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DENVER, COLO.

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Memorandum

To: Reports and Records Unit, DMA

From: Chief, Industrial Minerals Branch, DMA

Subject: DMA-244 - American Asbestos Cement Corp.
York, Pennsylvania
Commodity: Asbestos

We have been advised by subject company that their application is being withdrawn, therefore, we are returning our entire file.

1. Form NSRB-146
2. Letter from applicant dated 12/21/50 forwarding application.
3. Forms NSRB 140, Exhibits A,B,C,D,E,F and supplemental information, and 1 form NSRB 140 only.
4. Letters from applicant dated Jan. 8, 1950, January 26, 1951.
5. Letter from Region IV dated 2/6/51
   Letter from GSA dated Jan. 8, 1951
   Copy of letter to Region IV dated Jan. 5, 1951.

James A. Barr, Sr.

Approved:

Tom Lyon
Director, Supply Division

JABARR:mp
9-12-51
cc: Field Team, Region IV (2)
DMA Docket File
Mr. Lyon
Mr. Barr

Mining Division
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Denver, Colorado

L.A. Stewart

Sept. 5, 1951

LaMar G. Evans
THRU: J.B. Clemmer

Microscopic examination of a pseudo-cubic mineral from the American Asbestos Cement Corp., Gila County, Arizona. (DMA-244)

Microscopic examination of this sample shows that it is a limestone in which vienlets of pseudocubic crystals of antigorite occur. Chemical analysis on a hand-picked concentrate of these crystals gave the following results: SiO_2- 41.3, Mgo - 39.9, FeO - 1.4, CaO - 0.4, ignition loss 13.5 and H_2O loss at 110 - 1.3 percent.

LaMar G. Evans

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cc: WRStorms
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J.T.S.

22h New Customhouse
Denver 2, Colorado

July 3, 1951

Mr. A. F. Shride
American Asbestos Cement Corporation
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Shride:

We have a letter from Mr. Tom Lyons, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee, relative to the American Asbestos Cement Corporation, DMA Docket 24. Mr. Lyons states that he forwarded you a copy of this letter direct in order to save time.

Please route your reply through Mr. Koschmann and the Field Team for transmittal to Washington.

Please return the attached carbon copy of Mr. Lyon's letter.

Yours very truly,

J. H. East, Jr.

A. H. Koschmann

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
P.O. Box 4126, University Station
Tucson, Arizona

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U.S. Geological Survey
Mineral Deposits Branch
Denver

July 2, 1951

Memorandum

To: DMA Field Team, Region IV
Through: Mr. A. H. Koschmann

From: A. F. Shride

Subject: Mr. Lyon's Letter of June 28, 1951 Regarding Technical Advisor for DMA-244, American Asbestos Cement Corp. Project

Mr. Ammon R. Smith has informed me that he intends to employ a competent geologist to oversee the exploration program proposed under Docket DMA-244. He had been assured by friends in the Canadian asbestos industry that he could "borrow" one of their men. However, this has not worked out. Smith is now looking for a geologist in the southwest. He will probably have considerable difficulty finding a man. Smith has tried during the past month to hire a man prior to receiving Government assistance.

I believe that Smith is sincerely trying to find a man, and will follow the advice of the man he hires. Therefore, I would recommend that a relatively small sum for geologic reconnaissance be approved, and that a drilling program be authorized if the geologic reconnaissance warrants it. If Smith cannot hire competent technical advice, the project will not be started and Government funds will not be spent.

With reference to my confidential letter concerning competence, it should be noted that Gammache apparently is now completely out of the American Asbestos Cement Corporation organization.

I am sending a copy of this memorandum directly to Mr. Lyons to save time.

A. F. Shride

A. F. Shride, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

I concur with the above statements and recommendation as the Bureau of Mines member of the examining team.

Lincoln A. Stewart

Lincoln A. Stewart
Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

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June 28, 1951
Docket: DMA-244
American Asbestos Cement Corporation

Mr. Shride's memo of June 18 regarding the competence of operators.

Mr. J. H. East, Jr.
Executive Officer, DMA Field Team
Region IV
224 New Customhouse
Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Mr. East:

We would appreciate it if Mr. Shride would carry through on this matter to find out from Mr. Smith if he intends to get a competent technical advisor to oversee the exploration program that he proposes. If he does, then we would like to have a specific recommendation from Mr. Shride as to what the decision of the Defense Minerals Administration should be in this case. If Mr. Smith has no plans for getting competent guidance, the DMA should not approve his proposal.

To save time, we are sending a copy of this memorandum directly to Mr. Shride.

Very truly yours,

Sam Lyon
Chairman
Coordinating Committee

Approved:

Lowell B. Moon
for the Bureau of Mines

Edwin T. McKnight
for the Geological Survey

JME

224 New Customhouse
Denver, Colorado

June 21, 1951

Memorandum

To: Landon Strobel, Executive Secretary, Defense Minerals Administration

From: DMA Field Team, Region IV

Subject: DMA Docket 244, American Asbestos Cement Corp., Gila County, Arizona

We are attaching the report of the field geologists and engineers on the American Asbestos Cement Corporation, Docket DMA 244. We also attach three copies of a confidential letter.

The field team recommends that no funds be granted this company until competent technical supervision is provided and that any exploration funds granted be in two steps: (1) a relatively small sum for geologic reconnaissance by a competent geologist; and (2) a larger drilling program be authorized if the geologic reconnaissance appears to warrant it.

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copy to DMA files
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Allsman
Anderson
Storms

J. H. East, Jr.

A. H. Koschmann

Attachments
One copy by air mail
Two copies by regular mail
Original brochure
Confidential letter, dated June 14, 1951 (filed in Mr. East's desk)

Mining Division
Region IV

June 18, 1951

Memorandum

To: DMA Field Team, Region IV

From: Chief, Mining Division

Subject: DMA Docket 244 (10931), American Asbestos Cement Corp., Gila County, Ariz.

The Summary, Conclusions and Recommendations and Engineer's Report on the above project has been reviewed. I concur with the examiner's recommendations Stage 1 and Stage 2 under Alternate II, which would provide approximately $7,000 for reconnaissance and detailed geologic mapping. I also agree that Stage 3, Alternate II should be dependent upon the other work and should follow, provided it is determined that it has merit.

There are a number of items that I disagree with in the exploration program as follows:

1. The arrangement for rental of diamond drill equipment is too high and probably can be done much cheaper on a footage contract.

2. Two shifts should be used on the diamond drill to save equipment.

3. It is unlikely that the bulldozer will be required full time for 18 months. 3 months probably would be adequate.

4. The wagon drill idea should be abandoned as it requires too much additional equipment, manpower and housing. The 8,000 feet probably can be diamond drilled in 18 months on 2 shifts.

Based upon Bureau of Mines experience and using one core drill 2 shifts a day, it is my estimate that costs should be about as follows:

8,000 feet	18 months		
Core drilling	18 months @	$2,500	$45,000
Bulldozing	3 months @	$2,600	7,800
Trucking	18 months @	$500	9,000
Housing			10,000

Equipment	$1,500
Administration and geological - 18 months @ $1,700	30,600
Total	$[illegible]

Cost per foot, including geology would be $13, which is still allowing a lot for contingencies and bad ground.

I recommend that a contract on a matching fund basis be entered for $107,000, of which $7,000 is for reconnaissance and geologic mapping, before any exploration is started and that the $100,000 be made available with an understanding with the applicant that it is contingent upon results of the mapping and may be withdrawn entirely or in part if at any time it becomes evident that further exploration is futile.

P. T. Allaman

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BUREAU OF MINES
MINING DIVISION
REGION IV

Arizona-New Mexico Branch
[redacted]
Box 4097
UNIVERSITY STATION

TUCSON, ARIZONA

April 13, 1951

Memorandum

To : Paul T. Allsman, Denver, Colorado

From : Chief, Arizona-New Mexico Br., Mining Div., Region IV

Subject : DMA Docket 244, American Asbestos Cement Corp., Gila County, Ariz.

As the above docket is going to be a very "hot potato", I am going to use Morris Elsing, our consulting mining engineer, to help Stewart on costs, etc., as soon as Mr. Elsing completes his reports on DMA Dockets 21-50 and 494. I hope we have enough money to pay Elsing's salary.

Stewart and Shride returned from American Asbestos this afternoon and the docket seems to be a mixed up mess. They (Stewart and Shride) will send you an informal report next week regarding it.

Walter R. Storms

Walter R. Storms

CC P. T. Allsman
L. A. Stewart
DMA 244
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TUCSON, ARIZONA

Mining Division
Date Rec'd.
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BUREAU OF MINES
Denver, Colorado

March 21, 1951

Memorandum

To : Paul T. Allsman, Denver, Colorado

From : Chief, Arizona-New Mexico Br., Mining Div., Region IV

Subject : DMA Docket 244 - American Asbestos Corp., Gila County, Ariz.

Mr. George Hill, Phoenix attorney for the above company, phoned me this morning and asked if we could postpone our trip to their asbestos property as they wanted to drill a few more core holes. We finally agreed on the date of April 9 for our examination (Stewart and Shride will go). Our prior date had been March 26.

This memorandum is for the record should Gammache again want to know why we haven't visited the property.

Walter R. Storms

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CC J. H. East, Jr.
C. A. Anderson
P. T. Allsman
DMA-244
DF

March 21, 1951

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
REGION IV
MAR 26 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

February 6, 1951

Memorandum

To: J. H. Hedges, Operating Committee, DMA

From: Regional Director, Region IV

Subject: American Asbestos Cement Corporation, DMA Docket 244

Confirming our telephone conversation in which you stated that the Vice President of the above company, Mr. Gamachi, requested quicker action on the part of the FieldTeam on the examination of their property.

I called Tucson and Mr. L. A.Stuart advised me that George Hill, the attorney for the company, called him on the night of January 31 and advised him that the principals of the company had decided they did not have sufficient showing to warrant an examination at this time. He also stated that the company is to drill additional holes at company expense and the cores will be saved for inspection by the DMA engineers and geologists.

If there is to be any change in the instructions regarding this examination, please advise.

J. H. East

J. H. East, Jr.

JHE/cl
cc-DMA files
Allsman
Storms
Koschmann

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I believe you have this info.

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Arizona-New Mexico Branch
[redacted]
Box 4097
University Station

MINING DIVISION
Region IV

Tucson, Arizona
February 1, 1951

Mining Division
Date Rec'd.
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BUREAU OF MINES
Denver, Colorado

Memorandum

To : Paul T. Allsman, Denver, Colorado PTA

From : Chief, Arizona-New Mexico Br., Mining Div., Region IV

Subject : Arizona Asbestos Cement Co., DMA Docket No. 244

Attached is copy of a memorandum from Stewart regarding the above DMA Docket. Hill called while I was in Silver City.

Walter R. Storms
Walter R. Storms

CC DMA
DF

DMA Docket 244
PTA

February 1, 1951

Memorandum

To : Walter R. Storms, Tucson, Arizona

From : Lincoln A. Stewart, Tucson, Arizona

Subject : Arizona Asbestos Cement Co., DMA Docket No. 24A

Geo. Hill, attorney for the Arizona Asbestos Cement Corp. phoned me from Phoenix at 8.30 p.m. last evening. The gist of his remarks was about as follows:

His clients, the above company had just gotten in touch with him; realizing that their application might be turned down by examining engineers and geologists owing to present insufficient ore showings, they are entering into a contract with Jay Co. at their own expense to diamond drill some of the probable ore extensions; to inform the U.S.B.M. to pigeon-hole their application for the present and to delay an examination until later notification.

I suggested that they drill AX or preferably larger size, and keep a careful log of the holes and mark and hold core, as it would be an important factor in any forthcoming examination. Hill said this would be done, and that he thought they would drill 4" size, but I think he probably is wrong on that size, but if true, should give a good core recovery in the serpentine fiber zone.

LINCOLN A. STEWART

CC P. T. Allsman
C. A. Anderson
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224 NEW CUSTOMHOUSE
DENVER 2, COLORADO

January 12, 1951

Memorandum

To: W. R. Storms, Tucson, Arizona

From: Regional Director, Region IV

Subject: DMA 244 - American Asbestos Corporation

We are forwarding you the application of the American Asbestos Corporation, DMA-244.

Please arrange with Chas. Anderson to review the proposal and furnish us with your recommendation.

I am writing to you as Mr. Allsman is absent for today.

J. H. East, Jr.

J. H. East, Jr.

JHE/vt

cc: Chas. Anderson

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J. H. Ewart, Jr.

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DENVER 2, COLORADO

January 12, 1950

Memorandum

To: Mr. Chas. Anderson, Prescott, Arizona
Mr. Paul C. Allman, Denver, Colorado

From: [illegible] Field Team, Region IV

Subject: [illegible]-2Ll, American A[illegible] os[illegible]ment Corporation

The application of the American [illegible] Corporation, [illegible]-2Ll, is attached. Please review this proposal and furnish us with [illegible] and geological report at your earliest convenience.

We are sending this application to [illegible] Tucson as Mr. Allman is away from the office [illegible] this date.

J. H. Eon[illegible], Jr.
J. H. [illegible], Jr.

A. H. Koschmann
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JHE/vt

cc: [illegible] Storms
A. H. Koschmann

January [illegible], 1[illegible]0

Memorandum

To: [illegible] re Chas. Malcomb, Prescott, Arizona
[illegible] Paul [illegible], Denver, Colorado

From: [illegible] Field Team, Region [illegible]

Subject: [illegible], American [illegible] Court Corporation

The applicant [illegible] to show cause why [illegible], a corporation, [illegible] should not be [illegible] and [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] commission.

[illegible] this application [illegible] in [illegible] in [illegible] in [illegible] office in this [illegible].

J. H. Ernst
[illegible]

A. H. Koschmann
[illegible]

JHE/vt

cc: [illegible] Torrs
A. H. Koschmann

January 21, 1950

Memorandum

To: Mr. Chas. Anderson, Prescott, Arizona
Dr. Paul S. Allman, Denver, Colorado

From: Bill Mold Tony, Region IV

Subject: All-Chl, American Asbestos Cement Corporation

The application of the American Asbestos Corporation, All-Chl, is attached. Please review this proposal and furnish us an engineering and geological report of your combined conclusions.

In are sending this application to Dr. R. Stone in Tucson as Dr. Allman is away from the office on this date.

J. H. Earl Jr.
J. H. Earl, Jr.

A. H. Koschmann
A. H. Koschmann

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cc: Mr. Norris
A. H. Koschmann

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

DMA

January 5, 1951

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer
Bureau-Survey Field Team, Region IV

From: Acting Chairman, Commodity Committee

Subject: DMA-244 - Application of American Asbestos Cement Corporation

Attached is file DMA-244 containing the applications for Government loan and certificate of necessity that have been presented by the American Asbestos Cement Corporation. This firm proposes to mine asbestos in Arizona. Please review this proposal and furnish us with your recommendations.

Otto Herres
Acting Chairman
Operating Committee

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