GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Emergency Procurement Service
Washington 25, D. C.

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March 29, 1954

In reply refer to: EDE

Mr. Wing G. Agnew
Bureau of Mines
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 8, Washington

Dear Mr. Agnew:

In accordance with the GSA-Interior agreement, it is requested that an inspection and report be made on the facilities and operations of the American Chrome Company, Nye, Montana.

Attached hereto is a copy of the request submitted to the GSA-Interior Joint Operating Committee for this examination. We are also attaching letter contract GS-00P(D)-12272 signed April 27, 1952, together with copy of lease of government facilities; copy of letter Amendment to this letter contract dated August 29, 1952; copy of definitive contract dated October 9, 1953 and amendment No. 1 thereto dated February 11, 1954; original letters from American Chrome Company dated August 29, 1953 and September 1, 1953, together with attachments; copy of audited balance sheet as of December 31, 1953 together with profit and loss statement; balance sheet and P/L statement as of January 31, 1954; and data concerning funds advanced, disbursed, and adjustment to cumulative expenditures through January 31, 1954.

We will appreciate the cooperation of your office in expediting this examination and report all possible, in order that the pertinent data will be available for certain decisions which must be made regarding this contract. Please submit the report in quadruplicate and return the documentation enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Clarence A. Fredell
Chairman, Operating Committee

Enclosures

Member, U. S. Bureau of Mines

Member, U. S. Geological Survey

cc: Mr. A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team II
S. 157 Howard St.
Spokane 8, Washington

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AUG 30 1951

Mr. Chauncey Y. Dodds
Manager, Office of Loans
Reconstruction Finance Corporation
811 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket DMA-258
American Chrome Company
One Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California
Mouat Chrome Property
Stillwater County, Montana

Dear Mr. Dodds:

I am transmitting herewith the application for a loan by the subject company, to cover capital required for rehabilitation and operation of the Mouat Chrome Property in Montana.

The total loan sought is $4,205,000.00 and the applicant proposes to repay the full amount with interest in 9 years.

Please have the necessary credit investigation made of same and send results of your findings to this office. No additional field investigation is required.

This application will probably be certified to Reconstruction Finance Corporation, provided no adverse factors develop.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. SCHROEDER

Acting Administrator

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Messrs: Mittendorf-Olund
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Field Team II (2)
Docket

Enclosures to letter sent Reconstruction Finance Corporation for Credit Investigation on American Chrome Company, Docket No. DMA-258.

Application for loan.
Preliminary Study of Chromate
Prodess Section.
Map-Flow Sheet dated 1-30-51.

American Chrome

UNITED STATES
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 30, 1951

Hon. James E. Murray
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Murray:

In reply to your letter of March first, regarding the proposal of the American Chrome Company to make a test run of certain chrome-bearing material in the kiln of the Domestic Manganese Company in Butte, Montana, it has been learned that this proposal has been made to General Services Administration rather than the Defense Minerals Administration since the material involved is under their jurisdiction.

Should the General Services Administration call on me for assistance in considering the proposal, I shall be pleased to give any help I can.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES BOYD
Administrator

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Correspondence

March 28, 1951

Hon. James E. Murray
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator Murray:

I am answering your letters of March 1, March 16, and March 27, inquiring into the application for assistance filed with the Defense Minerals Administration by the American Chrome Company.

As to your detailed inquiry:

(1) Any action on the application as a whole must wait upon approval of the Chrome program which we submitted to the proper authority some weeks ago.

(2) The application does not call for a purchase contract nor for an overmarket contract.

(3) It does not state that the applicant has a proven process.

(4) The combination of the technical and economic problems involved in this particular proposal is such that I hesitate to make any forecast as to the outcome in the case of American Chrome's application.

I trust this letter serves the purpose you had in mind. Please do not fail to call on us when we can be of service.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES BOYD

Administrator

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