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MEMORANDUMASSISTANCE - STANHOPE COLLIERY

The recent Diamond Drilling campaign carried out by the proprietors of the Stanhope Colliery has suggested the presence of an area of coal which should prove to be capable of economic mining.

The reserves in the present workings of the company may be regarded as being exhausted and unless a new area is soon available the mine must close.

The new area proved by boring is situated about a mile distant from the old workings. A total of 21 Diamond Drill holes have been completed of which seven have proved the continuation of the coal seam. Their plotted position suggests a probable area of coal in excess of 5 acres. This area should guarantee a productive life of six to seven years.

Their efforts therefore appear to be worthy of some assistance.

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