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## GEOLOGY AND SAMPLING OF THE SIC CLAIM, KAMLOOPS MINING DIVISION, SOUTHWESTERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

On April 13, 1994, Western Industrial Clay Products staked the SIC Claim consisting of 12 units to cover a previously discovered occurrence of bentonite named 170the Split Rock showing and identified as MINFILE #092INE162. After drilling, the area was extended by staking SIC 2 consisting of 12 units and SIC 3 consisting of 1 unit. Originally the showing was discovered during a regional industrial mineral assessment of the Tertiary rocks in southern British Columbia (Read, in press) and is exposed on the lower portion of the east valley wall of Deadman River valley within the SIC Claim. This report covers a 4-day period of geological investigations and sampling by means of drilling thirty 1.25 m-deep postholes with a gas-powered auger (Maps A to D).

The samples are stored at the company ware house in Hamloops T.K.

2. LOCATION

SIC Claim lies about 17 kilometres north of the junction the Trans Canada Highway with the gravelled and paved Deadman River Road and about 7 km west of Savona. The showing is about 22 km distant along publically maintained highways from the Canadian National Railway at Savona Siding on the west end of Kamloops Lake. The claims lie on the lower part of the east valley wall of Deadman River valley at 695 m (2275 feet) and UTM coordinates FM0642850mE and FM5643150mN (Figs. 1 and 2). SIC2 and SIC3 claims were located to allow unimpeded road access from Deadman River valley road to the claims by crossing the river near its junction with Silverspring Creek and heading 1.0 km easterly and upslope through deep overburden from 565 m (1850 feet) to 640 m (2100 feet).







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#### 3. CLAIM GEOLOGY

SIC Claim lies near the base of the Eocene Kamloops Group which forms a moderate northeasterly dipping sequence of aphanitic dacite to andesite ash-tuff which is now dominantly montmorillonite. Outcrops of rare, unaltered andesite flows and dikes up to a few metres in thickness are present in the bentonite-rich ash-tuff outcrops. Two bentonite lenses up to a hundred metres thick and at least 500 metres long forms within the ash-tuff. A layer up to few feet thick composed of weathered bentonite "popcorn" covers the bentonite outcrops making it difficult to obtain unaltered samples of the bedrock.

#### 4. BENTONITE SAMPLING

Each of the two bentonite lenses is crossed twice by sample lines which are oblique to the southeasterly strike of the crudely bedded ash-tuff (Maps A to D). The sample lines followed ridgecrests where the thickness of the bentonite "popcorn" should be least. Sampling was done with a gas-powered posthole auger which created a 20 cm diameter hole that was 1 to 1.25 metres deep. Each of the 30 holes was sampled at the top, middle and bottom which yielded ninety 10 to 15 kg samples. The metrelong holes were spaced at about every 4 metres of stratigraphic thickness which results in sampling about 25% of the deposit. A single 50 kg sample was collected in "Trench 1" between holes 9 and 10 and was subjected to an X-ray diffraction investigation, exchangeable cation analyses, and selected physical tests (Appendix A). The exchangeable cation chemistry (Table 1) shows that the montmorillonite is an intermediate Na-K montmorillonite with the highest percentage of exchangeable monovalent cations of any bentonite presently known in British Columbia.

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#### TABLE I: EXCHANGEABLE CATION CHEMISTRY OF BENTONITES, SIC CLAIM AND OTHER PRODUCERS

CHEMISTRY *							MINERALOGY (in volume %)										
Producer	Exchangeable Cation Analysis			CEC (mequiv/100 g)			CRYSTALLINE SILICA				"CLAY" MINER &			)			
Material"	+&++	Mg	Ca	ĸ	Na	Tota	1		Diatoms	Quartz	Cristobali	te Tridyi	nite	Claysk	Aontmori	illonite	i
VESTERN INDUSTRIA	L CLAY	PRODUC	CTS														
Deadman R.bentonite	51%	16.25	20.5	1.50		36.75	75.0	79.5									
₩607 bentonite	51%	10.00	12.75	1.20		22.50	46.45	57.6									
W607-2175bentonite	<b>46%</b>	7.25	17.50	0.93		20.00	\$5.68	46.4									
PACIFIC BENTONITE												n na series An series					
Calcium Bentonite	32%	12.75	14.00	1.38		11.00	39.13	53.1									
VYOMING BENTONIT	E																
Sodium Bentonite	64%	10.50	17.00	1.95		47.50	76.95	94.6									
ABSORBENT CLAY PE	RODUCT	5															
Carefree Cat Litter	7%6	9.25	18.25	1.70		0.23	29.43	51.3	-		7.24	0.0	0.0	9	¥2.8	73 🛔	
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Cat Litter 7%	10.50	44.75	3.00	0.90		59.15	54.5	-	9	1.42	0.0	2.91	86.0	7	13 -	10 3	
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' Approximate percentages of "clay minerals" based on combining XRD and optical data.

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5. CONCLUSIONS

(a) Sampling has verified two bentonite-rich ash-tuff lenses 50 to 100 metres thick and at least 500 metres long.

(b) A few new exchangeable cation analyses corroborate the initially determined, Na-K intermediate bentonite composition of the bentonite.

(c) Until the exchangeable cation chemistry and X-ray diffraction investigation of the samples are done, samples cannot be selected for physical testing and the economic bentonite zones defined.

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MAP B







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21 CLAY samples received SEPTEMBER 29, 1994

#### Values expressed in percent

ET #.	Tag #	BaO	P205	SIO2	MnO	Fe203	MgO	A1203	CaO	<b>TIO2</b>	Na2O	K20	L.O.I.
1	Hole #1 bottom	0.23	0.60	53,33	0.11	7,30	2,06	14.76	4.02	1.02	2.22	0.85	13.50
2	Hole #2 bottom	0.03	0.65	52.67	0.04	8,85	1.92	14.57	3.93	1.00	/ 2.33	0.10	13.91
3	Hole #3 bottom	0.05	0.80	54.90	0.14	8.50	1.92	15.03	4.24	1.04	2,38	0.01	11.00
4	Hole #4 bottom	0.19	0.49	57.14	0.03	7.47	1.87	15.33	3.63	1.07	2.49	1.80	8,50
5	Hole #5 bottom	0.01	0,58	57.52	0.02	7.31	1.85	15,86	3.65	1.00	2.54	0.36	9.30
6	Hole #6 bottom	0.01	0.67	59.62	0.03	6.45	1.30	15.79	3.89	0.98	2.49	0.78	8.00
7	Hole #7 bottom	0.13	0.91	53.97	0.17	8.31	2.55	15.25	4.08	1.12	2.45	0.86	1 <b>0.</b> 20
8	Hole #8 bottom	0.09	0,82	52.97	0,16	8.08	2.44	15.70	4.38	1.04	2.41	0.00	11.91
9	Hole #9 bottom	-0,10	0.76	54.05	0.15	8.17	1.90	15,49	3.77	0,98	2.30	0.54	11.80
10	Hole #10 bottom	0.23	0.78	53.21	0.18	8.46	2.17	15.12	4.63	0.98	2.22	0.43	11.61
11	Hole #11 bottom	0.31	0.57	55.38	0.15	6.71	2.76	15.82	4,28	0.89	2.71	1.65	8.80
12	Hole #12 bottom	0.04	0.19	57.01	0.02	5.65	1.83	18.58	1.61	0.70	1.75	1.41	11.20
13	Hole #17 bottom 🛛 🗶	0.17	0.69	56.58	0.07	7.49	1.93	15.62	3,85	1.04	2.46	0.10	10.00
14	Hole #40 bottom	0.40	1.08	49.97	0.13	7.85	3.41	15.39	3.24	1.21	2.07	1,75	13,50
15	Hole #41 bottom	0.03	0.95	51.04	0.21	9.46	2.70	15.28	3.41	0.99	2.03	1.20	12,70
16	Hole #42 bottom	0.20	0.83	50.80	0.17	8.07	2.78	16.19	3.85	1.13	2.21	1.78	12.00
17	Hole #43 bottom	0.21	0,98	51.74	0.18	9.17	3,65	15.41	2.99	1.16	1.88	2.03	10,60
18	Hole #44 bottom	0.19	0.83	55,33	0.15	8,52	2.98	16.08	3.00	1.04	2.14	2.21	7.51
19	Hole #45 bottom	0.04	0.90	53.26	0.30	10.75	2.66	15.77	3.91	1.03	2.24	0.42	8,70
20	Hole #812 bottom 🛛 🖌	0.12	0.65	62.19	0.13	8.34	2.47	18.46	3.95	1.00	2.47	0.22	9.91
21	Hole #4045 bottom 🗴	0.11	0.63	55.49	0.12	7.49	1.87	16.52	3.53	0.92	2.14	0.38	10.81
QC/DATA:							·	·			•		
Repeat:	<b>-</b>							н					
1	Hole #1 bottom	0.20	0.58	52,47	0.11	7.45	2.40	14.99	4.09	1.06	2.30	0.94	- 13.40
Standard:								1	· · ·	· .			
MRG1		0.01	0.13	39,99	0.17	17.51	13,23	8.30	14.42	2.70	0.74	0.43	2.40
SY2		0.10	0,51	58.85	0.32	6.22	2.36	12.15	7.91	0.15	4.43	5.16	1.84

\* composite samples # 1-7 + 8-12

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## APPENDIX A:

## Evaluation of Proposed Calcium Bentonite Material

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#### **EVALUATION OF PROPOSED CALCIUM BENTONITE MATERIAL**

#### **1.0 Introduction**

We have completed a preliminary analysis of the two raw (unprocessed) clay samples you sent us. This analysis was based on tests we conducted along with other test information you provided. It is also based on a comparison of other calcium and sodium bentonites we have tested. From our analysis, this material appears to be a moderate to good quality calcium bentonite, with the WICP Soil sample being slightly superior to the Pacific Soils sample.

Samples torken near # 10 hole. T.K.

#### 2.0 Test Program

The test program consisted of evaluating grain size analysis, Atterberg Limits and Rheological properties of samples named Pacific Soils and WICP. It also examined copies of the XRD, CEC and exchangeable ion analysis you provided. The only other important tests not conducted were surface area, SEM and Modified Free Swell. You may wish to consider conducting these tests if further work is to be done on the clays.

#### 3.0 Presentation and Analysis of Results

#### 3.1 Grain Size Analysis

A dry sieve analysis and hydrometer analysis was conducted on the two samples. Graphs of these tests are shown in the Appendix. Both of the samples contained a fine grain soil, with the Pacific Soils sample being slightly finer than the WICP sample. All of the Pacific Soils sample was found to be finer than silt sized particles, and 98% of the WICP sample fell into this same category.

The American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) classifies clays as those being from 5 to 1  $\mu$ m in size. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Canadian Soil Survey Committee (CSSC), and International Soil Science Society (ISSS) classify clays as being <2  $\mu$ m in size. A

hydrometer analysis conducted on these samples found that approximately 58% of each sample was clay sized. This compares to 69% for a commercial calcium bentonite tested previously and 84 to 90% for typical sodium bentonite.

#### 3.2 Atterberg Limits

The Atterberg Limits are widely used in geotechnical engineering as a fundamental index property of fine grained soils. These limits are described in terms of the water content at which the behavior of the clay changes from a liquid to a plastic material (liquid limit) and a plastic material to a semi-solid (plastic limit). Figure 1 below shows a comparison of these values obtained for the two specimens in contrast to those of a commercial calcium bentonite. This figure shows that the liquid limits of the Pacific Soils (118.2) and WICP (97.6) samples were quite close to that for the commercial calcium bentonite (12.9).



Figure 1 Comparison of Atterberg Limits

#### **3.3 Rheological Properties**

A series of tests were conducted to evaluate the rheological properties of the two samples based on 8% slurried mixtures. Details of these tests are presented in the Appendix. The 600 and 300 readings for the WICP sample were 8 and 3. The corresponding readings for the Pacific sample were 5 and 3. Figure 2 shows a comparison of the apparent viscosities versus a commercial calcium bentonite. This figure shows that the two samples being examined had generally comparable properties and characteristics. However, the WICP sample was superior to the commercial bentonite.



Figure 2 Comparison of the apparent viscosity

Figure 3 shows how the viscosity of the two 8% slurried samples compared with typical sodium and calcium montmorillonites. In this comparison, the WICP sample is on the high quality calcium montmorillonites curve and the Pacific Soils sample falls somewhat below this line. Both values are considerably higher than the range for native clays.



Figure 3 Apparent viscosity versus clay content for different clay materials

#### 4.0 Examination of Previous Test Results

The results of XRD and elemental analysis were provided along with the soil samples. This information has been reviewed and compared with other test data on hand.

#### 4.1 XRD Analysis

This analysis indicates the WICP sample contains between 46 and 51% montmorillonite, and the Pacific Soils sample 55% montmorillonite. No illite or kaolinite was reported for either material. In contrast, most calcium bentonites usually contain 70 to 80% montmorillonite, as well as small amounts of kaolinite, illite, feldspars, dolomite and gypsum. However, the WICP and Pacific Soils samples were of unprocessed materials, which tend to give lower montmorillonite contents.

#### **4.2 Exchangeable Cations**

The analysis indicated that the WICP sample contained approximately 20, 13, 10 and 1 meq/100g sodium, calcium, magnesium and potassium, respectively. The Pacific Soils sample contained 11, 14, 13 and 1 meq/100g sodium, calcium, magnesium and potassium, respectively. These values compare to 19.3, 15.3, 21.4 and 0.6 meq/100g for the commercial calcium-bentonite.

#### 4.3 Cation Exchange Capacity

Figure 4 shows the cation exchange capacity reported for the WICP and Pacific Soils samples, in comparison with a typical commercial calcium bentonite.



Figure 4 Comparison of Cation Exchange Capacity

#### 5.0 Summary

The two unprocessed samples examined (WICP and Pacific Soils) contain a significant proportion of calcium montmorillonite. These soils were also highly plastic and contained rheological properties associated with calcium bentonites. The generally good test results on this unprocessed material suggests that it might be a suitable source of commercial calcium bentonite. However, some of this unprocessed material would have to be run through the plant under different milling conditions, and the resulting processed material tested.

The potential market for this material could be quite varied and may include waste management applications. This type of application would be most suited to acidic liquid wastes (pig manure for example) which have been found to be detrimental to sodium bentonites. If commercial application of calcium bentonite for this market is contemplated, additional testing should be considered to establish the level of performance of this material. Atterberg Limits - Western Industrial Clay Products WICP

## Liquid Limit

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No. of Blows	36	21	15	
Tare Container	176.900	176.434	209.259	
Tare+Wet	191.597	191.327	225.849	
Tare+Dry	184.568	183.901	217.199	
Wt. Water	7.029	7.426	8.650	
Wt. Dry Soil	7.668	7.467	7.940	
Water Content	91.7	99.5	108.9	

#### Plastic Limit

Tare Container Tare+Wet Tare+Dry	14.945 19.532 18.404	20.048 25.792 24.445	20.101 25.127 23.888	
Wt. Water Wt. Dry Soil Water Content	1.128 3.459 32.6	1.347 4.397 30.6	1.239 3.787 32.7	
	Average	32.0		

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PLASTICITY INDEX = 97.6 - 32.0 = 65.6

#### Summary of Tests on WICP (Sample #1) and Pacific Soils

#### Atterberg Limits

WICP (Sample #1)	Pacific
LL = 97.6	LL = 118.2
PL = 32.0	PL = 30.3
PI = 65.6	PI = 87.9

Both soils would be classified as CH (USCS standard) - High plasticity inorganic clays.

#### Grain Size Distribution

Hydrometer analysis separates the clay size material from the silty material. The analysis on both soils shows very similar distributions with a large amount of clay size material present. Clay size being less than 0.002 mm in diameter.

A dry sieve analysis was conducted to evaluate the coarse fraction of both soils. The grain size distribution shows each to be a well graded soil ( $C_u > 10$ ) with the WICP sample slightly coarser.

#### Viscometer Tests

Viscometer tests were conducted on slurries mixed at 8 % soil content.

WICP (Sample #1)	Pacific
600 rpm = 8	600  rpm = 5
300 rpm = 3	300 rpm = 3
Apparent Viscosity = 5 cP	Apparent Viscosity = 2 cP

Plotting the 600 rpm values on a graph of viscosity versus percent clay the Pacific soil falls on the calcium montmorillonite curve, while the WICP soil is just below the curve. This would indicate that both soils may behave in a similar manner to calcium montmorillonite in terms of swelling potential.



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Atterberg Limits - Western Industrial Clay Products Pacific Soil

#### Liquid Limit

No. of Blows	32	18	12	
Tare Container	197.066	20.130	176.360	
Tare+Wet	211.198	34.174	193.636	
Tare+Dry	203.610	26.476	183.878	
Wt. Water	7.588	7.698	9.758	
Wt. Dry Soil	6.544	6.346	7.518	
Water Content	116.0	121.3	129.8	

#### Plastic Limit

Tare Container Tare+Wet Tare+Dry	14.946 21.717 20.181	20.037 26.782 25.194	20.098 28.667 26.656	
Wt. Water Wt. Dry Soil Water Content	1.536 5.235 29.3	1.588 5.157 30.8	2.011 6.558 30.7	
	Average	30.3		

PLASTICITY INDEX = 118.2 - 30.3 = 87.9

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Grain Diameter (mm)

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# SIEVE ANALYSIS

- 1	Sieve	Sieve	Sieve + soil #1	Soil #1	Sieve + soil #2	Soil #2	Percent Finer #1	Percent Finer #2
		Mass (g)	Mass (g)	Mass (g)	Mass (g)	Mass (g)	. (%)	(%)
m	10.00	524.65	539.75	15.10	524.65	0.00	96.29	100.00
84	20.00	504.55	602.78	98.23	517.89	13.34	72.19	96.84
42	40.00	422.99	530.01	107.02	521.50	98.51	45.93	73.55
25	60.00	463.06	521.35	58.29	542.21	79.15	31.63	54.83
.177	100.00	432.45	473.03	40.58	496.41	63.96	21.67	39.70
.074	200.00	345.85	382.14	36.29	413.09	67.24	12.77	23.80
	pan	398.90	450.94	52.04	499.51	100.61	0.00	0.00
	Total			407.55	11. A.	422.81		

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APPENDIX B: Statement of Qualifications



#### AUTHOR'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

- I. PETER B. READ, do hereby certify:
- That I am employed by Geotex Consultants Limited with offices at #1200 100
  W. Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C.
- 2. That I graduated from the University of British Columbia with a BASc (1957) and MASc (1960) in Geological Engineering, and from the University of California, Berkeley with a PhD (1966) in Geology.
- 3. That I have practiced my profession from 1965 to 1974 in various teaching positions in the universities of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand; Carleton, Ottawa; and British Columbia, Vancouver. Since 1974, I have been president of Geotex Consultants Limited and been involved with geology as an academic study for the Geological Survey of Canada, and as an applied study for engineering purposes for B.C. Hydro, for structural geology for various major and junior mining companies in British Columbia and parts of United States, and for industrial minerals for mining companies and the British Columbia government.
- 4. My experience specific to industrial minerals in south-central British Columbia results from consulting for Canadian Occidental Petroleum in 1977 and 1978, Western Industrial Clay Products Ltd. from 1993 to the present, and the British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources in 1986 to the present. This experience is summarized in private reports to clinets in the mining industry and publically available reports for the British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (list attached).
- 5. That I am a Fellow in good standing of the Geological Association of Canada, and a member of various other geological and mineralogical societies.
- 6. That I hold no interest in the properties or securities of Western Industrial Clay Products Ltd., or affliates thereof, nor do I expect to receive any directly or indirectly.
- 7. That written permission from the author is required to publish this report or any parts thereof in any Prospectus or Statement of Material Facts.

Dated at Vancouver, British Columbia this 7th day of April 1995.

Peter B. Read



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## APPENDIX C: Itemized Cost Statement

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#### SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

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<u>Task/Activity</u>	<u>Responsible</u>		Cost
Geological Survey, Map and Rep	oort Geotex Consultants	\$	1,952.28
Geochemical Surveys - Samples	21 Eco-tech Labs	\$	<b>63</b> 4.78
Other Rel Tech Studies	M.C. Haug	<del>(1)</del>	716.90
Preparatory/Physical	Geolex Consultants	<u>+</u>	3,472.73
Total		ŧ	6,776.89

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