
BRITISH GOLD MINING CO

Location

HAPPY VALLEY ROAD HAPPY VALLEY, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0265

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11785

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

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BRITISH GOLD MINING COMPANY

15.07.1860: old shaft begun.

09.1860: sinking their shaft in comparatively dry shallow ground and obtaining good returns.

12.1860: still sinking their shaft.

01.1861: bottomed too shallow but should not have much further to go; the gutter runs between their shaft and Spring Creek.

03.1861: bottomed too shallow but now at the proper depth.

05.1861: will soon be into the gutter.

07.1861: still driving for the gutter.

08.1861: broken into the gutter and have been swamped out.
 18.09.1861: gutter reached; shares in this company are at very good prices.
 10.1861: erecting machinery.
 14.11.1861: completed erecting a 15 hp winding engine and also have a 25 hp engine, one of the best in the district; shaft is down 265 feet.
 11.1861: they are now well equipped; recommenced mining after a long stoppage and expect to be in the gutter soon.
 12.1861: pumping, but not making any headway due to stoppages on adjoining claims.
 01.1863: getting very rich ground.
 03.1863: sinking three compartment shaft which is 9 feet by 3 feet at the top, 9 feet 6 inches by 4 feet between 150 and 200 foot levels and 11 feet 6 inches by 6 feet 2 inches below 200 feet;
 has the following equipment:
 18 inch by 36 inch steam engine for pumping and puddling, 12 inch by 24 inch steam engine for winding, two boilers: 20 feet by 6 feet 6 inches and 16 feet by 5 feet,
 Round's flat chains, 12 inch pumps: plunger to 200 feet, draw lift for remainder, large cast iron puddling machine.
 06.1863: contract let for removing steam engine and boilers, refixing and strengthening trams and placing fresh beds for £267 10s; erecting poppet heads; shaft down 207 feet; tenders called for pump connections and puddling machine.
 10.1863: driving toward the gutter.
 03.1864: struck the gutter and have got several machines of wash-dirt which have shown good prospects.
 06.1864: one of the richest claims in the Ballarat District; last week's yield was 540 ozs, and 100 ozs per machine is common.
 09.1864: in some months it has yielded some of the richest stuff in the district; dividends total £220 per share.
 12.1864: still yielding as well as ever with 183.5 ozs for the week ending 17 th December.
 03.1865: continues to yield very well.
 06.1865: has been an excellent claim but is just falling off a little.
 09.1865: paying reasonably well.
 10.10.1865: machinery includes: 18 inch by 36 inch steam engine for pumping and puddling, 12 inch by 24 inch steam engine, two boilers: 20 feet by 6 feet 6 inches and 16 feet by 5 feet,
 Round's patent flat chains, 12 inch pumps: plunger and drawlift, two puddling machines; the original shaft was 6 feet by 3 feet and is down 234 feet.
 12.1865: paying well.
 02.01.1866: overhauling machinery.
 03.1866: taken up a portion of the Lucky Co.'s ground.
 24.04.1866: machinery in need of overhaul .
 06.1866: worked out and the lease given up.
 09.1867: taken up by a new party and doing well.
 12.1867: getting pretty well paid.
 03.1872: reported to have struck some rich reef.
 09.1872: getting some splendid returns of late.
 n.d. recorded production of 18,436 ozs 14 dwt 1 gr or 573.459 kg.

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