LA PAZ PLACERS

covering

GOODMAN GULCH and TRIBUTARIES.

Yuma County

Arizona

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The history of this placer ground dates back probably one hundred years when it was known as the La Pas or Weaver District. A history of these placer deposits is given in various U.S. Government and State Publications. U.S.G.S. Bulletin # 461 entitled, "Ore Deposits in Northern Yuma County, Arizona", pages 85 and 86 contain descriptions of the early discoveries of the La Pas placer region. A publication entitled, "Arizona Gold Placers and Placering" issued by the University of Arizona, at Tuscon published as Bulletin # 132 gives on pages 14 to 22 a detailed description of the La Pas Placer Region.

Dr. Stone has secured 40 acres of this placer ground located in GOODMAN GULCH and its tributaries.

This gulch is below the Scott Property- 50 to 300 feet wide- 0 to 25 feet deep and slightly worked by dry washing methods, (see photo)

This primitive method of operation is as follows:-

In the gulch shafts are sunk to bed rock and the gravel in the deposit is discarded and only the fine material and sand, which amounts to a very small part of the whole is saved. This fine gravel or sand is then washed or panned using water and the gold is concentrated, cleaned and sold, usually to the local stores in the vicinity of Quartzite where it is considered as legal tender by the merchants.

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Working in this extremely primitive way the prospectors manage to exist and some of them make money.

The Dry Washers as they are called consist of a screening device which by vibration bounces off the coarser material concentrating the fines containing the gold. We saw this operation and watched the clean-ups, showing gold in paying quantities.

We hand you herewith a copy of (please return) Bulletin # 132 which to save time and repetition is made part of this report.

Respectfully submitted

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