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HIDDEN VALLEY MINE

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Mr. L. J. Rosenblum
Hidden Valley Tungsten Mine
2705 Dudley Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Rosenblum:

Reference is made to letter of May 15, 1956, to you from Mr. R. V. Halliday, U. S. Bureau of Mines, transmitting for our attention a copy of your letter of May 14, 1956, asking that the Bureau of Mines core drill your tungsten property located in the Old Woman's Mountains, Denby, San Bernardino County, California.

Through the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, the United States Government grants assistance to individuals, corporations, or other legal entities for the exploration of strategic minerals within the United States, its territories or possessions, on a participating basis as set forth in the attached DMEA General Amended. Certain sections of the order are explained more fully in the "Questions & Answers" booklet included herewith.

In the case of authorized tungsten projects, the Government will participate in the approved exploration work to the extent of 75 percent, the money to be repaid from income on future production.

If you wish to submit an application for an exploration project, you should complete in detail and submit to us four of the enclosed copies of Form DF-103. For any advice required in preparing the application, it is suggested that you communicate with Mr. Douglas Fisher, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II, 1605 Evans Avenue, Reno, Nevada.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

W. S. Martin, Chief
Iron and Ferro-Alloys Division

Enclosures

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cc: R. V. Halliday, USBM
Thor Kiilsgaard, USGS
Field Team, Region 2

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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May 14, 1956

U. S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Mines
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In 1942 we received an R.F.C. loan on our tungsten property located in the Old Womans Mountains, Danby, Calif. San Bernardino Co.

We shipped to U.S.Vanadium, Salt Lake City and to the Govt. stock pile at Parker, Ariz. At that time the price was $24.00 per unit.

The mineralization is one and one half miles long by approximately 250 feet wide with large Schelite veins running through it. Also byproducts of Lithium and a showing of Uranium.

There has been about $100,000.00 worth of Schelite taken from outcropings, on top. We have never sunk on the property.

Later we built a small mill at Danby, on the railroad and near water. We have been working the property off and on until a flash flood washed out parts of our road and stoped us.

Mining engineers have told us it is one of the best potential properties in the country and now we are asking the U.S.Bureau of Mines to core drill and help us prove it for debth.

Awaiting your early reply if this request is possable and if so kindly forward necessary forms.

Very truly yours,

/s/

L. J. Rouchleau

Hidden Value Tungsten Mine
2700 Budlong Avenue
Los Angeles, California

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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May 15, 1956

Mr. L. J. Rouchleau
Hidden Value Tungsten Mine
2700 Budlong Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Rouchleau:

This is in reply to your letter of April 24 concerning your tungsten property in San Bernardino County, California.

The Bureau is limited in the work it can undertake because of financial considerations, shortage of personnel and the possibility of conflict with interests of private enterprise. I am sure, however, that the Acting Regional Director, Region II, Bureau of Mines, 420 Custom House, 555 Battery Street, San Francisco 11, California, will be interested in obtaining information relative to your operations and I am forwarding a copy of your letter to them.

You do not state, specifically, the type of assistance you would require but I am also forwarding a copy of your letter to the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration. I believe they will communicate with you directly.

If I can be of further service do not hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Holliday, Commodity Specialist
Branch of Ferrous Metals &
Ferroalloys

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Copy to: Branch of Ferrous Metals (2)
Division of Minerals
Acting Regional Director, Region II, San Francisco 11, Calif.
Chief, Iron & Ferroalloys Division
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1605 Evans Avenue
Reno, Nevada

August 30, 1955

L. J. Rouchleau
Hidden Value Tungsten Mine
2700 Budlong Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Rouchleau:

In response to your request of August 24, 1955, we are enclosing the booklet entitled "The Defense Minerals Exploration Program", DMEA Order 1 Amended, and one set of Application for Aid forms, MF-103.

We believe these documents will explain the DMEA program to you, however, if any questions arise, we will be pleased to help you.

You will note that the DMEA program pertains solely to exploration and not operating or development financing.

Very truly yours,

S. Ricker
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II

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HIDDEN VALUE TUNGSTEN MINE

L. J. ROUCHLEAU
MANAGER
M. RICHARDSON
CO-PARTNER

LOS ANGELES, CAL. Aug.24,1955

HOME OFFICE
2700 BUDLONG AVE.
TELEPHONE
ROCHESTER 5486

ANSWER TO	NOTED	DATE
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Mr.S.Ricker,Exec.Officier
Defence Minerals Exploration Adm.
V.E.M.A. Team - Region 11
U.S.Bureau of Mines
1605 Evans Ave.
Reno,Nevada

Dear Mr.Ricker:

We have been mining defence minerals(tungsten) on a limited basis,and perioicaly due to limited finances for several years,and the records will show consideral amount of concentrates have been shipped.(As well as ore)

So far the ore has come from out crops and surface lenses and the mine is located at a 4000 altitude,the ore being sent down to truck over a three quarter mile long,gig back tram,.

The road to loading bin is not over our property as originaly intended when government loan was granted in 1942,due to the fact tungsten was badly needed for war effort,so instead of using the money for exploration and development work we mined as soon as possable and used a tempor road on opposite side of mountain,and not over our property.

And now due to a major cloud burst our road is completely washed out in several places,the expence of repair is beyond our means,and any more mining is impossible until we receive assistance.

We were down and had a talk with Mr.Hughes of the Small Buisness Assistance Adm. and he advised us to write you asking for data and forms to negotate an exploration loan. Mr.Hughes is well advised in regard to our property from the time it was discovered.

We have a small mill,eighteen miles from the mine,at Danby Calif. and the last few years have been able to make our own concentrates,there is an eight hundred ton tailings pile that will run ½ per cent or better and now we are asking assistance to do necessary road work and tunneling on the ore.

Awaiting your early reply we wieh to remain yoursvery truly,

L. J. Rouchleau

L.J.Rouchleau

Mr. Ricker

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 16, 1951

Copy to Bailey Yost

Mr. L. J. Rouchleau
Hidden Value Tungsten Mine
2700 Budlong Avenue
Los Angeles, California

In reply please refer to:
DMA-123

Dear Mr. Rouchleau:

We have finally reviewed your application for a loan of $26,860 to produce tungsten from the Hidden Value claims in San Bernardino County, California. Other proposals for production expansion have received prior consideration because of their greater relative importance.

The data that you submitted does not indicate precisely how the money requested will aid production. Our information about the ore occurrences suggests that they are small but of high grade. Therefore, the principal objective should be to dig them out as fast and cheaply as possible, preferably by open cut methods. Your request for $5,000 to purchase a crane and clam shell bucket for use in building roads hardly seems necessary at present. The aerial tramway should suffice to move ore from the No. 4 claim to the present road, without additional road work.

Past experience with gravity concentration of scheelite has shown that it is difficult to make high recoveries. Therefore, it is very doubtful if you can expect your present plant to recover 90 percent of the scheelite. It probably would prove more economical to ship ore to Salt Lake City or Bishop, to plants that are capable of recovering 70 to 90 percent.

Was the RFC loan of $20,000, made in 1943, ever repaid? If not, does RFC have a lien on the property and equipment?

The records that you submit show that the production from the Hidden Value claims in 1943-44 was 252 tons containing 582 units of WO_3. The gross value of this ore was substantially less than the $40,000 which you give as past production.

Do you plan to operate the Section 9 mine in conjunction with the Hidden Value?

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DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

What security can you offer for a loan, and how do you propose to repay the loan?

Considering the small past production of this property, at high cost, we cannot approve an unsecured loan of $26,800 for further development. However, if you care to answer the above questions, and scale-down your needs to essentials for immediate production of ore, we might consider your application for an exploration loan in which you would pay 25 percent and the Government 75 percent toward the cost of exploration work to determine if you have a workable deposit.

Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon
Director, Supply Division

Enclosure

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 13, 1951

Memorandum

To: Administrative Management Division

From: Tungsten Branch

Subject: DMA-123
Hidden Value Tungsten Mine
San Bernardino County, California

L. J. Rouchleau, Mgr.
2700 Budlong Avenue
Los Angeles, California

The application calls for an expenditure of $26,860 (Government share $20,145) to produce tungsten ore. It is denied on the following grounds:

The request does not indicate just how the money will aid production.

The plan to purchase certain equipment does not seem to be warranted.

A former loan from R. F. C. apparently has not been repaid.

Past production of the property was small and at high cost.

The applicant has been informed of exploration features of the DMA program so that he may apply for an exploration loan if he so desires.

George B. Holderer
Chief, Tungsten Branch

Attachment

Approved:

Director, Supply Division