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1. The Dutch granted the legal right of exploitation of the gold mines located at Tjikotok and Bajah in the Bantam Residency, and at Djampang in the Sukabumi Residency to the Dutch-Jewish firm, Mijnbouw Maatschappij "Zuid Bantam" (B_2) on a leasehold of 75 years.

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- 2. Erdmann & Sielcken, Parapattan No. 54, Patavia Centrum act as managers for Mijnbouw Maatschappij "Zuid Bantam" (B-2). The managing directors of Erdmann & Sielcken are H. Fechner and K. Bauserman, (B-2), both German-Jews by birth and naturalized Dutch. M. Tauw, a Dutch-Jew, is also associated with this firm.
- 3. The estimated production at Tjikotok and Bajah is 25 to 28 grams of gold per ton of earth, and at Djampang, less than 5 grams of gold per ton of earth.
- 4. Bajah was exploited to a great extent by the Japanese in 1943-45. Approximately 75 kilograms of gold were extracted. The Japanese used forced Indonesian labor to construct a spur realized connecting Bajah with the trunk line to Labuan, at Saketi, in southern Bantam.
- 5. In this volcanic, hilly region where there are rich gold deposits the natives are so lazy that those working these deposits are forced to use laborers from other areas.

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Comment. For other information concerning the gold mines in the Bantam Residency see

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