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Subject Arsenic Suppression - Interim Report

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(a) Wash Thickener Overflow Arsenic Treatment

Test 10	lbs. As. per day		lbs. As. per day
Dorrco W.T.O'Flow	63.6	Calcine Residue repulped	5.3
Mill W.T. O'Flow	29.3	with Calcine Barren	
H.C.D. W.T.O'Flow	153.9		

The test was carried out to confirm extrapolations of tests 6 & 8, a moderate change in the arsenic balance is noted above.

lb. per ton Lime	% Reduction in Arsenic	lb. Arsenic Remaining
Nil	20.3	193.0
1	72.9	65.6
2	87.6	29.9
3	96.2	9.1
7½	98.5	3.6

(b) H.C.D. Residue Treatment

Test 10 & 11

H.C.D. Residue pulp	52.5	lb. As. per day	Test 10
	44.9	lb. As. per day	Test 11

Test work to date indicates that straight lime additions to the H.C.D. Residue had no constructive effect on reducing the Arsenic in Solution.

The addition of a small quantity of iron, as 10% Ferric Sulphate - 5% Sulphuric Acid solution, followed by lime removed the arsenic from solution. Much larger quantities are required before dissolution of the solids appears inhibited, and the arsenic suppressed.

The problems of the wash thickener overflow arsenic is mainly one of working with a precipitate from a solution, settling and aging the precipitate before pumping to tailings.

With H.C.D. Residue pulp however the basic problem is in treating the solids and not in just treating the solution. Further work is being carried out on this and the dilution problems.

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