

Governments, Mining Companies Executives and Shareholders Allow to Leave Behind and Never to be Recovered Capitally Accessed and Broken High-Grade Ore Underground Worth Billions of Dollars - **Why????**

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# Mining Project Stages

- Exploration
- Pre-feasibility study
- Feasibility study
- Approved
- Access development and mine waste disposal
- Mining
  - Various reconciliation/camouflaging factors used
  - Cleaning of mine floors not yet part of mining cycle in Australia and most of other Countries in the World
    - Exact % of gold/metals/precious stones lost/left on mine floors not yet determined
- Rehabilitation of disposed mining waste on surface

# Post “normal” mining activities

- Pillars recovery
  - Expertise still available in Australia and other Countries
  - Artificial pillars
    - Cement grout packs
    - Gypsum packs
    - Steel props
    - Other
  - Diamond wire saw
    - Jack pots

# Post “normal” mining activities - continued

- Stope wash-down
  - Can argue re amount gold lost in stopes' floor cracks
    - South Africa
  - Stope supersucking/vamping
- Ore drives supersucking/vamping
  - Last cycle !!!!!
- Sampling of recovered floor material

## Floor sampling at CNGC Harlequin Mine in Western Australia (*April 2001*)

- Conducted by Kris Biegaj in 3.5m x 3.5m HV5F -41mRL in-stope single boom jumbo decline
- Mined through semi-horizontal quartz reef ~300mm thick containing 100-300g/t of nuggetty-type Au
- Five (5) separate layers taken across the 3.5m wide decline
  - With additional samples, nine (9) separate samples analysed
- Last layer taken with a small dust-buster vacuum cleaner
  - To the solid clean floor
  - Small weight of those samples
- Total weight of samples - 132kg
  - Unfortunately photos taken did not come out

**From:** Briggs, Matthew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2001 2:36 PM  
**To:** Biegaj, Kris  
**Subject:** Channel sample from 41dec.xls

	Au1 (ppm)	Au2 (ppm)	av gold (ppm)	sample mass (kg)		
HA2071						
1	44.13	39.17	<b>41.65</b>	5.44	226.5869	1.717869
HA2071						
2	61.62	69.10	<b>65.36</b>	6.88	449.6734	3.409199
HA2071						
3	46.24	49.09	<b>47.67</b>	4.94	235.4799	1.785291
HA2071						
4	35.61	42.47	<b>39.04</b>	20.50	800.361	6.067938
HA2071						
5	83.31	65.45	<b>74.38</b>	10.30	766.1037	5.808216
HA2071						
6	36.60	39.21	<b>37.91</b>	19.44	736.9121	5.5869
HA2071						
7	28.23	40.11	<b>34.17</b>	23.18	792.0374	6.004833
HA2071						
8	31.00	33.01	<b>32.01</b>	19.46	622.8562	4.722185
HA2072						
0	30.81	28.77	<b>29.79</b>	21.76	648.2304	4.91456

**Weighted average grade:** **40.02 g/t**





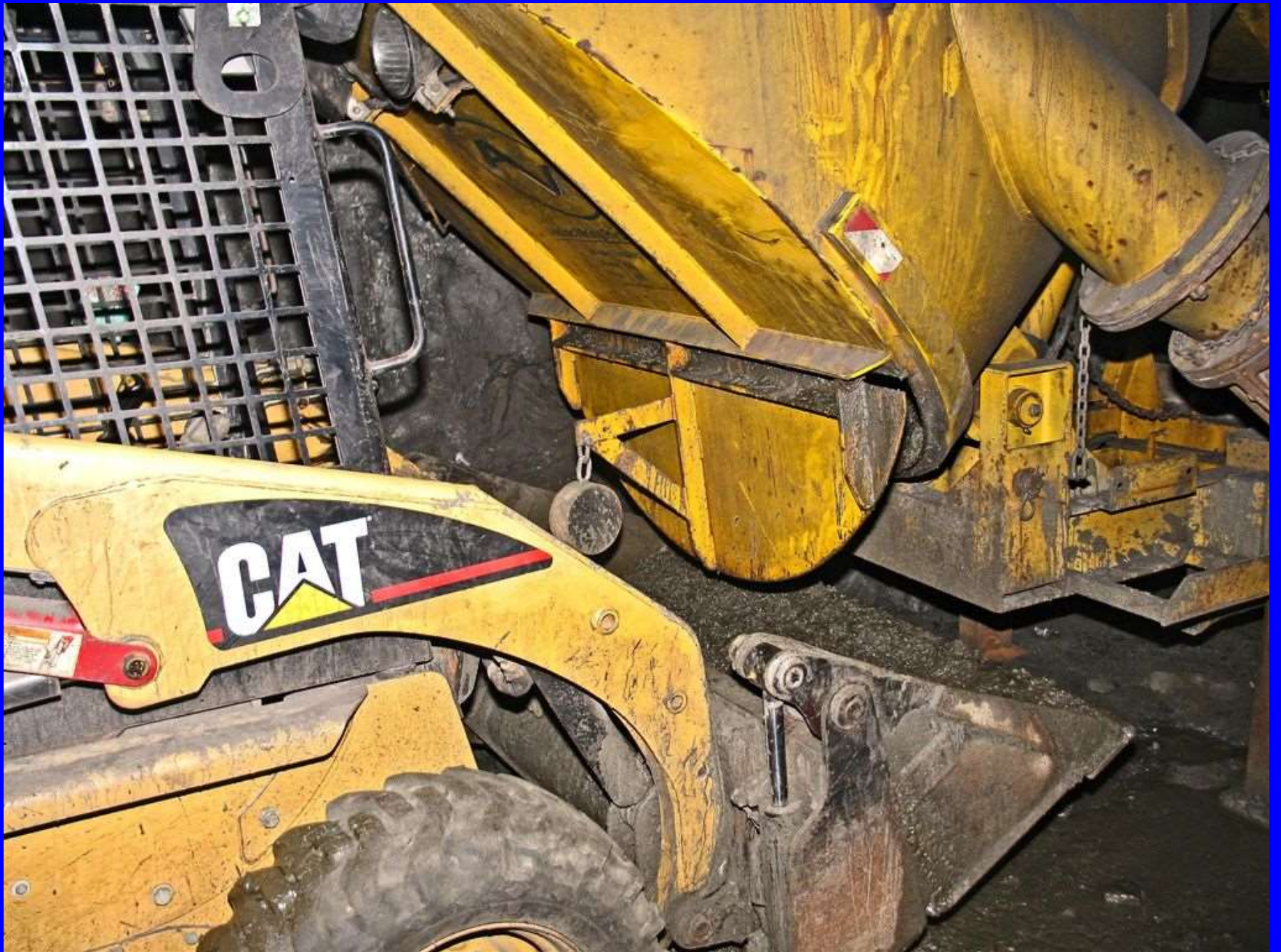












# Underground Mobile Supersucker – Giant Mobile Vacuum Cleaner

## Construction/features

- First truly mobile Supersucker in Australia - possibly in the World – designed and built in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia
- Initially designed to carry-out underground exploration winzing
- Idea originated and first units built on opal fields in Coober Pedy in South Australia in the late 60-ties of previous Century
- Size: 2.2mW, 2.95mH and 5.3mL (*excluding 3.5m clean-down jib*)
- Track mounted, diesel-powered self-propelled unit
  - Easily detachable heavy-duty wheels for longer distance towing
  - Powered by diesel engine
  - Can be easily converted to be electrically powered
- Installed devices to eliminate potential dust problems
- ROPS/FOPS features installed
- Works in conjunction with a bobcat/skid steer or small LHD
- Remotely-controlled capabilities can be installed



# Underground Mobile Supersucker

## Re-fuelling underground

- At the start of shift
- Diesel hand-pumped to jerry cans from a 180ltr tank located on the utility vehicle – see photo
- Hand-pumped into supersucker with 220ltr tanks capacity





# Underground Mobile Supersucker

## Projects to date by Ausvac Mining Pty Ltd

- May 2003 – Mt Pleasant Gold Project, WA – **First Job**
  - Ore drives clean-down **Plus cleaning of sump on surface**
- Aug 2003 – Otter-Juan Nickel Mine, Kambalda, WA
  - 15 deg. air-leg stope and ore drives clean-down
- Oct 2003 – Bendigo Gold Project, Victoria
  - Ore drives clean-down
- Dec 2003 – Cosmos Nickel Project, WA
  - Ore drives clean-down
- Feb 2004 – Agnew Gold Project, WA
  - Ore drives clean down
- Oct 2005 – Long-Victor Nickel Complex, WA
  - Stopes and ore drives clean-down at Gibb South
- Feb 2007 – Redross Nickel Mine, WA
  - Ore drives clean-down
- Nov 2010- Jan 2011 – Norseman Gold NL, WA
  - Stopes and ore drives clean-down at Harlequin Mine

# Underground Mobile Supersucker

- **Excavation size requirements**
  - 3.2mW x 3.5mH drive
    - Designed to fit small 2 - 3 yard LHD size ore drives
- **Ventilation required**
  - Secondary:  $\sim 10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  (S/sucker  $7.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  + bobcat  $3.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ )
    - For 140 kW diesel engine
    - $\sim 60 \text{ kW}$  bobcat
      - Based on  $0.05 \text{ m}^3/\text{kW}$  - maximum diesel engine rating as per Western Australian (WA) Mines Regulations
- **Fresh water supply required** – due to high salinity of mine water in most u/g mines in WA

# Underground Mobile Supersucker

## Capabilities/parameters

- Suction hose diameter - 200mm (8 *inch*)
  - **Can be easily upgraded to 250mm (10 *inch*) hose**
    - **Fundamental for vacuuming bigger size rocks/increasing productivity**
  - Oversize ore picked up/loaded into/by bobcat bucket at the end of vacuuming cycle
- Vertical lifting/suction - up to 50m
- Horizontal lifting - up to 50m +

# Underground Mobile Supersucker

- Productivities in an ore drive
  - 15 - 20 t/10hr shift with one (1) operator
  - 40 t/10hr shift with two (2) operators
  - 80 t/day with two (2) operators/shift - two (2) shifts/day
    - >2,000 t/month (*assuming only 85% availability of equipment and working places*)
  - **Ore that is “normally” wasted**
- Highly successful floor material recovery on a nickel mine in a 15 degrees flat-dipping air-leg/hand-held mining stope conducted in 2003

# Extra Revenue form Gold and Nickel left behind and recovered from mine floor with vacuuming

## Extra Revenue from Gold or Nickel left behind and recovered from mine floor with vacuuming

Nickel					Gold				
Nickel Mine A Calculation					Gold Mine B Calculation				
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Nickel price US\$/t		12,247.00			Gold price US\$/oz and per g		1,742.20		56.02
Exchange rate: Aus\$/US\$			0.64		Exchange rate Aus\$/US\$			0.64	
Ni credit to Mine A			65%		Gold credit to Mine B			100%	
Mt recovery			85%		Mt recovery			95%	
Mine A costs Aus\$/t:					g/ounce			31.10	
Loading and trucking to surface			8.0		Mine B costs Aus\$/t:				
Carting to the mill			6.0		Loading and trucking to surface			8.0	
Milling			6.0		Carting to the mill			3.0	
Diesel fuel @ \$1.0/l with 200l/shift @ 40t/shift			5.0		Milling			15.0 (Variable costs only)	
Other			6.0		Diesel fuel @ \$1.0/l with 200l/shift @ 40t/shift			5.0	
					Other			6.0	
Total \$/t:			25.0		WA State gold revenue			2.5%	
Revenue calculations					Gold bars transportation and refinery @ Aus\$/oz			22.0	
X level					Revenue calculations				
SG	3.0				X level				
Length	140.0				SG	2.5			
Width	4.0				Length	140.0			
Thickness of floor material	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	Width	4.0			
Ore tonnes	168	336	504	672	Thickness of floor material	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
Y level					Ore tonnes	140	280	420	560
SG	3.0				Y level				
Length	200.0				SG	2.5			
Width	4.0				Length	200.0			
Thickness of floor material, m	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	Width	4.0			
Ore tonnes	240	480	720	960	Thickness of floor material, m	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
Total ore tonnes	408	816	1,224	1,632	Ore tonnes	200	400	600	800
Total Ni T @ credit of					Total ore tonnes	340	680	1,020	1,360
Grade %:		65%	65%	65%	Total Au ounces @ credit of		100%	100%	100%
1.50%	4.0	8.0	11.9	15.9	Grade g/t:				
2.00%	5.5	10.6	15.9	21.2	5.0	54.7	109.3	164.0	218.6
2.50%	6.6	13.3	19.9	26.5	10.0	109.3	218.6	328.0	437.3
3.00%	8.0	15.9	23.9	31.8	15.0	164.0	328.0	492.0	655.9
3.50%	9.3	18.6	27.8	37.1	20.0	218.6	437.3	655.9	874.6
4.00%	10.6	21.2	31.8	42.4	25.0	273.3	546.6	819.9	1,093.2
4.50%	11.9	23.9	35.8	47.7	30.0	328.0	655.9	983.9	1,311.9
5.00%	13.3	26.5	39.8	53.0	35.0	382.6	765.3	1,147.9	1,530.5
8.60%	22.8	45.6	68.4	91.2	40.0	437.3	874.6	1,311.9	1,749.2
Value of Ni in Aus\$					120.0	1,311.9	2,623.8	3,935.7	5,247.6
Grade %:					Value of gold in Aus\$				
1.50%	76,123	152,246	228,368	304,491	Grade g/t:				
2.00%	101,497	202,994	304,491	405,988	5.0	141,361	282,722	424,084	565,445
2.50%	126,871	253,743	380,614	507,485	10.0	282,722	565,445	848,167	1,130,889
3.00%	152,246	304,491	456,737	608,982	15.0	424,084	848,167	1,272,251	1,696,334
3.50%	177,620	355,240	532,859	710,479	20.0	565,445	1,130,889	1,696,334	2,281,779
4.00%	202,994	405,988	608,982	811,976	25.0	706,966	1,413,932	2,120,418	2,827,242
4.50%	228,368	456,737	685,105	913,473	30.0	848,167	1,696,334	2,544,501	3,392,668
5.00%	253,743	507,485	761,228	1,014,970	35.0	989,528	1,979,057	2,968,585	3,958,113
8.60%	436,437	872,874	1,309,311	1,745,749	40.0	1,130,889	2,261,779	3,392,668	4,523,558
Value of Ni less Mine A costs					120.0	3,392,668	6,785,337	10,178,005	13,570,674
Grade %:					Value of gold (i.e. extra revenue) less Mine B costs, State gold revenue charge and refining				
1.50%	65,923	142,046	218,168	294,291	Grade g/t:				
2.00%	91,297	192,594	294,291	395,788	5.0	127,577	255,154	382,732	510,309
2.50%	116,671	243,343	370,414	497,285	10.0	255,154	510,309	765,463	1,010,618
3.00%	142,046	294,291	446,537	598,782	15.0	382,732	765,463	1,148,194	1,530,927
3.50%	167,420	345,040	522,659	700,279	20.0	510,309	1,010,618	1,515,927	2,021,236
4.00%	192,794	395,788	598,782	801,776	25.0	637,882	1,275,765	1,913,691	2,551,645
4.50%	218,168	446,537	674,905	903,273	30.0	765,463	1,515,927	2,281,779	3,042,314
5.00%	243,543	497,285	751,028	1,004,770	35.0	893,046	1,765,592	2,650,894	3,534,034
8.60%	426,237	852,474	1,278,711	1,735,549	40.0	1,020,618	2,021,236	3,042,314	4,056,418
120.0					120.0	3,351,194	6,702,388	10,053,582	13,404,775
* Additional revenue from by-product metals not included					* Additional revenue from by-product metals not included				
* ToI Ni treatment					* Much higher grades were sampled on stopes' and drives' floors in 2010/11 (i.e. >> 40 g/t)				
* 8.6% Nickel ore vacuumed in an airleg/hand-held mined stope in 2003					* After eight (8) hands-on trials on nickel and gold mines in Australia				
Ausvac Mining Pty Ltd website: <a href="http://www.ausvacmining.com.au">www.ausvacmining.com.au</a>					Ausvac Mining P/L can now vacuum/recover 40 tonnes/shift with two (2) operators				
					from underground mine floors or 80 t/day with >2,000 t/month on two-shifts arrangement				
					(with only 85 % equipment and workplaces availability)				
					* It is common that up to 0.5 m thick of already broken ore is left behind on ore drives floors				
					never to be recovered by conventional machines				
					* Due to 'milling' action of conventional LHDs and scrapers on mine floors and gravity force, the grades of vacuumed ore are <u>much higher than</u> those mined from the stopes				
					* Refer to 40.02 g/t of Au vacuum floor sampling result conducted by Kris Biege in the in-stope decline				
					in April 2001 - Slides 5 & 6 (hence low milling/grade enhancement in a new in-stope decline compared to stope mining)				



Why do Governments continue to  
Allow Mining Companies to Leave  
Behind Never to be Recovered  
High-grade Capitally Accessed and  
Broken Ore Underground i.e.  
Wasting Billions of Dollars including  
Additional Pollution to Environment  
?????

# Underground Mobile Supersucker

## Other applications

- Surface/mill/underground fast sumps/tanks clean-down
- Underground winzing – **originally designed for that application**
  - Old Timers knew what they were doing
    - Examples in Australia and in the World
- Mining of bottom sections of ore shoots not warranting capital development or pit stripping/cut-back
- Environmentally friendly, alternative mine access and ore hoisting system
  - “Modified” Western Australian Norseman access and hoisting to high-grade low tonnage orebodies (*Regent/Crown/North Royal inclined shafts*)
    - **No decline access in waste required i.e. less pollution to environment**
- Surface construction excavations and cleaning industry
  - Swimming pools included



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