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## *Mining and Exploration*

### **Michael's Interest in Minerals and Geology**

When I was 7 years of age and in grade 3, my teacher, a Mrs. Oliver, had one day brought her mineral collection to class. After seating us in a semi-circle on the floor Mrs. Oliver carefully raised and described each of her minerals to the class. I was totally engrossed and mesmerized by the wonderful colors of each specimen and wondered if I could find similar stones on my way back home after school. Sure enough, a serious search of the footpath from school to my nearby home, as well as a garden search, amounted to a rather dull collection of small stones devoid of those wonderful colors I had seen earlier. I nevertheless kept these stones and a family friend helped me name them albeit with not many different names, since most were all composed of quartz.

With time, I built up my mineral collection from specimens I found during family picnics, camping trips, and a variety of different sources, culminating in a collection that became my pride and joy and a path that would lead me to my career. Indeed, Mrs. Oliver's mineral collection turned out to be the beginning of an adventure into the realm of geology, my employment as a geologist for many years, and the creation of my business called Medusa Geo-Consulting, since Medusa's eye is what I need now to "turn stone into profit".

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*"Turning Stone into Profit"*