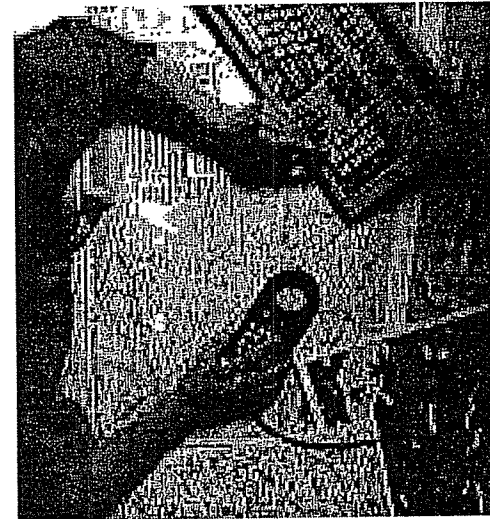


# Timber and Gravel Appraisals

- Introduction
  - Olympic Resource Management, Vancouver
  - Appraisal Experience
- Timber and Gravel
  - 1 Resource Inventory
  - 2 Valuation
  - 3 Current Issues



- Timber Inventory
  - Review of Available Information
  - Preliminary Assessment and Planning
  - Timber Cruise
    - Cruising Standards
      - Inventory > 250 ha
      - Cutblock 1 - 250 ha
      - Single tree
    - Level of Risk
    - Forest Cover Stratification



- Cruise Plan
  - Number of sample plots / location
  - Logistics (access) and approvals
- Field Work
  - Data collection
- Mapping and Data Compilation
  - Merch. volume by species and grade



## – Operable Timber Volumes

- Net Downs for Environmental Protection
  - Crown Lands - Forest Practices Code
  - Private Lands - Private Land Forest Practices Regulations
  - Real Estate - Tree buffers and retention patches.

- Net Downs for Inaccessible and Uneconomic Areas
  - Physical access
  - Volume & quality timber vs. costs of extraction
- Development Plan
  - Road locations / cutblocks / harvesting systems
  - Harvesting sequence



- Timber Valuation

- Stumpage Appraisal Methodology

- 1 Rothery System - smaller parcels,

- 2 DCF & Comparable Sales - large timberland areas.

- Rothery Formula:

	Average Market Value of the Logs
Less	<u>Logging &amp; Transportation Costs</u>
Equals	Conversion Return (Value to Owner)
Less	<u>Profit &amp; Risk Allowance</u>
Equals	Stumpage Value

Usually valued on per cubic meter basis (\$/m<sup>3</sup>).

- Log Prices

- Domestic Coast: Vancouver Log Market
    - Interior: Local sawmills

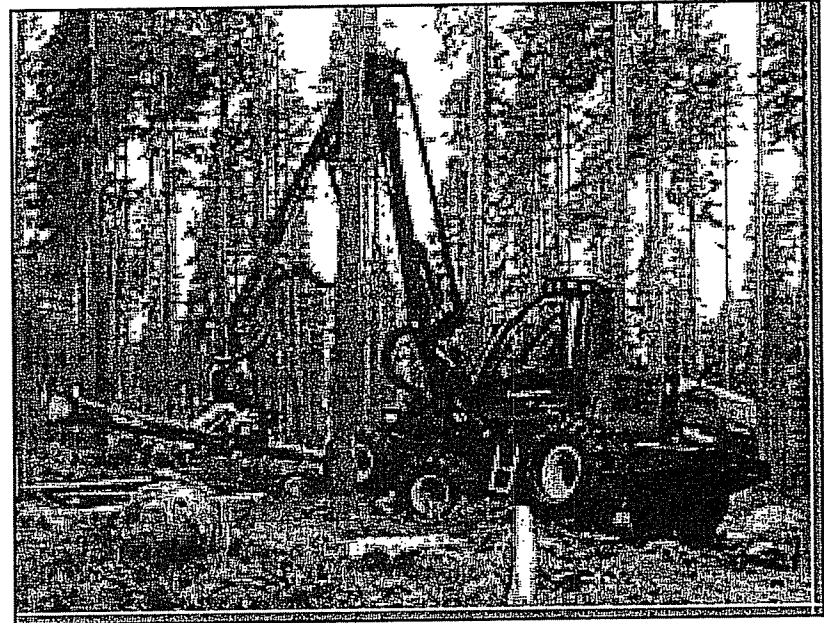
- Export Coast: Japan and the US-PNW.

Interior: NE Wash. & N. Idaho.

- Log Export Regulations - private lands
  - Provincial logs - lands granted after 12/03/1906.
  - Federal logs - lands granted on or prior to 12/03/1906.

## – Logging Costs

- Direct costs by phase:
  - roads
  - tree-to-truck
  - transportation
  - silviculture
  - admin. & O/H



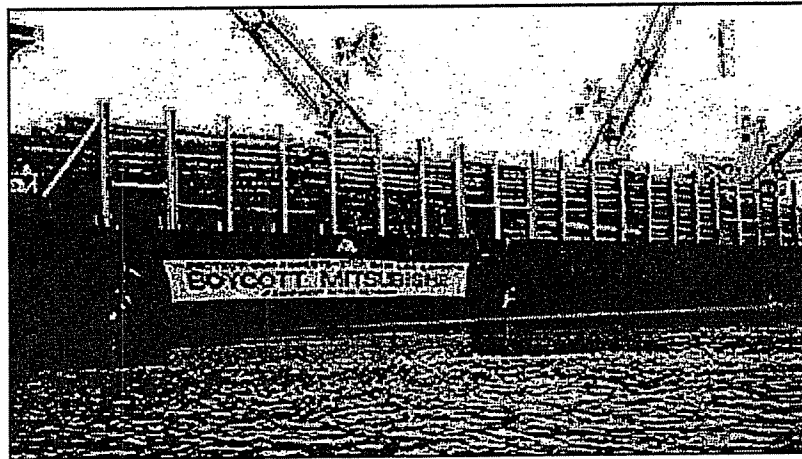
## – Profit & Risk Allowance: Splitting the Conversion Return

- Conglomerate of Items
  - income taxes, property and severance taxes;
  - carrying costs and return on invested capital;
  - allowances for noninsurable risk and entrepreneurial profit.
- Subjectively determined because of market forces.
  - Overturn method: P&R as a % of the Logging Costs
  - Profit ratio:  $P\&R / (\text{Logging costs} + \text{Stumpage})$

## – Total Timber Value Value

- Unit value -  $\$/m^3$  by timber type, map areas by value.
- Reasonableness checks - comparable sales

- Timber Appraisal - Current Issues
  - Log Exports and Export Regulations

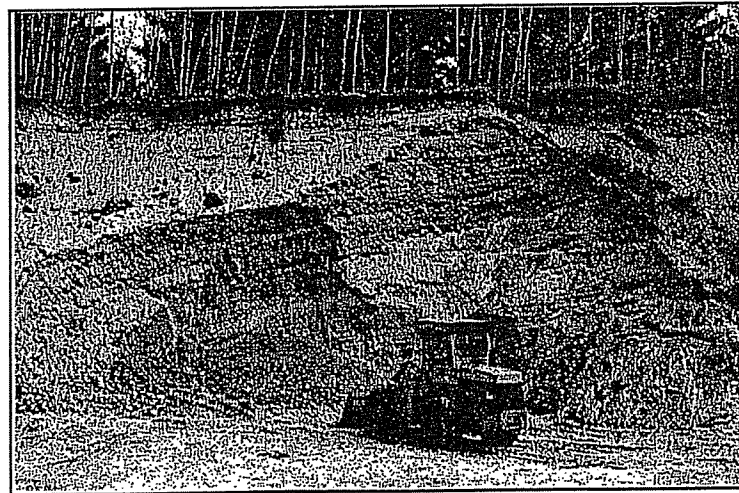


- Timber as a Land Component or Stand Alone Interest
  - Timber Value Plus Land Value = Total Value
  - (Timber + Land) x Discount Factor = Total Value
  - Timber = Total Value
  - Immature Timber / Nonmerchantable or Marginal Timber



- Gravel

- High Vol / Low Margin Industry, Highly Competitive
- Transport Costs Limit Sales to Local Pits (50 - 80 km)
  - Exception - barge transportation
- Long-term Price Trend is Flat (real \$)
- Local Shortages
  - Supply - land use regulations / reclamation costs
  - Demand - fluctuates with major construction projects



# • Gravel Inventory

## – Material

- Glacial outwash - fluvial action
- Sorting of sediments
  - Boulders & cobbles: > 75 mm (3 in)
  - Gravel: 4.75 mm - 75 mm
  - Sand: 0.075 mm - 4.75 mm
  - Fines: < 0.075 mm
- Ideal ratio 50:50 sand and gravel with less than 5% fines
- Production aggregate: sand and gravel with > 30% gravel
- Fill aggregate: sand and gravel with < 30% gravel
- Viability of a pit is often restricted by the high sand content.
- Lower mainland aggregate market / contractor price list



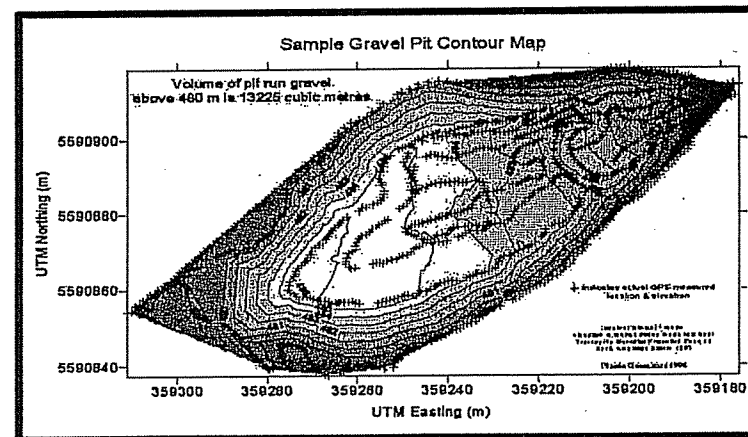
Product	Market	Price \$/tn
Sand	20%	5 - 7
Shot Rock / Rip Rap	15%	6 - 13
Bulk Fill	15%	7 - 8
Road Gravels	30%	7 - 10
Premium Aggregate	20%	14 - 38

## – Consulting Engineer

- Location, Size and Quality of the Reserves
  - Prism Volume - areas by depth (stratified)
    - » Drill holes / test pits / seismic refractory surveys
  - Waste and Overburden
  - Sieve Tests - gravel/sand/fines
  - Compaction & Conversion Factors
    - » Mined by volume - marketed by weight
  - Quality - durability and piece shape

- Extraction Plan

- Accessibility
- Economics
- Regulations



# • Gravel Valuation

## – Methodology

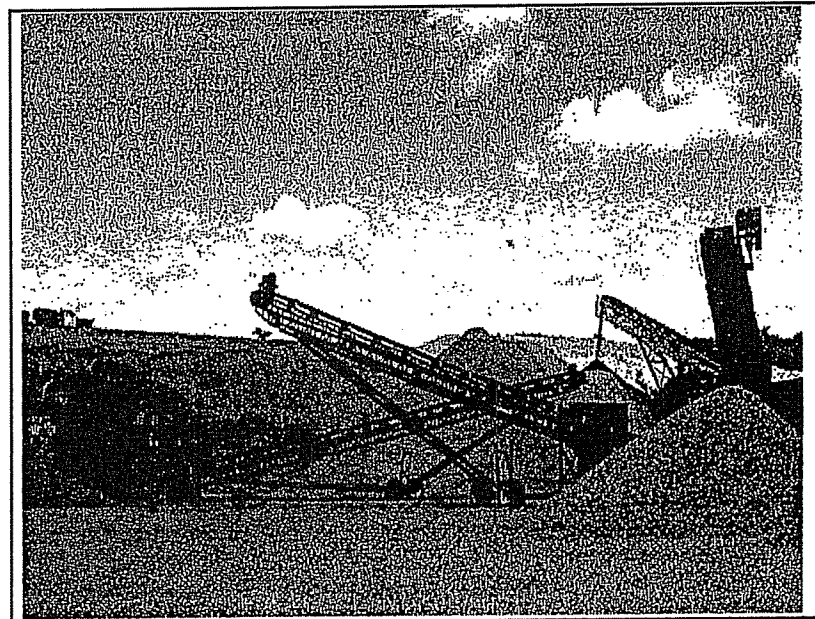
- 1 Property Owner - NPV of Cash Flow from Royalties.
- 2 Pit Operator - NPV of the Operations.

## – Royalty Rates

- Range: \$0.35 - \$2.50/tonne
- Land Rental

## – Operating Profits, e.g.

Composite Price \$/tn	12.50
Volume Discount - 10%	<u>1.25</u>
Net Price	11.25
Production Costs:	
Pit Operation	5.20
Transportation (barge)	2.55
Administration & O/H	<u>0.50</u>
Total Production Costs	<u>8.25</u>
Operating Profit	3.00



## – Projections

- Production growth
- Increasing rates / land rental / prices / costs
- Time horizon
  - pit depletion or terminal value
- Income Taxes
  - capital cost allowances
  - non-manufacturing / manufacturing tax rates
- Discount Rate
  - theory: WACC
  - practise: riskless rate + risk premium
- Gravel Issues
  - Land Use Planning / Component Values