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## GOLDFIELD—GOLD

Alternate names: Goldfield Project, Pacific Gold and Uranium, Goldfield Consolidated Main Vein

Commodities: Au, Ag (Au-Ag ratio about 3:1)

### LOCATION-OWNERSHIP

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| County | Esmeralda. | General location | About 40 km south of Tonopah. |
| Mining district | Goldfield. | Meridian | Mount Diablo. |
| Elevation | 1,720 m. | Tract | Secs. 25, 26, 36, T 2 S, R 42 E. |
| Topography | Hilly-mountainous. | Latitude | 37°43′30″ N. |
| Domain | Patented claims. | Longitude | 117°13′11″ W. |

Owner: Davis Goldfield Mining Co. (receives 7.5% net royalty increasing to 10%) (1983).
Lessees: Southern Pacific Land Co., San Francisco, CA, 50%; Noranda Exploration, Inc., Toronto, ON, Canada, 25%; Pacific Gold and Uranium, Inc. (PG & U), Los Angeles, CA 25% (1983).
Operator: Blackhawk Mines Corp. (1984).

### GEOLOGY

Type of ore body: Vein systems, replacement.
Origin: Hydrothermal.
Shape of ore bodies: Variable-pipes, lenticular, tabular.
Ore controls: Faults, fractures.
Strike and dip of mineralized zone: North: 30° to 40° E.
Age of mineralization: Miocene.
Proposed pit average dimensions (estimated), m:
- Length: 460.
- Width: 45.
- Thickness: 30.

Mineral names: Native gold, famatinite, tetrahedrite-tennantite, bismuthinite, goldfieldite, chalcopyrite, galena, sphalerite, sylvanite, hessite, petzite, calaverite, pyrite, quartz, jasperoid, limonite, halloysite, gypsum.

Host formations: Porphyritic Rhyodacite. Quartz Latite flows and tuffs (Kendall Tuff).
Geologic ages: Lower Miocene. Oligocene.
Rock relationships: Silicified porphyritic rhyodacite, portions are ore, encloses ore (major host). Porphyritic rhyodacite, gangue. Silicified quartz latite, portions are ore, encloses ore. Quartz latite, gangue. Siliceous shale and argillite, lies beneath ore (Ordovician Palmetto Formation). Quartz monzonite, lies beneath ore (Tertiary).
Alteration: Highly bleached and altered—advanced argillization, aluniti-zation, silicification.
Size: Small.

### DEVELOPMENT

Current status: Active-developing.
Type of operation: Surface.
Mining method: Open pit (shallow).
Year of discovery: 1902 (district); 1981 (option acquired by Noranda and PG & U).
Discovery method: Recent drilling.
Initial production: Anticipated fourth quarter 1984.
Last production: Unknown.
Past production: District—130,326 kg Au; 45,107 kg Ag; 3,479 t Cu; 23 t Pb from 7,021,750 t ore (1903–60). 1948–51 production withheld (*8*).
Annual production rate: About 270,000 t ore.

Distance to water supply: Two 300-gpm wells near plant site.
Road requirement: 2.4 km (improvement).
Distance to power supply: 3.2 km.
Mill location: Near mine.
Mill status: Development.
Milling method: Anticipated agglomerated cyanide heap leach; zinc precipitation or carbon absorption.
Process rate: About 1,100 t/d ore.

### PUBLISHED RESERVES-RESOURCES

| *Class* | *Quantity* | *Grade* | *Year* | *Reference* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1..Not reported in reference | 500,000 tons | 0.07 tr oz/ton Au | 1980 | 162 |
| 2..Proven | 2,115,000 tons | 0.070 tr oz/ton Au | 1984 | 502 |

### REFERENCES

7, 8, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 162, 208, 209, 246, 325, 340, 497, 502, 576, 627, 631, 632, 703, 809.

USGS quad maps: Goldfield, 1:250,000. Goldfield, 15′.
USBM sequence number: 9320090415.

Comments: Specific geology of the proposed pit area was not available. Geologic data describe the area of the district that will host the proposed development work. Reserve tonnage reported from 3 discrete ore bodies along Goldfield ledge. Reserve cutoff grade is 0.020 tr oz/ton Au.

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