consisting of more silt than sand. This approaches the area of the free water pond, where finer, siltier fractions of the tailings slurry settle out.

Dynamic Cone Hole DC90-02, however, encountered very soft, wet silt to about 7 ft. Cone resistance varied from 0 to 2 blows/ft. This hole, midway between BH90-01 and 02 is set back from the crest approximately 25 ft. This loose condition is, in Klohn Leonoff's opinion, a local pocket of fines trapped when tailing discharged was concentrated on two conical discharge points. The presence of this pocket emphasizes the need for careful spigotting practises.

7. <u>ACID MINE DRAINAGE</u>

Tailings deposited to date at Dankoe have shown no signs of pyrite oxidation in the more than 20 years the mine has been operating. The majority of the tailings deposited to date have come from Dankoe underground workings and there is no visible indication of oxidation.

Future use of the Dankoe mill is expected to be custom milling with ore coming from varied sources. Prior to any material being accepted for processing, acid generation potential tests should be carried out on representative samples of the anticipated tailing. Materials identified as significantly reactive should not be processed without consideration of mitigative measures. Such mitigative measures may include exclusion of potentially acid generating tailings from the pond.

8. <u>MONITORING</u>

8.1 STANDPIPE PIEZOMETERS

Two piezometer groups, A and B, each containing two 3/4-inch PVC standpipes with porous tips were installed by Foundex in the tailings beach in 1983. They remain operational. However, piezometers installed in 1970 and 1980 as shown in plan and section are no longer functioning. Standpipe piezometers were installed in BH90-01 (C1, C2), DC90-01 (D1), BH90-02 (E1, E2, E3) and DC90-02 (G1). These standpipe piezometer locations are shown in plan and section on Drawings D-3001 and D-3002.

Water was added to all of the standpipes on March 28, 1990. Water levels were recorded on March 29, 1990, April 9, 1990 and April 17, 1990. This information is summarized in Table 1.

<u>TABLE 1</u> STANDPIPE READINGS MARCH - APRIL 1990

Piezo. No.	Associated Drill Hole	Date Installed	Tip Elevation (ft)	Original Ground Elevation (ft)	Remarks	
Al		1983	1,327.0	1,318	March 27/90 March 28/90 March 29/90 April 9/90 April 17/90	Dry, plugged at 1,331.2 Water added, at 1365.7 Water at 1362.1 Water at 1343.8 Water at 1337.5 (falling)
A2		1983	1,304.0	1,318	March 27/90 March 28/90 March 29/90 April 9/90	Dry at 1,308.5 Water added, at 1339.2 Water at 1315.9 No water at 1,308.5 (dry) {plugged?}
B1		1983	1,317.0	1,299	March 27/90 March 28/90 March 29/90 April 9/90	Dry at 1,321.2 Water added, at 1334.7 Water at 1,321.6 No water at 1,320.1 (dry) (plugged?)
B2		Mar. 27/90	1,291.0	1,299	March 28/90 March 28/90 March 29/90 April 9/90 April 17/90	Water at 1,307.2 Water added, at 1312.9 Water at 1,308.1 Water at 1,308.0 Water at 1,308.0 (stable)
C1	BH90-01	Mar. 27/90	1,332.9	1,331.7	March 28/90 March 29/90 April 9/90 April 17/90	Water added, at 1348.4 Water at 1,342.3 Water at 1,333.3 Water at 1332.9 (Dry)
C2	BH90-01	Mar. 27/90	1,347.3	1,331.7	March 28/90 March 28/90 April 9/90 April 17/90	Water added, at 1378.5 No water at 1,347.3 (dry) No water at 1,347.3 (dry) No water at 1,347.3 (dry)
D1	DC90-01	Mar. 27/90	1,357.6		March 28/90 March 28/90	Water added, at 1358.4 No water at 1357.6 (dry one minute later)
E1	BH90-02	Mar. 28/90	1,353.0	1,319.7	March 28/90 March 29/90 April 9/90	Water added, at 1379.7 Water at 1.366.7 No water at 1353.0 (dry)
E2	BH90-02	Mar. 28/90	1,338.7	1,319.7	March 28/90 March 29/90 April 9/90	Water added, at 1379.2 Water at 1,366.7 No water at 1,338.7 (dry)
E3	BH90-02	Mar. 28/90	1,320.5	1,319.7	March 28/90 March 29/90 April 9/90	Water added, at 1380.2 Water at 1,376.2 No water at 1,320.5 (dry)
G1	DC90-02	Mar. 28/90	1,357.4		March 28/90 March 29/90	Water added No water at 1,357.4 (dry)

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Following addition of water, the seven new standpipe piezometers, all in tailings, showed progressively falling water levels to read dry at various times over the period March 28 to April 17, 1990.

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Prior to adding water on March 28, 1990, three of the four existing piezometers were dry. B2 showed water at elevation 1,307.2 ft. Upon addition of water, B2 stabilized quickly to approximately the same elevation. Piezometer A1, still falling slowly, showed water at 1,337.5 ft. Piezometers A2 and B1, by April 17, 1990 read dry.

The permeability of the tailings within the first hundred feet of beach, formed by spigotting from the crest of the perimeter dyke, is estimated to be relatively high. Further upstream, where finer tailings are deposited, the permeability is expected to decrease. This was noted in auger hole HA2 (1970) and borehole TH3 (1980) at a distance of approximately 100 - 120 ft upstream from the point of spigotting (Section C, Drawing B-3002) at that time.

It is essential that this free draining zone be maintained, and confirmed by water level readings. The above piezometers have been read at a time when the mill was not operating, and the freewater pond dry. Further readings should be made and reviewed when the mill is operating and contributing water and solids to the pond, both under summer and winter conditions when surface freeze-up changes the water regime.

Raising of the crest by successive upstream construction will cover up the existing standpipe piezometers. To maintain use of these piezometers as long as possible, it is recommended that pneumatic piezometers be installed inside the present standpipes before they are covered up. The leads from these piezometers can be easily carried forward in advance of successive upstream construction. At present piezometers B1 and B2 are near the inside toe of the current crest. The remainder are offset 25 to 35 ft.

It is recommended that all future piezometers be of the pneumatic type, with leads that can be extended in advance of the upstream dyke construction.

8.2 MOVEMENT DETECTION HUBS

A total of 14 movement detection hubs were installed on the crest and slope of the dam. These hubs are 4-ft lengths of 19 mm rebar, which were driven 2.5 to 3 ft into the ground. Their purpose is to monitor any slope movements with time. This information is presented on Drawing D-3003.

9. <u>STORAGE REQUIREMENTS</u>

As the dam is raised at 2.5H:1V, it will encroach upon the east limit, the natural talus slope, which stands at about 1.5H:1V. This reduction in surface area, and hence volume, will be compensated by an increase in pond area in the northeast corner, towards the slope leading up to the mill area.

Drawing A-3004 shows a curve of additional tailings volume versus elevation, above the present tailings surface at elevation 1,376 ft. At a maximum mill throughput of 50,000 tons per year, for five years, storage requirements of 250,000 tons (dry weight) will require placement of tailings to elevation 1,398 ft.

10. WATER MANAGEMENT

10.1

POND WATER BALANCE

A pond water balance for the mill is presented on Table 2 for both operating and non-operating conditions. This is based on annual mill production of 50,000 tons per year, and an average annual precipitation of 11 inches (335 mm).

A calculated seepage outflow of 62 USgpm and 12 USgpm for operating and non-operating conditions respectively is required to maintain a balance. This is easily handled by seepage from the pond as demonstrated by more than 20 years of observation.

10.2 FLOOD STORAGE

In addition, surcharge storage is required to handle runoff from a design storm. The 200-year return period 24-hour duration storm has been selected as the design storm. This is estimated to be 2 inches (50 mm) of precipitation resulting in approximately 26 000 m³ of storm inflow into the pond (note Table 2A). A portion of the catchment runoff would be lost to seepage through the talus resulting in an estimated net inflow to the pond of 22 000 m³. Storm storage of 22 000 m³ is equivalent to 3 ft of dyke freeboard. It is recommended that a minimum of 5 ft freeboard over the average water surface elevation be provided, to allow 3 ft storm surcharge storage and 2 ft of freeboard. An emergency spillway should be installed at the south end of the pond for each level of dyke crest raising. The spillway should consist of a 1 ft lower section of crest, at least 30 ft wide, adjacent to the abutment with the talus slope at the south end of the pond.

TABLE 2 ANNUAL WATER BALANCE

	Operating	Non-Operating
<u>Inflows</u> Tailings Transport Water (50,000 T/yr @ 30% solids)	106 000 m ³	O m ³
Direct Precipitation (335 mm x 2.3 ha)	7 700	7 700
Runoff (34 mm x 65.7 ha)	22 000	22 000
Total	135 700	29 700
<u>Losses</u> Mill Reclaim Evaporation (560 mm x 1 ha) Void Water Retention	0 5 600 7 700	0 5 600 0
Total	13 300	5 600
<u>Net Seepage Outflow</u> (calculated as total inflows minus total losses)		
Volume Rates	122 400 m ³ 3.9 L/s or 62 USgpm	24 100 m ³ 0.8 L/s 12 USgpm

TABLE 2A DANKOE TAILINGS DAM ___24-HOUR_STORM

	200-Year Return				
Direct precipitation	50 mm x 2.3 ha 1 150 m ³				
Runoff from catchment	38 mm x 65.7 ha 24 970 m ³				
Total inflows	26 120 m ³				
Talus seepage estimate	4 320 m ³				
Net Inflow (Total Inflows - seepage)	21 800 m ³				

11. <u>STABILITY</u>

11.1 GENERAL

Stability of the tailings dam has been reviewed both for the present structure and for the proposed raising of the tailings.

To perform this analysis, strength parameters have been reviewed for the foundation soils and the tailings. The phreatic surface, seismic activity and the potential for liquefaction have also been considered.

11.2 STRENGTH PARAMETERS

Strength parameters have been evaluated for the tailings, talus rockfill, and the underlying fan and talus slope deposits.

Direct shear testing was performed on two Shelby tube samples of tailings at in situ stress levels. The samples tested represent the sandier portion of the tailings placed by spigotting. Both samples exhibit an angle of internal friction of 33°, with no cohesion. These results are shown in Appendix II and summarized in Table 3. This sand also contains silty portions (slimes). These silty zones present in the form of bands

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and lenses are derived from crushed host rock rather than clay. There is little variation in angle of friction for sands and slimes. For a design strength, an angle of internal friction of 31° is chosen for the tailings sands banded with slimes.

TABLE 3

			Shelby Tube Dry Moisture		Density (lbs/ft ³)			Test Rate of	Peak Angle of	
Borehole no.	Sample no.	Depth (ft)	Density (1b/ft ³)	Content (%)	Before	Consolidation	After	Strain (mm/min)	Friction (Degrees)	Remarks
BH90-01	5	9.5 11.5	95.9	12.7	95.7	98.7	100.0	0.12	33.	Tested Saturated
BH90-01	7	19-21	88.9	25.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH90-02	4	8-10	91.6	10.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
BH90-02	9	25-27	86.0	25.7	84.8	87.6	88.7	0.0072	33*	Tested Saturated

SUMMARY OF DIRECT SHEAR TESTING AND SHELBY TUBE DENSITY

The talus rockfill used for the dyke construction is placed and compacted by construction equipment. A conservative angle of internal friction of 36° is therefore chosen. The source of this rockfill, from the talus slope is assigned the same strength. The pond tailings lie directly on the dense sand gravel fan deposit. This material is assigned a strength of 36°, which is conservative. The strength properties of these soil materials are summarized in Table 4.

TABLE 4 STRENGTH OF MATERIALS

Material	Angle of Internal Friction	Cohesion (lb/ft ²)
Tailings	31°	0
Talus Rockfill	36°	0
Talus Slope	36°	0
Fan Deposit	36°	0

11.3 SEISMICITY

Dynamic stability has been reviewed to check for the following earthquake conditions:

- pseudo-static undrained loading during the earthquake;
- post-earthquake liquefaction potential.

The project area is located in Earthquake Zone 1, as defined by the National Building Code of Canada. Seismic acceleration for this site is based on a probabilistic assessment, using data from the Pacific Geoscience Centre, summarized below in Table 5 and included in Appendix III.

TABLE 5

PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION (%g) BY RETURN PERIOD

1/100 yr	1/200 yr	1/500 yr	1/1,000 yr
3	5	7	9

For purposes of design, the 1/1000 year return of 0.09 g is used. An earthquake of magnitude M6.5 has been selected for review of liquefaction potential. Magnitude 6.5 is generally considered to be the largest magnitude which will occur in south central British Columbia.

11.4 PHREATIC SURFACE

Monitoring of the standpipe piezometers indicates a very low or non-existent water table. As a conservative limit, however, the dam has been analyzed with a phreatic surface approximately 25 ft above the bottom of the tailings, as shown in section on Drawing D-3002.

11.5 LIQUEFACTION

Under sufficient earthquake loading, certain soils may liquefy. The liquefaction potential has been assessed by correlation of standard penetration test (SPT) N-values, and 60 mm cone penetration tests using Seed's method.

From the field data and our assessment, it has been determined that the talus slope, fan deposit and underlying river gravels are not subject to liquefaction. The talus fill used to construct the dyke is also not liquefiable. The tailings placed in the pond require a closer review, however.

Field sampling has been done principally on the tailings in the vicinity of the current dam crest. The analysis is based on SPT and dynamic cone penetration data, corrected from effective overburden pressure and a water table conservatively high at 35 ft below ground surface. The analysis indicates that the tailings should not liquefy and the results are summarized on Drawing A-3005.

The following comments with regard to the above analysis are made:

- Presence of fines (20 to 35%) was conservatively not accounted for in the above liquefaction analysis.
- This analysis has been undertaken with the assumption that the tailings/fan deposit contact is horizontal.

11.6 STABILITY ANALYSIS

Stability analysis has been carried out for the tailings dam in its present configuration (crest elevation 1,380 ft, tailings elevation 1,376 ft) under both static and dynamic conditions (a=0.09 g). The respective minimum factors of safety determined are 1.5 and 1.2. The surfaces analyzed are shown on Drawing D-3006.

To provide an additional 250,000 tons of storage, it is proposed to raise the tailings level by 22 ft to elevation 1,398 ft. This has been analyzed for static and dynamic stability. The factors of safety are 1.5 and 1.2, respectively. The analyzed surfaces are summarized and shown on Drawing D-3006.

12. <u>DAM_CONSTRUCTION</u>

A typical design section for raising the tailings dam is shown on Drawing B-3007. The talus dyke between elevations 1,355 and 1,382 was raised by centreline construction rather than upstream construction, resulting in a local slope as steep as 1.5H:1V. This was contrary to Klohn Leonoff recommendations in previous reports that a slope not steeper than 2.5H:1V be maintained.

To correct the locally over-steepened slope, it is recommended that a talus berm with a nominal width of about 15 ft be placed on the elevation 1,355 bench. This will also provide cover over the exposed batterboard tailings between elevations 1,355 ft and 1,365 ft approximately.

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To maintain an overall slope of 2.5H:1V above elevation 1,376 ft, it will be necessary to step the dam in. The recommended outside limit of the downstream toe at elevation 1,382 ft is a step-in of 20 ft. This will require extension of the existing standpipe piezometers as discussed in Section 8.1, with pneumatic tips, in advance of upstream construction.

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Talus crest dykes should be placed in lifts no greater than 3 ft, and should be compacted by travel of hauling and spreading equipment. The dyke should be arranged to maintain an overall slope on the outside face of 2.5 horizontal to 1.0 vertical. We recommend a site visit be made by one of our engineers to lay out and inspect initial work on raising the crest.

13. <u>CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS</u>

- 1. The foundation soils underlying the tailings structure are competent dense coarse grained materials, sufficiently pervious to provide good underdrainage to the tailings.
- Monitoring of the performance of the existing and new standpipe piezometers shows that the tailings deposit continues to be well drained.
- 3. Examination of the tailings as sampled at BH90-01 and BH90-02 does not indicate any adverse conditions in the soil profile. Tailings were spigotted from a point on the crest 400 ft from the north end, in September 1988. A zone of very loose silt was noted at DC90-01 in the top 7 to 8 ft, suspected to be a local pocket resulting from incorrect spigotting procedures.
- 4. Stability analyses, shows that the dam is stable at the present tailings elevation of 1,376 ft and after raising to elevation 1,398 ft. It is essential that the coarse fraction of tailings be

placed adjacent to the crest by spigotting from successive locations along the dyke perimeter.

- 5. Prior to raising the tailings above 1,376 ft, we recommend that a berm of talus rockfill be added to the 1,355 ft bench to flatten the present downstream slope. The slope is locally as steep as 1.5H:1V between the present crest at 1,380-82 ft and the berm at elevation 1,355 ft approximately.
- 6. To maintain the overall slope of 2.5H:1V the next stage of dyke fill should be inset 20 ft from the present perimeter. Upstream construction will result in the eventual burial of the existing standpipe piezometers. We recommend that pneumatic piezometers with readout leads be installed inside the existing 3/4 inch standpipe piezometers. These leads can be buried and extended through the tailings in advance of the upstream construction, and collected at a common point for future readings.
- 7. We recommend that Klohn Leonoff make a site visit at the start of construction to confirm construction procedures and to supervise pneumatic piezometer installation.
- 8. We recommend that all piezometers be read at least on a monthly basis by the mine during deposition of tailings, and this information forwarded to Klohn Leonoff for review.
- 9. An estimated additional storage capacity of 250,000 tons (dry weight) may be obtained by raising the tailings to elevation 1,398 ft. A minimum crest level of 5 ft above the surface of the decant water pond is to be maintained at all times. An emergency spillway should be installed adjacent to the abutment with the talus slope at the south end of the impoundment with each level of crest raising.

10. We recommend that acid generation potential tests be carried out on all potential custom-milled ore in advance of acceptance of the work.

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<u>APPENDIX I</u>

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BOREHOLE LOGS

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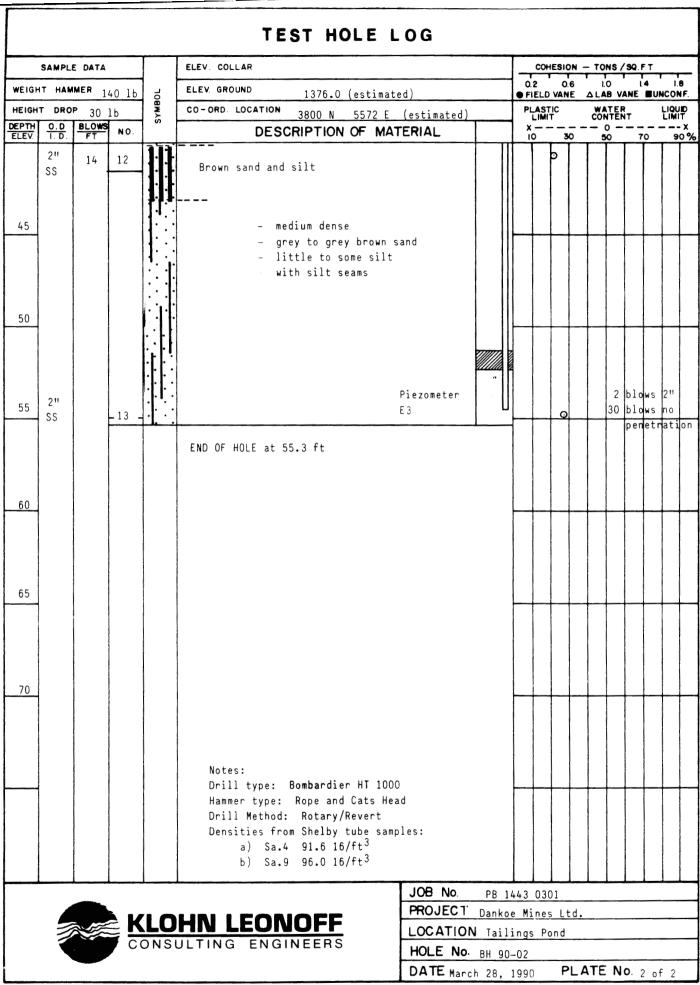
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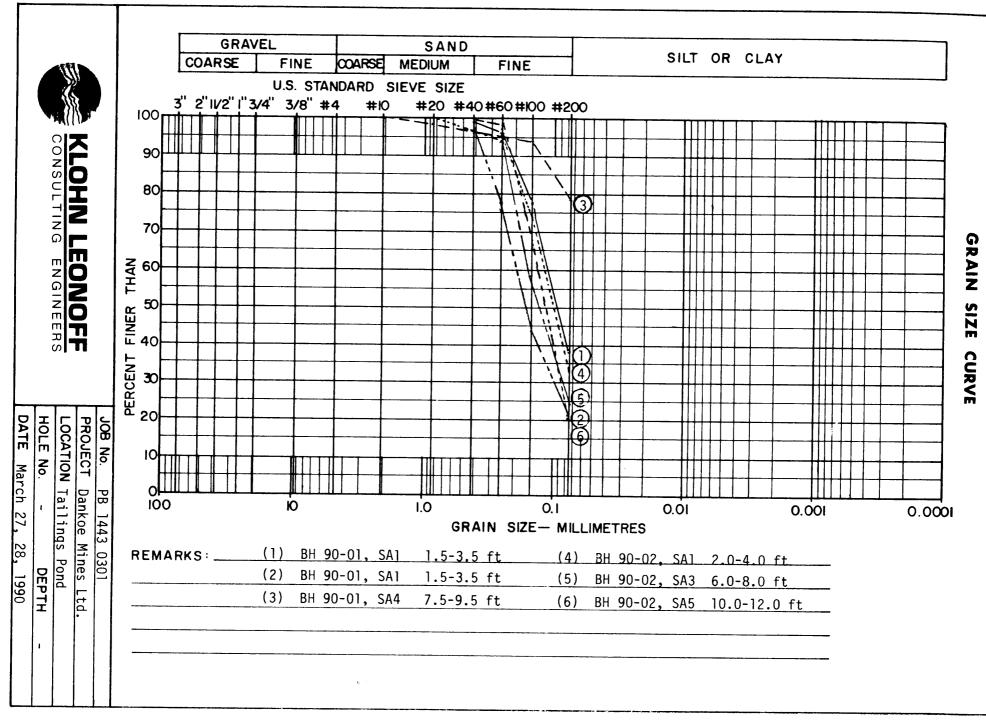
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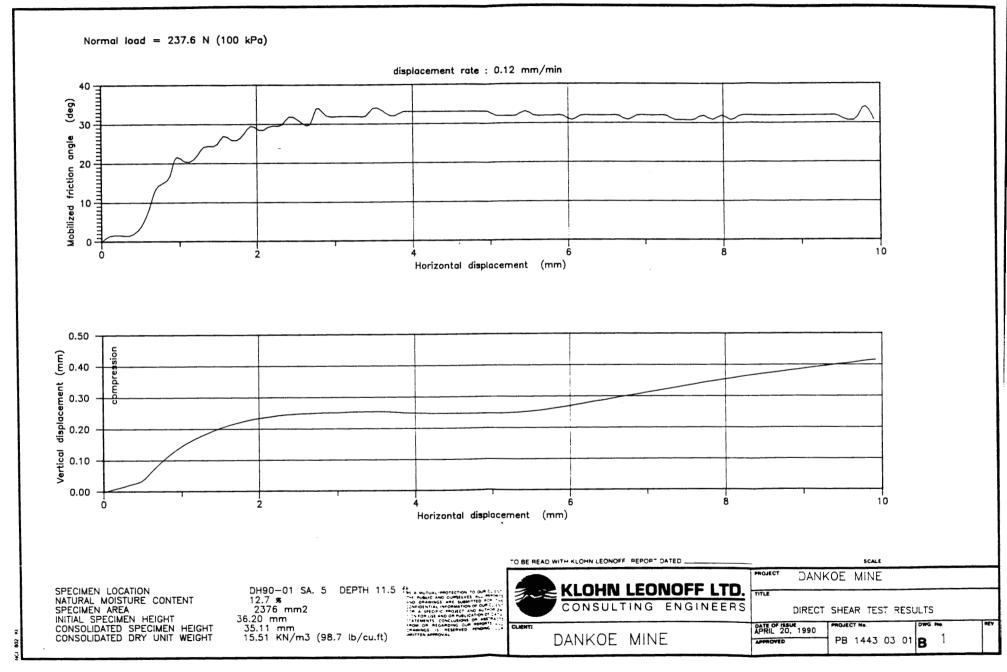
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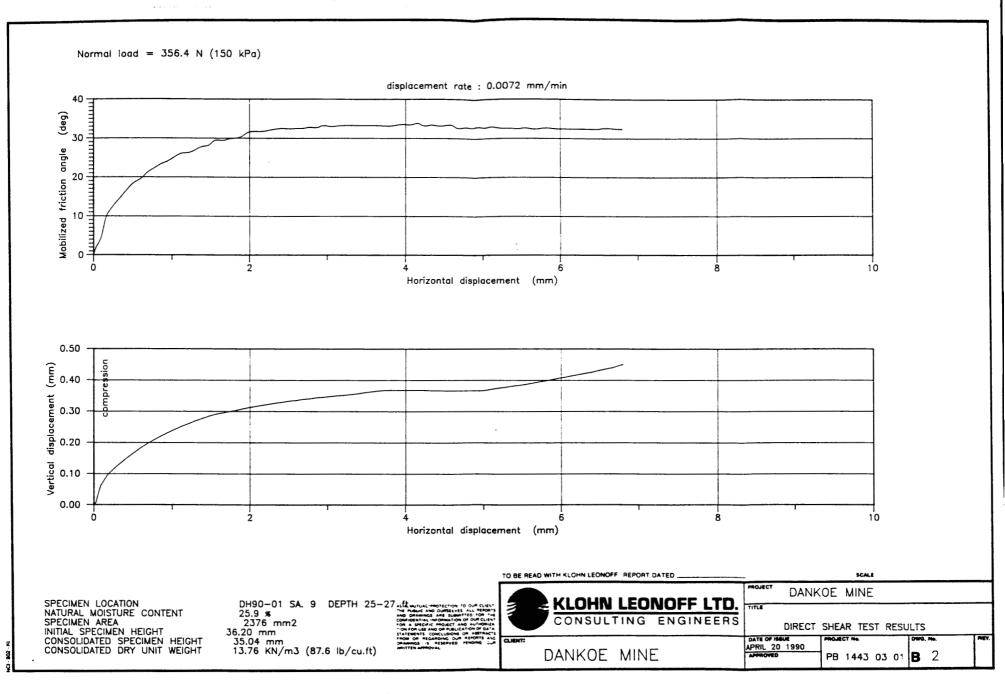
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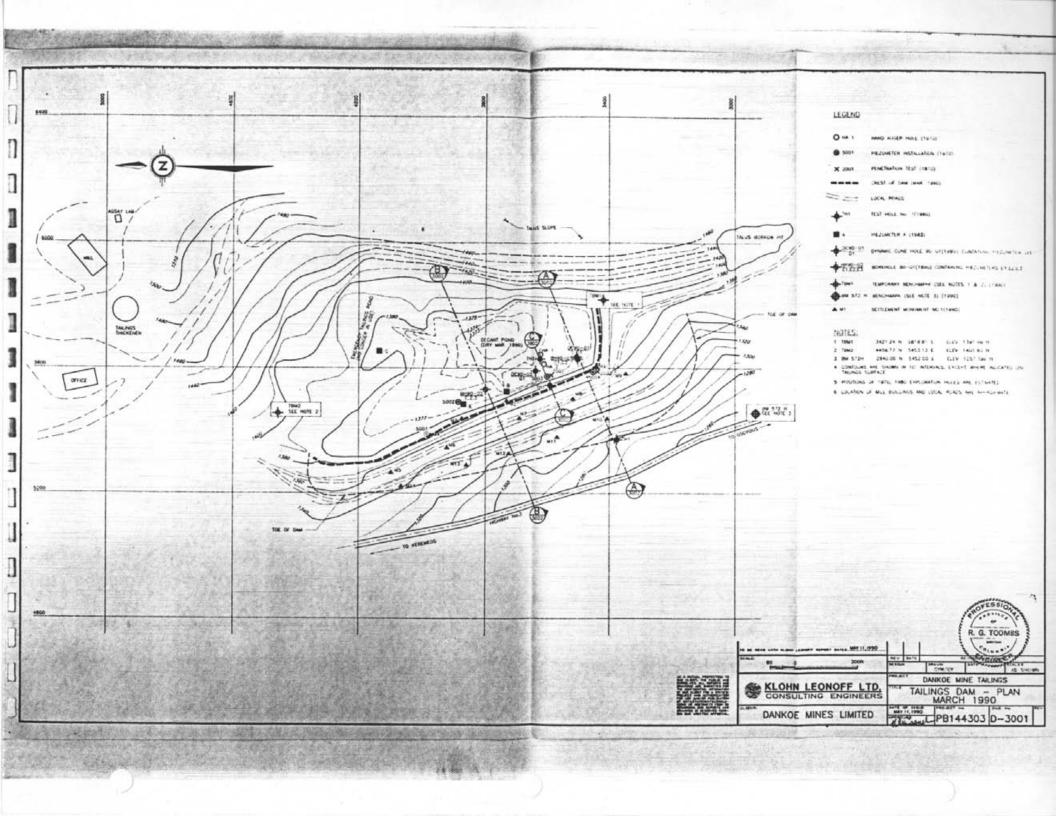
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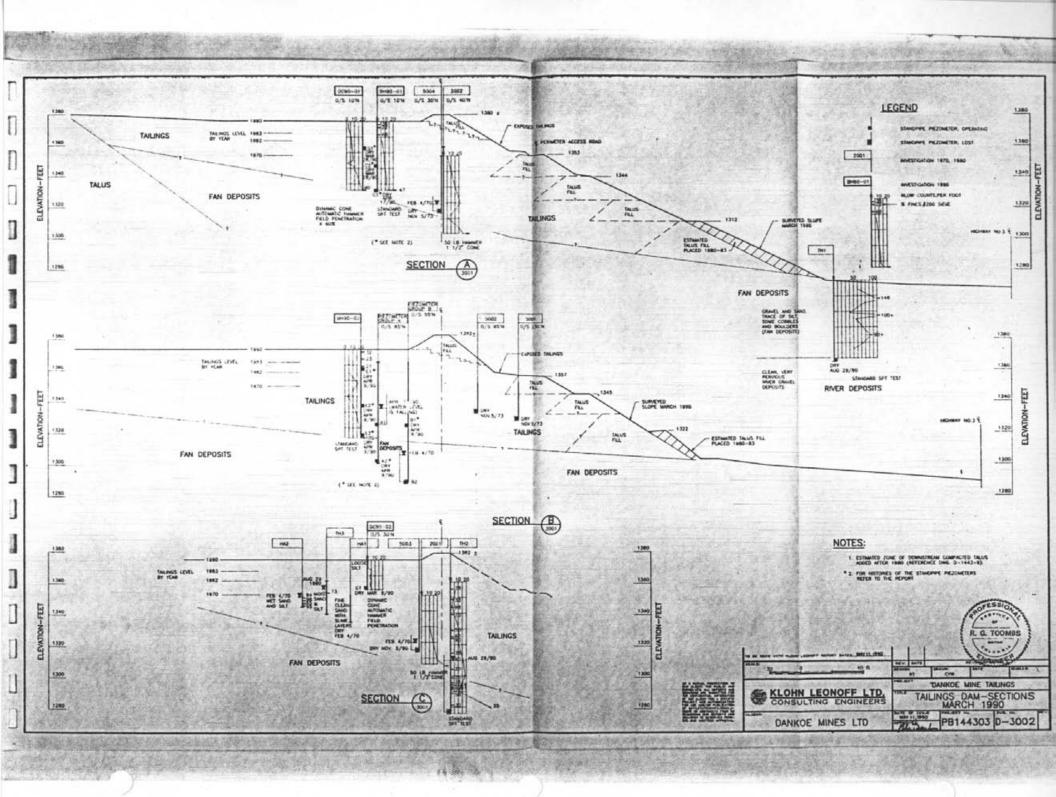
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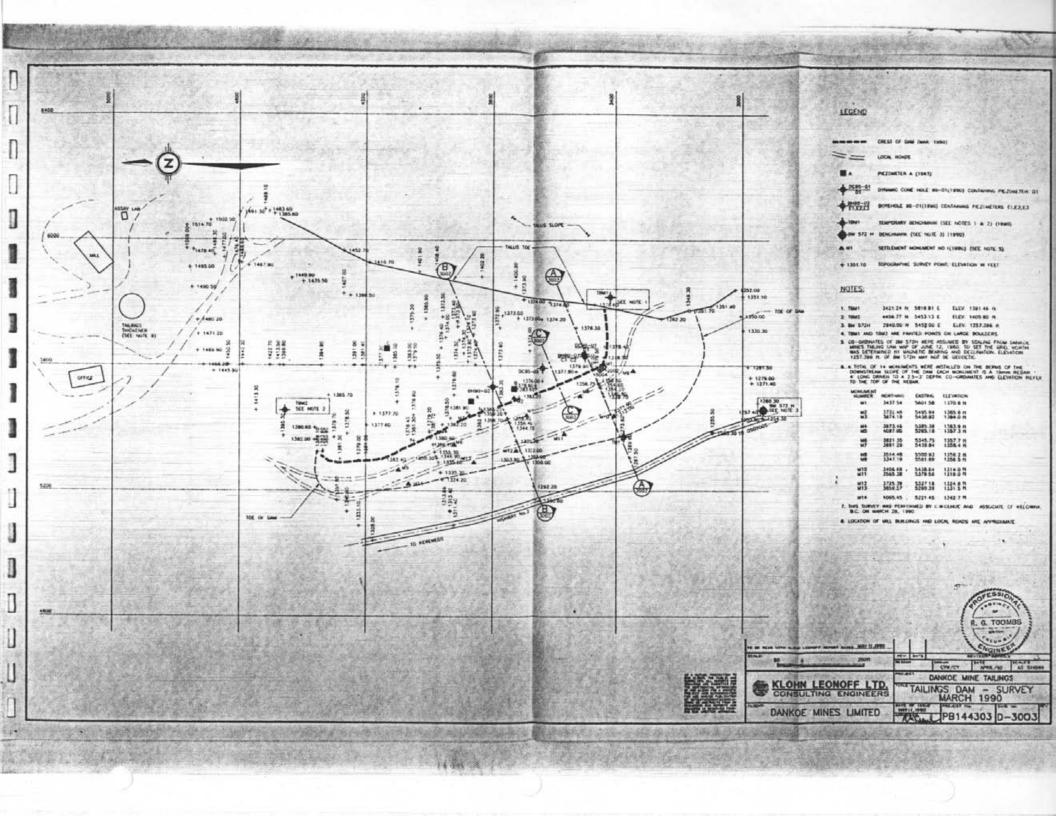
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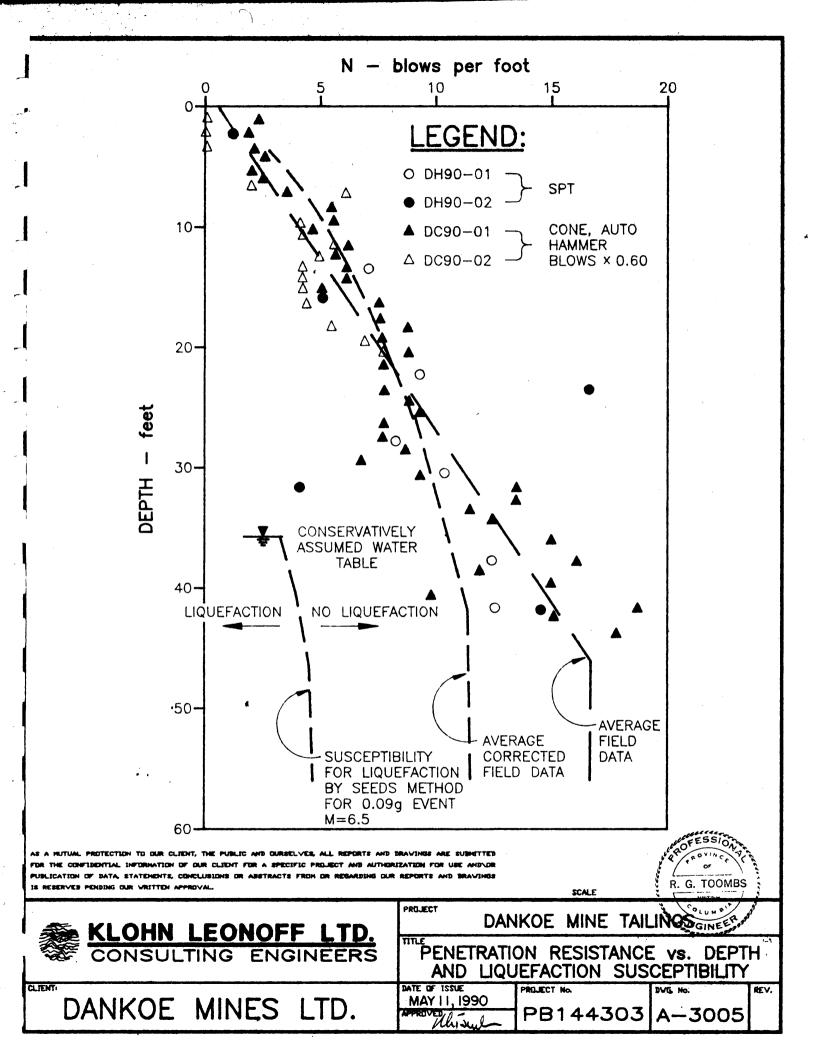
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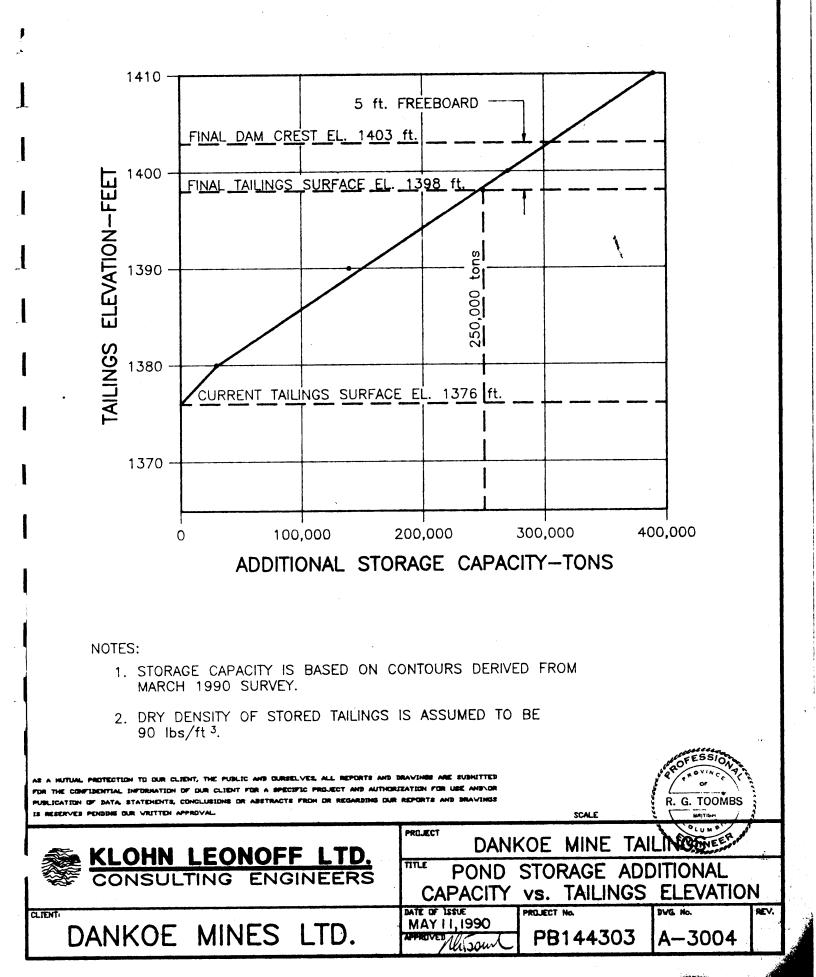
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DRAWING A-3004	-	POND STORAGE - ADDITIONAL CAPACITY VERSUS TAILINGS ELEVATION
DRAWING A-3005	-	PENETRATION RESISTANCE VERSUS DEPTH AND LIQUEFACTION SUSCEPTIBILITY
DRAWING D-3006	-	TAILINGS DAM STABILITY ANALYSIS
DRAWING B-3007	-	TYPICAL TAILINGS DAM, DESIGN SECTION AND DETAIL











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