

THE GOLD BUG MINES

Company Formed to Develop Rich Property Near the Red Boy.

The Gold Bug Mining company of Sumpter is among the latest organizations formed to develop and work a group of gold mines in the Sumpter district.

The location of the property is near the famous Red Boy Mines 22 miles distant from Sumpter in a north westerly direction.

Although the company is officered by local mining men it is really financed by eastern parties who provide all necessary funds for developing the property, erecting reduction works etc., when the proper time arrives.

The veins of this group are on the same zone as the Red Boy. In fact the Victor is the only location between this and that productive Bonanza. The Gold Bug property is also bounded by the Gold Standard on the south.

A contract has been let to drive the tunnel to cut the main vein. Hand work will be the method employed during the winter, but in the spring power drills will be installed. Additional buildings are now being erected.

The roster of officers comprise the following well known persons. Thomas S. Van Fleet, president; O. C. Wright, vice-president; Chester C. Robbins, secretary; J. H. Robbins, treasurer; W. W. Robbins, consulting engineer and manager. For a detailed statement of the status of this company's property, plan of operation etc., the subjoined preliminary report of a local mining engineer is given.

Sumpter, Ore., Nov. 31, 1902.

To the Officers and Stockholders of the Gold Bug Mining Company:

Gentlemen:—Having recently visited and inspected your property, I take pleasure in submitting the following report:

The property consists of five full claims, 600x1500 feet and a mill site, comprising in all more than one hundred acres. The names of the claims are Gold Bug No. 1, Gold Bug No. 2, Protection No. 1, Protection No. 2, and the Burlington, and the mill site.

The property is situated on Rabbit creek, about four miles west from the Red Boy mine, in Grant county, Oregon. It lies at an elevation of about 5000 feet above sea level, and is reached by a good wagon road from Sumpter, which is the nearest railroad point, being about twenty-two miles distant. Granite, which is an inland town on the stage line connecting Sumpter with the Red Boy mine, is only seven miles distant from the property, and all supplies are delivered free of charge by the merchants at that place.

The title to the property is held by right of purchase from the original owners who have complied in every respect with the laws of the United States and the State of Oregon. The property is free from all debt or incumbrance and the title could not be successfully assailed.

The development thus far consists of a crosscut seventy-five feet long which cut the main vein at a depth of about ten feet below the surface debris. From this point a drift was continued for 100 feet along the vein the face of which did not exceed thirty-five feet in depth from the surface. The ore has been stoped from above the drift. There are some small open cuts along the vein at different points which merely show the continuity of the ore shoot.

The vein I believe to be a true fissure,

and am told by the parties owning the adjoining property that it is traceable through the entire length of six claims for a distance of 9000 feet, one-half of which distance is on the Gold Bug property.

The strike of the main vein is north and south, and dips about 86° to the east.

The vein on the surface shows a width of sixteen inches, while in the face of the drift thirty-five feet deeper it is fully three and one-half feet in width.

The walls are remarkably well defined and in places show a highly polished "slicken-sides," which is, in itself, good proof of the permanent character of the vein.

The formation is a decomposed and soft granite which is very easy to work and stands well without timbering.

The ore is a hard, white and bluish colored, auriferous quartz, slightly interspersed with a fine-grained, steel-colored, and high grade iron sulphurets, which, in all probability, will increase to some appreciable extent when considerable depth has been attained. The ore is oxidized only to a slight extent near the surface.

The ore-shoot proper varies in width from six to sixteen inches, with from six to twelve inches of talc lying on either side. The ore is free-milling and high-grade, as can readily be seen from the following list of assays made at different times by different assayers:

No. 1—Blue quartz from drift	\$144.45
No. 2—Blue quartz from discovery shaft	44.76
No. 3—Average sample from all ore taken out	51.89
No. 4—Average sample from surface croppings	18.60
No. 5—Average sample from drift	84.09
No. 6—Average sample from face of drift	100.71

There is at present forty or fifty tons of ore on the dump that I would estimate to carry an average value of \$50 per ton. The ore is free-milling, and I have failed to find a single piece, no matter how small, that does not show up a nice string of gold in the pan. I have at this time a good lot of samples taken by myself which I will assay and report the results, as soon as I can get my new laboratory arranged for work. However, I am satisfied, from the samples panned, that the average will be very satisfactory, and that they will check up fairly close with the sampling and assaying done by others.

There is a good and valuable water right belonging to the property, with a ditch already constructed which diverts the water from Rabbit creek at a point one and one-half miles from the mine, and conveys the same to the top of the mountain on which the property is situated, thereby giving a head pressure of 200 feet, which would generate sufficient power to operate a ten stamp mill.

There is also a great abundance of excellent timber on the property, sufficient for all mining and domestic purposes for years to come.

For a plan of development I would advise that a crosscut tunnel be driven from a point near the creek in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately 500 feet, which tunnel would cut the main vein at a depth of about 200 feet, after which the vein could be explored for a distance of 100 feet or more, which would enable one to determine what kind and capacity of mill was necessary for the reduction of the ore.

There is no doubt in my mind as to the value of the property, and with the judicious expenditure of a nominal amount of money for the proper development of the mine, I feel assured that the result will be a good producing property.

This report is a plain, conservative statement of the facts regarding the property of the Gold Bug Mining company as I have found them, and the same can be verified by any one who may see fit to make an examination of the property.

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