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NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

PRODUCT STATUS

	SALES					January
	Plan Tons	Jan Tons	% Plan	YTD Tons	% Plan	Tons Produced
High Purity	350	268	77	268	77	712
Pigment	67	30	45	30	45	0
Resin Grade 1	58	47	81	47	81	0
Resin Grade 2	16	13	81	13	81	23
Standard	588	815	139	815	139	664
Drilling Mud	175	153	87	153	87	0
Export	235	252	107	252	107	
Total	1,489	1,451	97	1,451	97	1,399

SALES ORDER DEPT.

There were 105 orders placed and 98 invoices prepared. The dollar value of sales was down somewhat due to product mix.

OPERATIONS

The plant operated two shifts, five days in all circuits during the 20 operating days in January. Ore usage figures were adjusted to reflect actual consumption from the current stockpile.

Cost savings effected by month's end included reduction of the hourly work force by 6 persons and the salary force by 3 persons. At present there are no plans to replace the 14 person reduction completed since December 27, 1970.

MAINTENANCE

Exposed water lines were frozen during a period of unusually cold weather.

Thermal shock apparently loosened the front "tire" on the Rotolouvre Dryer. Repairs were made before any major damage occurred.

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MAINTENANCE - continued

A new vertical sump pump was installed in the secondary cyclone area. This will improve clean up and result in a small amount of increased product recover.

SAFETY/IRD

Three men went for medical treatment during January. 1. A wind blown particle in the eye. 2. Back pain from lifting a 10# bag of product. 3. Back pain from lifting a pump.

Mr. John Riddle is now in the Niagara Engineering group, and Mr. F. H. Larrison has assumed his duties at King City.

MINING DEPARTMENT

For the most part, January rains and snow precluded work in the pit area. The two hourly employees worked at the mill dozing stockpiles and working with the maintenance and production crews.

The D-8 Caterpillar was transported from the mine to the mill and is used to doze ore and tailings. The machine will be returned to the mine in time for the Spring work program.

Electrical and hydraulic repair work on the Michigan loader is completed. One recapped tire is on hand and a new tire will be ordered in February. These will replace two badly-worn tires on the front wheels; the back tires were new in 1970.

Some work on the annual claim post inspection program was done in late January. This is chargeable to assessment work, and is required by California law.

The study of ore haulage by an independent trucker at PUC rates VS UCC trucks and drivers is completed. Possible savings to be gained by operating our own trucks seem impressive, however, the pitfalls and unknowns of getting into the trucking business must be analysed as carefully as possible. If a decision to proceed is forthcoming, ore haulage should begin in March.

An examination of the merits of opening a brand new pit VS continued stripping of the existing mine is about completed. Mr. John Maroney has assisted in this analysis, which presently indicates that another pit should not be started at this time.

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