

CLUTCH 1 – 4 MINERAL CLAIMS

EWER CREEK AREA

VERNON MINING DIVISION, B.C.

NTS:

Latitude: Longitude:

Owner: Operator:

Author: Date: 82L/5E

50°23.2'North 119°35.9' West

D.H. Mitchell

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INTRODUCTION

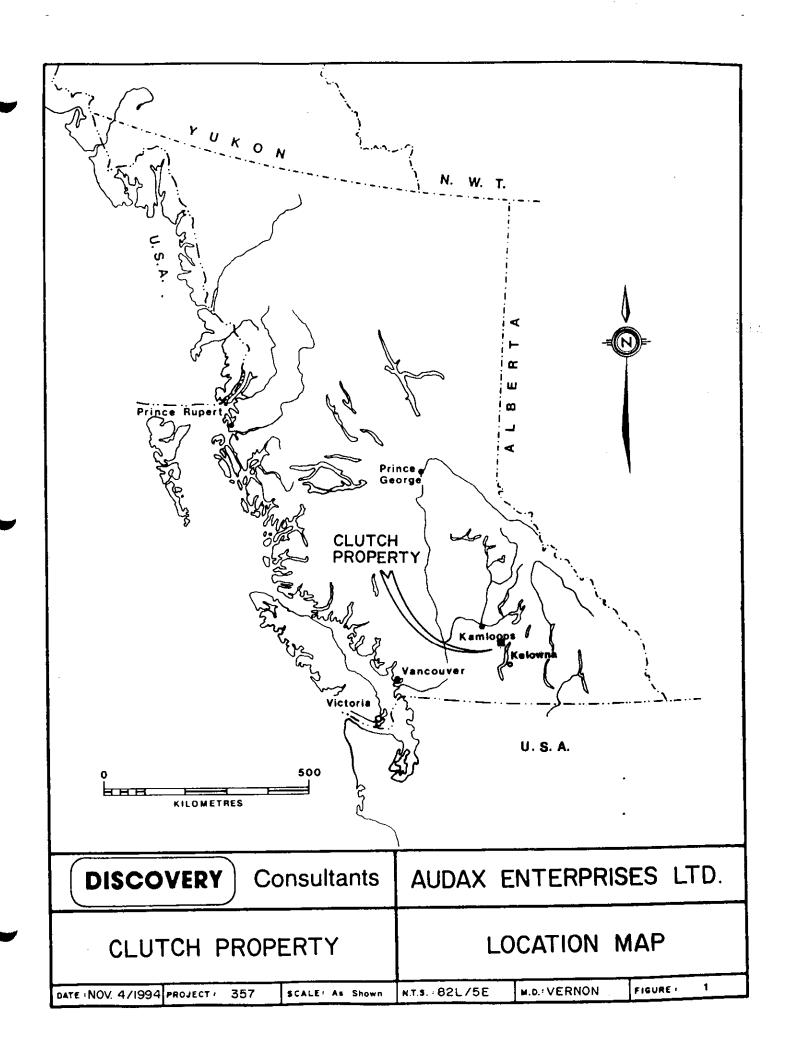
In the past few years, precious opal has been discovered at several localities between Pinaus Lake and McGregor Creek, northwest of Vernon, B.C. The opal occurs in association with agate mineralization in volcanic rocks of the Kamloops Group.

The Clutch 1-4 claims were staked to cover an area of abundant agate mineralization which was discovered in 1993. In August and October, 1997, several days were spent on geological studies and mapping on the Clutch property. Between 20 and 30 rock samples were examined with a binocular microscope. This report presents the results of that work.

LOCATION, ACCESS, TOPOGRAPHY

The Clutch property is 27 kilometres northwest of Vernon and 13 km south-southwest of Falkland in the Okanagan region of southern British Columbia (Figure 1). The claims are on the Thompson Plateau at the head of Ewer Creek, an eastward-flowing tributary of Equesis (Six-mile) Creek which flows into the north arm of Okanagan Lake. Pinaus Lake is 4.5 kilometres due north of the property (Figure 2). The co-ordinates of the centre of the claim block are 50°23.2′ North and 119°35.9′ West.

The principal access to the property is gained by driving south from Highway 97 on Westside Road for 13.6 km to the junction of Six-mile Road, up Six-mile Road for 10.3 km to the start of the McGregor Main logging road, then west on this road for 19.2 km. The centre of the claim block is 900 metres to the east of this point along an old logging road. Topographic relief is moderate on the plateau in the area of the claims, ranging up to 80 metres. The property is on the northwestern rim of Ewer Creek Canyon, which has been deeply incised into the plateau. On the eastern edge of the property the relief in the canyon is about 300 m. Elevations vary from 1060 m above sea level in Ewer Creek to about 1370 m a.s.l. at the McGregor Main road.



HISTORY

There is no record of any mineral occurrences or previous exploration activity in the area of the clutch property prior to the location of the Clutch claims. Prospecting for precious opal was conducted on the clutch property in 1993 and 1994.

PROPERTY

The property comprises the Clutch 1-4 mineral claims,

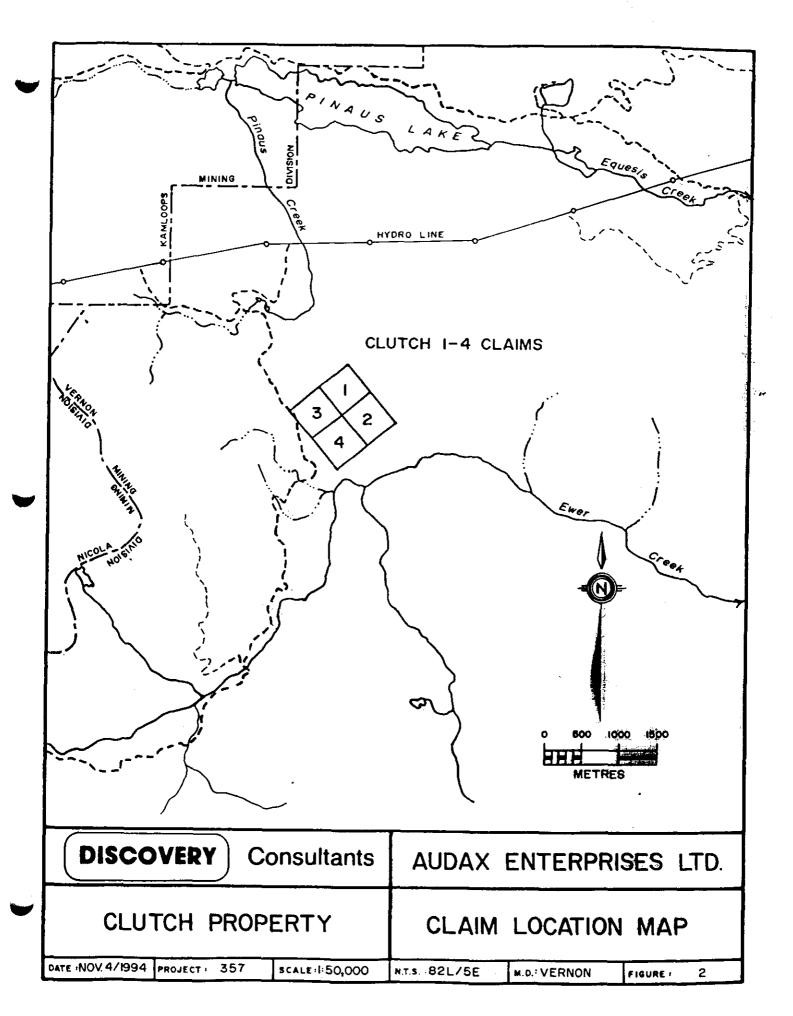
Tenure numbers 320117 to 320120, in the Vernon Mining Division

of British Columbia. The claims were located on August 6, 1993

and recorded on August 17, 1993. The owner of record is Mr.

D.H. Mitchell of Vernon, B.C.

Assuming acceptance of this report, the expiry date of the Clutch 1-4 claims is August 6, 2001.



REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The area of the Clutch claims is underlain by Eocene volcanic and minor volcaniclastic rocks of the Kamloops and Penticton groups. These rocks were deposited in the fault bounded Falkland-Trinity basin upon a sub-Eocene surface with moderate paleorelief (Read 1997).

Immediately east of the Clutch property, the Eocene volcanic rocks unconformably overlie Paleozoic and Triassic volcanic and sedimentary rocks in the canyon of Ewer Creek. The stratigraphic sequence of the basal Eocene units is shown in the following table.

TABLE OF FORMATIONS

(from Read 1997)

Eocene

Penticton Group

Marron Formation

* Bouleau rhyolite: Grey vitrophyric aquagene dacite

breccia.

Bouleau member: White rhyolite ash-tuff, minor shale

with plant debris.

Kamloops Group

* Dewdrop Flats Formation:

Grey aphanitic to weakly porphyritic dacite, andesite and basaltic andesite

flows and interflow breccia.

* Tranquille Formation:

Mainly basaltic andesite, andesite and

dacite lahars; includes well-bedded

basalt/andesite tuffs and

volcaniclastic grits and sandstone.

PALAEOZOIC

Harper Ranch Group: Meta-andesite flows and tephra,

greenstone, massive limestone.

* Units with known occurrences of precious opal

Post-Eocene extensional normal faults have resulted in tilting and offsetting of the Eocene rocks. In the area of the Clutch property, the Eocene rocks generally strike north to northeasterly and dip from 10° to 30° westerly.

PROPERTY GEOLOGY

The Clutch property is underlain by the basal stratigraphic units of the Kamloops Group. These rocks form a gently westerly-dipping panel of lahar, volcanic flows and breccia, tuff and volcaniclastic sediments which unconformably overlies Palaeozoic basement rocks. Read (1997) assigns these rocks to a lower unit of basaltic/andesitic lahars and breccias with intercalated tuffaceous and volcaniclastic layers belonging to the Tranquille Formation, overlain by an upper unit of dacitic, andesitic and basaltic flows and breccia, part of the Dewdrop Flats Formation.

The stratigraphic sequence on the Clutch property is as follows, from oldest to youngest (see Figure 3).

Dewdrop Flats Formation

Unit 1:

Brownish-weathering volcanic breccia or lahar. Predominantly a breccia comprising angular clasts <20 cm of brownish-black olivine and/or augite porphyritic amygdaloidal and vesicular basalt/andesite. Minor interlayered aphanitic to very fine grained basalt/andesite similar to Unit 3 occurs as well as minor beds of yellowish-brown interflow tuffaceous rock. The amygdules are commonly filled with white to pale brown zeolites. Neither opal nor agate have been observed in this unit.

Unit 2:

Intercalated with Unit 1, and overlying it to the northwest, are beds of yellowish-brown to reddish tuff and tuffaceous wacke, arkose, and siltstone. This unit is generally poorly lithified and contains carbonaceous plant debris and rusty

oxidized layers. Only minor agate, and no opal, have been observed in this unit.

Unit 3:

Yellowish to brown weathering flows of aphanitic amygdaloidal olivine-augite basalt/andesite occur intercalated with Units 1 and 4 and overlying Unit 2. This rock is lithologically similar to the clasts in the breccias and lahars of Unit 1. Agate and common opal have been observed in amygdules in this unit, and at one outcrop near the southwestern boundary of the Clutch 3 claim, a single very-fine grained amygdule of precious opal was tentatively identified.

Unit 4:

The uppermost stratigraphic unit is pink to red and maroon weathering matrix supported lahar. The clasts (<22 cm) are heterolithic and comprise various volcanic lithologies, dominated by amygdaloidal basalt/andesite. The matrix is a fine-to-medium grained tuffaceous arkosic assemblage of similar composition. Abundant agate mineralization is common as amygdules fracture-filling and void-filling. In places this unit contains up to 50% agate. Common opal has been noted in several places, and facet-grade opal and precious opal have been observed near the centre of the claim block.

Glacial overburden is almost continuous, but where disturbed by logging activity is observed to be generally less than 1 metre thick.

MINERAL OCCURRENCES

The Clutch claims were located to cover an area of abundant agate mineralization thought to hold favourable exploration potential for precious opal. During the current geological survey, precious opal and facet-grade opal were discovered in a red lahar layer of Unit 4 at the centre of the Clutch property.

At the discovery outcrop, the opal occurs in an agate-rich zone within the lahar. Individual precious opal and facet-grade opal grains are generally fine-grained; the largest grain seen is about 1.5 cm long. A single large grain of dark bluish grey translucent opal with a diameter of 4 cm was observed in a piece of lahar rubble. No zeolites were observed in the opal-bearing zones. A yellowish-brown fine-grained sugary mineral was noted, which may be the mineral mentioned by Simandl et al (tridymite?) occurring with precious opal at the nearby Klinker deposit.

The precious opal is clear to greyish translucent with bright play of colours including green, blue, pink and orange. In the larger grains the play of colours appears to be related to planes within the grains, but on the finer grains the colour appears to be on the surface. Due to the small grain size, it is possible that some of the observed colour is iridescence on the grain surfaces.

The facet-grade opal shows pale salmon pink to orange to gold colour in whitish slightly translucent grains.

Common opal occurs as vesicle-filling throughout the agaterich rocks in this locality.

CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

Precious opal has been found in two locations on the Clutch property. The precious opal occurs in clasts of basaltic andesite and trachyandesite(?) in lahar, and in basaltic andesite flows. Accompanying minerals include common opal, abundant agate, jasper, and sugary yellow-brown tridymite(?).

It is recommended that the Clutch property should be carefully prospected for additional occurrences of precious opal, and that the occurrences be tested by bulldozer ripping or backhoe trenching.

Respectfully submitted

K.L. Daughtry, P.Eng.

Vernon, B.C. October 28, 1997

STATEMENT OF COSTS

 Professional Services K.L. Daughtry (P.Eng.) 		
Field 1.3 days @ \$450/day Field (Oct 21, 24)	\$585.00	
2 days @ \$450/day	900.00	
Microscope study (Oct 26,31 0.6 days @ \$450/day Report Writing	270.00	
1.5 days @ \$450/day	675.00	\$2,430.00
2. Office Personnel		
Drafting Office	200.00 55.00	
Secretarial	110.00	365.00
3. Expenses	10.66	
Field Supplies Office	30.00	40.66
Total E	Exploration:	\$2,835.66
4. Transportation		
4x4 truck 3.3 days @ \$40/da 366 km @ 30¢/km	132.00 123.60	
Fuel	42.00	
	\$297.60	

Total Costs: \$3,133.26

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

I, KENNETH L. DAUGHTRY, of 7814 Tronson Road, Vernon, British Columbia, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that:

- 1. I am a Consulting Geologist in mineral exploration.
- 2. I have been practising my profession for thirty three years in Canada, the United States, South America and Ireland.
- 3. I am a graduate of Carleton University, Ottawa, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology and Chemistry.
- 4. I am a member of the Associations of Professional Engineers of British Columbia, Ontario, and Yukon Territory, and a Fellow of the Geological Association of Canada.
- 5. This report is based upon knowledge of the CLUTCH property gained from the geological studies described herein.

6. I hold a beneficial interest in the CLUTCH property.

K.L. Daughtrý, P.Eng.

Vernon, B.C. October 31, 1997

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