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Company Discovers Gold Near Old Ashland Mine

ASHLAND — A Canadian firm says it has discovered millions of dollars worth of gold in the hills near here which was apparently overlooked by early-day prospectors.

Genex Resources Inc., of Vancouver, B.C. says the site is located on the old Barron Mine about 10 miles southeast of Ashland.

The firm, which has purchased the right to reopen the historic mine, believes there is about \$50 million in gold still in the mine and the adjacent 4,000 acres.

The property, including the mine, is owned by rancher Joe Dauenhauer.

Engineering studies indicate the mine contains ore worth more than \$2 million, according to firm president Michael Rosa.

Engineering reports show there are 12,057 tons of ore reserves blocked out and accessible from existing workings, Rosa said, adding that the ore represents only 4 percent of the known potential of the area.

The old mine structure consists of a fissure vein system

running northwest-southeast for about 5,000 feet along the strike, according to the firm's report. In fact, the structure may extend for about five miles to the northwest, the report says.

The site was last worked commercially in 1934.

Geologists will begin soil sampling on the property in about two weeks in an effort to locate nearby undiscovered gold ore reserves, Rosa said.

Before the mine could be operated, it would first have to obtain the necessary permits. The mine could employ as many as 50 to 100 people if it begins operating fulltime, Rosa estimated.

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Gold mines draw interest near Ashland

ASHLAND—A Vancouver B.C., firm has announced it has obtained rights to mine an estimated \$50 million worth of gold from an area in the Siskiyou Mountains about 10 miles southeast of Ashland.

Michael Rosa, president of Genex Resources, says engineering studies have revealed more than \$2 million in ore reserves readily accessible from the existing Barron Mine.

The company has rights to the existing mines plus 4,000 adjacent acres, all owned by Ashland rancher Joe Dauenhauer. Rosa says geologists think the entire area has a potential ore value of about \$50 million.

He says the firm plans to employ 15 to 20 people initially. However, the project could eventually mean as many as 50 to 100 jobs in the area, according to Rosa.

Rosa says the operation would be an open pit mine.