

2.0. APPLICANT INFORMATION

2.1 Claims, Surface and Millsite Lease Information

The True North Project area and overall exploration areas are located in portions of Sections 1-2, 4, and 12-13, T2N, R1W, Fairbanks Meridian; Sections 3-9, T2N, R1E, Fairbanks Meridian; Sections 24-26, 28, 32-33, and 35-36, T3N, R1W, Fairbanks Meridian; Sections 10-12, 15-17, 19-21, 23, and 26-35, T3N, R1E, Fairbanks Meridian; and Sections 7, and 18-19, T3N, R2E, Fairbanks Meridian.

The True North Project area consists of a mixture of 388 state claims, 65.5 acres of federal patented land owned by Kinross, 401.2 acres of federal patented land under lease, and 4.68 acres of private real estate under lease. FGMI has applied for a Millsite Lease (Figure 2-1) for development within a portion of the True North Project area. More specifically, the True North Project Millsite Lease (ADL #416509) is located in portions of Sections 21, 27, 28, 29, 32 & 33, T3N, R1E, Fairbanks Meridian. The area within the Millsite Lease covers 2,096 acres with 79 state mining claims. The locations of the lease boundary and underlying claims are illustrated on Figure 2-2.

2.2 Corporation Officer Completing Application

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2.4 Corporate Information

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Vice President: Robert W. Schafer
Vice President: Thomas E. Irwin
Treasurer: Brian W. Penny
Secretary: Shelley M. Riley

Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc., a

Nevada corporation that in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kinross Gold Corporation a precious metals corporation with the principal operating office at Scotia Plaza, 57th Floor; 40 King Street West; Toronto, Ontario M5H 3Y2; CANADA.

2.5 Alaska Registered Agent

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2.6 Corporate Guaranty and Reclamation Bonding

Kinross Gold Corporation shall provide a Corporate Guaranty in addition to the reclamation bond that shall cover the total closure costs for closure and reclamation of the True North Project.

3.0. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

3.1. General

The True North Project is located 25 miles northeast of Fairbanks, on the northwest flank of Pedro Dome. Historic access to the True North Project is via the Steese Highway to Cleary Summit, then 6.5 miles via a gravel road skirting the south side of Pedro Dome. The new access/haul road begins approximately 0.5 miles south of the Cleary Summit and follows a new road alignment along the north side of Pedro Dome.

The True North Project operation will involve an open-pit mine and related facilities to maintain equipment and personnel. Operational designs are based on estimated reserves for the True North "Hindenburg" and "East" pits of 7.2 million tons, averaging 0.063 oz/t. FGMI exploration crews continue drilling to further define mineralization in the area. Kinross is optimistic that additional development will proceed as exploration drilling confirms additional reserves. The mine will operate year-around with conventional open pit mining averaging 30,000 tons per day, at a 2:1 strip ration with an average of 82.4% recovery, and producing approximately 180,000 ounces of gold annually. Approximately 10,000 tons of ore per day will be trucked to the Fort Knox mill for processing. Mining of the Hindenburg and East pits are projected to begin in the fourth quarter of 2000 and continue for approximately 2.5 to 3 years. The mine will

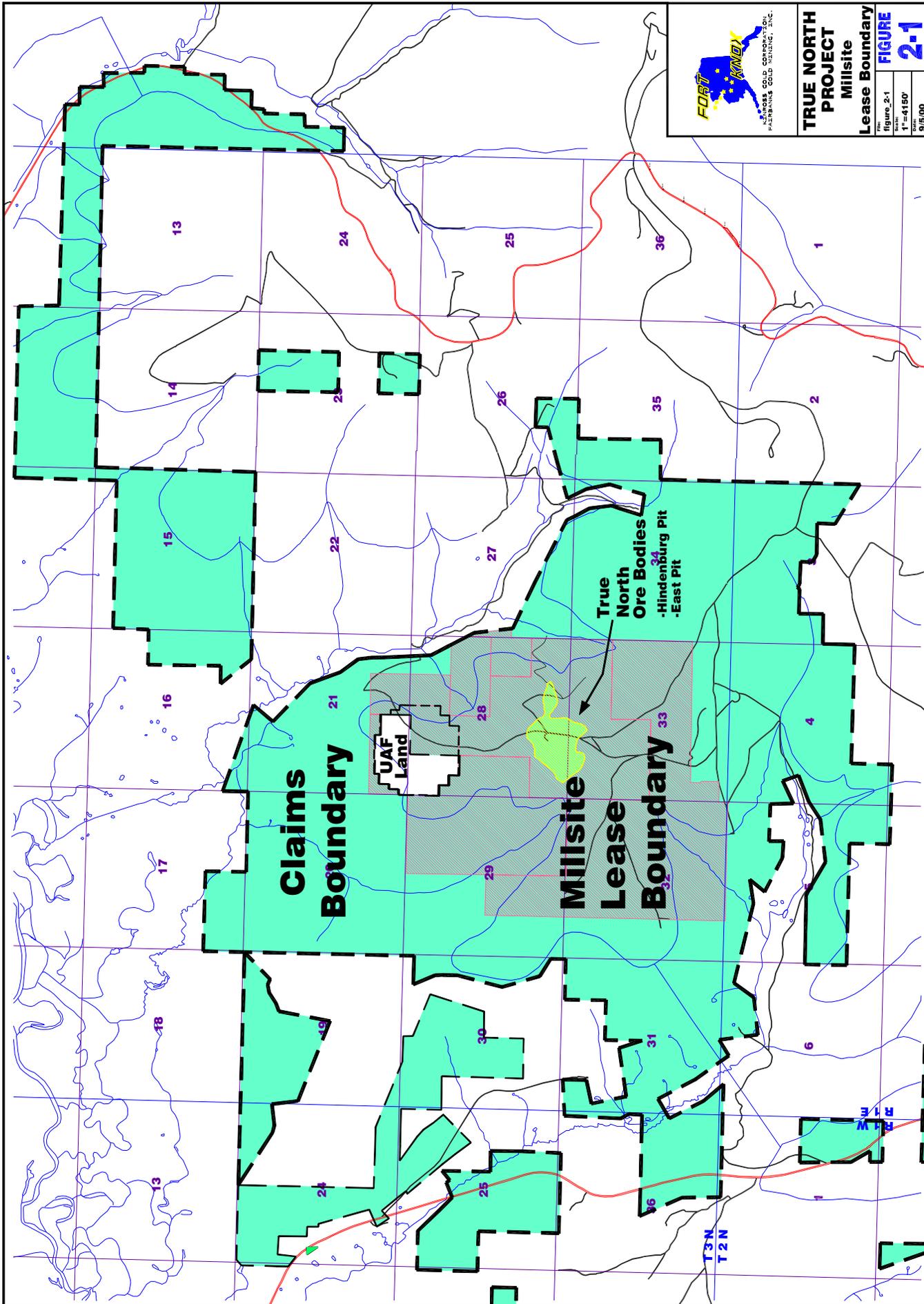


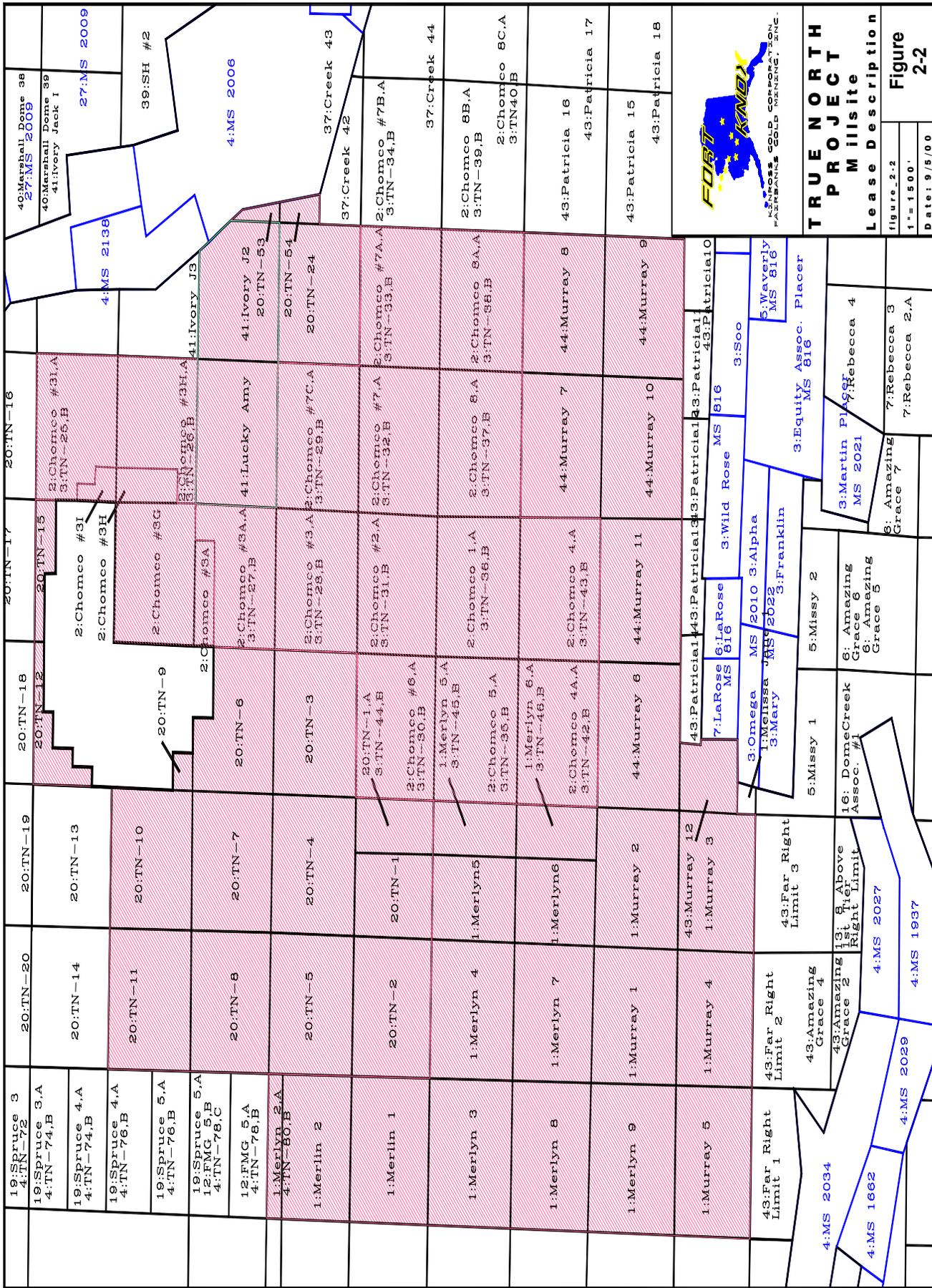
TRUE NORTH PROJECT
Millsite

Lease Boundary

FIGURE 2-1

FIGURE 2-1
SCALE: 1"=4150'
DATE: 9/5/00





TRUE NORTH PROJECT
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Lease Description

Figure 2.2
 1" = 1500'
 Date: 9/5/00

Figure 2-2

employ 100 to 110 workers in two shifts, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. There are no living accommodations at the project site. Grid power follows an alignment close to the access/haul road (approximately 3-miles) supplied by Golden Valley Electric Association; 480-volt, 3-phase power; will be established.

3.2. Surface Disturbances

3.2.1. Placer and Other Mining Disturbances as of July 1999

Prior to construction of the proposed True North Project mine facilities, placer, exploration, and other mining activities have disturbed approximately 68 acres within the True North Project area. This acreage (68 acres) does not include areas encompassed by trails, historic ditches, cabin sites, and small-localized disturbances. Some of these previously disturbed areas are located where the Hindenburg pit, East pit, and development rock dumps are planned.

3.2.2 Areas and Acreage of Disturbance

Table 1 lists the proposed disturbance on state land within the Millsite Lease area throughout the projected True North Project mine life. The areas of potential disturbance are identified in Figure 3-1.

Table 1.
Approximate Areas and Acreage of Disturbance by Project Component

<u>Project Components</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Wetlands Acres Only</u>
Open Pits	67.21	34.69
Development Rock Dumps & Growth Medium Stockpiles	108.72	
Ore Stockpile	1.82	
Maintenance Complex	7.95	0.04
Blasting Supplies Storage	5.25	
Mine Site Roads	53.75	31.07
Subtotals	244.70	65.80
<u>Access/Haul Roads</u>	<u>69.00</u>	<u>12.00</u>
Totals	313.70	77.80

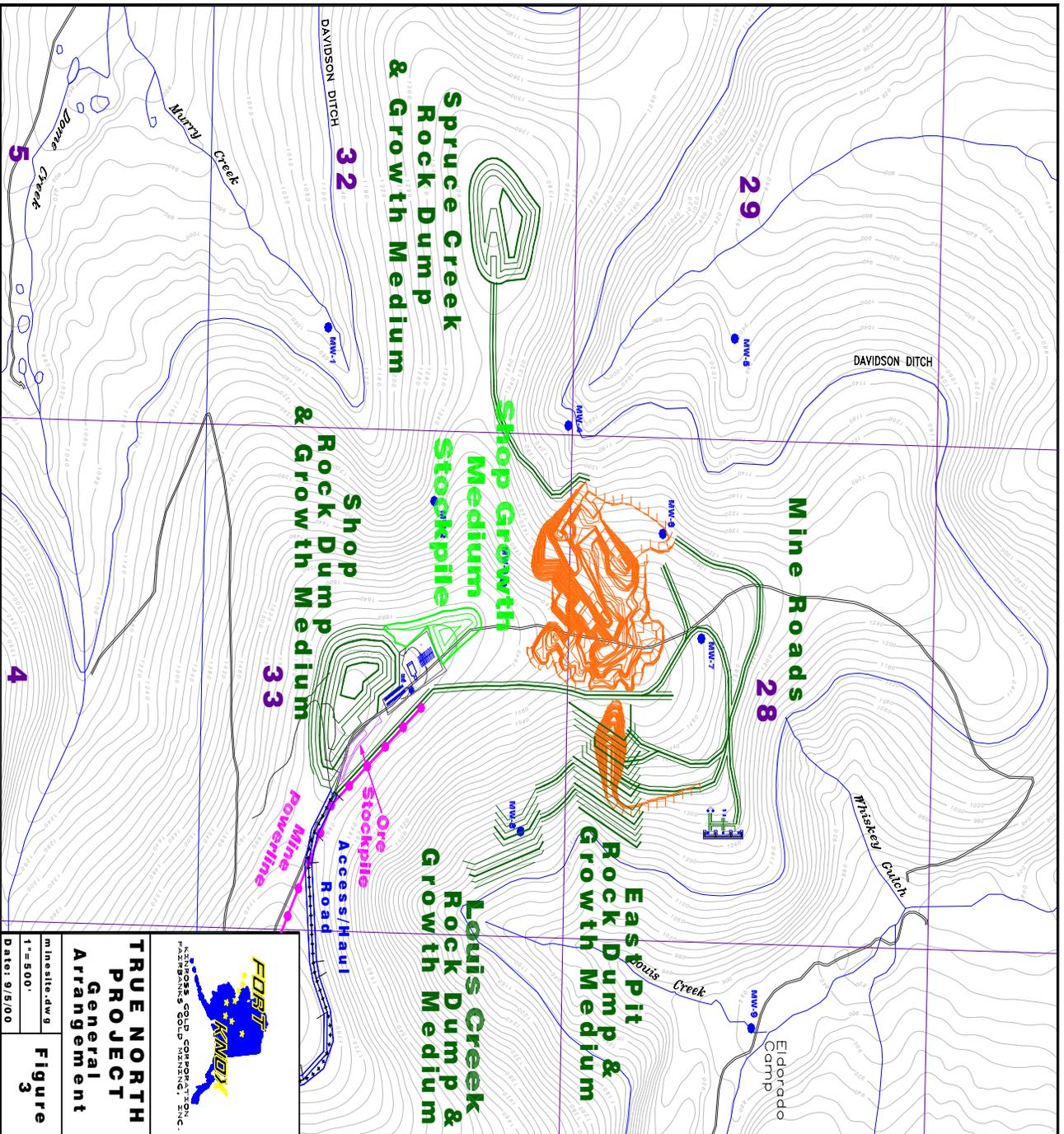


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