

PROSPECTUS.

Chester & Locke's Golden Secret

Gold Mining Company

NO LIABILITY,

YARRA TRACK, UPPER YARRA DISTRICT.

To be Registered under the "Companies Act 1890."

CAPITAL, £8,000, in 32,000 Shares of 5/- each.

9,000 fully paid up Shares, together with the sum of £1,500 in cash, to be handed to the Vendors in full payment for property and machinery.

23,000 Shares are offered to the Public at 1/6 on application and 1/6 on allotment. The whole of the proceeds to be put to the credit of the Company, less cash to Vendors and the usual flotation expenses.

There being six faces showing good gold freely, Calls are quite out of the question; but should further money be required for development purposes, they will not exceed 3d. per Share.

When 10,000 Shares are subscribed for the Company will be considered floated, and will be duly registered.

Directors:

DAVID NEWELL, Esq., J.P., Director Exchange Gold Mining Company, Ballarat.
 J. G. AIKMAN, Esq., Chairman Campbell's Creek Dredging Company, Castlemaine.
 W. J. MOUNTAIN, Esq., Director Brown's Creek Dredging Company.
 ANDREW BARRIE, Esq., Director Stockman's Gold Mining Company, Yarra Track.
 GEO. LOCKE, Esq., on behalf of Vendors.

Brokers:

MESSRS. W. P. JONES & CO., 377 COLLINS ST., MELBOURNE,
 or any Member of the Melbourne Stock Exchange.

Bankers:

LONDON BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

Solicitors:

MESSRS. BRUCE & ROBINSON, 48 QUEEN ST., MELBOURNE.

Legal Manager and Office of the Company:

W. P. JONES, 377 COLLINS ST., MELBOURNE.

THIS Company is being formed for the purpose of acquiring from the Vendors (Messrs. Chester and Locke) their valuable Lease of 29 acres 2 roods 18 perches, situated at Yarra Track, between Marysville and Wood's Point, and known as the Golden Secret, and which has yielded such extremely handsome returns to the proprietors during the past few months.

Since May, 1898, 176 tons crushed from the different depths of underlie shafts produced 558 ozs. of gold, worth £4 1s. per oz. at the Royal Mint.

It is now the intention of the Vendors to form this valuable property into a No-Liability Company, and to immediately proceed with the sinking of a new main shaft to a depth of 200 feet, and then drive west a sufficient distance to pick up the reef at a deeper level than it has hitherto been worked.

This reef has been proved to be a fissure lode, the chute being 300 feet long, and wherever met with has never failed to carry rich gold and well mineralised. Further east, there is another formation which has not yet been prospected; this can be cut from the same shaft, and might prove an equally payable lode. From the new shaft there will be 160 feet of backs to stope, so that with the battery on the ground no time will be lost in putting all stone through that is in the stopes.

COPY OF THE ROYAL MINT RETURNS.

	Tons.	STANDARD GOLD.		VALUE.		
		Ozs.		£	s.	d.
May 23rd, 1898	6	123·48	...	480	16	0
February 2nd, 1899	70	160·07	...	623	5	5
May 25th, 1899	20	64·31	...	250	8	2
July 11th, 1899	80	210·15	...	818	5	5
Totals	176	558·01	...	2172	15	0

There is abundance of water for the battery, and all rights have been secured. Firewood and timber are plentiful on the spot, thus saving the heavy expense in carting, &c.

The following is a complete schedule of the machinery and working plant on the ground, which are purchased with the lease:—

8 h.p. Portable Engine (Marshall)	2 Hand Saws
5-head Battery (can be converted into 10-head),	3 Windlass Ropes, 220 ft., 220 ft., and 60 ft.
7-cwt. Stamps, with Blanket Tables, complete	10 Driving Picks, and 6 Shovels
3 Copper Plates, 10 ft.	10 Striking Hammers
1 Blacksmith's Shop, 20 ft. x 12 ft., with complete outfit	16 Drills, 1 ft. to 6 ft.; 10 Windlass Buckets
Battery House, 40 ft. x 22 ft.	3 Wheelbarrows, and 3 Windlass Barrels
	And a quantity of useful Sundries

A few remarks in reference to the discovery of the Golden Secret Reef by the Vendors will be no doubt interesting to the public.

The reef was first discovered by Messrs. Chester and Locke through the finding on the surface of small pieces of quartz, which on close examination were found to carry rich gold. A small prospecting shaft was then sunk on a vein only 3 inches thick, and followed down to 36 feet, and a crushing of six tons was sent to Bendigo for treatment, which yielded the very handsome return of 124 ozs. retorted gold. This shaft was continued to a further depth of 103 feet, the stone still being rich and widening to 10 inches, and another crushing was taken out, which yielded nearly 3 ozs. to the ton; and subsequently another crushing (80 tons), on 11th July, 1899, averaged the same results. This last lot was taken from the deepest part, and below water level, where the reef is now 2 feet wide, of a bluish colour, carrying coarse gold, and heavily mineralised. At this depth the water became a little troublesome, and not having a straight shaft to work with, they had to stop further operations pending the flotation into a company, as a new main shaft would be necessary, and the Vendors found it would be too costly for them to attempt by themselves; they have therefore decided to place it before the public on such reasonable terms that the flotation is practically assured.

As to its prospects the mine speaks for itself, and there is not the slightest hesitation in saying that it is without doubt a thoroughly safe investment, and that after cutting the reef in the drive from the new shaft, the Golden Secret will soon be amongst the dividend-paying mines of Victoria.

All further particulars can be obtained at the Office of Messrs. W. P. JONES AND Co., Capel Court, 377 Collins-street, where plans can be seen of the various shafts and drives, &c., and specimens of the stone down to water level.

From the "Herald," 23rd May, 1898.

Golden Cake—THREE MONTHS' WORK.—A fine cake of gold, the shape of a small basin turned upside down, weighing 122 ozs., the result of a crushing of six tons of stone from a reef found recently at Yarra Track, was shown to the Minister of Mines this afternoon by two prospectors named Messrs. Wm. Chester and George Locke. To a *Herald* reporter, who was present when they called, Messrs. Chester and Locke explained that they were induced to work a claim in the locality on account of the promising surface specimens they picked up when prospecting. They had been working for three months for the cake just obtained. They had sunk to a depth of 36 feet, and the reef was from 3 inches to 9 inches thick, and looked very promising. They had applied for a lease, which will shortly be issued.

Mr. Foster expressed himself gratified at the find, more particularly as it was one of the results of cutting tracks to the locality. He intended to have further track-cutting done in the district. He wished the prospectors every success, and promised to facilitate matters in connection with the issue of the lease, applied for some time since. The locality of the find is situated about 70 miles from Melbourne, and about 15 miles east of Marysville. There are several parties at work. The district was reported upon some time ago as a fairly likely one.

From the "Bendigo Independent," 24th May, 1898.

OVER 24 OZS. TO THE TON.—Messrs. Chester and Locke, who have been working at the Black Spur on the Yarra Track, on the road to Wood's Point, near Marysville, sent a trial lot of five tons to be crushed at Clark's Beehive Works, Eaglehawk. It gave the splendid return of 219 ozs. of amalgam, and retorted 122 ozs. of gold, or over 24 ozs. per ton. The party have been prospecting in the locality for the past few months, and the stone, which is of a brownish appearance, is 6 inches wide. It came from a depth of about 50 feet. They will soon be able to get out another crushing. The country is pegged out all round them for miles.

From the "Age," 23rd January, 1899.

YARRA TRACK.—Messrs. Chester and Locke have fitted up a battery for their claim, which recently returned some rich yields, and have started crushing. The plant consists of a 5-head battery and portable engine. On the result will depend the future of mining in this new goldfield. The Yarra Track Syndicate have opened up a nice looking reef, 3 feet wide, carrying good gold, and a crushing will be taken out. On Reilly and Barton's lease there is a large body of quartz exposed, said to prospect well.

CHESTERVILLE.—Messrs. Chester and Locke made a start crushing on Thursday. They have a 5-head battery, and there are about 70 tons of stuff at grass. The last crushing from this claim gave 124 ozs. of gold from six tons. The claim known as the Yarra Track Syndicate Lease is looking well. They have a nice reef, fully 3 feet thick, showing gold freely; they will get a trial crushing out shortly. On Sheehan and Kirwan's lease a tunnel has been started to cut Chester and Locke's reef. On O'Reilly and Barton's lease they have come on a fine body of stone, carrying a little gold.

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FORM OF APPLICATION.

I hereby apply for Shares in the above Company, and enclose the sum of £.....being Application Fee of 1/6 per Share; and I agree to pay the further sum of 1/6 on allotment of the same, or any less number which may be granted me. And I further agree to sign the Articles of Association when called upon to do so.

Signature (in full).....

Occupation.....

Residence.....

Dated.....1899.

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1899.

Received from.....
the sum of.....
being Application Fee of 1/6 per Share on.....*Shares in above Company.*

Manager.

This Receipt must be given up to the Manager when the Scrip is issued for the above Shares.

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