
GOLDEN STAR CO.

Location

LIGHTWOOD PARK ROAD SMYTHESDALE, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0316

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11722

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Sheet 1 of the Ballarat 1:100,000 Deep Leads and Mines Map 6

shows the Phillips Reef workings in this location. The Ballarat Mines Database, which is held on the Department of Energy and Minerals' GEDIS System, gives the following production information about the mines shown on Phillips Reef. Knights & Co. produced 1.033 kg between April and September 1889. The Native Youth Co. produced 0.137 kg between October and December 1884. The New Discovery Co. produced 0.733 kg between October and December 1884. McKenzie & Co. produced 0.098 kg between April and September 1885. Phillips & Co. produced 5.437 kg between October 1884 and December 1886. The Young Australians Co. produced 0.051 kg between October and December 1884.

The Department of Energy and Minerals old lease record plan shows that Lease 8616 was held in this area by

the Golden Star Co. The date of this lease has not yet been determined.

The Native Youth Quartz Co. is shown the Ballarat Mining Lease Record Plan No. 153 in the German Reef area and not in the location shown in sheet 1 of the Ballarat 1:100,000 Deep Leads and Mines Map 6.

03.1885: Reeds Reef and Philips Claim at Canico Flat are doing well.

GOLDEN STAR CO.,

01.08.1892: first annual meeting of the company; company successfully floated and registered under the No Liability Act; shaft sunk to a depth of 210 feet and a chamber made crosscut to reef etc.; a splendid whim has been erected, and 500 feet of flexible wire rope, trucks, cages, tanks, blacksmiths shop, forge, steel rails and all tools for mining purchased; the next meeting to be asked to authorise the purchase of a battery and select a dam site.

24.10.1892: construction of dam delayed by wet weather; contractors are making the puddle trench and ploughing up the inside bank.

05.12.1892: dam completed is 9 foot high at the centre and 2500 yds of earth were used in the construction; will have a trial crushing of 10 tons.

26.06.1893: arranged to purchase an 18 head battery and 18 inch cylinder engine together with a steam pump; plant will be erected as soon as possible; has been a demand for shares and 2000 were purchased last week.

21.08.1893: received communication from contractor at Inglewood: he is making good progress dismantling machinery; he has been instructed to proceed with expedition and get up steam as soon as possible; have purchased timber for office.

18.09.1893: all machinery on ground except boiler which was delayed by the weather; engine and flywheel in position; foundations for stamper boxes dug out, will strengthen with concrete; have let tender for tunnel from dam to battery for 4/11 per foot; will cut down 80 foot of shaft and erect a whim; will crush in about 2 months.

09.10.1893: boiler on ground with bricks ready for building in; contractors have driven 186 feet of tunnel to date; cutting catch races; let tenders for cutting down, timbering centring and skidding shaft; purchased second whim and 500 foot of rope.

06.11.1893: boiler in, slabbing the shaft, tunnel in 460 feet.

13.11.1893: boiler tested at 80 lbs; tunnel in 520 feet.

14.05.1894: company meeting agreed to let the mine on tribute.

08.04.1895: cleaned up battery yield of 11 ozs 8 dwt; pushing north drives through break; should have a better average next fortnight; large sand dam completed; firewood stack is 100 tons.

06.05.1895: doing public crushing.

03.06.1895: struck stone in drive at 140 foot level, and will start crushing end of week; will crush a sample of 50 tons of tailings and cement from Haddon, and if this proves payable the party will have 5000 tons to treat; other crushings being delivered,

21.06.1895: cleaned up two small public crushings.

28.12.1895: idle at present because there is no means available to prospect what seems to be a payable lode; the 18 head battery has been used for public crushing.

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