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REVIEW OF APPLICATION DMEA-2736 (mica)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: R. E. Van Alstine, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant: Charles Cooper, Alabama-Georgia Mica Company, Mountain Creek, Alabama.
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cc: Director's read. file 4212
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. Dmea-2736
Metal or Mineral
Date Received 10-13-52
Estimated Cost
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Name of applicant.*—(*a*) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address: Charles Cooper and Ife Pearl Cooper, doing business as Alabama-Georgia Mica Co., of Mountain Creek, Ala.

(*b*) If other than an individual, add to your name above whether a corporation, partnership, etc., and the name of the State in which incorporated or otherwise organized.

(*c*) If a corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers.

(*d*) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners. Partners as stated above

2. *General.*—Read DMEA Order 1, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects," before completing this application. Submit this application and all accompanying papers in quadruplicate (four copies), with your name and address on each sheet of the application and on all accompanying papers. Where sufficient space is not provided on the form for all required information, state it on an accompanying paper, with a reference in each case to the instruction to which it refers by number. Comply with all applicable instructions; or, if not applicable, so state. File the application with Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest field executive officer thereof.

3. *Applicant's property rights.*—(*a*) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract We expect to operate upon leases located in East Ala. and West Ga. Area of about 15,000 square miles

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known. Several old mines also new mines

(*c*) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise Lessee

(*d*) If you are not the owner, submit with this application a copy of the lease, contract, or other document under which you control the property. Will secure leases later

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it Do not own the mica property

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(*a*) *Independent contracts.*—(Note.—If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "none" after this item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract-work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

(*b*) *Labor, supervision, consultants.*—Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

(*c*) *Operating materials and supplies.*—Furnish an itemized list, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each, and power, water and fuel.

(*d*) *Operating equipment.*—Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

(*e*) *Rehabilitation and repairs.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

(*f*) *New buildings, improvements, installations.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

(*g*) *Miscellaneous.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of the Operator's equipment), analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

(*h*) *Contingencies.*—Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

NOTE.—No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

7. (*a*) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)?

(*b*) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

☒ Money ☐ Use of equipment owned by you ☐ Other

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, whether as an individual, corporate officer, partner, or otherwise, both in his own behalf and acting for the applicant, certifies that the information set forth in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Dated 10/9/1952, 195

Alabama - Georgia Mica Co

(Applicant)

By Chas. Cooper Gen. Mgr.

By Pearl Cooper Sec. Treas.

Ken. Creek, Ala.

Title 18, U. S. Code (Crimes), Section 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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Supplementary data furnished by the
Alabama-Georgia Mica Co., of
Mountain Creek, Ala.

Dated 10/9/52

Item No, 1 Our motive and purpose in operating under the firm name of Ala-Ga. Mica Co., is because of the fact that in taking leases on mica mine on a royalty basis, the property owners would be like John L. Lewis' gang -- They Would want to " Peep-in all of the time.
I will buy the mica myself, and will sell it to the Ala-Ga. Mica Co., This plan has in the past proved very satisfactory. No " Peeping In"

,,No . 2 We expect to take leases on property and equip each mine with necessary tools and equipment, including a mica house and scrap mica bin.
We will maintain Workemens Compensation insurance.
Will work the mines by day labor or on a contract tonage basis.

,, ,, 3 We will establish a central mica warehouse and sheeting depot, this will be located in East Ala.

,, 4 We will deposit $10.000.00 in the Peoples Saving Bank, of Clanton, Ala. and $10,000.00 in the First National Bank of Clanton, Ala.
We will use one account for exploration, the other for the purchase of mica.

,, 5 My wife and I will run the business .

Elm. Creek, Ala.

Oct. 8th 1933

Financial Statement of Chas. Cooper and
wife Pearl Cooper of this date written above.
Assets

Cash on hand and in Bank U.S. Government bonds,
Improved realestate, notes receivable .Personal property

Total $31.000.00

Liabilities

Of this date None .

Submitted by
Chas. Cooper & Wife Pearl Cooper, doing
business as Ala-Ga. Elm Co.,

Chas. Cooper, General Mgr.

Pearl Cooper, Sec. & Treas.

Ref.
Peoples Saving Bank, Clanton, Ala.

New York Casualty Co, Lee McGriff Agent,
1st Nat. Bank Bldg. Birmingham, Ala.

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To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-2736, Mica, Alabama-Georgia Mica Company of Mountain Creek, Alabama

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Your interest in the program to increase the supplies of domestic mica for National Defense is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Field Team, Region VII
Docket File
Mr. Dietrich, 3526
Mr. Norton, G-232 GSA Bldg.
Mr. Houk

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U. S. Dept. of the Interior,
Defense Minerals Exploration Adm.
Washington 25, D. C.
Gentlemen :-

Re.Docket. DMEA 2736 (Mica)
Ala.-Ga. Mica Co.,
East Ala. and West Ga.

We have yourbletter of the 17th inst with reference to assistance to us in the mica exploration program that we now have in mind to do.

Absolutely we did not understand your program as defined in this letter of date mentioned above.

We figured that you would take a chance with us up to ninety per cent of the cost of locating mica.

In the past it cost us from one hundred to one thousand dollars to locate a mine that would pay to work.

We have spent quite a lot of money on Dry Holes, and will likely spend more money on places that prove worthless.

No one can tell in advance that he will find a good mine, you have simply got to dig down and see.

So far no instruments have been made that will tell if there is mica under ground at some particular place.

If we have to spend our money locating the mines, then we would not need any of your money for the operation of the mines. Good mines will take care of themselves at the present prices of mica.

We usually prospect the property and if we decide a paying mine could be developed, we take a lease on the property on a royalty basis.

If you cannot travel along with us along the lines suggested above, we will have to travel alone.

We already know of some good prospects that we will spend some money on ourselves. However, if you can lend a a helping hand we can cover more territory.

Very truly yours

Alabama-Georgia Mica Co.,

By---[signature]---Gen. Mgr.

We never have went tothe trouble of fixing up leases until we find something that we want. We just get a permit to test the property.

We have never had any trouble of getting leases when we want a lease.

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

FEJohnson

OCT 17 1952

Mr. Charles Cooper
Alabama-Georgia Mica Company
Mountain Creek, Alabama

Re: Docket No. DMEA-2736 (Mica)
Alabama-Georgia Mica Company
Eastern Alabama & Western Georgia

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Reference is made to your application for Government assistance in exploring for mica in Eastern Alabama and Western Georgia.

A review of your application indicates that you probably are not fully informed regarding the exploration program of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration. This program is operated in conformance with criteria and regulations set forth in DMEA Order-1. You will note in Section 8 "Operator's property rights" of this Order, that the Operator (Applicant) must have control of the property to be explored. In your case it would be necessary for you to obtain leases for a term of ten years on the properties to be explored, and submit copies of the leases to this office for consideration. You will also note in Section 4 "Scope of application" of DMEA Order-1, that the exploration project must be fully described with detailed data and costs given for the exploration work.

Please find enclosed five copies of Form MF-103, Application for Aid in an Exploration Project, Pursuant to DMEA Order-1 under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, for your convenience in making an application on a specific mine or prospect. There are also enclosed a copy of DMEA Order-1 and a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Defense Minerals Exploration Program" for your use and guide in furnishing the required information. Your attention is called to Section 5(b), the work you propose, and Section 6, estimated cost of proposed work in the Form MF-103, which should be answered in detail.

In order for us to give further consideration to your application it will be necessary that we receive the information requested above. Upon receipt of this information we shall be pleased to give your application prompt attention.

LGHouk/FEJohnson/gad/bih
10/16/52 - Enclosures (7)
cc to: Docket
Admr's. Reading File
Operating Committee
Region VII (2)
Messrs. Thayer GSA Bldg. R-5216
Hedges R-4604
Houk
FEJohnson

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (fw)

Administrator

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Mr. Charles Cooper
Alabama-Georgia Mica Co.
Mountain Creek, Alabama

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2736 - Mica
Alabama-Georgia Mica Co.
Eastern Alabama and Western Georgia

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Receipt is acknowledged of your application for assistance for mica exploration in Eastern Alabama and Western Georgia.

Please note in Section 3 of DMEA Order-1, Operator's property rights.

"The Operator must have, preserve, and maintain a sufficient interest in the land, as owner, lessee, or otherwise, for the purposes of exploration project contract."

Note Section 4. Scope of application.

"Each application shall relate to and fully describe a single exploration project ..."

The Alabama-Georgia Mica Company must make individual applications for each specific mine or prospect after you have obtained an interest in the land. Your application, DMEA-2736, is herewith denied because it does not conform to the procedures and regulations set forth in DMEA Order-1 as noted above.

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Administrator

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October 13, 1952

Mr. Charles Cooper
Mountain Creek, Alabama

Subject: DMEA-2736
Re: Exploration Assistance

My dear Mr. Cooper:

The receipt of your application dated October 9, 1952 for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-2736 and referred to the Nonmetallic Minerals Division.

Kindly refer to DMEA-2736 in any future correspondence relating to your application.

Sincerely yours,

R. E. ADAMS

Robert E. Adams, Chief
Operation's Control and
Statistics Division

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N. B. We have already placed wanted to buy mica adds in four county weekly papers, also on local broadcasting station. Having results.

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Dmea-2736

Mountain Creek, Ala.
Oct. 9th 1952

U. S. Dept. of the Interior,
Defense Minerals Exploration Adminstration,
Washington 25, D. C.
Gentlemen :-

Recently Mr.Pallister, senior Geologist of Ala., came to our office and suggested that we get back into the mica mining business.

He stated that the government was very much in need of sheet mica at this time.

Mr. Pallister stated that the government would aid in the location of mica up to ninety per cent of the cost of locating mica.

The writer has had four years active experience in the mica mining and the preperation of mica for the market.

We ~~ax~~ were in the mica business from 1919 to 1923.

We operated in East Ala. and West Ga.

The mica belt of East Ala. & West Ga. embraces some fifteen thousand square miles of area.

During this four year period we shiped more sheet and scrap mica than has ever been shiped from this area.

The reason we quit the business was because the price of mica got so low we could not make any money in the business.

The price of sheet mica droped to .35cts per pound for 1½ x 2" to $3.00 per pound for 4" x 6" mica, Scrap mica droped to $13.50 per ton f.o.b our shiping point.

We did receive from $25.00 to $42.50 per ton for scrap mica.

The writer is quite familliar with the mica belt mentioned above.

We are willing to get back into the mica upon the terms suggested un your aid to miners.

We are willing to put up $2,000.00 cash along with your $18,000.00 and get busy.

We will take leases on mica mines and will finance the operation of same, will also buy mica from others.

We can begin immediately, we have our $2.000.00 so send yours on down.

Inclosed is financial statement.

If you require it we can furnish surety bond issued by the New York Casualty Co, of New York, N.Y. this should convince you that we will not waste anymoney.

We received our Doctor's degree in mica mining and the preparation of mica during the year 1922

Very truly yours
Ala-Ga. Mica Co.,
By Chas. Cooper Gen Mgr.
Chas. Cooper.

P. S.
Within a few days we expect to ship some mica to your depot in Spruce Pine, N. C.

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(Revised April 1952)

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(*d*) State the operating experience and background of the applicant with relation to the ability to carry out such exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

6. *Estimate of costs.*—Furnish a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed work (you will have to use a separate sheet), under the following headings. Add the totals under all headings to give the estimated total cost of the project:

(*a*) *Independent contracts.*—(Note.—If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "none" after this item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract-work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

(*b*) *Labor, supervision, consultants.*—Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

(*c*) *Operating materials and supplies.*—Furnish an itemized list, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each, and power, water and fuel.

(*d*) *Operating equipment.*—Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

(*e*) *Rehabilitation and repairs.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

(*f*) *New buildings, improvements, installations.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

(*g*) *Miscellaneous.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of the Operator's equipment), analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

(*h*) *Contingencies.*—Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

NOTE.—No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

7. (*a*) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)? yes

(*b*) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

☒ Money ☐ Use of equipment owned by you ☐ Other

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, whether as an individual, corporate officer, partner, or otherwise, both in his own behalf and acting for the applicant, certifies that the information set forth in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Dated 10/9/1952, 195

Alabama - Georgia Mica Co

(Applicant)

By Chas. Cooper Gen. Mgr.

By Pearl Cooper Sec. Treas.

Mtn. Creek, Ala.

Title 18, U. S. Code (Crimes), Section 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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Supplementary data furnished by the
Alabama-Georgia Mica Co., of
Mountain Creek, Ala.

Dated 10/9/52

Item No, 1 Our motive and purpose in operating under the firm name of Ala-Ga. Mica Co., is because of the fact that in taking leases on mica mine on a royalty basis, the property owners would be like John L. Lewis' gang -- They Would want to "Peep-in all of the time.
I will buy the mica myself, and will sell it to the Ala-Ga. Mica Co., This plan has in the past proved very satisfactory. No "Peeping In"

,,No . 2 We expect to take leases on property and equip each mine with necessary tools and equipment, including a mica house and scrap mica bin.
We will maintain Workemens Compensation insurance.
Will work the mines by day labor or on a contract tonage basis.

,, ,, 3 We will establish a central mica warehouse and sheeting depot, this will be located in East Ala.

,, 4 We will deposit $10.000.00 in the Peoples Saving Bank, of Clanton, Ala. and $10,000.00 in the First National Bank of Clanton, Ala.
We will use one account for exploration, the other for the purchase of mica.

,, 5 My wife and I will run the business .

Mtn. Creek, Ala.

Oct. 9th 1952

Financial Statement of Chas. Cooper and wife Pearl Cooper of this date written above.

Assetts

Cash on hand and in Bank U.S. Government bonds, Improved realestate, notes receivable ,personal property

Total $61.000.00

Liabilities

Of this date None .

Submitted by
Chas. Cooper & Wife Pearl Cooper, doing business as Ala-Ga. Mica Co.,

Chas, Cooper, General Mgr.

Pearl Cooper, Sec. & Treas.

Ref. Peoples Savings Bank, Clanton, Ala.

New York Casualty Co., Lee McGriff Agent, First Nat. Bank Bldg, Birmingham, Ala.

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

Room 1, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

October 7, 1952

Mr. Charles Cooper
Empire Construction Co.
Mountain Creek, Alabama

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Your letter of September 27 to U. S. Bureau of Mines Pittsburgh, Pa., and referred to Dr. Hewitt Wilson, Regional Director, Region VII, has been sent to this office for reply.

The Government is not interested in scrap mica, but will pay up to $70 a pound for certain grades and sizes of sheet mica. Full information on the sale of mica to the Government may be had by writing to:

Regional Director,
General Services Administration
50 Whitehall St. SW.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

The Government buying depot for this area is located at Spruce Pine, N. C.

Mr. Pallister was right in stating that the Government might advance 90 percent of the cost of finding the mica. There are enclosed the following:

1 - copy DMEA Order 1 "Regulations pertaining to Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects."
1 - copy of Questions and Answers pertaining thereto.
5 - copies of MF-103, "Application Form."

If after reading the regulations and the Questions and Answers, you feel that you can meet the criteria set forth in Section 6 of DMEA Order 1, and wish to take advantage of this aid, fill out the application forms as completely as possible and send 4 copies to United States Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

If we can be any any further service to you, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Yours very truly,

Wm A Beck

Wm. A. Beck