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# PROSPECTING REPORT FOR FLASH CLAIMS

Vernon Mining Division, B.C.

82L/5E

50°25'N, 119°37'W

Owners:

A. Higgins R. Anctil

Operator:

A. Higgins

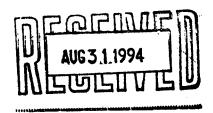
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GEOLOGICAL BRANCH ASSESSMENT REPORT



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#### 1. Introduction:

#### (i) Location and Access:

The Flash Group of claims is located about 11 km south-southwest of Falkland, B.C. in Vernon Mining Division (Figure 1). The claims are located along the B.C. Hydro powerline on the plateau just south of Pinaus Lake. Access is either by Ingrahm Cr. Forest Road off of Hwy 97 12 km west of Falkland or by McGregor Creek Forest Road at km 23 from Six Mile Road, off of Westside Rd. west of Vernon.

## (ii) Property Definition:

The claims were staked in 1993 by owners A. Higgins and R. Anctil to cover volcanic outcrop adjacent to a precious opal showing on the RedRock 5 claim which borders the Flash 1 Claim on the east. Operator is A. Higgins.

Agate and common opal which may indicate presence of precious opal are found in interbedded lavas and laharic flows in several places.

### (iii) Work Summary:

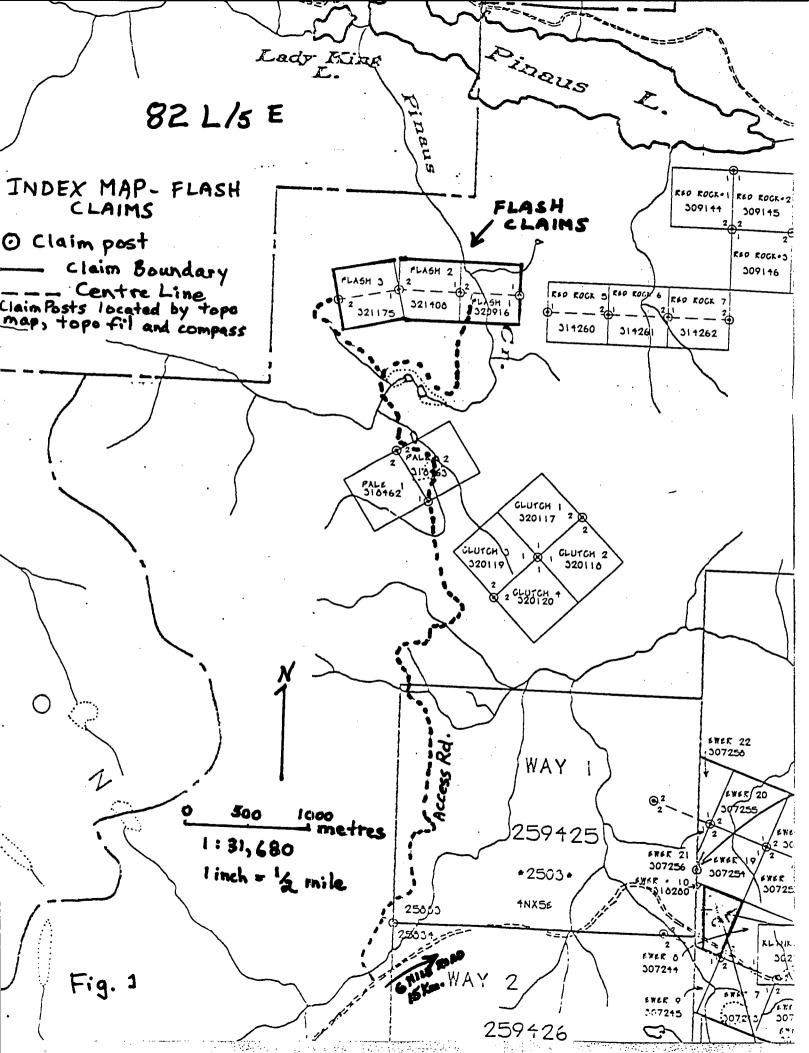
Work in July and August, 1994 consisted of examining outcrop by hand methods (pick, shovel, chisel, chipping hammer) along powerline right of way and in adjacent clear cuts. Total area prospected was about 1.5 km by .5 km.

Figure 2 is a plan of the claims with location of outcrop examined, and locations of 5 different lithologic associations on the claims. Prospecting was performed on Flash 1, Flash 2 and Flash 3 claims.

### 2. Technical Data and Interpretation:

#### (i) Purpose:

Two days of prospecting were conducted in July and August 1994 to examine outcrop for indicators of possible precious opal and to map rock lithologies and structure.



#### (ii) Results:

Numerous outcrops were examined (see Figure 2 for locations) and samples collected. Five main lithologic associations were observed and are described as follows:

- UNIT A interbedded vesicular basalts, rhyolitic and andesitic lavas, and polymictic laharic flows. Considerable agate and white common opal was observed as float on surface of outcrop and as vesicle and fracture fillings in hand samples, particularly in basalt and laharic sub units.
- UNIT B massive basalts with minor vesicular horizons, little agate and no common opal observed.
- UNIT C laharic flows with coarse sand matrix. Occasional seams of medium brown common opal up to 1.5 cm thick observed as fracture fillings or possibly replacement of carbonaceous material caught up in flows. In places this unit resembles a sedimentary sandstone. The sandstone has an apparent westerly dip of 20° 40°.
- UNIT D basaltic breccia, no agate or common opal observed.
- SHALE UNIT brown to white shale occurs in overburden on lower elevations of Flash 3 claim. No good outcrop was observed. This unit appears to separate UNIT C from UNIT D, no contacts observed.

#### (iii) Interpretation:

Common opal is found in laharic flows and vesicular basalts associated with more siliceous rhyolitic flows. It is proposed that opal is present because of (i) siliceous solutions derived from rhyolites and (ii) favourable hosts (ie. vesicular basalt and lahars) which contain voids permitting flow of solutions and deposition of common opal.

#### (iv) Conclusions:

Units A and C in areas where common opal is observed should be trenched or ripped to determine if precious opal is present.

#### COST STATEMENT

July 9, 1994; 1 day; prospecting of outcrop on powerline, Flash 1 and Flash 2 claims, A. Higgins, Dave Carr, Keith Abrahamson.

 $3 \times 1 \times $150/day = $450$ 

August 13, 1994; 1 day; prospecting of outcrop on powerline, Flash 2 and Flash 3 claims, A. Higgins, Larry Hewitt, Karen Soby, Rob Day.

 $4 \times 1 \times $150/day = $600$ 

Total Work = \$1,050

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# Statement of Qualifications

1. Andrew G. Higgins, B.A., F.G.A.C., has 25 years experience mining and prospecting.

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