

**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF PROVINCIAL REVENUE**

Ministerial Order No. **M 323**

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

I, Bill Barisoff, Minister of Provincial Revenue, order that the Mineral Tax Return Form Regulation, B.C. Reg. 86/98, is amended

(a) *by repealing section 1 (1) and substituting the following:*

(1) A return delivered by an operator of a mine to the commissioner under section 12 (1) of the *Mineral Tax Act* must be in the form set out in Schedule A. ,

(b) *in section 1 by adding the following subsection:*

(4) A return delivered for an operator's exploration account under section 12 (7) of the *Mineral Tax Act* must be in the form set out in Schedule E. ,

(c) *by repealing Schedule A, the Mineral Tax Return, Schedule C, the Placer Gold Mine Mineral Tax Return, and Schedule D, the Quarry Mineral Tax Return, and substituting the attached Schedule A, the Mineral Tax Return, Schedule C, the Placer Gold Mine Mineral Tax Return, and Schedule D, the Quarry Mineral Tax Return, respectively,*

(d) *by repealing Schedule B, the Placer Mine Mineral Tax Return, and*

(e) *by adding the attached Schedule E, the Exploration Account Return.*

Oct 23/02  
Date

  
Minister of Provincial Revenue

*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order)*

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section:- Mineral Tax Act, RSBC 1996, c. 291, section 45

Other (specify):- \_\_\_\_\_

July 2, 2002

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## SCHEDULE A



Ministry of Provincial Revenue

**MINERAL TAX ACT**  
**MINERAL TAX RETURN**

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FISCAL YEAR OF MINE	FROM	D	M	Y	TO	D	M	Y	FILE NO.
NAME OF MINE									
NAME OF OPERATOR									
ADDRESS OF OPERATOR									

Proportionate Share of the Mine Reported on this Return	%	1
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Remittance with this Return 

Cheques in payment of any balance due must be made payable to the Minister of Finance and delivered with this return. Payment may also, by prior arrangement, be deposited at the Victoria branch of the principal banker of the Government of British Columbia.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief reflects the results from the operation of the mine and is in conformity with the provisions of the *Mineral Tax Act*.

(Date)

(Signature)

(Title)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH THIS RETURN**

- (1) Financial statements of the operator and net earnings statement for the mine.
- (2) If the operator is a corporation, a copy of the federal T2 Corporation Income Tax Return, with copies of supporting schedules.

**PERSON TO WHOM INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS RETURN SHOULD BE DIRECTED**

Name	Telephone Number
Address	Fax Number

**DELIVERY**

This completed return and cheque for any balance payable must be delivered by the last day of the sixth month following the end of the fiscal year of the mine to:

Commissioner, Mineral Tax Act  
 PO Box 9328 Stn Prov Gov't  
 Victoria, B.C.  
 V8W 9N3

Facsimile 250 952-0191

Telephone 250 952-0192 or 1 800 667-1182



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**CALCULATION OF AMOUNT PAYABLE**

Total Taxes Payable [line 24]		3
Deduct: Reclamation Tax Credit [page 5, line 42]	( )	4
Monthly instalments paid for the fiscal year	( )	5
Other credits (specify) _____	( )	6
Balance of Taxes Payable/(Overpaid)	<b>Subtotal [sum of lines 3 to 6]</b>	7
Add late filing penalty		8
<b>Total Overpaid</b> _____	<b>Total Payable</b>	<b>11</b>

Do you want overpayment  refunded  credited to another year

**NET CURRENT PROCEEDS TAX CALCULATION**

Net Current Proceeds [page 3, line 43]		12
Net Current Proceeds Tax rate	x 2 %	13
<b>Net Current Proceeds Tax Payable [line 12 x line 13; to line 20 and 27]</b>		<b>14</b>

**NET REVENUE TAX CALCULATION**

Net Revenue [page 4, line 113]		15
Net Revenue Tax rate	x 13 %	16
Net Revenue Tax [line 15 x line 16]		17
Deduct the lesser of Subtotal B in the Cumulative Tax Credit Account [line 28] and Net Revenue Tax [line 17]	( )	18
<b>Net Revenue Tax Payable [to line 21 and page 5, line 36]</b>		<b>19</b>

**TOTAL TAXES PAYABLE CALCULATION**

Net Current Proceeds Tax Payable [line 14]		20
Net Revenue Tax Payable [line 19]		21
<b>Subtotal A [line 20 plus line 21]</b>		<b>22</b>
Deduct Earned Depletion Tax Credit - deduct the lesser of:		
(a) 25% of Subtotal A [line 22]	} ( )	23
(b) Balance of Earned Depletion Base Account _____ at the end of the preceding fiscal year [line 31]		
<b>Total Taxes Payable [to line 3]</b>		<b>24</b>

**CUMULATIVE TAX CREDIT ACCOUNT**

Balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year		25
Imputed Interest		26
Calculation: Balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year [line 25]		
x Investment Allowance rate		
Net Current Proceeds Tax Paid [line 14]		27
<b>Subtotal B [sum of lines 25 to 27]</b>		<b>28</b>
Deduct the lesser of Net Revenue Tax [line 17] and Subtotal B [line 28]	( )	29
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>30</b>

**EARNED DEPLETION BASE ACCOUNT**

Balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year		31
Deduct amount claimed as a tax credit in the current fiscal year [line 23]	( )	32
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>33</b>



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**NET CURRENT PROCEEDS CALCULATION**

*Net Current Proceeds = the amount by which Gross Revenue [line 52] exceeds Total Current Operating Costs [line 64]. This amount must not be less than zero.*

<b>Net Current Proceeds</b> [to page 2, line 12]	43
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**GROSS REVENUE CALCULATION**

Value of mineral product sold	44
Other current operating cost recoveries	48
Reclamation recovery [page 5, line 149]	49
Other	49a
Exemption for individuals [page 1, line 1 x \$50,000]	51
<b>Gross Revenue</b> [to page 4, line 105]	52

**CURRENT OPERATING COSTS CALCULATION**

Refining and treatment	53
Marketing and distribution	54
Postproduction development costs	55
Mining	56
Milling	57
General site services	58
Non-capital reclamation cost transfer	59
Minesite general and administrative	60
Change in cost of mineral product inventory:	
Opening Inventory	
Less ending Inventory ( )	62
Head office administrative costs	63
Other	63a
<i>(attach schedule for detail)</i>	
<b>Total Current Operating Costs</b> [to page 4, line 118]	64

**RECONCILIATION WITH NET EARNINGS**

Net earnings / (loss) per financial statements	65
Additions:	
Income tax expense	66
Lease/rental expense	67
Reclamation expense added to the Reclamation Cost Account	68
Royalties	69
Business interruption insurance premiums	70
Expense provisions credited to reserves	71
Net realizable value of opening inventory less cost	72
Unrelated overhead	73
Cost of purchased product sold	75
Unrelated cost of sales	76
Costs of financing and arranging financing	77
Interest expense	78
Provisions for depreciation or depletion	79
Exploration expense	80
Costs of incorporation, organization or reorganization	81
Writedown of asset values	82
Other	84
<i>(attach schedule for detail)</i>	
<b>Subtotal</b> [sum of lines 65 to 84]	88
Deductions:	
Non-capital reclamation cost transfer [page 5, line 144]	89
Costs charged to reserves on financial statements	90
Net realizable value of closing inventory less cost	91
Mine revenue from the sale of purchased product	92
Net gains/(losses) on disposal of assets	93
Hedging gains/(losses)	94
Unrelated sales revenue	95
Interest income	96
Dividend income	97
Other	100
<i>(attach schedule for detail)</i>	
<b>Net Mineral Tax earnings/(loss)</b> [line 88, minus lines 89 to 100] [should equal line 52 minus line 64]	104



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**NET REVENUE CALCULATION**

Gross Revenue [page 3, line 52]		105
Grants, subsidies and other assistance in respect of capital assets		106
Insurance proceeds in respect of capital assets		107
Revenue in the nature of capital asset cost recovery		108
Proceeds on disposal of capital assets		109
Deemed disposition proceeds for assets taken out of use at the mine		110
	<b>Subtotal C [sum of lines 105 to 110]</b>	111
Deduct Cumulative Expenditure claim - the lesser of Subtotal E [line 127] and Subtotal C [line 111]		112
<b>Net Revenue [to page 2, line 15]</b>		113

**CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

Balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year		114
Adjustments (specify) _____		115
Pre-production Discovery Costs		116
Development costs prior to commercial production		117
New mine allowance [new mine expenditures × 1/3]		117a
Total Current Operating Costs [page 3, line 64]		118
Net increase / (decrease) in inventories:		
Closing mineral product inventory at cost	_____	
Closing supplies inventory at cost	_____	
Opening mineral product inventory at cost	( _____ )	
Opening supplies inventory at cost	( _____ )	
Payments on leases and rentals		119
Cost of capital assets purchased		120
Exploration cost allocation [complete Election to Allocate Exploration Expenses]		121
Research costs		122
Reclamation Cost Transfer [page 5, line 146]		123
	<b>Subtotal D [sum of line 114 to 124]</b>	124
Investment Allowance [line 135]		125
	<b>Subtotal E [line 125 plus line 126]</b>	126
Deduct amount claimed on line 112		127
<b>Ending Balance</b>	( _____ )	128
		129

**INVESTMENT ALLOWANCE CALCULATION**

Cumulative Expenditure Account balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year [line 114 plus line 115]		130
Add the excess, if any, of Subtotal D [line 125] over Subtotal C [line 111]		131
	<b>Total [line 130 plus line 131]</b>	132
Cumulative Expenditure Account average balance [line 132 divided by 2]		133
Investment Allowance Rate		134
<b>Investment Allowance [line 133 × line 134; to line 126]</b>	x                      %	135



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**RECLAMATION COSTS and RECLAMATION TAX CREDITS**
**RECLAMATION COST ACCOUNT**

Balance of the Reclamation Cost Account at the end of the preceding fiscal year	136
<b>Additions:</b>	
Reclamation fund contributions incurred before January 8, 1998	137
Non-capital reclamation costs incurred before January 8, 1998	138
Costs of assets for reclamation purposes incurred before January 8, 1998	139
Amount elected to be added under s. 5(1) of the Reclamation Regulation <i>[complete Reclamation Cost Election Schedule]</i>	139a
<b>Subtotal G</b> <i>[sum of lines 136 to 139a]</i>	140
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Reclamation fund refunds received or receivable	141
Reclamation cost recoveries	142
Amount used in respect of tax credit claimed in the preceding period <i>[credit claimed divided by the Net Revenue Tax rate]</i>	143
Non-capital reclamation cost transfer to reduce Net Current Proceeds <i>[amount elected under s. 4(1) of the Reclamation Regulation; may not exceed the sum of line 137 and line 138; to page 3, line 89]</i>	144
<b>Subtotal H</b> <i>[sum of lines 141 to 144]</i>	145
Reclamation cost transfer to the Cumulative Expenditure Account <i>[to page 4, line 124]</i> <i>[amount elected under s. 4(1) of the Reclamation Regulation - complete Reclamation Cost Transfer Schedule]</i>	146
<b>Subtotal I</b> <i>[line 145 plus line 146]</i>	147
<b>Ending Balance</b> <i>[the amount, if any, by which subtotal G exceeds subtotal I; to page 5, line 38]</i>	148
<b>Reclamation Recovery</b> <i>[the amount, if any, by which subtotal I exceeds subtotal G; to page 3, line 49]</i>	149

**RECLAMATION TAX CREDIT ACCOUNT**

Balance of the account at the end of the preceding fiscal year	34
Deduct reclamation tax credit claim of the preceding fiscal year	35
Add Net Revenue Tax payable <i>[page 2, line 19]</i>	36
<b>Ending Balance</b> <i>[to page 5, line 41]</i>	37

**RECLAMATION TAX CREDIT CLAIM CALCULATION**

(i) Reclamation Cost Account ending balance <i>[line 148]</i>	38
Net Revenue Tax rate	39
Amount of Reclamation Cost Account creditable <i>[line 38 × line 39]</i>	40
(ii) Reclamation Tax Credit Account ending balance <i>[line 37]</i>	41
<b>Reclamation Tax Credit Claim</b> <i>[claim an amount up to the lesser of line 40 and 41; to page 2, line 4]</i>	42

SCHEDULE C

MINERAL TAX ACT

Ministry of Provincial Revenue



PLACER GOLD MINE MINERAL TAX RETURN

(for use only by Placer Gold Mine Operators for calendar years after 1998)

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CALENDAR YEAR					FILE NO.	
Proportionate Share of the Mine Reported on this Return					_____ %	601
NAME OF MINE			LOCATION OF MINE			
NAME OF OPERATOR						
ADDRESS OF OPERATOR						

PERSON TO WHOM INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS RETURN SHOULD BE DIRECTED

Name _____	Telephone Number ( ) _____	Fax Number ( ) _____
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INVENTORY RECONCILIATION

	Gold		Other Placer Minerals (Specify Unit of Measure)	
	OZ.	602		607
Inventory at beginning of year				
Add : Placer minerals produced during the year		603		608
<b>Subtotal</b>		604		609
Less: Placer minerals sold during the year	( )	605	( )	610
Inventory at end of year	OZ.	606		611

CALCULATION OF MINERAL TAX

Sales of placer gold during the year	\$	621
Sales of other placer minerals during the year		622
<b>Subtotal [sum of lines 621 &amp; 622]</b>		623
Tax Rate 0.5%	x 0.005	624
<b>Mineral Tax Payable [line 623 x line 624]</b>		625
Deduct: Amounts previously remitted for the year	( )	626
Other credits (specify) _____	( )	627
<b>Balance of Tax Payable/(Overpaid) [sum of lines 625 to 627]</b>		628
Add late filing penalty [ \$25/day to a maximum of \$2,500 plus 5% of unpaid tax on line 628 ]		629
<b>Amount Payable/(Overpaid)</b>	\$	630
Do you want overpayment <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/> Credited to another year		
[Overpayments will be credited to the following year unless refund box checked]	<b>Remittance with this Return</b>	\$ 631

CERTIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that this return, including statements and any accompanying schedules, has been examined by me and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, reflects the results from the operation of the mine for the above calendar year and is in conformity with the provisions of the *Mineral Tax Act*.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Signature) (Title)

DELIVERY

Please submit the completed return together with financial statements for the mine and a cheque payable to the Minister of Finance in payment of any balance owing by March 31<sup>st</sup> following the end of the calendar year to:

Commissioner, Mineral Tax Act  
PO Box 9328 Stn Prov Gov't  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9N3

**HAVE YOU INCLUDED:**  
 Financial Statements  
 Cheque for balance owing

Facsimile 250 952-0191 Telephone 250 952-0192 or 1-800 667-1182

SCHEDULE D



**MINERAL TAX ACT**  
**QUARRY MINERAL TAX RETURN**

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(for use only by Quarry Operators for calendar years after 2000)

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CALENDAR YEAR	FILE NO.
NAME OF OPERATOR	
ADDRESS OF OPERATOR	

**PERSON TO WHOM INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS RETURN SHOULD BE DIRECTED**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**QUARRY PRODUCTION**

QUARRY NAME	LOCATION	TYPE OF QUARRY MATERIALS PRODUCED	OPERATOR'S SHARE OF PRODUCTION	TONNES PRODUCED
			%	
			%	
			%	
			%	
			%	
			<b>TOTAL TONNES</b>	

**CALCULATION OF MINERAL TAX**

Total Tonnes produced during the calendar year (enter total tonnes from above)	701
Deduct: Production Exemption (Max of 25,000 tonnes per operator, max. 25,000 tonnes per quarry regardless of the # of operators)	( ) 702
Deduct: Moisture Exemption (Applicable only to materials with excessive moisture content as pre-approved by the Commissioner)	( ) 704
<b>Subtotal</b>	705
Tax Rate \$ 0.15 per tonne	x \$ 0.15 706
<b>Mineral Tax Payable [ line 705 x line 706 ]</b>	\$ 707
Deduct: Payments /Other credits (if any, please specify) _____	( ) 708
<b>Balance of Tax Payable/(Overpaid)</b>	709
Add late filing penalty [ \$25/day to a maximum of \$2,500 plus 5% of unpaid tax on line 709 ]	710
<b>Amount Payable/(Overpaid), rounded to the nearest dollar</b>	\$ 711
Do you want overpayment <input type="checkbox"/> refunded <input type="checkbox"/> credited to another year <small>[Overpayments will be credited to the following year unless refund box checked]</small>	<b>Remittance with this Return</b> \$ 712

**CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that this return, including statements and any accompanying schedules, has been examined by me and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, reflects the results from the operation of the quarry(s) for the above calendar year and is in conformity with the provisions of the *Mineral Tax Act*.

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Title) \_\_\_\_\_

**DELIVERY**

Please submit the completed return together with financial statements for the quarry(s) and a cheque payable to the Minister of Finance in payment of any balance owing by March 31<sup>st</sup> following the end of the calendar year to:

**Commissioner, Mineral Tax Act**  
 PO Box 9328 Stn Prov Gov't  
 Victoria, B.C. V8W 9N3  
 Facsimile 250 952-0191

**HAVE YOU INCLUDED:**  
 Financial Statements  
 Cheque for balance owing

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SCHEDULE E



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**MINERAL TAX ACT**  
**EXPLORATION ACCOUNT RETURN**

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FISCAL YEAR OF OPERATOR	FROM	D	M	Y	TO	D	M	Y	FILE NO.
NAME OF OPERATOR									
ADDRESS OF OPERATOR									

**MINES OPERATED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR OF THE OPERATOR**

Mine Name	Fiscal year end of the Mine		
	D	M	Y

**EXPLORATION ACCOUNT**

Exploration Account Balance at the end of operator's preceding fiscal year		501
Add/(subtract)		
Exploration expenditures		502
Exploration grants and subsidies	(            )	503
Proceeds on disposal of assets	(            )	504
Other forms of assistance		
Subtotal A	(            )	505
Less allocations to mines during the fiscal year of the operator:		
	(            )	506
	(            )	507
	(            )	508
	(            )	509
Subtotal B	(            )	510
		511
Investment Allowance [line 519]		512
Ending Balance		513

**INVESTMENT ALLOWANCE CALCULATION**

Beginning Balance [line 501]		514
Subtotal B [line 511]		515
Total [line 514 plus 515]		516
Average balance [line 516 divided by 2]		517
Investment Allowance rate		518
Investment Allowance [line 518 x 517: to line 512]		519

**CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge is in conformity with the provisions of the Mineral Tax Act.

(Date)

(Signature)

(Title)

**PERSON TO WHOM INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS RETURN SHOULD BE DIRECTED**

Name

Telephone Number

Address

Fax Number

**DELIVERY**

This completed return must be delivered by the last day of the sixth month following the end of the fiscal year of the operator to:

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