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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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✓ All other material is filed in chronological order with correspondence including the following reports as checked:

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Reviewer's Initials E. Rogers 1/1/61

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT DIVISION

REPORT OF REVIEW

I have reviewed the Monthly Reports of

Alberta K. Romerie
% Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

pertaining to Exploration Project Contract No. Idm-K220 (Amended), Docket No. DMEA 326X, including Amendments Nos. 1 and 2, for the months of December 1951 to April 1952, July 1952, September through December 1952, and January through February 1953, covering a project for the exploration of lead and zinc.

This contract was originally executed on Contract Form MF-200 (June 1951) and re-executed on Form MF-200-A (February 1952).

My review included an examination of the Monthly Reports (Forms MF-104), comparison of the costs claimed with the contract and pertinent schedules, consultation with the Executive Officer of the DMEA Field Team, and a determination of the reasonableness and propriety of the costs.

This review was made in lieu of a final audit of the Operator's accounts and records for the following reason:

The contract provides for payment by the Government on the basis of estimated costs of units of work actually performed.

The review disclosed the following facts in regard to the amount paid or to be paid the contractor:

Total cost as billed by contractor	$8,725.04
Exceptions:	
By DMEA Finance Officer	none
By audit	none
Total accepted cost	$8,725.04

The contract calls for a 50 percent participation of exploration expenses by the United States Government. Therefore, payment to the contractor by the Government in the amount of Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-two and 52/100 Dollars

$4,362.52

is considered valid and proper.

August 20, 1953

Robert M. Hull

Robert M. Hull, Auditor

GOVERNMENT COPY

TERMINATION OF EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT BY AGREEMENT
AFTER COMMENCEMENT BUT BEFORE COMPLETION OF THE WORK

It is agreed this 11th day of August, 1953, between the United States of America, acting through the Depatment of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, hereinafter called the "Government," and Alberta K. Romerio (Docket No. DMEA 326, lead-zinc) (Boulder, Montana), hereinafter called the "Operator," parties to that certain Exploration Project Contract I-dm-E 220, Docket No. DMEA- 326, dated December 3, 1951, that the said contract shall be and is hereby terminated as of the first date above written.

Any work prosecuted or costs incurred by the Operator after the date first above written shall be for the sole account of the Operator, except for (a) such necessary and reasonable costs and expenses as may be incurred in preserving and disposing of any facilities, buildings, fixtures, equipment, or other items, to the cost of which the Government has contributed and in which the Government has an equity, and (b) the costs of any reports, accounts, and winding-up and settlement actions provided for in the contract.

The undersigned Operator hereby releases and agrees to save harmless the Government from all claims and demands under or arising out of said Exploration Project Contract, except as herein expressly otherwise provided.

Witness the following signatures as of the day and year first above written.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By A. E. Weissenborn
A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
~~(Operator)~~

By ALBERTA K. ROMERIO
(Operator)

By Alberta K. Romerio

Government's Copy

EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT
ALBERTA K. ROMERIO
DOCKET NO. DMEA-326X

Amendment No. 2

Contract No. Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA-326X, dated December 3, 1951, between the United States of America and Alberta K. Romerio, an individual, as amended May 28, 1952, is further amended, effective January 12, 1953, as follows:

In Exhibit "A" attached to Exploration Project Contract Form MF-200(A):

1. Under heading "Description of the Work", subheading "Stage II," delete the figure 250 and substitute 222 feet.

2. Under heading "Description of the Work," subheading "Stage I, Underground Work," add the following:

Due to cave-in of shaft while sinking, on January 12, 1953, clean out caved material and rehabilitate that portion of the shaft that was damaged by the cave-in.

3. Under heading "Estimate of Costs," subheading "Stage I, Underground Work 2/" add the following:

Clean out and rehabilitate that portion of the shaft that was damaged by the shaft cave-in. Completion of all this work is one unit of work. $700.84

4. Under heading "Estimate of Costs," subheading "Stage II, Underground Work 2/" delete the figure 250 and substitute the figure 222, delete the figure $6,257.50 and substitute $5,556.66.

This amendment shall not be construed to increase the estimated total cost of the project or the amount of the Government's contribution.

Dated February 16, 1953.

ALBERTA K. ROMERIO

By Alberta K. Romerio

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By O. Mitchell
Administrator, Defense
Minerals Exploration
Administration

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Defense Finance Administration
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(Amendment to Change Starting and Completion Dates)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

It is agreed this 25 day of Nov. 195 2, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Administration and Alberta K. Romerio (Hope-Bullion, Jefferson Co., Montana - Docket No. DMEA-326X) E 220

each acting in consideration of the agreement to the other to the terms hereinafter set forth, that the Exploration Project Contract Idm-E220 of Dec. 3 195 1 between the parties hereto be modified and amended to change the starting date from -- (~~No. of day~~) to within -- (~~No. of days~~) of the date of the contract and the completion period from 12 (No. of months) to 24 (No. of months) from the date of the contract. The effective date of this amendment shall be Dec. 3 195 2.

This amendment is made by authority granted the Executive Office, DMA Field Team, Region II in Order No. 2684 by the Acting Secretary of the Interior.

This amendment shall not be construed to increase the estimated total cost of the project, the amount of the Government's contribution, or any item of allowable cost which is expressly designated "Allowable Maximum".

Executed in sextuplicate the day and year first above written.

Alberta K. Romerio
(Operator)
By

The United States of America
By Thor H. Kiilsgaard
~~A. E. Weissenborn~~, Exec. Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
Thor H. Kiilsgaard, Acting

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Alberta K. Romerio (Hope-Bullion)
Contract Idm-E220
Docket No. 326X - (lead-zinc)

Justification for Amendment No. 1

The contract states that work shall be brought to completion within a period of 12 months. This date would be December 3, 1952. Work on the project was slow in getting started and has not progressed too rapidly to date; however, it now appears that most of the early troubles have been solved and that work should progress more efficiently. Extension of the time allotted to the contract by 12 months should provide time to complete work specified in the contract. This extension is believed to be in the best interests of the Government.

George E. Becraft

George E. Becraft, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

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MF-200 (A)
(February 1952)

DOCKET NO. DMEA 326X

COMMODITY Lead-Zinc

Idm-E220

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

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SPOKANE, WASH.

EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT[1]

(Short Form)

IT IS AGREED this Third day of December, 1951, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, hereinafter called the "Government," and[2] Alberta K. Romerio, an individual c/o Montana State Training School, Boulder, Montana, hereinafter called the Operator, that Contract No. Idm-E220, date of December 3, 1951, between the same parties, is amended and superseded by this contract, as to which see Annex 1 attached hereto and made a part hereof. The parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. *Authority for contract.*—This agreement is entered into under the authority of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, pursuant to DMEA Order 1 entitled "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects."

ARTICLE 2. *Operator's property rights.*—With respect to that certain land situated in the State of Montana, County of Jefferson, described as follows:[3] The Hope (3714) and Bullion (3715) patented claims are in the NW¼ of Sec. 6, T. 6 N., R. 4W., and the SW¼ Sec. 31, T. 7 N., R. 4 W. in the Comet-Wickes Mining District.

the Operator represents and undertakes:[4]

~~(a) That the Operator is a lessee, in possession and entitled to possession, and that the property is subject only to the [illegible]~~

(*b*) That the Operator is a lessee, in possession and entitled to possession, and the Owner's Consent to Lien is attached.

The Operator shall devote the land and all existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances to the purposes of the exploration project without any allowance for the use, rental value, depreciation, depletion, or other cost of acquiring, owning, or holding possession thereof.

ARTICLE 3. *Exploration project.*—The Operator, within 198 days from the date of this contract shall commence work on a project of exploration for[5] lead and zinc

in or upon the described land; and shall bring the project to completion within a period of 12 months from the date of this contract. The work to be performed is more fully described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which, with any maps or drawings thereto attached, are made a part of this contract. The Government will contribute to the cost of this work as hereafter provided. The work shall be performed by the Operator or by independent contractor or contractors efficiently, expertly, in a workmanlike manner, in accordance with good mining standards and State regulations for health and safety and for workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, with suitable and adequate equipment, materials, and labor, to bring the project to completion within the time fixed. The Government shall have the right to enter and observe and inspect the work at all reasonable times, and the Operator shall provide the Government with all available means for doing so. The Government may consult with and advise the Operator on all phases of the work.

ARTICLE 4. *Costs of the project.*—The agreed, estimated costs of performing the work, expressed in terms of units of work to be performed (per foot of drifting, per foot of drilling, per cubic yard of material to be moved, etc.) are set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto. The Government will pay 50% percent of these agreed, estimated costs, as they accrue, for units of work actually performed that conform with the description or specifications for the work set forth in this contract, in an aggregate total amount not in excess of $10,600.00 which is 50 percent of $21,200.00 the agreed, estimated total cost of the project in which the Government will participate: *Provided,* That until the Operator's final report and final accounting have been rendered to the Government and any final check or auditing required by the Government has been made, and a final settlement of the contract has been made, the Government may withhold from the last voucher or vouchers such sums as it sees fit not in excess of ten (10) percent of the maximum total which the Government might have been called upon to pay under the terms of the contract. The Government may, as it sees fit, make payments direct to the Operator's independent contractors, if any, for the account of the Operator, rather than to the Operator.

ARTICLE 5. *Reports, accounts, audits.*—(*a*) *Progress reports.* The Operator shall provide the Government with monthly reports of units of work performed under the contract, in quintuplicate (five copies), upon forms provided by the Government. These progress reports shall be certified by the Operator, and shall constitute both the Operator's invoice of units of work performed on the project during the period covered by the report and his voucher for repayment by the Government, unless the Government requires the use of a standard voucher form with invoice attached. Progress reports shall include surface and/or underground engineering-geological maps or sketches showing the progress of the exploration, with assay-reports on samples taken concurrently with the advance in mineralized ground.

[1] If sufficient space is not provided in any blank, use an extra sheet of paper and refer to it in the blank.
[2] State name, address, and nature of organization if any.
[3] Give legal description or enough to identify the property, particularly excluding any land or interest therein to which the Government's lien is not to attach or the production from which is not to be subject to the Government's percentage royalty.
[4] Strike out the provision not applicable.
[5] Name of mineral or minerals.

(*b*) *Final report.*—Upon completion of the exploration work or termination of the contract the Operator shall provide the Government with an adequate geological and engineering report, in quintuplicate (five copies), including an estimate of ore reserves resulting from the exploration work.

(*c*) *Compliance with requirements.*—If, in the opinion of the Government, any of the Operator's reports are insufficient or incomplete, the Government may procure the making or completion of such reports and attachments as an expense of the exploration work; and the Government may withhold approval and payment of any vouchers depending upon insufficient or incomplete reports.

(*d*) *Accounts and audits.*—The Operator shall keep suitable records and accounts of the units of work performed, which the Government may inspect and audit at any time. The Government may at any time require a check of the work performed and an audit of the Operator's records and accounts, by a certified public accountant or otherwise, the cost thereof to be treated as a cost of the project. The Operator shall keep and preserve said records and accounts for at least 3 years after the completion of the project or the termination of this contract. Upon the completion of the project or termination of the contract the Operator shall render a final account and statement of work performed to accompany his final report.

ARTICLE 6. *Repayment by Operator.*—(*a*) If, at any time, the Government considers that a discovery or a development from which production may be made has resulted from the exploration work, the Government, at any time not later than 6 months after the Operator has rendered the required final report and final account, may so certify in writing to the Operator. The certification shall describe broadly or indicate the nature of the discovery or development. In the event of such certification, any minerals mined or produced from the land described in Article 2 within 10 years from the date of this contract, including any mined or produced before the certification, shall be subject to a percentage royalty which the Operator or his successor in interest shall pay to the Government, upon the net smelter returns, the net concentrator returns, or other net amounts realized from the sale or other disposition of any such production, in whatever form disposed of, including ore, concentrates, or metal, until the total amount contributed by the Government, without interest, is fully repaid, or said 10 years have elapsed, whichever occurs first, as follows:

(1) One and one-half (1½) percent of any such net amounts not in excess of eight dollars ($8.00) per ton.

(2) One and one-half (1½) percent of any such net amounts, plus one-half (½) percent of such net amounts for each additional full fifty cents ($0.50) by which such net amounts exceed eight dollars ($8.00) per ton, but not in excess of five (5) percent of such net amounts.

(For instance: The percentage royalty on a net amount of five dollars ($5.00) per ton, would be one and one-half (1½) percent; on a net amount of ten dollars ($10.00) per ton, three and one-half (3½) percent.)

(*b*) As here used, "net smelter returns," "net concentrator returns," and "other net amounts realized from the sale or other disposition," mean gross revenue from sales, or if not sold, the market value of the material after it is mined in the form in which and the place where it is held. In the case of integrated operations in which the material is not disposed of as such, these terms mean what is or would be the gross income from mining operations for percentage depletion purposes in income-tax determination.

(*c*) To secure the payment of its percentage royalty, the Government shall have and is hereby granted a lien upon the land described in Article 2 and upon any production of minerals therefrom, until the royalty claim is extinguished by lapse of time or is fully paid.

(*d*) This article is not to be construed as imposing any obligation on the Operator or the Operator's successor in interest to engage in any mining or production operations.

ARTICLE 7. *Assignment, transfer, or loss of Operator's interest.*—Without the written consent of the Government, the Operator shall not assign or otherwise transfer or hypothecate this contract or any rights thereunder. The Operator shall not make any voluntary nor permit any involuntary transfer or conveyance of the Operator's rights in the land described in Article 2, without making suitable provision for the preservation of the Government's right to a percentage royalty on production and lien for the payment thereof; *Provided*, that mere failure by the Operator to maintain the Operator's rights in the land, without any consideration running to the Operator other than relief from the cost of maintaining such rights (as by surrender of a leasehold, failure to perform assessment work, or failure to exercise an option), coupled with complete abandonment by the Operator of all interest in or operations on the land for a period of 10 years from the date of this contract, shall not constitute such a transfer or conveyance. Should the Operator make or permit any transfer or conveyance in violation of this provision, the Operator shall be and remain liable for payment to the Government of the same amounts, at the same times, as would have been paid under the terms of the percentage royalty on production. If for any reason the net smelter returns, net concentrator returns, or other net amounts realized from the sale or other disposition of such production are not available as a means of measuring the amount of the Operator's liability, the amount thereof shall be estimated as well as may be, and in the event of dispute as to such estimates, the determination thereof by the Administrator of Defense Minerals Exploration Administration or by his successor shall be final and binding upon the Operator.

ARTICLE 8. *Termination and completion.*—The Government may, at any time, by written notice to the Operator, terminate this contract: (*a*) If the Operator fails to provide his share of the money necessary to prosecute operations pursuant to the terms of the contract; (*b*) if the Operator, in the opinion of the Government, fails to prosecute operations pursuant to the terms of the contract; or (*c*) if, in the opinion of the Government, operations up to the time of the notice have not indicated the probability of making any worth while discovery and in the opinion of the Government further operations are not justified.

ARTICLE 9. *Changes and added provisions* _____

Executed in sextuplicate the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ 29 day of May 1952.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Alberta K. Romerio
(Operator)

By Alberta K. Romerio

By C. Mittendorf
Acting Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

I, _____, certify that I am the _____ secretary of the corporation named as Operator herein; that _____, who signed this contract on behalf of the Operator, was then _____ of said corporation; that said contract was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

_____ [CORPORATE SEAL]

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ANNEX I

DMEA-326X
Alberta K. Romerio

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are also the parties to Contract Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA-326X, dated December 3, 1951, executed on contract form MF-200 (June 1951); and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to restate their agreement on contract form MF-200A (February 1952), to change the basis of estimating the costs of the project, some work under which has already been done, and to change the basis of the Government's participation in the costs of the project from actual costs, as specified in the contract first above described, to agreed, estimated costs of the work as set forth in Exhibit "A" of this contract;

NOW THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed that, effective December 3, 1951, Contract Idm-E220, dated December 3, 1951, executed on contract form MF-200 (June 1951), is amended and superseded by this contract executed on form MF-200A (February 1952).

The Operator hereby releases and agrees to save harmless the Government from all claims and demands under or arising out of Contract Idm-E220, dated December 3, 1951, executed on contract form MF-200 (June 1951).

EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT
ALBERTA K. ROMERIO
DOCKET NO. DMEA-326X

EXHIBIT "A"

Description of the Work

The exploration project shall be performed in two stages.

Stage I

Preparatory Work

Prepare a shaft site 50 feet south or in the footwall of the vein exposed in a cut on the Hope claim; maintain roads; construct compressor shed; repair compressor; construct hoist house; and construct headframe and install hoist.

Underground Work

Sink a vertical, 1½ compartment shaft 4' x 9' in cross section to a depth of 100 feet.

Drive a crosscut 5' x 7' clear in cross section 50 feet northerly to and through the vein.

Stage II

Drive a drift 5' x 7' clear in both directions on the vein for a total distance of 250 feet. This work shall be undertaken only after completion of Stage I to the satisfaction of the Government. The exact position of the drifts will be determined by the Operator upon the basis of the results of crosscutting, subject to approval of the Government.

Estimate of Costs

Stage I

Preparatory Work[1]

All costs of preparing shaft site; maintaining roads; depreciation, repair and purchase of equipment; purchase and transportation of supplies and materials; construction of compressor shed; Operator's travel expense to Spokane, Washington, at request of Government; and all other miscellaneous direct expense incurred during the period December 3, 1951 - January 31, 1952, inclusive $2,651.12

1/ The Government's obligation to participate in the costs of preparatory work shall accrue when such items are completed to the satisfaction of the Government.

Repair compressor	$ 674.02	
Construct hoist house	725.86	
Construct headframe and install hoist	500.00	
Total Preparatory Work		$ 4,551.00
Stage I		
Underground Work 2/		
Sinking shaft 100 feet maximum at $91.40 per foot of advance	9,140.00	
Crosscutting 50 feet maximum at $25.03 per foot of advance	1,251.50	
Stage II		
Underground Work 2/		
Drifting 250 feet maximum at $25.03 per foot of advance	6,257.50	
Total Underground Work, Stage I and Stage II		$16,649.00
Total Estimate of Costs for Project		$21,200.00
Government Participation at 50%		$10,600.00

2/ The Government's participation in the costs of underground work shall be paid on the basis of feet of advance completed to the satisfaction of the Government during each monthly period.

MF-202

LANDLORD'S SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the owner in fee simple of that certain parcel of ground in the county of Jefferson, State of Montana, described in a certain Exploration Project Contract dated December 3, 1951, between Alberta K. Romerio, an individual, the Lessee of said property, and the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, as Lessor of said property under lease dated July 1, 1948, does by these presents subordinate all of his right, title, and interest under the provisions of said lease to the right, title, and interest of the United States of America under the provisions of said Exploration Project Contract, and agrees that the lien and claim of the United States of America under the provisions of said contract shall be prior to the undersigned's rights to rentals or royalties under the terms of said lease; and

The undersigned further agrees that if said leasehold interest should be surrendered or if said lease should terminate at any time prior to the expiration of the rights of the United States of America under said Exploration Project Contract, the undersigned shall assume and does hereby assume all of the obligations of the Lessee under said Exploration Project Contract to make repayment to the United States of America according to the terms of said contract; and

The undersigned agrees to commit no act, nor assert any claim under judicial process or otherwise that may contravene or conflict with the prior lien and claim of the United States of America under the provisions of said Exploration Project Contract.

This undertaking and covenant shall be binding upon the heirs, successors, and assigns of the undersigned.

Dated this 27 day of November, 1951

Charles A Romerio

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MF-202

LANDLORD'S SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT

Know All Men By These Presents:

Whereas, the undersigned is the owner in fee simple of that certain parcel of ground in the county of Jefferson, State of Montana described in a certain Exploration Project Contract dated December 3rd, 195 1, between Albert L. Romero, the Lessee of said property, and the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, as Lessor of said property under lease dated Jan 26 - 1947 July 1 - 1948, does by these presents subordinate all of his right, title, and interest under the provisions of said lease to the right, title, and interest of the United States of America under the provisions of said Exploration Project Contract, and agrees that the lien and claim of the United States of America under the provisions of said contract shall be prior to the undersigned's rights to rentals or royalties under the terms of said lease; and

The undersigned further agrees that if said leasehold interest should be surrendered or if said lease should terminate at any time prior to the expiration of the rights of the United States of America under said Exploration Project Contract, the undersigned shall assume and does hereby assume all of the obligations of the Lessee under said Exploration Project Contract to make repayment to the United States of America according to the terms of said contract; and

The undersigned agrees to commit no act, nor assert any claim under judicial process or otherwise that may contravene or conflict with the prior lien and claim of the United States of America under the provisions of said Exploration Project Contract.

This undertaking and covenant shall be binding upon the heirs, successors, and assigns of the undersigned.

Dated this 9 day of May, 195 1

Dwight Romero Lewis

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Contracts & Audits Div.

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Spokane 4, Washington

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Through: Chairman,
Operating Committee

Memorandum

To: C. O. Mittendorf, Acting Administrator, DMEA

From: Elton A. Youngberg For: A. E. Weissenborn, Executive Officer, DMEA, Field Team, Region II

Subject: Exploration Contract IDM-E220
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope and Bullion Mine

Enclosed are the original and three copies of the subject contract signed by Alberta K. Romerio. One copy has been retained by this office and one by the applicant. Also enclosed is copy of a letter to Mrs. Romerio stating that the limited responsibilities which Mr. Rahilly will accept as outlined in his attached letter cannot be accepted as satisfactory management, and have therefore advised her to obtain the services of another engineer satisfactory to the government before performing further work under the contract.

Enclosures
cc: USBM

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
[illegible] 157 [illegible] Street
[illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] 3, 1[illegible]2

[illegible]
[illegible] State [illegible] School
[illegible], [illegible]

Subject: [illegible]
[illegible] Exploration Contract
[illegible]

Dear Mrs. [illegible]:

[illegible] have received from you the [illegible] copies of your exploration co tract, [illegible] and note [illegible] as [illegible] you have [illegible]. [illegible] have also read the statement [illegible] Mr. [illegible] with regard to the amount of responsibility he will [illegible] in the management of the work to be carried under the contract. [illegible] of the responsibilities [illegible] Mr. [illegible] so restricted that it is believed by this office [illegible] the [illegible] as satisfactory to the [illegible] or not. We wish to particularly call to your attention this statement that he [illegible] responsibility for the execution of the work.

[illegible] suggest you immediately obtain the services of another [illegible] of similar caliber to manage your operations. [illegible] the contract, "The continuance of the contract is [illegible] upon management satisfactory to the Government," [illegible] we wish to advise you that [illegible] satisfactory to the Government must be obtained before work is carried under the contract.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]
[illegible] Director,
Field Team, [illegible]

cc: [illegible] Administrator
Through: Operating Committee, DMEA

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(June 1951)

Contracts & Audits

Docket No. DMA 326X
Commodity Lead-zinc
Idm-E220

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION

EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT [1]

It is agreed this 3rd day of December, 1951, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Administration, hereinafter called the "Government," and [2] Alberta K. Romerio, an individual
c/o Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

hereinafter called the "Operator," as follows:

1. *Authority for contract.* This agreement is entered into under the authority of the Defense Production Act of 1950, pursuant to Mineral Order 5, entitled "Regulations Governing Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects."

2. *Operator's property rights.* The exploration project shall be conducted on that certain property situated in the State of Montana, County of Jefferson, described as follows: [3] The Hope (3714) and Bullion (3715) patented claims are in the NW¼ of Sec. 6, T. 6 N., R. 4 W., and the SW¼ Sec. 31, T. 7 N., R. 4 W. in the Comet-Wickes Mining District.

with respect to which the Operator represents and undertakes: [4]

(*a*) That he is the sole owner, in possession and entitled to possession, and that the property is free only to the following encumbrances, to each of which the subordination agreement of the lessor is attached: There are no encumbrances.
The subordinations are attached

(*b*) That he is a lessee, in possession and entitled to possession, and the subordination agreement of the lessor is attached.

3. *Exploration project.* The Operator, within thirty (30) days from the date of this contract shall commence work on a project of exploration for [5] lead and zinc; shall prosecute the work efficiently, expertly, in a workmanlike manner, in accordance with good mining standards, with suitable and adequate equipment, materials, and labor, all properly designed to bring the project to completion within a period of [6] twelve (12) months from the date of this contract. The exploration project and the work to be performed are more fully described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which, with any maps or drawings thereto attached, is made a part of this contract.

4. *Performance of the work.* The work shall be performed by the Operator, under his sole direction and control: *Provided,* That with the consent of the Government and its written approval of the contract or contracts, all or any part of the work may be performed by the Operator through contract or contracts with independent contractors. The Government shall have the right to enter and observe and inspect the work at all reasonable times, and the Operator shall provide the Government with all available means for doing so. The Government may consult with and advise the Operator on all phases of the work.

5. *Fixtures and improvements.* The Operator shall devote the land and all existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances to the purposes of the exploration project without any allowance for the use, rental value, depreciation, depletion, or other cost of acquiring, owning, or holding possession thereof. Any additional facilities, buildings, and fixtures, to be purchased, installed, or erected by the Operator, with the estimated cost of each, to which the Government will contribute currently its agreed pro rata share, are listed in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The difference between the cost of such additional facilities, buildings, or fixtures, and the salvage value thereof at the conclusion of the work, shall be charged as a cost of the project to which the Government has contributed its pro rata share.

6. *Operating equipment.* Any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or furnished by the Operator, with the allowable rental, purchase price, or depreciation, as the case may be, is listed under appropriate headings in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. As to equipment purchased for the project, the Government will contribute its agreed pro rata share of the cost thereof, and the difference between the cost and the salvage value at the conclusion of the work shall be charged as a cost of the project to which the Government has contributed its pro rata share.

[1] If sufficient space is not provided in any blank, use an extra sheet of paper and refer to it in the blank.
[2] State name, address, and nature of organization if any.
[3] Give legal description or enough to identify the property.
[4] Strike out the provision not applicable.
[5] Name of mineral.
[6] Not in excess of 2 years.

7. *Title to and disposition of property.* All facilities, buildings, fixtures, equipment, and other items costing more than $50 each, paid for or purchased with funds contributed jointly by the Operator and the Government, shall belong to the Operator and the Government jointly, in proportion to their respective contributions, and upon the termination of the contract, if they have any salvage value, shall be disposed of for their joint account unless the Government, in writing, waives its interest in any such items. The Government may require the dismantling, severance from land, and removal of any such items in order to realize its interest in the salvage value thereof, and the cost of any such removal and of the disposal of the items shall be for the joint account of the parties in proportion to their respective interests.

8. *Labor and supervision.* An itemized schedule of labor, by numbers and classes (miners, muckers, millmen, etc.), and of supervisors, by numbers and positions, with the maximum wages or salaries that may be paid to each as an allowable cost of the project is set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

9. *Rehabilitation and repairs.* A statement of the cost of any necessary rehabilitation or repairs to put existing facilities, buildings, installations, and fixtures into useful and operable condition and which are to be allowed as costs of the project is included in Exhibit "A."

10. *Allowable costs of the project.* The costs of the project in which the Government will participate are limited to the necessary, reasonable, direct costs of performing the exploration work, including the costs of materials, supplies, engineering, power, water, analytical work, accounting, and utilities, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each; and the costs referred to in Articles 5, 6, 8, and 9, and the exhibits annexed to and referred to in this contract. Although the Government may pay part of the cost of new or additional facilities, structures, buildings, and equipment, only the depreciation on such items, computed as indicated in Articles 5 and 6, will be charged as a cost of the project. No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes, or any other indirect costs not expressly allowed by these provisions, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of this contract, shall be allowed as costs of the project in which the Government will participate.

11. *Accounts and audits.* The Operator shall keep suitable records and accounts of operations, which the Government may inspect and audit at any time. The Government may at any time require an audit of the Operator's records and accounts by a certified public accountant, the cost thereof to be treated as a cost of the project. The Operator shall keep and preserve said records and accounts for at least 3 years after the completion of the project or the termination of this contract.

12. *Progress reports.* The Operator shall provide the Government with monthly reports of work performed under the contract upon forms to be provided by the Government. Each monthly progress report shall bear the certification of the Operator and shall constitute the Operator's invoice of costs incurred on the project during the period covered by the report.

13. *Payment to the Operator.* The monthly progress report (invoice), to the extent approved by the Government, shall be processed for payment by the Government. Payment shall be made in the amount of 50 percent of the approved costs incurred; *Provided,* That the aggregate total of all sums paid by the Government under this agreement shall not exceed $10,600.00, which is 50 percent of the agreed estimated total cost of this project, $21,200.00.

14. *Final reports by Operator.* Upon completion of the project or termination of this contract, the Operator shall provide the Government with a comprehensive geologic and engineering report, including an estimate of ore reserves, to the best of his ability. Four copies of all reports shall be furnished to the Government.

15. *Repayment by Operator.* If, upon the completion of the exploration project or termination of the contract, the Government considers that a discovery or development has resulted from the work from which commercial production of ore may be made, the Government, within 6 months thereafter, shall so certify to the Operator, particularly describing and delimiting its estimate of the discovery or the development. Thereafter, if and as ore is produced as a result of such discovery or development, the Operator and his successor in interest shall be and become obligated to pay to the Government a percentage royalty on the net smelter returns or other net proceeds realized from such ore, concentrates, or metal produced within ten (10) years from the date of this contract, until the total amount contributed by the Government, without interest, is fully repaid or said 10 years have elapsed, whichever occurs first, as follows:

Of net smelter returns or other net proceeds not in excess of eight dollars ($8.00) per ton of ore: One and one-half (1½) percent.

Of net smelter returns or other net proceeds in excess of eight dollars ($8.00) per ton of ore: One and one-half (1½) percent, plus one-half (½) percent for each additional full fifty cents ($0.50) in excess of eight dollars ($8.00) per ton of ore, but not in excess of a maximum of five (5) percent.

This obligation to repay from net returns or proceeds shall be and remain a claim and lien upon the mineral deposit which is the subject of the exploration project and upon any production resulting from such discovery or development, in favor of the Government, until fully paid, or until said 10-year period has elapsed; and this claim and lien and the Government's right to repayment shall survive any termination of the contract, whether by completion of the exploration project or otherwise. This article is not to be construed as imposing any obligation on the Operator or his successor in interest to produce ore from any such discovery or development.

16. *No assignment of contract.* Without the written consent of the Government, the Operator shall not assign or otherwise transfer or hypothecate this contract or any rights thereunder.

17. *Termination and completion.* The Government may, at any time, by written notice to the Operator, terminate this contract: (*a*) If the Operator fails to provide his share of the money necessary to prosecute operations pursuant to the terms of the contract; (*b*) if the Operator, in the opinion of the Government, fails to prosecute operations pursuant to the terms of the contract; or (*c*) if in the opinion of the Government, operations up to the time of the notice have not indicated the probability of making any worthwhile discovery and in the opinion of the Government further operations are not justified. Upon the completion of the project or any termination of the contract the Operator shall render to the Government a full and final accounting of his operations under the contract and his expenditures of money; shall dispose of any unused materials, supplies, and equipment for the joint account of the Operator and the Government in the proportion of their respective interests; and shall pay to the Government its pro-rata share of any money remaining.

Executed in sextuplicate the day and year first above written.

Alberta K. Romerio
(Operator)

By Alberta K. Romerio

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By C D Mittendorf

Acting Administrator,
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration.

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The Alberta K. Romerio Property
Exploration Project Contract
The Hope and Bullion Claims

Exhibit "A"

Exploration Project Time Schedule-Month	Stage I*
0-8	1. Clear by contract bulldozing a shaft site 50 feet ~~north~~ or in the footwall of the vein exposed in a cut on the Hope claim.
	2. On the prepared site sink a vertical, $1\frac{1}{2}$ compartment shaft to a depth of 100 feet and crosscut ~~southerly~~ 50 feet to and through the vein.

Stage II*

1. Drift in both directions on the vein for a total distance of 250 feet. This work to be undertaken only after completion of Stage I to the satisfaction of the Government. The exact position of the drifts will be determined by the Operator upon the basis of the results of the crosscutting, subject to approval by the Government.

* As indicated in section 4 of the contract, all sub-contracts are subject to approval by the Government.

The proposed work and the estimated cost thereof is as follows:

Stage I

1. Bulldoze shaft site, 3 days @ $100.00 per day. The price will include all costs as wages of operator, fuel, lubricants, repairs, transportation, etc.	$ 300.00
2. Sink shaft @ $80.00 per foot. The price includes all costs as labor, supervision, equipment rentals or allowances, supplies, workmens compensation fees, etd. The shaft is to be 4' x 9' in cross section.	$ 8,000.00
Drive 50 feet of crosscut @ $35.00 per foot. The price includes all costs as labor, supervision, equipment rentals or allowances, supplies, workmens compensation fees, pipe, rail, etc. The crosscut is not to exceed 5' x 7' in the clear.	$ 1,750.00
Total	$10,050.00

Stage II

1. Drive drifts @ $35.00 per foot. The price includes all costs as labor, supervision, equipment rentals or allowances, supplies, workmens compensation fees, pipe, rail, etc. The drifts are not to exceed 5' x 7' feet in the clear. $ 8,750.00

Total	$ 8,750.00

Summary of Estimated Costs

Stage I	$10,050.00
Stage II	8,750.00
Fixtures and Improvements	650.00
Operating equipment (balance of cost appears elsewhere)	1,650.00
Labor and supervision (cost appears elsewhere)	--------
Rehabilitation and Repairs	100.00
Total	$21,200.00
Government participation one half of the above or	$10,600.00

Fixtures and Improvements

Construct one head frame	$ 500.00
Construct one hoist shed	150.00
	$ 650.00

Operating Equipment

Equipment to be rented

1--Electric generator set, 15 kw, $125.00 per month, 8 months	$ 1,000.00
1--Electric sinking pump @ $50.00 per month, 5 months	250.00
	$ 1,250.00

Equipment to be purchased

1--Sinker with jackleg	$ 800.00
1--Sump pump, air	350.00
Miscellaneous tools and equipment	500.00
Sub-total	$ 1,650.00

Equipment to be furnished by the Operator on a depreciation basis

	Value	Monthly Allowance
1--GD model 2AAE2 compressor and Dodge motor	$ 8,500.00	$ 141.67
1--Single drum hoist with cable and Nash motor	875.00	14.58

	Value	Monthly Allowance
1 - International 1½ ton army type pickup truck	$1,350.00	$ 22.50
2 - Ore cars and one bucket	300.00	5.00
1 - Sinking bucket	150.00	2.50
		$ 186.25
Depreciation allowance, 8 months		$1,490.00

Supplies to be purchased:

The cost of supplies is included in the footage costs.

Total $4,390.00

Labor and Supervision

1. The following labor will be employed at the rates shown:

   2 - Miners-timbermen @ $13.00 per shift, 8 months
   1 - Surface man @ $13.00 per shift, 8 months
   1 - Mechanic @ $350.00 per month, 8 months

2. The following supervision will be employed at the rates shown:*

   1 - Working foreman-shaftman @ $400.00 per month, 5 months
   1 - Bookkeeper, part time @ $100.00 per month, 8 months

   * The applicant states in correspondence that she has an informal agreement with Mr. Hal Rahilly, formerly in charge of Anaconda's Butte mines, to manage the development without compensation. The continuance of the contract is to be contingent upon management satisfactory to the Government.

Rehabilitation and Repairs

Compressor shed	$ 100.00
Total	$ 100.00

No additional buildings, installations, fixtures, equipment or improvements to be purchased, rented, repaired or rehabilitated, except as listed above, are to be allowed as costs under this contract.

The Operator is to furnish a monthly progress report as mentioned in section 12 of the contract. The report is to include maps and assays, if any.

Attention is called to section 16 of the contract prohibiting its assignment without the written consent of the Government.

MF-202

LANDLORD'S SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the owner in fee simple of that certain parcel of ground in the county of Jefferson, State of Montana, described in a certain Exploration Project Contract dated December 3, 1951, between Alberta K. Romerio, an individual, the Lessee of said property, and the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, as Lessor of said property under lease dated July 1, 1948, does by these presents subordinate all of his right, title, and interest under the provisions of said lease to the right, title, and interest of the United States of America under the provisions of said Exploration Project Contract, and agrees that the lien and claim of the United States of America under the provisions of said contract shall be prior to the undersigned's rights to rentals or royalties under the terms of said lease; and

The undersigned further agrees that if said leasehold interest should be surrendered or if said lease should terminate at any time prior to the expiration of the rights of the United States of America under said Exploration Project Contract, the undersigned shall assume and does hereby assume all of the obligations of the Lessee under said Exploration Project Contract to make repayment to the United States of America according to the terms of said contract; and

The undersigned agrees to commit no act, nor assert any claim under judicial process or otherwise that may contravene or conflict with the prior lien and claim of the United States of America under the provisions of said Exploration Project Contract.

This undertaking and covenant shall be binding upon the heirs, successors, and assigns of the undersigned.

Dated this 27 day of November, 1951

Charles A Romerio

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MF-202

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Dated this 9 day of May, 1951.

L. E. Leary

Delight Romerio Lewis

Notary - Del Delight Romerio Lewis

Leslie E. Cartel

Boulder Mont.

Comm. Exp. May 29-1952

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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LANDON F. STROBEL
Executive Secretary

December 28, 1951

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I wish to state that in August, 1951, in company with Mrs. Alberta K. Romero, I visited the Hope and Bullion Mining Claims, situated in Jefferson County, Montana. I discussed in detail the, "Exploration Project Contract", with Mrs. Romero. I told her that I would be glad to assist her in this work in so far as I could. At the present time I am in Los Angeles, California, and my plans are very indefinite.

I will be glad to consult with, and advise Mrs. Romero relative to the exploration, development and mining operations in so far as possible, in view of the fact that I will not be able to make an examination of the property in the forseeable future, and cannot take any responsibility for the finances or the prosecution of the work.

Yours truly,

H. J. Rahilly

Mr. H. J. Rahilly
Box 345,
Butte, Montana.

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Dated this 27 day of November, 195[illegible]

Charles A. Romerio

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Form MF-103
(April 1951)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION

Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.
Approval expires 6-30-51.

APPLICATION FOR AID FOR AN EXPLORATION PROJECT PURSUANT TO MINERAL ORDER 5, UNDER DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950

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Docket No. DMA 362X 326X

Date received 5-21-51

Participation

Alberta K. Romerio Mgr.
c/o Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Name and address of applicant

Originally filed: Date April 21, 1951;
Revised July 18, 1951.

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Date of application Apr. 21, 1951 Estimated cost $23,000.00

Mineral or metal Lead-Zinc (with gold, silver & copper) Percentage of Government participation 50 percent

Location of mine Sec. 31 and 6, T. 6 & 7 N., R. 4 W.
Jefferson County, Montana

Date of filing MF-100 May 16, 1951 DMA Docket Number, if available 362 X

INSTRUCTIONS

Read Mineral Order 5, Regulations Governing Government Aid in Defense Projects, before completing this application. Submit four signed copies of the application to Defense Minerals Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or to the nearest field executive officer thereof, with your name and address on each sheet of the application and all accompanying papers. If any question is inapplicable, or if you cannot answer it, so state on the form. Where the space provided for answer is insufficient, answer on a separate sheet, annex it to the application form, and refer to it in space for answer. If the application is approved, you will be presented with an exploration project contract on Form MF-200, for your signature.

THE APPLICANT

*1. Is applicant an individual, partnership, or corporation?
*2. If a partnership, state names and addresses of partners.
*3. If a corporation, state names and addresses of officers, directors, and five largest stockholders.
*4. Describe the mining and general business experience of (*a*) the applicant, and (*b*) the person or persons who will manage the project.
*5. Are you the owner or the lessee of the property?
6. If owner, state what claims, liens, or encumbrances, if any, are against the property.
7. If lessee, attach a copy of the lease and state if it is in good standing.

NOTE.—It will be necessary to procure and attach to the exploration project contract agreements of claimants, lienors, encumbrances and lessors subordinating their interests in the property to the interest of the Government under the contract.

8. Furnish current financial statement, showing assets and liabilities, and a profit and loss statement.
9. How much money is applicant prepared to invest in proposed project? Is it sufficient to pay your part of the cost of the project as detailed in question 23 of this application form, in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Section 9 of Mineral Order 5)?

*If you have already answered these questions on MF-100, you are not required to answer the questions for this application.

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THE PROPERTY

10. (*a*) Give a description of the real property that will be in any way involved in the exploration project, including any existing mine or operating property.

(*b*) Give the legal description of the exact parcel, plot, or area upon which the exploration is to be conducted.

NOTE.—If both areas are the same, so state. The only obligation to repay the Government is from the net earnings from any commercial discovery made in the area specified in (*b*) above in which the exploration is to be conducted, and the expenditure of funds which may be charged as costs of the project must be limited to that area or to work necessary to perform the exploration in that area.

*11. State the present and former names of the property, if any.

*12. State, in detail, the location of the property with reference to towns, railroads, roads, shipping points, including distances and directions and kinds and conditions of roads.

*13. State source and quantity of water available for operations and its sufficiency at all seasons.
State amount of power to be used, rate per hour or other cost, and source.

*14. Describe any existing useable facilities, equipment, buildings, or structure now on the property that will be devoted to the exploration work.

15. State in detail how the ore could be shipped and how and where milled.

*16. History:

(*a*) Give a statement, as complete as possible, of previous exploration, development, operation, and production of property, with reasons for any past suspensions of operations.

(*b*) State briefly the known history and production of adjoining and neighboring properties.

(*c*) Furnish any available (private) reports that may apply to this application, including results of mine examinations, recommended exploration and development, and metallurgical investigations.

*17. Production:

(*a*) If mine is in production, furnish the following information:

	Tons per day	*Grade or analysis*	*Cost per ton*	*Net value per ton*
(1) Mining				
(2) Milling				
(3) Shipped or sold				

*18. Ore or mineral reserves: (If property is or has been operating.)

(*a*) Describe the ore or mineral deposits briefly.

(*b*) Submit available maps and assay data.

(*c*) Give estimated tonnage and grade of each class of ore reserves.

19. State any conditions or circumstances regarding the property not sufficiently brought out by the foregoing questions.

THE EXPLORATION

20. For what mineral or minerals and for what types of deposits and ores will the exploration be conducted?

21. Describe briefly, but concisely, the proposed work and the estimated time required to complete it.

NOTE.—The Government will not participate in a project that will require more than 2 years to complete.

22. Furnish statement of the geological basis of the project with particular emphasis on factors leading the operator to expect the finding of commercial ore bodies. This statement should be accompanied by supporting maps such as geological maps, maps of the proposed openings and assay maps, sample lists, and other pertinent data.

THE REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS

23. Tabulate in the form of an itemized statement with a sum for each item the estimated requirements and costs of the project so that the total will give the estimated cost of the project in which the Government will participate, as follows:

(*a*) Labor, by numbers and classes (miners, muckers, millmen, etc.), with wages of each.

(*b*) Supervisors, by numbers and positions, with salaries of each.

(*c*) Cost of necessary repairs to existing facilities, structures, and buildings.

(*d*) Cost of necessary installation or construction of additional facilities, structures, and buildings.

(*e*) Cost of items of equipment, not now owned by the applicant which must be purchased for operations at a cost of $50 or more each.

(*f*) Cost of rental for equipment which the operator proposes to rent.

(*g*) Rental value of items of equipment which the operator now owns and which will be devoted to the work.

(*h*) Cost of materials and supplies, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each.

(*i*) Cost of power, water, utilities, and any other items not provided for above.

24. Furnish a time schedule of the project, stated in terms of months after project is approved, showing progress expected to be accomplished and the money expected to be spent.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned company, and the official executing this certification on its behalf, hereby certify that the information contained in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Hope & Bullion
(Name of company)

By Alberta K. Francis
(Signature of authorized official)

July 28-1951
(Date)

Manager
(Title)

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.

*Same as footnote on page 1.

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Answers to MF-103 (Form)

THE APPLICANT --Alberta K. Romerio,Mgr.

1. Individual

2. Charles A. and Alberta K. Romerio hold lease from Lester Leary for half interest in Hope and Bullion patented mining claims, and Alberta K. Romerio has lease from Delight Romerio Lewis for other half interest in Hope and Bullion claims.

3. Not applicable

4. The applicant has operated and developed Hope and Bullion claims since 1948. She will hire an experienced mine foreman to supervise the proposed exploration project.

5. Lessee, as indicated in question 2 above.

6. No encumbrances

7. Lease on file in Book 5 Miscellaneous Records, page 637, of the Records of the County of Jefferson, State of Montana.
Lester Leary - 5 year lease with option to renew and Delight Romerio Lewis

8. To date, $32,000.00 has been expended in near surface exploration on Hope and Bullion claims. Not currently operating.

9. Applicant is prepared to invest $11,500, part in the form of labor and rental. This represents half of the total estimated cost of project.

10.a. Cabin on property sleeps six. Equipment on hand consists of a Gardner-Denver compressor, 2 Sullivan drills, 1 stoper, 1-2 ton International Truck,Dodge Motor, Nash Motor, Crusher, 2 steel ore cars, 200 ft. rail, 200 ft. mill, timber, (uncut timber available on property), shovels, picks, compressor house (incomplete), hoist and cable, ore bucket, hand saws and ax, etc.

b. Hope and Bullion Mining Claims (patented) Surveys 3714 and 3715 in sec. 31 and 6, T. 6 and 7 N., R. 4 W., Jefferson County, Montana.

11. 12. 13. 14. Already answered on MF-100.

Answers to Form MF-103 THE APPLICANT-Alberta K. Romerio, Mgr.

15. Gold, silver, lead ore could be shipped 23 miles to East Helena Smelter for treatment; downhill haul 5 miles to Boulder Ore Loading Ramp; the new Basin custom mill might be able to handle ore. Zinc ore could be handled by the ACM facilities in Butte. A mill on the property would be a distinct advantage or refitting the old Comet Mill 2000' away would be advantageous, as the power is already on that property.

16. 17. 18. Answered on MF-100

19. If we ship our lead-zinc ore to Helena we lose our zinc value. If we ship our lead-zinc ore to Butte we lose our lead values. Therefore, it would be advantageous to mill the ore.

The Exploration

20. Lead, zinc, copper, manganese, gold, silver.

21. Sink 100' shaft in wallrock south of vein. Crosscut to vein and drift 200 to 250 feet along vein. It is estimated that eight months operating time will be necessary to complete the project. Total elapsed time may be greater due to winter weather conditions, but in any event exploration will be completed within
22. two years. Engineers report and map was included with original application; assays already on record. Hope-Bullion vein is continuation of formerly highly productive Comet and Grey Eagle vein system.

23. (a) Labor (standard rates subject to unpredictable fluctuations).

2 miners	$13 per day, including unemployment insur,etc.
1 surface man	$13 per day
1 mechanic (part-time)	$350 per month
1 bookkeeper (part-time)	$200 per month

(b) Foreman-- $400 per month

(c) $100 to complete compressor shed

(d) $150 hoist-shaft house

(e) If unable to rent, the following equipment will be purchased:

1 air pump, used	$1,500
1 sinker used	600
1 drifter, used	600
Rail used	300
Pipe (1" and 3"), used	400

(f) If available the following equipment will be rented:

1 air pump	$ 60 per month
1 sinking air hammer	65 per month
1 drifter	65 per month
1 bulldozer, with operator; 3 days at	$100 per day

(g) Gardner-Denver Compressor with Dodge motor and receiver $200 per month

Single drum hoist with Nash motor 50 per month

Bucket and ore cars 15 per month

Truck, 1 1/2 ton army pick-up 100 per month

(h) Powder, steel, bits, fan, caps, hose, timber, etc. $2,250.00

(i) Gasoline (sole source of power) $2,000.00

24. Estimated time schedule (subject to delay due to adverse weather or labor shortages:

1st quarter---contract shed, install equipment, and prepare for mining.

2d quarter---sink 100' vertical shaft

3d quarter---crosscut 50' to vein and drift 150' on vein

4th quarter--complete drifting on vein.

(March 1951)

DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL TECHNICAL DATA FOR USE UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950

NOT TO BE FILLED IN BY APPLICANT

Docket No. DMA 326 Dma-326X

Date received 5/21/51

Alberta K. Romerio Mgr.
c/o Montana State Training School Hospital
Boulder, Montana

Name and address of applicant

Date

INSTRUCTIONS

This form is to be filed with Defense Minerals Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C. It should be accompanied by appropriate application form when a specific type of Government assistance is requested, in the form of (1) loan, (2) purchase contract, (3) Government guarantee of a private loan, (4) Necessity Certificate pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 124–A (Amortization Deduction) of Internal Revenue Code, 1950, (5) priorities or allocation of mining equipment, and maintenance, repair and operating supplies, and (6) other forms of Government assistance that might arise under the Act. Submit four (4) signed copies of the form and accompanying papers. Name and address should be stamped or typed on each sheet of this form and all accompanying papers. *When a question is inapplicable it should be so stated on the form.* Additional sheets may be attached in answering any questions or in supplying additional information. (IF YOU CANNOT ANSWER A QUESTION, SO STATE.) If a question is answered elsewhere indicate where answered. It is not necessary to answer it again.

GENERAL TECHNICAL DATA

Supply the following information on separate sheets, arranged, numbered, and lettered as indicated:

1. Materials produced:
   (*a*) What are the chief mine, mill, or smelter products?
   (*b*) What are the byproducts, if any?
2. Name(s) and type(s) of mine(s), mill(s), smelter(s), refinery(ies), pit(s), quarry (ies), drilling operation(s). Include old names of property, if any. Show extent of workings, including the following:
   (*a*) Linear feet of shafts.
   (*b*) Linear feet of drifts and crosscuts.
   (*c*) Linear feet of tunnels or adits.
   (*d*) Linear feet of other mine openings (explain briefly).
   Indicate whether mine is flooded or not. Describe any pumping problems. Give size or productive capacity.
3. For each operation listed above supply the following:
   (*a*) Distance and direction from nearest town and shipping point.
   (*b*) Mining district.
   (*c*) Township, Section, Range.
   (*d*) County, State.
4. (*a*) State whether or not property is now in operation, and if in operation, by whom operated.
   (*b*) Are you operating this property as:
   - ☐ Owner.
   - ☒ Lessee.
   - ☐ Contractor.
5. Number of years in production ----------
   If not in production or operation, estimated date when production will begin ----------
6. Experience of operators:
   Describe the mining and general business experience of (*a*) the applicant, and (*b*) the person or persons who manage the project.
7. History:
   (*a*) Give a statement, as complete as possible, of previous exploration, development, operation, and production of property, with reasons for suspension of operation.
   (*b*) State briefly the known history and production of adjoining and neighboring properties.
   (*c*) Furnish any available (private) reports that may apply to this application, including results of mine examinations, recommended exploration and development, and metallurgical investigations.

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(Signature of authorized official)

May 12 - 51 (Date) — Geo. E. Cryer - Notary Mgr. (Title)

Boulder, Mont. Comm. Exp. May 29-1952

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Form MF-100 - General Technical Data.

1. Materials produced:
 a. Gold, Silver, Lead, Zinc and Copper
 b. Antimony 4% and possible pink Manganese 3.40%

2. Hope & Bullion Mine -
 a. Old exploration shaft 100 ft. (Caved) showed large body of low grade ore.
 b. 25 ft. crosscut (exposed 3 ft of 10.90 % Zinc Ore) Exploratory
 c. 50 ft Tunnel Crosscut
 d. 1100 ft of open pit bulldozing exposing original engineers probable veins.
As bulldozer cuts vein surface water springs forth - present ditching operation.

3. a. 5 miles from Boulder Railroad Shipping (Ore) Ramp.
 b. Boulder - Comet-Wickes Mining District
 c. 6 & 7 N R4W PatSurvey 3714 and 3715
 d. Jefferson County, Montana

4. Last shipment Sept 30,1950 - Smelter Returns $11.20 on 2 Ton Trial Shipment Operated by Lessee and Family - Alberta K. Romerio Mgr. for Owner Lester Leary - Lead, Sth. Dakota
 Delight Romerio Lewis - Boulder, Montana

5. Exploratory work started1948 (Summer) With funds can get into Zinc production within one month.

6. Alberta K. Romerio - Has operated and developed Hope and Bullion Property since 1948 - Has attended the University of So. Calif. classes in Mining and Assaying under Dr. Geo. Wyman - Is a California and Montana R.N. and is used to handling personnel.- Has sons 18 and 21 available for mining and husband of considerable experience Blacksmithing

7. a. History: Property patented in 1892 by uncle Patrick Leary after having been completely explored with tunnels and crosscuts and shafts Operation was suspended because gold values gave way to Lead and Zinc with depth and old timers were after gold.
 b. Comet - Rumley - Grey Eagle Veins in direct line with Hope & Bullion outcrop Produced 24 to 28 million dollars.
 b. Largest producers of base metals in Montana before Butte. Bureau of Mines has record of production Barnes Mont Zinc Co.
 c. These have been forwarded to Bureau of Mines offices in Spokane Washington.
 see Romerio Leary report

17. Equipment and Facilities:
House, Good condition
Compressor, Complete
Dodge Motor,
Nash Motor
Crusher
2 Steele Ore Cars
200 ft rail
200 ft mill timber (uncut timber available)
2 drills (sullivan) - obsolete
shovels, picks all in good condition
Compressor House incomplete and store room
Hoist and Cable
Saws (hand) Ax
2 Saw [illegible] Saws
1 Hudson 1951.

18. Heavy Ground near surface necessitates sinking shaft off vein
A Millwould save both lead and zinc ores by differential floatation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Administration
RECEIVED
MAY 2 1 1951
LANDON F. STAUDEL
Executive Secretary

This copy of the original G. A. Kennedy Notes of Survey is filed in Patent Survey office Helena, Mont. A. L. [illegible]

Survey No 3714

FEET

I commenced this survey at the SE location corner where I set a granite stone 24 X 8 X 6 ins. marked 1-3714 fir cor No. 1 Raised a mound of earth alongside the corner so townships 6&7 N. Ro 4 and 5 W. bears N 74° 40W. 2516.76 ft.

First course N 5° 35E

FEET

Discovery Shaft 6X8 ft. 15 ft. deep bears 79° 30W 1250 ft. Shaft No. 2 5X7 ft. 25 ft. deep bears N 79° 30W 850 ft. Shaft No 3 5X7 ft 100ft deep (timbered) under log shaft house 12X16 ft bears N 77° 30W 1225 ft. Tunnel No 4 5X6 ft. 96 ft. long bears N 82° 30W 1187ft. Course of tunnel N 11° 00 W. Open cut No 5 5X8ft 125ft. long bears N 82° 20W 1444ft course of cut N 5° 30E

600 set a granite stone 22X6X5ins 14 ins deep marked 2-3714 for cor No. 2 raised mound of earth alongside. NE location cir-brass N. 5° 35E 43 ft.

Second course N79° 30W

1500 Set a granite stone 26X10X6 ins 18 ins. deep marked 3-3714 for cor no. 3 Raised mound of earth alongside same as N. W. Location corner

Third /Course S 5° 35 W

Feet

450 Road tocomet course S83° 00E/

600 a granite stone 28X12X5 ins. 18 ins deep marked 4-3714 for cir No 4 Raised mound of alongside. Old location corner gone.

Fourth Course S79° 30E

1485 Road to Comet course N 65°W

1500 To cor No 1 and place of beginning.

SURVEY 3715

Feet SE location berrn gone

Second course N 5° 35 E

Along 3rd course of sur No 3714

150 Road to comet course N 83°W a granite stone 26X10X6 ins

600 18 ins deep. Marked it 3-3715 for cir No 3 it is also marked 3-3714 for cir No 3 of sur No 3714 ~~for~~ with mound of earth alongside. same as NE location corner.

Third course

N79° 30W

Survey No 3715 cont'd

Third course cont'd

816 Feet — Set a granite stone 18X10X6 ins 10 ins deep marked4-3715 for cor No 4 Raised a mound of earth alongside NW location corner bears N79° 30W-21ft.

Fourth course S 5° 35W

239 300 — Cor No 4 of survey No 490 entrance to discovery tunnel 4X6ft 109ft long bears S67 30E 270ft fourse of tunnel No 40° 30W Point of discovery bears N40° 30W 89ft from entrance to tunnel. Open cut No 2 3X6ft 216ft long bears S 75°E 610 ft course of cut N 5°00W

348 538 — Road to comet bears N 22°W To cor No 1 and place of beginning.

Magnetic variation of all courses in both claims 20° 20'E

Note: All mounds raised at corners are 4 1/2ft base 2 1/2ft high. references given to bearing objects when available.

Connecting lines

To connect survey No 3714 with the public surveys from corner No 1 I view as follows. N79° 30W 1500ft. Thence N 75° 15W 825.5ft. Thence N 5° 35E 238ft. Thence S 72° 45W 185.5ft cir to townships 6&7 NR 4W and townships 6&7N R 5W from which by calculation. The township cor. bears N 74° 40W2516-76ft.

Feet — To connect survey No 3715 with the public survey from Cor No 1 I view as follows N 5°35E 238ft. Thence S 72° 45W 185.5ft cir to townships 6&7N R. 4W and T6&7N R5Wfrom which by calculation the township cir bears N 40°16W 238-31ft.

Area

Area of survey No 3714 Hope Lode total area claimed 20-58 acres and of survy No 3715 Bullion Lode Total area claimed 10-64 acres Total acres of these survey claims 31.22 acres.

Conflicting Claims

There are none.

Adjoining claims

The only adjoining claim to Survey No 3715 is survey No 3715. Bullion Lode on the west. Frank P. Murray et al
Applicants
The adjoining claims to survey No 3715 is survey No 3714 on the east Frank P. Murray et al applicants and survey No 490 Rumley Lode Lot No 37 on the west William Berkin et al applicants.

Location

The hope lode was located Jan 1,1886 It is situated in NW1/4 of sec 6 T6NR4W & SW1/4 Sec 31-T7N R4W and is designated as Survey No 3714. The bullion lode was located Sept. 15,1889. It is located N.W1/4 of Sect 6-T6N R4W and SW1/4 of section 31T7NR4W and is designated

Survey 3715 con d

as survey No 3715

Instruments used A Buff and Berger Transit with solar attachment in good adjustment The courses were deflected from the tru median as determined by solar observation. The distances were measured with a steel chain.

Report on Mines and Improvements.

On the execution of these surveys. I set the ¢ØØ corners so as to include 1500 ft. or less along the Ø vien on each survey. and make the end lines parallel. The discovery shafts and the general course of the Vein in all cases and so fare as traced are within 300 ft. of either side line.
The general course of the vein on the hope Lode is N 79° 30W and S79°30E.

On the Bullion Lode 79°30W and S79°30E.

The vein on the hope lode is quartz in place bearing gold and silver and is situated between granite walls and dips northerly at an angle of about 45°

The vein on the Bullion Lode i quartz in place bearing gold and silver situated between granite walls and dips northerly at an angle of about 40°.

I hereby certify that the value of the laborand improvements placed up on these contigons surveys forming claim by the applicants ØØor their grantors is not less than five-hundred dollars and that said discovery shaft on hope lode total value $5244.00

DR.

10 oz - 3.50 2000
7000.00

Form MF-104 (Rev.)
(April 1952)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Budget Bureau No. 42-R1036.3.
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OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT AND VOUCHER

Month of January & February 1953 Docket No. DMEA 326X Contract No. Idm-E220
Operator's Name Alberta K. Romerio Minerals Lead-Zinc
Address Box 272, Boulder, Montana
Contract Amount, $ 21,200 Government Participation: 50 % Amount, $ 10,600

ITEMS OF COSTS	FOR OPERATOR'S USE			FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY		
	Monthly Total	Totals Previously Reported	Totals To Date	Approved Monthly Total	Approved Totals Previously Reported	Approved Totals To Date
(1) ~~Independent~~ Short Form Contracts:						
~~Drilling~~ Jan. Rev.		4,551.00	4,551.00			
Bulldozing Amdt. 2	700.84		700.84			
Crosscutting						
Drifting						
~~Shafts~~		3,473.20	3,473.20			
(2) Labor and Supervision:						
Labor						
Supervision						
Technical Services						
(3) Operating Mat'ls. and Supplies:						
Timber						
Explosives						
Pipe						
Track						
(4) Operating Equipment:						
Rental						
Purchase						
Depreciation						
(5) Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs						
(6) New Bldgs., Improvements, etc.						
(7) Miscellaneous:						
Repairs to Equipment						
Sampling and Analysis						
Payroll Taxes						
Liability Insurance						
(8) Contingencies (specify):						
TOTALS	700.84	8,024.20	8,725.04	700.84	8,024.20	8,725.04

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

Date May 13 53 *Payee Alberta K. Romerio

Per _____ Title Mgr

*When a voucher is signed or receipted in the name of a company or corporation, the name of the person writing the company or corporate name, as well as the capacity in which he signs, must appear. For example: "John Doe Company, per John Smith, Secretary," or "Treasurer," as the case may be.

NOTE.—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.

(Instructions on reverse)

Pursuant to authority vested in me, I certify that this account is correct and proper for payment in the amount of:

$ 350 42

Signature _____ (Authorized Certifying Officer)

Date 5/19/53 Vou. No. 768
(See other side)

(For Government use only)

CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the contractor submitting this voucher is operating a Defense Minerals Exploration Administration project under Contract No. E 220 in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Signature /S/ Edward W Buell Title Mining Engr Date 5/19/53

APPROVAL BY DMEA EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE:

Signature /S/ Thomas E Howard Title Mining Engr Date 5/19/53

MONTHLY REPORT OF OPERATOR

The Operator (Contractor) of an exploration project is required to make a monthly report to the Government through the Regional Executive Officer. This report consists of three parts as follows:

(a) *Form MF-104—Operator's Monthly Report and Voucher.*—This form details expenditures and constitutes a voucher for reimbursing the Operator for the Government's share of costs;

(b) *Form MF-104A—Operator's Unit Cost and Progress Report.*—This is a statistical report of expenditures which shows costs for the various types of operation; and

(c) *Narrative.*—A concise narrative description of progress made, results accomplished, and any unusual difficulties encountered must be furnished as an attachment to this Report and Voucher. Wherever possible, the narrative is to be illustrated with maps or sketches showing formations penetrated and location and assays of samples taken as well as advances in workings. In the case of diamond drilling or churn drilling, the location and inclination of holes is to be shown on a map; logs and assays also are to be submitted.

The Monthly Report of Operator should be prepared in an original and four copies all of which must be sent to the Executive Officer of the Region not later than the 15th of the month following.

Preparation of Form MF-104—Operator's Monthly Report and Voucher.—All the applicable spaces in Form MF-104 should be filled in by the Operator, and the Operator or his agent should sign the certification in the lower left corner of the form.

The items of costs are arranged in the order they appear in Article 6 (a) of Form MF-200 (Revised February 1952), however, this form is readily adaptable for use in reporting activities under other contract forms.

Under Item (1) delete words "Short Form" if the contract is a sub-contract under Form MF-200; and delete word "Independent" if the contract reported is on Form MF-200 (A). Also, report work paid for on a unit basis under contract Form MF-200 as though it were performed under an independent contract.

Under Item (2) include labor, supervision and technical services incurred for the exploratory operations. Do not include labor, supervision and technical services used for work performed under items (5) and (6).

Under Item (3) include the costs of material and supplies used in the project other than that used under items (5) and (6).

Under Item (4) appear the three types of operating equipment expenditures, that is, rental, purchase and depreciation. The expenditures made for renting equipment belonging to a third party will be reported under "Rental". The amount paid or duly obligated for payment for the purchase of equipment will be reported under "Purchase". The amount of expenditures due the Operator to reimburse him for depreciation of equipment owned will be reported under "Depreciation".

Item (5) comprises costs of labor, supervision, technical services, materials, etc., which are used in the initial rehabilitation and repair of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and equipment. These costs, therefore, should not be reported under items (2) and (3).

Item (6) includes the labor, supervision, technical services, materials, etc., used in the installation or construction of new buildings, fixed improvements, etc., necessary for the project. These costs, therefore, should not be reported under items (2) and (3).

Item (7) covers miscellaneous types of expenditure such as payroll taxes, liability insurance, workmen's compensation insurance, repairs to equipment and sampling and analysis. Only that part of payroll taxes, liability insurance and workmen's compensation which are paid by the operator should be reported under item (7). The share paid by the employee as a payroll deduction is to be included under item (2) as labor costs.

Item (8) includes any unforeseen costs not included in the other seven categories.

The original of Form MF-104 when submitted for reimbursable expenses incurred under contract Form MF-200 must be supported by original documentation or by certified copies of purchase orders, payrolls or transcripts of payrolls, unless such documentation has been waived by the Regional Executive Officer. This certification may be stated thus, "Certified True Copy (or Transcript)", followed by appropriate signature. If the Executive Officer of the Region determines that a contract under Form MF-200 should have an "on-site" audit, that is, a Government auditor should make an audit of the Operator's books and records of account, the Operator need not support his monthly voucher with original or certified documents except in cases of equipment purchases whose individual costs exceed $50.00. In these cases the original or a certified copy of the purchase order or invoice should be attached to the Monthly Voucher. N. B.—Only the *original* of Form MF-104 is required to be documented. The four copies of Form MF-104 are not to be thus supported.

Form MF-104 submitted for reimbursement under fixed price contracts on Form MF-200 (A), however, are not required to be supported by documentation of any kind. The Operator will submit his claim under item (1) of Form MF-104 by deleting as stated above the word "Independent" and by showing the number of feet or other units immediately after the appropriate descriptive word, such as, drilling, bulldozing, crosscutting, drifting, etc., and giving the "Monthly Total" amount due. "Totals Previously Reported", and "Totals to Date" columns should also be filled in.

GPO 83-38476

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526 X

Copy of mining Lease Recorded in the State of Montana's Record Office in County of Jefferson on 14th day of May 1951.

This Lease was made this first day of July AD. 1948 by and between Lester Leary and Charles Romerio and Alberta K. Romerio party of the first part, hereinafter called the lessor and Charles Romerio and Alberta K. Romerio parties of the second part, hereinafter called the lessees.

Witnesseth That the said lessor for and in consideration of the rents, royalties, covenants and promises of the said lessees and to be by paid, kept and performed, do hereby Lease, Demise and Let unto said lessees the following described quartz lode mining claim and premises situated in Comet mining district, in the County of Jefferson and State of Montana, to wit: The Bullion #3716 and Hope #3714 Mining Claims.
That said Lease, shall pay 5% Royalty on all ores mined and sold by him.
That he shall have the privilege of buying said claims during the life of said lease for the sum of $1000.00
That all royalties paid by him to the leassor shall apply on the purchase price of said claims.

with the right to mine and extract ore from the said leased premises and to explore and prospect for ore therein, on the terms and conditions hereinafter stated. And said lessor covenant to and with said lessee that He shall have quiet and peacable possession of said leased premises during the continuance of this lease.

To Have and to Hold the same unto the said lessee for the term of 5 years July 1, 1948 from the date herof, expiring at noon on July 1,1953. unless sooner forfeited or determined through the violation of any covenant hereinafter by the said lessee made, promised or to be performed.

The said lessee in consideration of said lease of said premises do hereby covenant and agree to and with said lessor as follows to wit: That he will enter upon and take posession of the siad described premises and hold the same under this lease; that He will work the same mind-fashinn in manner necessary to good and economical mining, so as to take out the greatest amount of ore possible with due regard to the safety, development and preservation of the said premises as a workable mine.
To work and mine said premises as aforesaid st eadily and continuously from the date of this lease and that any failure to work said premises, with at lease 2 persons employed under ground for the space of 15 consecutive days may be considered a violation of this covenant.
To well and sufficiently timber said mine at all points where proper, in accordance with good mining; and to repair all old timbering wherever it may become necessary.
To allow said lessor and his agent to enter upon and into all parts of said mine for the purpose of inspection, with the use of all passages, ropes, windlasses, ladder-ways, and all other means of ingress or egress for such purpose.

DMa-326X

Mining Lease recorded in Recorder's Office
State of Montana, Jefferson County on
May 14,1951

This Indenture, Made the 20th day of January 1947 between Delight Romerio Lessor and Alberta K. Romerio Lessee

Witnesseth: That the said Lessor has leased, and by these presents does grant, demise and lease unto the said Lessee, and the said Lessee has hired and taken and by these presents does hire and take of and from the said lessor,

½ The Hope Survey #3714 and the Bullion Survey #3715 Mining Claims

with the appurtenances, for the term of ten years commencing on the 20th day of January 1947 and ending on the 20th day of January 1957 at the total rent or sum of ten dollars payable in advance and 15% Royalties to be paid from net Smelter proceeds from ore at time of sale.

And the said Lessee hereby covenants to pay the said Lessor the said rent, herein reserved in the manner herein specified. And not to make or suffer any alteration to be made therein without the written consent of the lessor.

And it is agreed that if any rent shall be due and unpaid, or if default shall be made in any of the covenants herein contained, then it shall be lawful for the Lessor to re-enter the said premises and to remove all persons therefrom.

And that at the expiration of the said term or any sooner determination of this lease, the said Lessee will quit and surrender the premised hereby demised, in as good order and condition as reasonable use and wear thereof will permit, damages by the elements excepted. And if the Lessee shall hold over the said term with the consent expressed or implied of the lessor, such holding shall be construed to be a tenancy only from month to month.

In witness whereof, the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Lessor Delight H. Romerio
Lessee Alberta K. Romerio

INSTRUCTIONS

Preparation of Form MF-104A—Operator's Unit Cost and Progress Report.—Applicable places on Form 104A should be filled in by the Operator. The purpose of this form is twofold as follows: (1) to furnish the supervising engineers and other administrators with statistical information necessary to better determine the progress of the project; and (2) to furnish more permanent information on mining costs for future use. The more important phases of operation on which permanent information is desired have been outlined in the form. There are blank lines, however, for those unusual phases which may need to be reported for a particular project. It will be necessary for the Operator to distribute his costs among the applicable phases reported with the exception of three items the costs of which are not to be distributed by the Operator. These three items are: "Operating Equipment Purchased", "Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs", and "New Buildings, Improvements, etc." The reason for not distributing these items on a monthly basis is doubtless clear to the Operator, since such distribution might well overstate the cost for any one month or period short of the entire contract period.

Form MF-104A has been designed to tie in with Form MF-104 for both monthly and cumulative costs. The "Total Costs" on Form MF-104A for each month should equal the monthly "Total Costs" as reported on Form MF-104. This is also true of the "Total Costs To Date".

In preparing Form MF-104A, it will be necessary frequently to distribute certain costs over a number of items. For instance, supervisory and engineering costs may have to be distributed over several phases, such as, drifting, crosscutting, raising, etc., provided that these items were reported active for the month. Such distributions should be made on the basis of time spent on the various phases, on man days of labor charged to such phases, or on some other equitable basis. "Operating Equipment", "Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs", and "New Buildings Improvements, etc.", will be distributed to the several phases of the project by the Washington Office of DMEA at the close of the project if determined necessary. The last two columns headed "Authorized by Contract" will be filled in by the Operator if such information is found in the contract. This information is usually a part of Exhibit "A" of the contract. A space for remarks has been provided for the use of the Operator to call attention to any unusual circumstances causing excessive or disproportionate unit costs.

GPO 83-38475

Form MF-104A
(April 1952)

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATOR'S UNIT COST AND PROGRESS REPORT

Month of Jan. & Feb. 1953 Docket No. DMEA 326X Contract No. Idm-E220
Operator's Name Alberta K. Romerio Minerals Lead-Zinc
Address Box 272, Boulder, Montana

OPERATION	UNIT	COSTS THIS MONTH	UNITS THIS MONTH	COSTS TO DATE	UNITS TO DATE	UNIT COSTS TO DATE	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT	
							Units	Unit Costs
Drifting								
Crosscutting								
Raising								
Shafts				3,473.20	38	91.40		
Winzes								
Drilling: Core								
Churn								
Auger								
Stripping								
Trenching								
Test Pits								
Roads and Trails								
Amdt. 2		700.84		700.84				
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED COSTS		700.84						TOTAL COSTS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT
Operating Equipment Purchased								
Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs								
New Buildings, Improvements, etc.								
Jan. Revision				4,551.00				
TOTAL COSTS		700.84		8,725.04				

The undersigned company, and the official executing this certification on its behalf, hereby certify that the information contained in this report is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Date May 13/53 Operator Alberta K Romerio

Per _____ Title Mgr.

NOTE.—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.

REMARKS:

(Instructions on reverse)

(For Government use only)

COPY

DMEA 326X - E220

March 1, 1953

NARRATIVE

Amendment 2

February 23, 1953. Work of cleaning out caved materials and rehabilitation of shaft damaged completed- spiling driven and cave-in filled- with caved materials. Four men on job from January 12 to February 23. One unit of work ~~XXXXXX~~ $700.84.

/s/ Alberta K. Romerio
Box 272 Boulder, Montana
May 7, 1953

Approved totals to date $8024.20
Due- AMendment 2- 700.84

Form MF-104 (Rev.)
(April 1952)

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT AND VOUCHER

Month of December, 1952 Docket No. DMEA 326 X Contract No. E 220
Operator's Name Alberta K. Romero Minerals Lead Zinc
Address Box 272 Boulder, Mont.
Contract Amount, $ 21,200 Government Participation: 50 % Amount, $ 10,600

ITEMS OF COSTS	FOR OPERATOR'S USE			FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY		
	Monthly Total	Totals Previously Reported	Totals To Date	Approved Monthly Total	Approved Totals Previously Reported	Approved Totals To Date
(1) ~~Independent~~ Short Form Contracts: Jan. revised						
Drilling		4551.00	4551.00			
Bulldozing						
Crosscutting						
Drifting						
Sinking 8 Ft. 91.40	731.20	2742.00	3473.20			
(2) Labor and Supervision:						
Labor						
Supervision						
Technical Services						
(3) Operating Mat'ls. and Supplies:						
Timber						
Explosives						
Pipe						
Track						
(4) Operating Equipment:						
Rental						
Purchase						
Depreciation						
(5) Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs						
(6) New Bldgs., Improvements, etc.						
(7) Miscellaneous:						
Repairs to Equipment						
Sampling and Analysis						
Payroll Taxes						
Liability Insurance						
(8) Contingencies (specify):						
water - loose						
ground - sluff -						
TOTALS	731.20	7293.00	8024.20	731.20	7293.00	8024.20

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

Date Jan. 10 - 53 *Payee Alberta K. Romero

Per _____ Title Mgr.

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(Instructions on reverse)

Pursuant to authority vested in me, I certify that this account is correct and proper for payment in the amount of:

$ 365.60

Signature _____ (Authorized Certifying Officer)

Date 1/16/53 Vou. No. _____ (See other side)

(For Government use only)

CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the contractor submitting this voucher is operating a Defense Minerals Exploration Administration project under Contract No. ..... in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Signature ..... Title ..... Date .....

APPROVAL BY DMEA EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE:

Signature ..... Title ..... Date .....

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(c) *Narrative.*—A concise narrative description of progress made, results accomplished, and any unusual difficulties encountered must be furnished as an attachment to this Report and Voucher. Wherever possible, the narrative is to be illustrated with maps or sketches showing formations penetrated and location and assays of samples taken as well as advances in workings. In the case of diamond drilling or churn drilling, the location and inclination of holes is to be shown on a map; logs and assays also are to be submitted.

The Monthly Report of Operator should be prepared in an original and four copies all of which must be sent to the Executive Officer of the Region not later than the 15th of the month following.

Preparation of Form MF-104—Operator's Monthly Report and Voucher.—All the applicable spaces in Form MF-104 should be filled in by the Operator, and the Operator or his agent should sign the certification in the lower left corner of the form.

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Under Item (1) delete words "Short Form" if the contract is a sub-contract under Form MF-200; and delete word "Independent" if the contract reported is on Form MF-200 (A). Also, report work paid for on a unit basis under contract Form MF-200 as though it were performed under an independent contract.

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Item (8) includes any unforeseen costs not included in the other seven categories.

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Form MF-104 submitted for reimbursement under fixed price contracts on Form MF-200 (A), however, are not required to be supported by documentation of any kind. The Operator will submit his claim under item (1) of Form MF-104 by deleting as stated above the word "Independent" and by showing the number of feet or other units immediately after the appropriate descriptive word, such as, drilling, bulldozing, crosscutting, drifting, etc., and giving the "Monthly Total" amount due. "Totals Previously Reported", and "Totals to Date" columns should also be filled in.

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Form MF-104A
(April 1952)

Budget Bureau No. 42-R1151
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATOR'S UNIT COST AND PROGRESS REPORT

Month of December 1952 Docket No. DMEA 326 X Contract No. E 220
Operator's Name Alberta N. Romeris Minerals Lead - Zinc
Address Box 272 Boulder, Mont

OPERATION	UNIT	COSTS THIS MONTH	UNITS THIS MONTH	COSTS TO DATE	UNITS TO DATE	UNIT COSTS TO DATE	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT	
							Units	Unit Costs
Drifting								
Crosscutting								
Raising								
Shafts	Foot	731.20	8	2742.00	38	$91.40		
Winzes								
Drilling: Core								
Churn								
Auger								
Stripping								
Trenching								
Test Pits								
Roads and Trails								
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED COSTS		731.20	8	2742.00				TOTAL COSTS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT
Operating Equipment Purchased								
Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs								
New Buildings, Improvements, etc.								
Jan. reversed				4587.00				
TOTAL COSTS		731.20	8	7293.00				

The undersigned company, and the official executing this certification on its behalf, hereby certify that the information contained in this report is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Date Jan 10-53 Operator Alberta N. Romeris
Per Title Mgr

REMARKS:

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(Instructions on reverse)

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INSTRUCTIONS

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In preparing Form MF–104A, it will be necessary frequently to distribute certain costs over a number of items. For instance, supervisory and engineering costs may have to be distributed over several phases, such as, drifting, crosscutting, raising, etc., provided that these items were reported active for the month. Such distributions should be made on the basis of time spent on the various phases, on man days of labor charged to such phases, or on some other equitable basis. "Operating Equipment", "Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs", and "New Buildings Improvements, etc.", will be distributed to the several phases of the project by the Washington Office of DMEA at the close of the project if determined necessary. The last two columns headed "Authorized by Contract" will be filled in by the Operator if such information is found in the contract. This information is usually a part of Exhibit "A" of the contract. A space for remarks has been provided for the use of the Operator to call attention to any unusual circumstances causing excessive or disproportionate unit costs.

GPO 83-38475

ALBERTA K. ROMERIO

Docket No. 326
Contract Idm-E220

December 1952

Narrative

December made 8 feet - timbering close - continuing to pump water - ground very loose and hard to hold on north side of shaft - 38 ft.

Have added a lead-man to assist in holding tough ground - January sluff size of shaft on north side. Today, Jan. 11 - spiling with huge timbers and wedging - now - Has the Bureau of Mines any suggestion on how to hold ground? I have Elkhorn Mining Co. shaft man helping.

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(April 1952)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

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OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT AND VOUCHER

Month of November, 195 2 Docket No. DMEA 326 X Contract No. E 720
Operator's Name Alberta K. Romero Minerals Lead Zinc
Address Box 272, Butte, Mont.
Contract Amount, $ 21,200 Government Participation: 50 % Amount, $ 10,600

ITEMS OF COSTS	FOR OPERATOR'S USE: Monthly Total	Totals Previously Reported	Totals To Date	FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY: Approved Monthly Total	Approved Totals Previously Reported	Approved Totals To Date
(1) Independent Short Form Contracts:						
Drilling Received		4551.00	4551.00			
Bulldozing						
Crosscutting						
Drifting Sinking @ 91.40 ft	$ 274.20	247.80	2742.00			
(2) Labor and Supervision:						
Labor						
Supervision						
Technical Services						
(3) Operating Mat'ls. and Supplies:						
Timber						
Explosives						
Pipe						
Track						
(4) Operating Equipment:						
Rental						
Purchase						
Depreciation						
(5) Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs						
(6) New Bldgs., Improvements, etc.						
(7) Miscellaneous:						
Repairs to Equipment						
Sampling and Analysis						
Payroll Taxes						
Liability Insurance						
(8) Contingencies (specify):						
TOTALS	274.20	7018.80	$ 7293.00	274.20	7018.80	7293.00

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.
Date Dec 5 52 *Payee Alberta K. Romero
Per _____ Title Mgr.

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(Instructions on reverse)

Pursuant to authority vested in me, I certify that this account is correct and proper for payment in the amount of:

$ 137.10

Signature _____ (Authorized Certifying Officer)

Date 12/11/52 Vou. No. _____ (See other side)

(For Government use only)

CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the contractor submitting this voucher is operating a Defense Minerals Exploration Administration project under Contract No. E-220 in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Signature /s/ Edward W Buell Title Min Engr Date 12/9/52

APPROVAL BY DMEA EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE:

Signature Thomas E Howard Title Min Engr Date 12/9/52

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The Monthly Report of Operator should be prepared in an original and four copies all of which must be sent to the Executive Officer of the Region not later than the 15th of the month following.

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FORM MF-104A
(April 1952)

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

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OPERATOR'S UNIT COST AND PROGRESS REPORT

Month of November 1952 Docket No. DMEA 326 K Contract No. E 220
Operator's Name Alberto K. Romero Minerals Lead-Zinc
Address Box 272 Boulder Mont.

OPERATION	Unit	Costs This Month	Units This Month	Costs to Date	Units to Date	Unit Costs to Date	Authorized by Contract: Units	Authorized by Contract: Unit Costs
Drifting								
Crosscutting								
Raising								
Shafts	ft.	274.20	3	2467.80	30	274.20		
Winzes								
Drilling: Core								
Churn								
Auger								
Stripping								
Trenching								
Test Pits								
Roads and Trails								
Total Distributed Costs		274.20	3	2467.80				Total Costs Authorized by Contract
Operating Equipment Purchased								
Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs								
New Buildings, Improvements, etc.				4551.00				
Total Costs		274.20		7018.80				

The undersigned company, and the official executing this certification on its behalf, hereby certify that the information contained in this report is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Date Dec 5 1952 Operator Alberto K Romero

Per ..... Title .....

Remarks:

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GPO 83-38475

DMEA 326X E220

November Narrative 1952

Work progressing satisfactorily except for early freeze.

Previously, after discussing with Government, I have billed the Government to date of submission of vouchers. Now it is requested that 1st to 1st statements be rendered. Hence we have billed for 3 feet but have actually made 11 or 12 feet as October vouchers covered to Nov. 10 and we are now in Dec. footage.

Have discussed loss of K-truck to contract and hope some arrangement can be made to again put this in operation. This was put out of commission under Feb.Mar. Apr. May contract and we received no allowance to put it back into operation. This is a must now.

ALBERTA K. ROMERIO /s/

Standard Form No. 1034a—Revised
Form prescribed by
Comptroller General, U. S.
September 7, 1950
(Gen. Reg. No. 51, Supp. No. 11)

PUBLIC VOUCHER FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL

D. O. Vou. No. .....

Bu. Vou. No. 536

U. S. Interior, Mines
(Department, bureau, or establishment)

Voucher prepared at Spokane, Washington 11/24/52
(Give place and date)

THE UNITED STATES, Dr., Payee's Account No. Iur-3220

To Alberta K. Romerio
(Payee)

Box 272, Boulder, Montana
(Address) (City) (State)

PAID BY

(For use of Paying Office)

No. and Date of Order	Date of Delivery or Service	ARTICLES OR SERVICES (Enter description, item number of contract or Federal supply schedule, and other information deemed necessary) Discount Terms	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE Cost	UNIT PRICE Per	AMOUNT Dollars	AMOUNT Cts.
	October 1952	As per attached certified form MF-104 dated 11/10/52				319	90
PAYMENT: Complete ☐ Partial ☐ Final ☐		Use continuation sheet(s) if necessary					
Shipped from	to	Weight	Government B/L No.		Total	319	90

(Payee must NOT use this space)

Differences .....

Account verified; correct for 319 90

(Signature or initials) .....

Contract No. Iur-3220 Date Req. No. Date Invoice Rec'd.

319 90

MEMORANDUM

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (For completion by Administrative Office)

Appropriation, limitation, or project symbol	Appropriation title	Limit'n. or Proj't. Amount	Appropriation Amount
14X4401	Revolving Fund, Defense Production Act, Interior	319.90	319.90

Allotment symbol	Amount	Obligations liquidated	COST ACCOUNT Symbol	COST ACCOUNT Amount	OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION Symbol	OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION Amount

Paid by { Check No. ..... dated ....., 19....., for $..... } on Treasurer of the United States in favor of payee named above.
{ Cash, $....., on ....., 19.....

16—22900a-2

METHOD OF OR ABSENCE OF ADVERTISING

METHOD OF ADVERTISING

1. Advertising in newspapers Yes ☐ No ☐.
2. (*a*) Advertising by circular letters sent to ..... dealers.
   (*b*) And by notices posted in public places Yes ☐ No ☐.

   (If notices were not posted in addition to advertising by circular letters sent to dealers, explanation of such omission must be made below.)

ABSENCE OF ADVERTISING

3. Without advertising, under an exigency of the service which existed prior to the order and would not admit of the delay incident to advertising.
4. Without advertising in accordance with .....
5. Without advertising, it being impracticable to secure competition because of .....

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(Here state in detail the nature of the exigency or circumstances under which the securing of competition was impracticable under 3 and 4)

NOTE.—The above form "Method of or Absence of Advertising" is to be used when purchases are made or services secured under proper authority without written agreement in any form. In case of a written agreement (formal contract, proposal, and acceptance, or less formal agreement) Standard Form No. 1036—Revised should be used for abstracting the method of or absence of advertising and award of contract. (See General Regulations No. 51, as amended.)

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Form MF-104 (Rev.)
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UNITED STATES
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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Budget Bureau No. 42-R1036.3.
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OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT AND VOUCHER

Month of OCTOBER, 1952 Docket No. DMEA 326X Contract No. E220 ZINC
Operator's Name ALBERTA K. Romerio Minerals LEAD
Address 21,200 Box 272, Boulder, Mont
Contract Amount, $ Government Participation: 50 % Amount, $ 10600

ITEMS OF COSTS	FOR OPERATOR'S USE: Monthly Total	Totals Previously Reported	Totals To Date	FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY: Approved Monthly Total	Approved Totals Previously Reported	Approved Totals To Date
(1) Independent Short Form Contracts: Jan. revised		$4551.00	$4551.00		11551.00	11551.00
Drilling						
Bulldozing						
Crosscutting Sinking @						
Drifting $91.40 ft.	$639.80	$1828.00	$2467.80	639.80	1828.00	2467.80
(2) Labor and Supervision:						
Labor						
Supervision						
Technical Services						
(3) Operating Mat'ls. and Supplies:						
Timber						
Explosives						
Pipe						
Track						
(4) Operating Equipment:						
Rental						
Purchase						
Depreciation						
(5) Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs						
(6) New Bldgs., Improvements, etc.						
(7) Miscellaneous:						
Repairs to Equipment						
Sampling and Analysis						
Payroll Taxes						
Liability Insurance						
(8) Contingencies (specify): Hoist adjustments, water-sluff 6 feet made		6379.00				
TOTALS	$639.80	$6339.00	$7018.80	639.80	6379.00	7018.80

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

Date Nov 10-52 *Payee Alberta K. Romerio

Per _____ Title Mgr.

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(Instructions on reverse)

Pursuant to authority vested in me, I certify that this account is correct and proper for payment in the amount of:

319.90 $ 319 90

Signature _____ (Authorized Certifying Officer)

Date _____ Vou. No. _____
(See other side)

(For Government use only)

CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the contractor submitting this voucher is operating a Defense Minerals Exploration Administration project under Contract No. ..... in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Signature ..... Title ..... Date .....

APPROVAL BY DMEA EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE:

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The Monthly Report of Operator should be prepared in an original and four copies all of which must be sent to the Executive Officer of the Region not later than the 15th of the month following.

Preparation of Form MF-104—Operator's Monthly Report and Voucher.—All the applicable spaces in Form MF-104 should be filled in by the Operator, and the Operator or his agent should sign the certification in the lower left corner of the form.

The items of costs are arranged in the order they appear in Article 6 (a) of Form MF-200 (Revised February 1952), however, this form is readily adaptable for use in reporting activities under other contract forms.

Under Item (1) delete words "Short Form" if the contract is a sub-contract under Form MF-200; and delete word "Independent" if the contract reported is on Form MF-200 (A). Also, report work paid for on a unit basis under contract Form MF-200 as though it were performed under an independent contract.

Under Item (2) include labor, supervision and technical services incurred for the exploratory operations. Do not include labor, supervision and technical services used for work performed under items (5) and (6).

Under Item (3) include the costs of material and supplies used in the project other than that used under items (5) and (6).

Under Item (4) appear the three types of operating equipment expenditures, that is, rental, purchase and depreciation. The expenditures made for renting equipment belonging to a third party will be reported under "Rental". The amount paid or duly obligated for payment for the purchase of equipment will be reported under "Purchase". The amount of expenditures due the Operator to reimburse him for depreciation of equipment owned will be reported under "Depreciation".

Item (5) comprises costs of labor, supervision, technical services, materials, etc., which are used in the initial rehabilitation and repair of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and equipment. These costs, therefore, should not be reported under items (2) and (3).

Item (6) includes the labor, supervision, technical services, materials, etc., used in the installation or construction of new buildings, fixed improvements, etc., necessary for the project. These costs, therefore, should not be reported under items (2) and (3).

Item (7) covers miscellaneous types of expenditure such as payroll taxes, liability insurance, workmen's compensation insurance, repairs to equipment and sampling and analysis. Only that part of payroll taxes, liability insurance and workmen's compensation which are paid by the operator should be reported under item (7). The share paid by the employee as a payroll deduction is to be included under item (2) as labor costs.

Item (8) includes any unforeseen costs not included in the other seven categories.

The original of Form MF-104 when submitted for reimbursable expenses incurred under contract Form MF-200 must be supported by original documentation or by certified copies of purchase orders, payrolls or transcripts of payrolls, unless such documentation has been waived by the Regional Executive Officer. This certification may be stated thus, "Certified True Copy (or Transcript)", followed by appropriate signature. If the Executive Officer of the Region determines that a contract under Form MF-200 should have an "on-site" audit, that is, a Government auditor should make an audit of the Operator's books and records of account, the Operator need not support his monthly voucher with original or certified documents except in cases of equipment purchases whose individual costs exceed $50.00. In these cases the original or a certified copy of the purchase order or invoice should be attached to the Monthly Voucher. N. B.—Only the *original* of Form MF-104 is required to be documented. The four copies of Form MF-104 are not to be thus supported.

Form MF-104 submitted for reimbursement under fixed price contracts on Form MF-200 (A), however, are not required to be supported by documentation of any kind. The Operator will submit his claim under item (1) of Form MF-104 by deleting as stated above the word "Independent" and by showing the number of feet or other units immediately after the appropriate descriptive word, such as, drilling, bulldozing, crosscutting, drifting, etc., and giving the "Monthly Total" amount due. "Totals Previously Reported", and "Totals to Date" columns should also be filled in.

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Form MEE-104A
(April 1952)

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Defense Minerals Administration

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATOR'S UNIT COST AND PROGRESS REPORT

Month of OCTOBER 1952 Docket No. DMEA 526X Contract No. 1220
Operator's Name ALBERTA K. ROMERIO Minerals Lead-Zinc
Address BOX 272, Boulder, Montana

OPERATION	UNIT	COSTS THIS MONTH	UNITS THIS MONTH	COSTS TO DATE	UNITS TO DATE	UNIT COSTS TO DATE	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT Units	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT Unit Costs
Drifting								
Crosscutting								
Raising								
Shafts	foot	$639.80	7	$2467.80	27	$2467.80	100	$91.40
Winzes								
Drilling: Core								
Churn								
Auger								
Stripping								
Trenching								
Test Pits								
Roads and Trails								
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED COSTS		$639.80	7	$2467.80				TOTAL COSTS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT
Operating Equipment Purchased								
Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs								
New Buildings, Improvements, etc. JAN. REVISED				$4551.00				
TOTAL COSTS		$639.80	7	$7018.60				

The undersigned company, and the official executing this certification on its behalf, hereby certify that the information contained in this report is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Date Nov 10-52 Operator Alberta K. Romerio

Per Title Mgr.

REMARKS:

NOTE.—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.

(Instructions on reverse)

(For Government use only)

INSTRUCTIONS

Preparation of Form MF–104A—Operator's Unit Cost and Progress Report.—Applicable places on Form 104A should be filled in by the Operator. The purpose of this form is twofold as follows: (1) to furnish the supervising engineers and other administrators with statistical information necessary to better determine the progress of the project; and (2) to furnish more permanent information on mining costs for future use. The more important phases of operation on which permanent information is desired have been outlined in the form. There are blank lines, however, for those unusual phases which may need to be reported for a particular project. It will be necessary for the Operator to distribute his costs among the applicable phases reported with the exception of three items the costs of which are not to be distributed by the Operator. These three items are: "Operating Equipment Purchased", "Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs", and "New Buildings, Improvements, etc." The reason for not distributing these items on a monthly basis is doubtless clear to the Operator, since such distribution might well overstate the cost for any one month or period short of the entire contract period.

Form MF–104A has been designed to tie in with Form MF–104 for both monthly and cumulative costs. The "Total Costs" on Form MF–104A for each month should equal the monthly "Total Costs" as reported on Form MF–104. This is also true of the "Total Costs To Date".

In preparing Form MF–104A, it will be necessary frequently to distribute certain costs over a number of items. For instance, supervisory and engineering costs may have to be distributed over several phases, such as, drifting, crosscutting, raising, etc., provided that these items were reported active for the month. Such distributions should be made on the basis of time spent on the various phases, on man days of labor charged to such phases, or on some other equitable basis. "Operating Equipment", "Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs", and "New Buildings Improvements, etc.", will be distributed to the several phases of the project by the Washington Office of DMEA at the close of the project if determined necessary. The last two columns headed "Authorized by Contract" will be filled in by the Operator if such information is found in the contract. This information is usually a part of Exhibit "A" of the contract. A space for remarks has been provided for the use of the Operator to call attention to any unusual circumstances causing excessive or disproportionate unit costs.

GPO 83-38475

COPY

DMA 326X - E220

NARRATIVE

During the month of October we had some trouble getting the gasoline motor driven hoist into efficient operation but it seems to be carrying the load for the present. We encountered more sluff and each day have had to pump before starting operations. Three men are on the job and we are timbered twenty three feet and have 27 feet depth in shaft. Due to dozer operations, etc., this gives us a depth of about 43 feet from the outcrop. We continue to be mining altered decomposed granite (quartz monzonite) which crumbles on exposure to air. Aside from generator trouble on hoist and getting hoist brake to hold the month has been uneventful.--- 7 feet made.

/s/ Alberta K. Romerio

November 10, 1952.

Note: Am enclosing request for extension of time on contract.
Weather good.

Standard Form No. 1034a—Revised
Form prescribed by
Comptroller General, U. S.
September 7, 1950
(Gen. Reg. No. 51, Supp. No. 11)

PUBLIC VOUCHER FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL

D. O. Vou. No. _____

Bu. Vou. No. DMA-459

U. S. Interior, Mines
(Department, bureau, or establishment)

Voucher prepared at Albany, Oregon
(Give place and date)

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THE UNITED STATES, Dr., Payee's Account No. Idm-E 220

To Alberta K. Romerio,
(Payee)

Box 272, Boulder, Montana
(Address) (City) (State)

PAID BY
(For use of Paying Office)

No. and Date of Order	Date of Delivery or Service	ARTICLES OR SERVICES (Enter description, item number of contract or Federal supply schedule, and other information deemed necessary) Discount Terms net	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE Cost	UNIT PRICE Per	AMOUNT Dollars	AMOUNT Cts.
	September 1952	As per attached certified form MF-104 dated October 7, 1952				228	50
PAYMENT: Complete ☐ Partial ☐ Final ☐		Use continuation sheet(s) if necessary					

Shipped from to Weight Government B/L No. Total 228 50

(Payee must NOT use this space)
Differences
Account verified; correct for 228 50
(Signature or initials)

Contract No. Idm-E 220 Date Req. No. Date Invoice Rec'd.

228.50

MEMORANDUM

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (For completion by Administrative Office)

Appropriation, limitation, or project symbol	Appropriation title	Limit'n. or Proj't. Amount	Appropriation Amount
14X4401	Revolving Fund, Defense Production Act, Interior	228.50	228.50

Allotment symbol	Amount	Obligations liquidated	COST ACCOUNT Symbol	COST ACCOUNT Amount	OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION Symbol	OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION Amount

Paid by { Check No. _____ dated _____, 19____, for $_____ / Cash, $_____, on _____, 19____ } on Treasurer of the United States in favor of payee named above.

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METHOD OF OR ABSENCE OF ADVERTISING

METHOD OF ADVERTISING

1. Advertising in newspapers Yes ☐ No ☐.
2. (*a*) Advertising by circular letters sent to ..... dealers.
   (*b*) And by notices posted in public places Yes ☐ No ☐.

   (If notices were not posted in addition to advertising by circular letters sent to dealers, explanation of such omission must be made below.)

ABSENCE OF ADVERTISING

3. Without advertising, under an exigency of the service which existed prior to the order and would not admit of the delay incident to advertising.
4. Without advertising in accordance with .....
5. Without advertising, it being impracticable to secure competition because of .....

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(Here state in detail the nature of the exigency or circumstances under which the securing of competition was impracticable under 3 and 4)

NOTE.—The above form "Method of or Absence of Advertising" is to be used when purchases are made or services secured under proper authority without written agreement in any form. In case of a written agreement (formal contract, proposal, and acceptance, or less formal agreement) Standard Form No. 1036—Revised should be used for abstracting the method of or absence of advertising and award of contract. (See General Regulations No. 51, as amended.)

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Form MF-104 (Rev.)
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OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT AND VOUCHER

Month of September, 1952 Docket No. DMEA 326X-E220 Contract No. E220
Operator's Name Alberta K. Romerio Minerals lead-zinc
Address Box 272, Boulder, Montana
Contract Amount, $ Government Participation: 50 % Amount, $ 21,200

ITEMS OF COSTS	FOR OPERATOR'S USE			FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY		
	Monthly Total	Totals Previously Reported	Totals To Date	Approved Monthly Total	Approved Totals Previously Reported	Approved Totals To Date
(1) ~~Independent~~ Short Form Contracts: Jan. Revision		$4551.00	$4551.00			
Drilling					3,151.12	3,151.12
Bulldozing						
Crosscutting						
Drifting Sinking $91.40 ft.	$457.00	1371.00	$1828.00	457.00	1,371.00	1,828.00
(2) Labor and Supervision:						
Labor						
Supervision						
Technical Services						
(3) Operating Mat'ls. and Supplies:						
Timber						
Explosives						
Pipe						
Track						
(4) Operating Equipment:						
Rental						
Purchase						
Depreciation						
(5) Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs					674.02	674.02
(6) New Bldgs., Improvements, etc.					725.86	725.86
(7) Miscellaneous:						
Repairs to Equipment						
Sampling and Analysis						
Payroll Taxes						
Liability Insurance						
(8) Contingencies (specify):						
water						
pump installed						
gas hoist "						
TOTALS	$457.00	$5922.00	$6379.00	457.00	5,922.00	6,379.00

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.
Date Oct. 7 52 *Payee Alberta K. Romerio
Per Title Mgr.

*When a voucher is signed or receipted in the name of a company or corporation, the name of the person writing the company or corporate name, as well as the capacity in which he signs, must appear. For example: "John Doe Company, per John Smith, Secretary," or "Treasurer," as the case may be.

NOTE.—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.

(Instructions on reverse)

Pursuant to authority vested in me, I certify that this account is correct and proper for payment in the amount of:

$ 228.50

Signature (Authorized Certifying Officer)

Date 10/23/52 Vou. No. (See other side)

(For Government use only)

CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the contractor submitting this voucher is operating a Defense Minerals Exploration Administration project under Contract No. ..... in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Signature ..... Title ..... Date .....

APPROVAL BY DMEA EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE:

Signature ..... Title ..... Date .....

MONTHLY REPORT OF OPERATOR

The Operator (Contractor) of an exploration project is required to make a monthly report to the Government through the Regional Executive Officer. This report consists of three parts as follows:

(*a*) *Form MF–104—Operator's Monthly Report and Voucher.*—This form details expenditures and constitutes a voucher for reimbursing the Operator for the Government's share of costs;

(*b*) *Form MF–104A—Operator's Unit Cost and Progress Report.*—This is a statistical report of expenditures which shows costs for the various types of operation; and

(*c*) *Narrative.*—A concise narrative description of progress made, results accomplished, and any unusual difficulties encountered must be furnished as an attachment to this Report and Voucher. Wherever possible, the narrative is to be illustrated with maps or sketches showing formations penetrated and location and assays of samples taken as well as advances in workings. In the case of diamond drilling or churn drilling, the location and inclination of holes is to be shown on a map; logs and assays also are to be submitted.

The Monthly Report of Operator should be prepared in an original and four copies all of which must be sent to the Executive Officer of the Region not later than the 15th of the month following.

Preparation of Form MF–104—Operator's Monthly Report and Voucher.—All the applicable spaces in Form MF–104 should be filled in by the Operator, and the Operator or his agent should sign the certification in the lower left corner of the form.

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Under Item (1) delete words "Short Form" if the contract is a sub-contract under Form MF–200; and delete word "Independent" if the contract reported is on Form MF–200 (A). Also, report work paid for on a unit basis under contract Form MF–200 as though it were performed under an independent contract.

Under Item (2) include labor, supervision and technical services incurred for the exploratory operations. Do not include labor, supervision and technical services used for work performed under items (5) and (6).

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Item (5) comprises costs of labor, supervision, technical services, materials, etc., which are used in the initial rehabilitation and repair of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and equipment. These costs, therefore, should not be reported under items (2) and (3).

Item (6) includes the labor, supervision, technical services, materials, etc., used in the installation or construction of new buildings, fixed improvements, etc., necessary for the project. These costs, therefore, should not be reported under items (2) and (3).

Item (7) covers miscellaneous types of expenditure such as payroll taxes, liability insurance, workmen's compensation insurance, repairs to equipment and sampling and analysis. Only that part of payroll taxes, liability insurance and workmen's compensation which are paid by the operator should be reported under item (7). The share paid by the employee as a payroll deduction is to be included under item (2) as labor costs.

Item (8) includes any unforeseen costs not included in the other seven categories.

The original of Form MF–104 when submitted for reimbursable expenses incurred under contract Form MF–200 must be supported by original documentation or by certified copies of purchase orders, payrolls or transcripts of payrolls, unless such documentation has been waived by the Regional Executive Officer. This certification may be stated thus, "Certified True Copy (or Transcript)", followed by appropriate signature. If the Executive Officer of the Region determines that a contract under Form MF–200 should have an "on-site" audit, that is, a Government auditor should make an audit of the Operator's books and records of account, the Operator need not support his monthly voucher with original or certified documents except in cases of equipment purchases whose individual costs exceed $50.00. In these cases the original or a certified copy of the purchase order or invoice should be attached to the Monthly Voucher. N. B.—Only the *original* of Form MF–104 is required to be documented. The four copies of Form MF–104 are not to be thus supported.

Form MF–104 submitted for reimbursement under fixed price contracts on Form MF–200 (A), however, are not required to be supported by documentation of any kind. The Operator will submit his claim under item (1) of Form MF–104 by deleting as stated above the word "Independent" and by showing the number of feet or other units immediately after the appropriate descriptive word, such as, drilling, bulldozing, crosscutting, drifting, etc., and giving the "Monthly Total" amount due. "Totals Previously Reported", and "Totals to Date" columns should also be filled in.

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Form MF-104A
(April 1952)

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OPERATOR'S UNIT COST AND PROGRESS REPORT

Month of September 1952 Docket No. DMEA 226 x Contract No. [illegible]
Operator's Name Alberta R. Romero Minerals
Address Box 272, Boulder, Montana

OPERATION	Unit	Costs This Month	Units This Month	Costs to Date	Units to Date	Unit Costs to Date	Authorized by Contract: Units	Authorized by Contract: Unit Costs
Drifting								
Crosscutting								
Raising								
Shafts	ft.	457.00	5	1028.00	20 ft.	1028.00		
Winzes								
Drilling: Core								
Churn								
Auger								
Stripping								
Trenching								
Test Pits								
Roads and Trails				4661.00				
Jan. revision								
Total Distributed Costs		457.00	5	1028.00				Total Costs Authorized by Contract
Operating Equipment Purchased								
Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs								
New Buildings, Improvements, etc.				4561.00				
Jan. revision								
Total Costs		457.00	5	5589.00				

The undersigned company, and the official executing this certification on its behalf, hereby certify that the information contained in this report is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Date Oct 7-1952 Operator Alberta R. Romero

Per ..... Title .....

→ NOTE.—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.

Remarks:

(Instructions on reverse)

(For Government use only)

INSTRUCTIONS

Preparation of Form MF–104A—Operator's Unit Cost and Progress Report.—Applicable places on Form 104A should be filled in by the Operator. The purpose of this form is twofold as follows: (1) to furnish the supervising engineers and other administrators with statistical information necessary to better determine the progress of the project; and (2) to furnish more permanent information on mining costs for future use. The more important phases of operation on which permanent information is desired have been outlined in the form. There are blank lines, however, for those unusual phases which may need to be reported for a particular project. It will be necessary for the Operator to distribute his costs among the applicable phases reported with the exception of three items the costs of which are not to be distributed by the Operator. These three items are: "Operating Equipment Purchased", "Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs", and "New Buildings, Improvements, etc." The reason for not distributing these items on a monthly basis is doubtless clear to the Operator, since such distribution might well overstate the cost for any one month or period short of the entire contract period.

Form MF–104A has been designed to tie in with Form MF–104 for both monthly and cumulative costs. The "Total Costs" on Form MF–104A for each month should equal the monthly "Total Costs" as reported on Form MF–104. This is also true of the "Total Costs To Date".

In preparing Form MF–104A, it will be necessary frequently to distribute certain costs over a number of items. For instance, supervisory and engineering costs may have to be distributed over several phases, such as, drifting, crosscutting, raising, etc., provided that these items were reported active for the month. Such distributions should be made on the basis of time spent on the various phases, on man days of labor charged to such phases, or on some other equitable basis. "Operating Equipment", "Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs", and "New Buildings Improvements, etc.", will be distributed to the several phases of the project by the Washington Office of DMEA at the close of the project if determined necessary. The last two columns headed "Authorized by Contract" will be filled in by the Operator if such information is found in the contract. This information is usually a part of Exhibit "A" of the contract. A space for remarks has been provided for the use of the Operator to call attention to any unusual circumstances causing excessive or disproportionate unit costs.

GPO 83-38475

NARRATIVE - D.M.E.A. 326-E220 September

After sinking through aplite stringer ground became heavy and hard to hold-more water and talc.

Air hoist was exchanged for gas hoist so that air can be used for water pump which has been installed. Seems to be handling it nicely.

As you know timber was waiting finances. We are trying to keep timbered close because of sluff. We are expecting timber this week to meet requirements of 50 feet---

Five feet were made in September.

Total footage 20 feet

/s/ Alberta K. Romerio

Note: June payment was received Oct. 3, 1952. This made timber possible.

Standard Form No. 1034a—Revised
Form prescribed by
Comptroller General, U. S.
September 7, 1950
(Gen. Reg. No. 51, Supp. No. 11)

PUBLIC VOUCHER FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL

D. O. Vou. No. .....

Bu. Vou. No. DMA-394

U. S. Interior, Mines
(Department, bureau, or establishment)

Voucher prepared at Albany, Oregon 10/1/52
(Give place and date)

THE UNITED STATES, Dr., Payee's Account No. Idm-E 220

To Alberta K. Romerio
(Payee)

Boulder, Montana
(Address) (City) (State)

PAID BY

(For use of Paying Office)

No. and Date of Order	Date of Delivery or Service	ARTICLES OR SERVICES (Enter description, item number of contract or Federal supply schedule, and other information deemed necessary)	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE Cost	UNIT PRICE Per	AMOUNT Dollars	AMOUNT Cts.
		Discount Terms net					
	July 1952	As per attached certified form MF-104 dated July 31, 1952				478	50
PAYMENT: Complete ☐ Partial ☐ Final ☐		Use continuation sheet(s) if necessary					

Shipped from to Weight Government B/L No. Total 478 50

(Payee must NOT use this space)

Differences .....

Account verified; correct for 478 50

(Signature or initials) .....

Contract No. Idm-E 220 Date Req. No. Date Invoice Rec'd.

478.50

MEMORANDUM

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (For completion by Administrative Office)

Appropriation, limitation, or project symbol	Appropriation title	Limit'n. or Proj't. Amount	Appropriation Amount
14X4401	Revolving Fund, Defense Production Act, Interior	478.50	478.50

Allotment symbol	Amount	Obligations liquidated	COST ACCOUNT Symbol	COST ACCOUNT Amount	OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION Symbol	OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION Amount

Paid by { Check No. ..... dated ....., 19....., for $..... } on Treasurer of the United States in favor of payee named above.
{ Cash, $....., on ....., 19.....

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METHOD OF OR ABSENCE OF ADVERTISING

METHOD OF ADVERTISING

1. Advertising in newspapers Yes ☐ No ☐.
2. (*a*) Advertising by circular letters sent to ..... dealers.
   (*b*) And by notices posted in public places Yes ☐ No ☐.

   (If notices were not posted in addition to advertising by circular letters sent to dealers, explanation of such omission must be made below.)

ABSENCE OF ADVERTISING

3. Without advertising, under an exigency of the service which existed prior to the order and would not admit of the delay incident to advertising.
4. Without advertising in accordance with .....
5. Without advertising, it being impracticable to secure competition because of .....

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(Here state in detail the nature of the exigency or circumstances under which the securing of competition was impracticable under 3 and 4)

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Form MF-104 (Rev.)
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UNITED STATES
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OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT AND VOUCHER

Month of July 195 2 Docket No. DMEA 326X-220 Contract No. 220
Operator's Name Alberta K. Romorio Minerals Lead- Zinc
Address Boulder, Montana
Contract Amount, $ 21,200 Government Participation: 50 % Amount, $ 10,600

ITEMS OF COSTS	FOR OPERATOR'S USE: Monthly Total	Totals Previously Reported	Totals To Date	FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY: Approved Monthly Total	Approved Totals Previously Reported	Approved Totals To Date
(1) Independent Short Form Contract Revised Gallonframe						
Drilling	500.00	2651.12	3151.12	✓	✓	✓
Bulldozing						
Crosscutting						
Drif Sinking 5 feet	457.00	914.00	1371.00	✓	✓	✓
(2) Labor and Supervision:						
Labor						
Supervision						
Technical Services						
(3) Operating Mat'ls. and Supplies:						
Timber						
Explosives						
Pipe						
Track						
(4) Operating Equipment:						
Rental						
Purchase						
Depreciation						
(5) Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs		674.02	674.02		✓	✓
(6) New Bldgs., Improvements, etc.		725.86	725.86		✓	✓
(7) Miscellaneous:						
Repairs to Equipment						
Sampling and Analysis						
Payroll Taxes						
Liability Insurance						
(8) Contingencies (specify): Water						
TOTALS	957.00	4965.00	5922.00	957.00	4965.00	5922.00

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

Date July 31-52 *Payee Alberta K. Romerio

Per _____ Title Mgr.

*When a voucher is signed or receipted in the name of a company or corporation, the name of the person writing the company or corporate name, as well as the capacity in which he signs, must appear. For example: "John Doe Company, per John Smith, Secretary," or "Treasurer," as the case may be.

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(Instructions on reverse)

Pursuant to authority vested in me, I certify that this account is correct and proper for payment in the amount of:

$ 478.50

Signature [illegible]
(Authorized Certifying Officer)

Date 9-30-52 Vou. No. _____
(See other side)

(For Government use only)

CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the contractor submitting this voucher is operating a Defense Minerals Exploration Administration project under Contract No. ..... in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Signature ..... Title ..... Date .....

APPROVAL BY DMEA EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE:

Signature ..... Title ..... Date .....

MONTHLY REPORT OF OPERATOR

The Operator (Contractor) of an exploration project is required to make a monthly report to the Government through the Regional Executive Officer. This report consists of three parts as follows:

(*a*) *Form MF-104—Operator's Monthly Report and Voucher.*—This form details expenditures and constitutes a voucher for reimbursing the Operator for the Government's share of costs;

(*b*) *Form MF-104A—Operator's Unit Cost and Progress Report.*—This is a statistical report of expenditures which shows costs for the various types of operation; and

(*c*) *Narrative.*—A concise narrative description of progress made, results accomplished, and any unusual difficulties encountered must be furnished as an attachment to this Report and Voucher. Wherever possible, the narrative is to be illustrated with maps or sketches showing formations penetrated and location and assays of samples taken as well as advances in workings. In the case of diamond drilling or churn drilling, the location and inclination of holes is to be shown on a map; logs and assays also are to be submitted.

The Monthly Report of Operator should be prepared in an original and four copies all of which must be sent to the Executive Officer of the Region not later than the 15th of the month following.

Preparation of Form MF-104—Operator's Monthly Report and Voucher.—All the applicable spaces in Form MF-104 should be filled in by the Operator, and the Operator or his agent should sign the certification in the lower left corner of the form.

The items of costs are arranged in the order they appear in Article 6 (a) of Form MF-200 (Revised February 1952), however, this form is readily adaptable for use in reporting activities under other contract forms.

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Form MF-104 submitted for reimbursement under fixed price contracts on Form MF-200 (A), however, are not required to be supported by documentation of any kind. The Operator will submit his claim under item (1) of Form MF-104 by deleting as stated above the word "Independent" and by showing the number of feet or other units immediately after the appropriate descriptive word, such as, drilling, bulldozing, crosscutting, drifting, etc., and giving the "Monthly Total" amount due. "Totals Previously Reported", and "Totals to Date" columns should also be filled in.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 205675

Form MF-104A
(April 1952)

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATOR'S UNIT COST AND PROGRESS REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Administration
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Month of July 1952 Docket No. DMEA326-D220 Contract No. D220
Operator's Name Alberta K. Romero Minerals Lead-Zinc
Address Boulder, Montana

OPERATION	UNIT	COSTS THIS MONTH	UNITS THIS MONTH	COSTS TO DATE	UNITS TO DATE	UNIT COSTS TO DATE	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT: Units	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT: Unit Costs
Drifting								
Crosscutting								
Raising								
Shafts	Ft.	457.00 457.00	5	1371.00	15	91.40		
Winzes								
Drilling: Core								
Churn								
Auger								
Stripping								
Trenching								
Test Pits								
Roads and Trails								
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED COSTS		457.00	5	1371.00				TOTAL COSTS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT
Operating Equipment Purchased								
Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs		500.00	Headframe	455100				
New Buildings, Improvements, etc.								
TOTAL COSTS		957.00	5	5922.00				

The undersigned company, and the official executing this certification on its behalf, hereby certify that the information contained in this report is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Date July 31-52 Operator Alberta K Romero

Per _____ Title Mgr.

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REMARKS:

(Instructions on reverse)

(For Government use only)

INSTRUCTIONS

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Form MF-104A has been designed to tie in with Form MF-104 for both monthly and cumulative costs. The "Total Costs" on Form MF-104A for each month should equal the monthly "Total Costs" as reported on Form MF-104. This is also true of the "Total Costs To Date".

In preparing Form MF-104A, it will be necessary frequently to distribute certain costs over a number of items. For instance, supervisory and engineering costs may have to be distributed over several phases, such as, drifting, crosscutting, raising, etc., provided that these items were reported active for the month. Such distributions should be made on the basis of time spent on the various phases, on man days of labor charged to such phases, or on some other equitable basis. "Operating Equipment", "Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs", and "New Buildings Improvements, etc.", will be distributed to the several phases of the project by the Washington Office of DMEA at the close of the project if determined necessary. The last two columns headed "Authorized by Contract" will be filled in by the Operator if such information is found in the contract. This information is usually a part of Exhibit "A" of the contract. A space for remarks has been provided for the use of the Operator to call attention to any unusual circumstances causing excessive or disproportionate unit costs.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 205676

Sept 5 [illegible]

Box 272 Boulder
Mont
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United States Bureau of Mines

1201 No. Division Street

Spokane, Washington

M.E. Voilin-D.M.E.A. Region 11

Dear Mr. Volin-

Was just trying to give you all a rest on the co-orespondence. Am enclosing July Narrative. one-is that enough?

Yes we were operating in May and June but do to the contract switching was uncertain where you wanted to place the costs. Our June work, and May work consisted of getting delivery and setting up of repaired compressor machinery, setting in hoist which was used for wenching heavy materials up to Shaft site. Getting delivery of Gallus frame materials(lumber and hardware, putting in shaft collar etc.

We also tore down our truck, damaged in winter starting, to find the rod out and the shaft beyound repair-This job will run $450.00 and should be considered under the original contract- or should it?

I stated the original contract would not cover labor in its estimates-This again proves out on my gallus frame.

lumber $240.00
Hardware 67.76
29.90
2.62
54.45
Guides 200feet $32.89
Shive wheel $150.00
Wire Rope 250feet $370.00

TotalFrame costs, ~~minus~~ labor-$947.62

We are makeing haste slowly due to the bad money situation-Am only hopeing this contract doesn't put me into Bankrupsy.

The ground is moveing better now ~~we~~We have about 18 feet, I judge
Thank you so much for your courtesy and consideration-

Albert H Romero

Standard Form No. 1034a—Revised
Form prescribed by
Comptroller General, U. S.
September 7, 1950
(Gen. Reg. No. 51, Supp. No. 11)

PUBLIC VOUCHER FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL

D. O. Vou. No. .....

Bu. Vou. No. DMA-256

U. S. Interior, Mines
(Department, bureau, or establishment)

Voucher prepared at Albany, Oregon 6/19/52
(Give place and date)

THE UNITED STATES, Dr., Payee's Account No. E 220

To Alberta K. Romerio,
(Payee)

Box 272, Boulder, Montana
(Address) (City) (State)

PAID BY

(For use of Paying Office)

No. and Date of Order	Date of Delivery or Service	ARTICLES OR SERVICES (Enter description, item number of contract or Federal supply schedule, and other information deemed necessary) Discount Terms net	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE Cost	UNIT PRICE Per	AMOUNT Dollars	AMOUNT Cts.
	December 3, 1951 to April 30, 1952	As per attached certified form MF-104 dated June 10, 1952				2,482	50
PAYMENT: Complete ☐ Partial ☐ Final ☐		Use continuation sheet(s) if necessary					
Shipped from	to	Weight	Government B/L No.		Total	2,482	50

(Payee must NOT use this space)

Differences .....

Account verified; correct for 2,482 50

(Signature or initials) .....

Contract No. E 220 Date Req. No. Date Invoice Rec'd.

2,482.50

MEMORANDUM

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (For completion by Administrative Office)

Appropriation, limitation, or project symbol	Appropriation title	Limit'n. or Proj't. Amount	Appropriation Amount
14X4401	Revolving Fund, Defense Production Act, Interior	2,482.50	2,482.50

Allotment symbol	Amount	Obligations liquidated	COST ACCOUNT Symbol	COST ACCOUNT Amount	OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION Symbol	OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION Amount

Paid by { Check No. ..... dated ....., 19....., for $..... } on Treasurer of the United States in favor of payee named above.
{ Cash, $....., on ....., 19.....

16—22900a-2

METHOD OF OR ABSENCE OF ADVERTISING

METHOD OF ADVERTISING

1. Advertising in newspapers Yes ☐ No ☐.
2. (*a*) Advertising by circular letters sent to ..... dealers.
   (*b*) And by notices posted in public places Yes ☐ No ☐.

   (If notices were not posted in addition to advertising by circular letters sent to dealers, explanation of such omission must be made below.).

ABSENCE OF ADVERTISING

3. Without advertising, under an exigency of the service which existed prior to the order and would not admit of the delay incident to advertising.
4. Without advertising in accordance with .....
5. Without advertising, it being impracticable to secure competition because of .....

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(Here state in detail the nature of the exigency or circumstances under which the securing of competition was impracticable under 3 and 4)

NOTE.—The above form "Method of or Absence of Advertising" is to be used when purchases are made or services secured under proper authority without written agreement in any form. In case of a written agreement (formal contract, proposal, and acceptance, or less formal agreement) Standard Form No. 1036—Revised should be used for abstracting the method of or absence of advertising and award of contract. (See General Regulations No. 51, as amended.)

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Form MF-104 (Rev.)
(April 1952)

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT AND VOUCHER

Dec. 3, 1951 - April 30, 1952

Month of ~~April~~, 195 2 Docket No. DMEA 326x Contract No. E 220

Operator's Name Alberta K. Romerio Minerals Lead- Zinc

Address Box 272, Boulder, Montana

Contract Amount, $ 21,200 Government Participation: 50 % Amount, $ 10,600

ITEMS OF COSTS	FOR OPERATOR'S USE: Monthly Total	Totals Previously Reported	Totals To Date	FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY: Approved Monthly Total	Approved Totals Previously Reported	Approved Totals To Date
(1) Independent Contractors: Short Form	January Revised Settlement	$2651.12 ✓	$2651.12			
Drilling						
Bulldozing						
Crosscutting						
Drifting						
Sinking Shaft 10ft.	$914.00	none	$914.00			
(2) Labor and Supervision:						
Labor						
Supervision						
Technical Services						
(3) Operating Mat'ls. and Supplies:						
Timber						
Explosives						
Pipe						
Track						
(4) Operating Equipment:						
Rental						
Purchase						
Depreciation						
(5) Initial ~~Rehabilitation~~ Compressor and Repairs	$674.02	none	$674.02			
(6) New Bldgs., Improvements, etc.	$725.86	none	$725.86			
(7) Miscellaneous:						
Repairs to Equipment						
Sampling and Analysis						
Payroll Taxes						
Liability Insurance						
(8) Contingencies (specify):						
TOTALS to date	$2313.88	$2651.12	$4965.00			

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

Date _____ *Payee _____

Per _____ Title _____

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$ 2482.50

Signature _____ (Authorized Certifying Officer)

Date 6/9/52 Vou. No. _____ (See other side)

(For Government use only)

CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the contractor submitting this voucher is operating a Defense Minerals Exploration Administration project under Contract No. E-220 in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Signature Brian G. Erickson Title Engr. Date 6-13-52

APPROVAL BY DMEA EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE:

Signature Glenn A. Reed Title Mng. Engr. Date 6/16/52

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Form MF-104A
(April 1952)

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATOR'S UNIT COST AND PROGRESS REPORT

Month of April 1953 Docket No. DMEA 526x Contract No. E220
Operator's Name Alberta K. Romerio Minerals Lead & Zinc
Address Box 272, Boulder, Montana

OPERATION	UNIT	COSTS THIS MONTH	UNITS THIS MONTH	COSTS TO DATE	UNITS TO DATE	UNIT COSTS TO DATE	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT Units	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT Unit Costs
Drifting								
Crosscutting								
Raising								
Shafts	ft.	$914.00	10ft.	$914.00	10	91.40	100	91.40
Winzes								
Drilling: Core								
Churn								
Auger								
Stripping								
Trenching								
Test Pits								
Roads and Trails								
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED COSTS		$914.00	10ft.	$914.00				TOTAL COSTS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT
Operating Equipment Purchased								
Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs		$674.02		$674.02				674.02
New Buildings, Improvements, etc.		$725.86		$725.86				1,725.86
Jan. Revision		2651.12		$2651.12				2651.12
TOTAL COSTS		$2313.88 ~~$4965.00~~		$4965.00				$4965.00

The undersigned company, and the official executing this certification on its behalf, hereby certify that the information contained in this report is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Date ..... Operator .....

Per ..... Title .....

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 205676

Narrative-D.M.E.A.326x E220

On Form104 - April Ihave included all work completed to date of signature orJune 10-52. under revised Contract.

This includes January Preparatory Work	$2651.12
Repair compressor	$674.02
Construct hoist house	$725.86
Total	$4051.00
We have completed 10 ft. of shaft	$914.00
Total	$4965.00

Have had no more difficulties

Am waiting for lumber for Galus or head frame.

Alberta K. Romerio

Alberta K. Romerio
Sworn to Before me

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

January 12, 1954

PROJECT SUMMARY REPORT

By: Jacob W. Alt

1. DMEA Docket No. 326 (Lead-Zinc)
Contract No. Idm-E220
Property: Hope-Bullion Property
Jefferson County, Montana

Operator: Alberta K. Romerio
Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

Operator's Property Rights: The Hope (3714) and Bullion (3715) patented claims. Lease dated May 14, 1951. Landlord's Subordination Agreement - dated May 9, 1951. Landlord's Subordination Agreement - dated November 27, 1951.

Contract dated December 3, 1951, to complete - 12 months

Work authorized:

Stage I

1. Bulldoze shaft site, 3 days @ $100.00 per day	$ 300.00
2. Sink shaft 100 ft. @ $80/ft. Shaft to be 4'X9' in cross section	8,000.00
Drive 50 feet of crosscut 5' X 7' in clear @ $35/ft	1,750.00
	$10,050.00

Stage II

1. Drift in both directions on the vein 250 ft. @ $35/ft. $ 8,750.00

Summary of estimated costs

Stage I	$ 10,050.00
Stage II	8,750.00
Fixtures and improvements	650.00
Operating equipment	1,650.00
Rehabilitation and repairs	100.00
Total	$ 21,200.00
Gov't participation 50%	10,600.00

Upon the completion of Item 1 of Stage I the contract was

amended and executed on the short form.

Work authorized and estimate of costs
Preparatory work - Stage I

All costs of preparing shaft site; maintaining roads; depreciation, etc. and all other miscellaneous direct expense incurred during the period December 3, 1951 - January 31, 1952, inclusive. $ 2,651.12

Repair compressor	674.00
Construct hoist house	725.00
Construct headframe and install hoist	500.00
Total preparatory work	$ 4,551.00

Stage II

Underground work

Sinking shaft 100 feet maximum at $91.40 per foot of advance	$ 9,140.00
Crosscutting 50 feet maximum at $25.03/ft. of advance	1,251.50

Stage II

Underground work

Drifting 250 feet maximum @ $25.03 per foot of advance	$6,257.50
Total Underground work Stage I and Stage II	$16,649.00
Total estimate of project costs	21,200.00
Government participation	$10,600.00

Amendments:

No. 1 Change completion period from 12 months to 24 months from the date of the contract.

No. 2 This amendment to reduce the drifting in Stage II from 250 feet to 222 feet. To allow this amount of money to clean out and rehabilitate that portion of the shaft that was damaged by the shaft cave-in. $ 700.84

Work completed:

The preparatory work	$ 4,551.00
Shaft rehabilitation	700.84
Shaft sinking - 38 feet @ $91.40/ft.	3,473.20
Total Cost of Work completed	$ 8,725.04
Government Participation @ 50%	4,362.52

Contract was terminated by agreement on August 11, 1953

3. Audit - Report of Review was issued August 20, 1953.
(no exceptions)

4. Certification of Discovery : The exploration was terminated before the target area was reached and no discovery was certified.

5. Comments:

The contract was terminated August 11, 1953, by agreement, after commencement but before completion because of Operator's gross incompetence, failure to prosecute the work diligently, and financial inability to provide her share of the project cost.

The most important factor effecting performance of the contract was the Operator's lack of knowledge on how to conduct and administer a mining venture. Although the original contract stipulated that a competent supervisor be engaged, this was never done. Instead Mrs. Romerio tried to keep all management within her immediate family because of financial reasons, and such action, of course, was to her detriment.

Since the contract was terminated before the target area was reached, the exploration possibilities remain good.

J. W. Alt.

J. W. Alt

☒ Audited

☐ Certified

RK ANALYSIS SHEET - DMEA PROJ

Analysis as of 12/9/54
Incl. Voucher for February 1953.

☒ Actual Cost

*☒ Agreed Unit Costs

Name Alberta K. Romerio

Docket No. DMEA-326

State Montana

Commodity Lead-Zinc

Idm-E No. 220

OPERATION	AUTHORIZED Units	AUTHORIZED Cost	COMPLETED Units	COMPLETED Cost	NET COST
Drifting & Crosscutting	250'	$6,808.16			
Raising					
Shafts	100'	9,140.00	38	*$3,473.20	$3,473.20
Winzes					
Drilling (Specify)					
Surface Excavation					
Underground Excavation					
Roads and Trails					
Operating Equipment Compressor Repair		674.02			
Surface Rehabilitation & Repairs					
Underground Rehabilitation - Shaft		700.84		700.84	700.84
Non Building, Improvements, Tunnel Work		1,225.86		4,551.00	4,551.00
Other (Specify) Miscellaneous		2,651.12			
Totals		$21,200.00		$8,725.04	$8,725.04

Prepared by W. P. Klugescheid

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR 500
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

January 24, 1955

Memorandum

To: Chief, Contract Administration & Audit Division

From: Chief, Base Metals Division

Subject: Amended Contract No. Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA-326, Alberta K. Romerio, Hope and Bullion Claims, Jefferson County, Montana (Lead-Zinc)

The cited amended contract was terminated August 11, 1953. We are not sending the Operator a terminal letter for two reasons which are: It is over a year ago since the contract was terminated and the work under the terms of the contract was performed in a very unsatisfactory manner.

Please consider this contract closed.

W. R. Griswold

W. R. Griswold

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
~~WASHINGTON 25, D. C.~~
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

May 5, 1954

Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-326 (lead-zinc)
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope and Bullion Claims
Jefferson County, Montana
Amended Contract Idm-E220 (Terminated)

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

Reference is made to your letter of April 26 on the cited contract. We have noted with interest Mrs. Romerio's letter to the President of the United States. In her letter Mrs. Romerio differs radically from the viewpoints she had of her exploration project as of last fall when she was last contacted by our field men. At that time Mrs. Romerio was quite repentant and confided to our people that she was sorry she had not heeded the Field Team's advice as to her exploration program and that she wished she had done the work according to specifications of the contract. We were informed at that time that she had lost interest in her property.

Following the field interview with Mrs. Romerio, we received a letter from Mrs. Delight Lewis who is a daughter of Mrs. Romerio. Mrs. Lewis requested that we send her a copy of the Field Team's report and geological maps pertaining to the Hope and Bullion project. We answered Mrs. Lewis by letter of September 25 telling her that owing to regulations we were unable to release copies of our reports on DMEA projects.

We are writing Mrs. Romerio telling her that if she wishes to have her project reactivated it will necessitate an entirely new application as the other contract has been terminated. Copies of this letter are enclosed. We hope, however, that she does not submit an application, as we believe it would be impossible to administer any project that she might propose or with which she would be involved.

By Field Team, Region II

Wing G. Agnew, ~~Acting~~ Executive Officer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard, Acting Member
U. S. Geological Survey

Enclosure
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

May 5, 1954

Mrs. Alberta K. Romario
5438 Victoria
Los Angeles 43, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-326 (lead-zinc)
Alberta K. Romario
Hope and Bullion Claims
Jefferson County, Montana
Amended Contract Idm-8220 (Terminated)

Dear Mrs. Romario:

We have recently been advised by our Washington office that you desire to reactivate your exploration project on the Hope and Bullion claims, Jefferson County, Montana.

As you will recall your contract was terminated by mutual agreement in August of 1953; therefore, if you desire to resume exploration work on your property, it will be necessary for you to submit a new application. Your application should describe what you propose to do, the time necessary to complete the work, and the estimated costs of the project.

We are enclosing a pamphlet on the Defense Minerals Exploration Program, DMEA Order-1, and five copies of form MF-103 for this purpose. If you submit an application, all copies of the enclosed form should be filled out and four copies forwarded to this office.

If we may be of further service, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

Thor H. Kiilsgaard
Acting Member, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

Enclosures

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Johnson
Wittenberg

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

Air Mail

Mr. A. W. Weissenborn
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

APR 22 1954

Re: Docket No. DMEA-326 (Lead-Zinc)
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope and Bullion Claims
Jefferson County, Montana
Amended Contract No. Idm-E220

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

Enclosed are copies of a letter written by Mrs. Romerio to the President of the United States and Secretary Wormser's reply dated April 14.

Obviously, Mrs. Romerio is entitled to request reconsideration of her exploration project, especially in view of the fact that the mining property in question may possess some merit.

However, in view of the regrettably inefficient manner in which the previous work on the project was done, it would be our suggestion that no new application be considered for this property unless you had good and satisfactory assurances that the work would be performed and supervised in a proper and minerlike fashion. Also, of course, you should be sure that the applicant is possessed of the necessary funds to finance her share of the work. In essence, we desire to deal fairly with all applicants, but at the same time we must try to avoid having Government funds frittered away to no good purpose.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge
Chairman, Operating Committee (GCS)

Enclosures 4

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APPROVED:

J. H. Hedges
Member, Bureau of Mines (GCS)

D. M. Larrabee
Member, Geological Survey (GCS)

Copy to: Docket
Admr. R. File
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Base Metals
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Kinkel
Chron.

R.C.G.

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Surname: [redacted]

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

APR 14 1954

Original Attached

PRS No. 2733

My dear Mrs. Remerie:

Your letter postmarked March 30, addressed to the President of the United States, has been referred to me for reply.

We are completely in accord that the mining claims to which you refer present some possibilities for the exploration of strategic metals. Otherwise Exploration Project Contract No. Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA-326, would not have been granted on December 3, 1951. However, I must point out that this contract stipulated: "The continuance of the contract is to be contingent upon management satisfactory to the Government."

The work of mineral exploration, especially when involving the sinking of a shaft under difficult conditions, requires the employment of skilled miners and experienced and capable supervision. Otherwise the inevitable results are difficulties, delays, and unforeseen expenses, all of which can mount up in a most formidable manner, until the entire project has become economically unsound.

As you of course know, the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration may participate in such exploration projects only to the extent of fifty per cent of the approved costs. Such approved costs are to be generally comparable to those of similar projects done under generally similar conditions and which, therefore, can be accepted as being logical and reasonable.

Since you express a desire to reactivate your exploration project, we are writing to Mr. A. E. Weissenborn, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II, South 157 Howard Street, Spokane 4, Washington. I am sure that if you can assure him that you can provide your share of the necessary expense and that the work will be done under capable and experienced supervision, in a minerlike manner, he will be prepared to give your application the most careful consideration.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) F. E. Wormser
Assistant Secretary of the Interior

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Mr. Imhoff
Mr. Wormser (2)
Chron.

Mrs. Alberta K. Remerie
5458 Victoria Avenue
Los Angeles 43, California

*2 copies for Field Team

P/ Reactivation of mine + reopening of Project - (DMA-3262-E2V0)

5738 Victoria Ave 2733
Los Angeles 43 Cal.

To - The President of the United States
Dwight D. Eisenhower -

Respectfully referred for appropriate handling. Not acknowledged by this office.

INTERIOR DEPT. SECRETARY'S MAIL CENTER APR - 6 1954 RECEIVED

Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President

INTERIOR DEPT. APR - 8 1954 SECRETARY'S MAIL CENTER

DME

My dear Mr President -

I am Mrs America (Registered Nurse, housewife and discoverer & developer of what, our U.S. Geological Survey says, is the greatest Discovery of Minerals (rare) in the North west) - All my own surplus plus has gone into this developement - Labor & all amounting to about $60.000 - Now, I read that you are going to Stockpile Metals -

Is this stockpile going to consist of American or United States mined metals or is it to consist of Foreign Imports?

I, as a miner or mine developer, would like this Clearified - My geologist & engineer is one of your Committee man from Montana -

Defense Minerals Administration RECEIVED APR - 8 1954

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT RECEIVED APR - 7 1954 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MINERAL RESOURCES

The History of my project is—
After 2 years of working at it
I finally received a DMEA Contract—
#326 - which I accepted as a
workable contract from my
viewpoint—

Then every - Fly by night Inspector
from the Bureau of Mines & Budget
department had to have their
say & change - add - minupulate
and mess up what had been
originally a workable project
from my angle until I was
practically landed into Bankruptcy
when I signed off entirely, to get
the Government clear—

The Inspectors (formerly of)
1. Anaconda Copper Min. Co
2. American Metals Ltd.
3. Sunshine Mining Co.

Big Business! - Each in turn said—
"No Business for a woman - This is
a big project - should be handled by
Big money—

I built 7½ miles of Road - really opening up what was forgotten country - put in crossings and Culverts - a high Gear road into country that had not had a visitor in 50 years - Run Bulldozer cuts showing, ½ miles of Mineralization (adjoining a $26000 000 producer - the largest in Montana before Butte) Run exploratory tunnels - showing the vein in place (3 -)

Got fouled up in Shaft at 40 feet - 60 ft below outcrop - when it took all my Cash surplus to pick up a Cave In of Heavy ground and the Government engineers were afraid (with the Change of Adm.) to O.K. the Governments share of the cost although I had had verbal assurance I would be reimbursed -

Now, I feel that this is too great a development for the Green -

ment to just - Sign off - as our assays & tests show Copper, Manganese Lead, Zinc, Gold, Silver and considerable Radio Activity in the Lode. Not to speak of Rare earth minerals as Sanidine (Spar) etc.

I have these Defense Metals in the Ground in large quantities - The American Smelt. + Refin. Co figured on a 600 ton daily, Mill here - To give you an idea of its volume after they had run soil tests

That I want? -

A re evaluation of this Project DMEA 326X-E220 not 3 to 6 months from now but in April - so that we can be assured of available funds to cover 100 feet of Development, coming to us in a manner to meet expenses - So that

this project may go on to its completion -

You know that during World War 2 - I did without a washing machine - I had to know someone to get a refrigerator - Could not replace my leaking pipes etc -

That is what started me on this Developement - I decided that even little Mrs. America might be able to do something about it - so, How about the President of the United States giving a shove in the places where it will do the most good to put DMA 326 K-E 220 into satisfactory production this summer -

Very sincerely
Alberta K. Pomeroy
5438 Victoria - Los Angeles 43 Cal

Re/
DMEA 326 K-E 220 - Hoper Bullion Mine, Boulder, Mont.

D.D.E.

I would appreciate
the Secretary drawing
Mr Eisenhowers attention to
this letter. It covers a very
fundamental problem —

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

December 16, 1953

Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-326 (lead-zinc)
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope-Bullion Property
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract No. Idm-E220

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

We are enclosing four copies of a final report dated September 1, 1953, on the captioned property.

The Field Team concurs in the recommendation of the field men in that even though the property appears to merit further exploration Government participation in this exploration is not recommended as long as the present lessee controls the property.

The exploration was terminated before the target area was reached and no discovery should be certified.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

Enclosures - 4
cc: USBM(2)
Becraft

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
12-28-53
(date)

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

FIELD TEAM, REGION II

FINAL REPORT

Contract Idm-E220

by

John D. Bardill
Metallurgist
U. S. Bureau of Mines

George E. Becraft
Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

ALBERTA K. ROMERIO
BOULDER, MONTANA

Docket No.:	DMEA 326
Commodity:	Lead-zinc
Effective date:	December 3, 1951
Termination date	August 11, 1953

HOPE-BULLION PROPERTY
Comet-Wickes Mining District
Jefferson County, Montana

Spokane, Washington

September 1, 1953

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE

12-28-53
(date)

FINAL REPORT

ALBERTA K. ROMERIO
Hope-Bullion Property
Jefferson County, Montana

Contract Idm-E220

INTRODUCTION

Authorship

The section of this report pertaining to geology was written by George E. Becraft, Geological Survey. The remainder of the report was prepared by John D. Bardill, Bureau of Mines.

Summary

The captioned DMEA exploration project contract in the amount of $21,200 was approved December 3, 1951. This project was designed to prospect a strongly altered and sheared vein zone on the extension of the Comet-Gray Eagle shear zone. This zone was exposed in a partly sloughed bulldozer cut and short adit about 1,500 feet east of the Comet oreshoots. The project work, to be performed in two stages, was to sink 100 feet to get beneath the oxidized zone and then to explore the lead-zinc sulfide-bearing portion of the vein by crosscutting and drifting.

The contract was terminated August 11, 1953, by agreement, after commencement but before completion of the work because of operator's gross incompetence, failure to prosecute the work diligently, and financial inability to provide her share of the project cost.

Work completed under the contract before termination consisted of preparatory work, shaft rehabilitation, and sinking 38 feet of shaft at a total cost of $8,725.04.

Failure of the operator to complete contract work does not in any way detract from the geologic possibilities of the property.

Recommendations

The exploration was terminated before the target area was reached and no discovery should be certified.

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE

12-28-53
(date)

The property merits further exploration; however, Government participation in this exploration is not recommended as long as the present lessee controls the property.

LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

The Hope-Bullion property may be reached by driving about 5½ miles north of the Boulder railroad station on a fair dirt road which roughly follows Boomerang Creek. The workings are located in the mountains at an altitude of about 6,500 feet.

Heavy snows blanket the ground during the winter months, when sub-zero temperatures are common. The climate during the summer is mild.

PROPERTY

The property consists of two patented claims, Hope (Survey No. 3714) and Bullion (Survey No. 3715), situated in the NW¼ of sec. 6, T. 6 N., R. 4 W., and the SW¼ of sec. 31, T. 7 N., R. 4 W., in the Comet-Wickes Mining District, Jefferson County, Montana. The claims are owned by Delight Romerio Lewis, and L. E. Leary of Boulder, Montana.

The mine plant consists of a small shed which houses a single drum hoist powered by a Nash automobile engine and another shed containing a portable Gardner-Denver compressor powered by a Dodge automobile engine.

A new headframe was built over the 1-1/2 compartment shaft which had been sunk to a depth of about 38 feet before the contract was terminated. Shaft subsidence caused the headframe to settle several times. At the last inspection the headframe had been jacked into a proper position.

The sides of the bulldozer trenches have sloughed so that bedrock is not well exposed.

THE PROJECT

A modest exploration project on the Hope claim appeared justified because the claim is situated on the Comet-Gray Eagle shear zone about 2,500 feet east of the formerly productive Comet mine, which produced in excess of 20 million dollars in lead, zinc, silver, gold, and copper.

Project work was to be performed in two stages. Stage I provided for preparatory work consisting of leveling a shaft site,

maintaining roads, construction of hoist house, and rehabilitation of compressor shed. A 1-1/2 compartment vertical shaft was to be sunk 100 feet in the relatively unaltered quartz monzonite footwall to get below the oxidized zone. The shaft site was located near the vein where it was exposed in a cut on the Hope claim. A crosscut was to be driven northerly 50 feet from the bottom of the shaft to and through the vein. If Stage I was satisfactorily completed, Stage II would be undertaken, consisting of a maximum of 250 feet of drifting in both directions on the vein.

The operator's inexperience in conducting the exploration, with consequent high costs, made it necessary to change the contract from a participation basis to a unit cost basis. The new unit cost contract was dated May 28, 1952, and made retroactive to the date of the old contract of December 3, 1951.

Preparatory work of clearing a shaft site, maintenance of roads, construction of compressor and hoist houses, compressor repairs, construction of a headframe and installation of a hoist was completed. The shaft, which is now almost filled with water and debris, was sunk only 38 feet during the entire life of the contract.

The original contract was approved December 3, 1951, restated in form MF-200A on May 28, 1952, and terminated by mutual agreement on August 11, 1953, after commencement but before completion of the work. Work performance during the interim was poor and spasmodic.

Geology

Because the shaft was sunk only 38 feet in deeply weathered quartz monzonite, nothing was added to our geologic knowledge of the property by project work. The Hope and Bullion claims are situated on the Comet-Gray Eagle shear zone about 2,500 feet east of the Comet mine. This shear zone extends about 2 miles east and 4 miles west of the property and ranges from 50 to 200 feet wide. On the Hope claim the strongly altered shear zone is poorly exposed in dozer cuts and appears to have been mineralized over a width of about 10 feet. Within this zone are discontinuous sulfide-bearing quartz lenses in which the sulfides have been considerably oxidized near the surface.

Exploitation Possibilities

Since the underground phase of the exploration program was not completed, the exploitation possibilities remain unknown.

Summary of Factual Data

Work

One unit of preparatory work costing $4,551, one unit of shaft rehabilitation at a cost of $700.84, and 38 units of shaft sinking costing $3,473.24, or a total of $8,725.04, was expended and approved under the contract.

Total contract amount approved	$21,200.00
Government's participation	10,600.00
Total amount expended under contract	8,725.04
Unexpended funds	12,474.96
Government's share of unexpended funds	6,237.48

There was no ore production during the project.

Equipment

The Government did not share in the cost of equipment or supplies purchased by the operator.

Discussion of Conclusions

The most important factor affecting performance of the contract work was the operator's lack of knowledge on how to conduct and administer a mining venture. Although the original contract stipulated that a competent supervisor be engaged, this was never done. Instead Mrs. Romerio tried to keep all management within her immediate family, because of financial reasons, and such action was of course to her detriment.

From an over-all standpoint, the performance of contract work in all categories was very poor.

Since the contract was terminated before the target area was reached, the exploration possibilities remain good.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

September 25, 1953

Mrs. Delight H. Lewis
Apartment 504
Silver Bow Homes
Butte, Montana

Re: Docket No. DMEA-326 (lead-zinc)
Hope & Bullion Claims
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract Idm-E220 (Terminated)

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter in which you request copies of the geological report and geological maps compiled by our staff on the Hope & Bullion property.

We are sorry to be unable to accommodate your request. We are under instructions from Washington, D. C., not to release copies of our reports and maps on DMEA projects as they are considered as confidential. We would be glad to show our maps to you, should you care to call at this office, and to discuss the geologic findings of the DMEA work; however, we will be unable to send copies of these reports and maps to you.

Sincerely yours,

Thor H. Kiilsgaard
For: A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

cc: DMEA (2)
USBM (2)
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~
1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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September 1, 1953

AIR MAIL

Mr. Jay L. Chambers, Chief
Contract Administration and Audit Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Enclosed herewith are three copies of Report of Review concerning Contract No. Idm-E220 (Amended), Docket No. DMEA-326X, including Amendments Nos. 1 and 2, Alberta K. Romerio.

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Hull

Robert M. Hull
Auditor, Region II

Enclosures as above

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

1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington
August 31, 1953

MEMORANDUM

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: John D. Bardill, Metallurgist, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Final inspection, Hope Bullion Property (A. K. Romerio), Jefferson County, Montana, Contract Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA 326 (lead-zinc)

The subject property was visited August 7 and again on August 11, 1953.

The Operator had not performed any further work since the inspection of E. W. Buel, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines, on May 7, 1953.

Discussions were held with Mrs. A. K. Romerio, Operator, regarding termination of the captioned contract. The Operator advised that she personally is financially unable to prosecute the contract and that she was attempting to interest some mining company to continue the work. She was informed that possibly the Field Team would not consent to assignment of the contract. This condition would be a deterrent to anyone contemplating lease or purchase of her property, and it was strongly suggested that she terminate the contract to leave it clear of any encumbrance.

The Operator explained that she was entitled to about $362.48 depreciation allowance at the rate of $93.12 per month for February, March, April and May 1952. The Field Team decided that since the contract dated May 28, 1952 was retroactive to December 3, 1951, she could not be allowed the depreciation.

On the return visit on August 11, Mrs. Romerio was advised of the Field Team's decision. In the meantime, she had given the matter of the termination of the contract more thought, and finally signed the Termination of Exploration Project Contract by Agreement After Commencement but Before Completion of the Work forms.

John D. Bardill

John D. Bardill

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

So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

August 20, 1953

AIR MAIL

Mr. Jay L. Chambers, Chief
Contract Administration and Audit Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Enclosed herewith are three copies of Report of Review concerning Contract No. Idm-E220(Amended), Docket No. DMEA-326X, including Amendments Nos. 1 and 2, Alberta K. Romerio.

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Hull

Robert M. Hull
Auditor, Region II

Enclosures as above

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

AUG 2 6 1953

Talbot
Chamberlain

Mr. Robert M. Hull
DMEA Auditor
1201 North Division Street
Spokane 2, Washington

Re: Alberta K. Romerie
DMEA-326, Idm-E220

Dear Mr. Hull:

Returned herewith for necessary correction is the Report of Review, covering the referenced project, which was forwarded by your letter of April 20, 1953.

The reasons given for the review in lieu of an audit imply that only a portion ($3,473.20) of the costs were incurred on the basis of "agreed unit costs" and that the balance was on an "actual costs" basis. Actually, however, all costs were on the "agreed estimated costs" basis in accordance with the amended contract which was on the short form. The units of work performed were:

Preparatory Work	1 Unit	$4,551.00
Shaft Rehabilitation	1 "	700.84
Sinking @ $91.40/ft.	38 "	3,473.20
Total		$8,725.04

Accordingly, the one and only reason required is the following which is standard when all costs are on a unit cost basis (which is always the case when the contract is on a short form):

"the contract provides for payment by the Government on the basis of agreed estimated costs of units of work actually performed."

The first reason given by you (that is, the administrative costs of an audit being excessive) should not be used when all costs are on an "agreed unit costs" basis, but should always be used when any part of the costs are on an "actual costs" basis.

R.C. 8-26-53

When this report is retyped please confine it to a single page. Reports of Review, as well as Audit Certificates, always should be on a single sheet.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. L. Chambers

Jay L. Chambers, Chief
Contract Administration
and Audit Division

Enclosure

EDTalbert/wb
August 25, 1953

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Mr. Chambers

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

August 18, 1953

Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-326 (lead-zinc)
Alberta K. Romerio
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract No. Idm-E220

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

Attached are the original and two signed copies of Form No. 18262-1, "Termination of Exploration Project Contract by Agreement after Commencement but before Completion of the Work."

Distribution of this termination form is being made in the usual manner.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

Attachment

cc: Finance Officer w/encl.
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

August 18, 1953

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

Re: Docket No. DMEA-326 (lead-zinc)
Hope & Bullion Claims
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract No. Idm-R220

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Enclosed is your copy of the termination form which terminates your Exploration Project Contract by agreement after commencement but before completion of the work.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

Enclosure

cc: DMEA (2)
USBM (2)
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Romano, Alberto

Mr. R. J. Hindman, Certifying Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
1201 North Division Street
Spokane 2, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMEA-326 (lead-zinc)
Hope-Bullion property
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract No. Idm-E220

Dear Mr. Hindman:

The subject contract has been terminated by mutual agreement before completion of the work. All final reports on project work are hereby waived by the Executive Officer.

Inasmuch as final invoices from the Operator have been received and as the Government has no equity in project machinery and waives all interest in any unused supplies and materials, it is requested that the Operator's final invoice be accepted for vouchering and payment.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

cc: Contract Adm. & Audit Div., Wash., D. C.
USBM (2)
DMEA (2)
Auditor, Region II
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Betty

July 10, 1953

Memorandum to the Files

From: C. O. Mittendorf
Administrator

Subject: Termination of contract - docket DMEA-326, contract Idm-E220 (Lead-Zinc) - Alberta K. Romerio

On July 8 the Operating Committee approved an action to terminate the subject contract, in accordance with the recommendations received from the Field Team dated July 16. The Field Team requested that the termination notice be issued from the Washington Office. The action proposed is of a unilateral nature on the part of DMEA and made because of the operator's failure to provide her share of the money and to prosecute operations pursuant to the terms of the contract.

I have declined to sign these termination notices without first making a serious attempt to terminate the contract by mutual agreement. From recent correspondence in the file, I gather that Mrs. Romerio is resigned to the fact that she cannot complete the work because she is already in debt and that a termination of the project is imminent.

I recall that in the past Mrs. Romerio was quick to criticize the DMEA in her letters to Senator Murray, and I am positive that, if we took the proposed unilateral action, we would be ultimately criticized by the Senator's office.

After brief discussions with Hofflund and Griswold, I decided to phone Al Weissenborn in the matter.

Al was anxious to close the case, but he agreed that it would be much better to terminate the contract by mutual consent. He requested that I write him a letter which he can show Mrs. Romerio, which might induce her to agree to the desired type of termination. I told Al there is little to be said other than what was set forth in my letter to Mrs. Romerio dated June 3, in which it was suggested that she might enter into a contract with experienced miners to complete the project in a workmanlike manner, or terminate the project by mutual agreement provided she was not in a position to finance her share of costs.

I told Al that this was a short-form contract, on a unit basis, and that as such the Government was not obliged to put out any money unless the work was actually performed and was acceptable and, therefore, I could

not see how we would be taking any risk to the Government by allowing additional time for the applicant to be fully reconciled that she was washed out. I suggested that, when it is convenient for one of his field men to visit her, he mention the contents of my letter of June 3 as an entre for a discussion of her future plans; also that he might point out the obligation of the operator under the terms of the contract as a selling point to get her to agree to a mutual termination. Al said he would follow this suggested line of action.

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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cc: Admr Reading File
Base Metals Division
Mails & Files
Mr. Mittendorf

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REFERENCE SLIP

DATE 7/3/53

REFERRED TO:

1. ~~Mr. Chambers Room 5442~~
2. ~~Mr. Goldwright~~
3. ~~Operating Committee~~
4. Administrator
5. Mails + Files

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..... Previous correspondence	..... Your information

REMARKS: Return docket to Rm. 4058.

Letter to Blunt —
Would be better to attempt
to terminate by mutual
agreement, if possible JG

Check (X) before the items needing attention.

H. R. Griswold
(Ltr)

Initials of sender.

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

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July 3, 1953

Memorandum

To: Administrator

From: Chief, Base Metals Division

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-326, Alberta K. Romerio, Hope and Bullion Claims, Jefferson County, Montana, Contract No. Idm-E220 (Lead-Zinc)

The Field Team has requested that the attached notice of termination be sent from this office to the Operator.

Such action is long overdue.

W. R. Griswold

W. R. Griswold

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

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Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Box 272
Boulder, Montana

Re: Docket No. DMEA-326 (Lead-Zinc)
Hope and Bullion Claims
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract No. Idm-E220

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

We are enclosing a "Notice of Termination of Exploration Project Contract, under The Terms of The Contract, before The Completion of The Work". This notice is sent for the reasons stated therein.

Sincerely yours,

Administrator

Enclosure

Discussed with Al Weissenborn
See memo of phone conversation

Operator's Copy

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT, BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK

To: Alberta K. Romerio
Box 272
Boulder, Montana

Operator under Exploration Project Contract I-dm-E220, Docket No. DMEA-326X, dated December 3, 1951, as amended.

Not used

The United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, under the terms of the above-mentioned contract, hereby terminates the contract on the following grounds:

(a) Your failure to provide your share of the money necessary to prosecute operations pursuant to the terms of the contract.

(b) In the opinion of the Government, you have failed to prosecute operations pursuant to the terms of the contract.

Dated this 8th day of July, 1953.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By C. W. Mutterdorf
Administrator, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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

June 26, 1953

N. S. in R. & P.

Memorandum

To: Chief Counsel

From: Chief, Base Metals Division

Subject: Termination of Contract, Docket No. DMA 326, (Lead-Zinc)
Roberta K. Romerio, Contract No. Idm-E220

Would you kindly prepare a proper letter for terminating the above Operator's contract.

The work on the project has been done in an impossibly slow and inept manner, no advance has been made in the past six months. Undoubtedly the Operator is out of funds.

For the protection of the Government, we should reserve the right to make a certification of the project if, at some future date, it might be deemed advisable.

W. R. Griswold
W. R. Griswold

WRGriswold/hmj
(6/26/53)
CC to: Docket
Base Metals
Chron.

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

Spokane, Washington
June 16, 1953

Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Subject: Docket No. DMEA 326 (lead-zinc)
Contract Idm-E220
Albert K. Romerio

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

Enclosed are three copies of a narrative report for May and June submitted under the subject contract.

You will note that the Operator does not indicate any intention of resuming work although she intimates that she might if funds were made available.

It is our impression from Mrs. Romerio's letter that she is resigned to terminating the contract. It is recommended, therefore, that a termination agreement be sent to her from your office.

By Field Team, Region II

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
U. S. Geological Survey

Thomas E. Howard

Thomas E. Howard, Acting Member
U. S. Bureau of Mines

Enclosure

COPY

DMEA 326X - E220
Narrative - May and June

As per instructions of Bureau of Mines shaft engineer in January spiles were driven and open spaces behind lagging on north side of shaft were filled and laggin replaced. The April freeze and thaw exerted considerable swell on laggin and pressure and squeeze caused 8 x 8's on northwest corner of Shaft to get out of line. The hanging bolts still holding on June 5-53 but area of cave-in on north side of shaft has enlarged to 12 feet from shaft and 9 feet across and swell due to recent thaw and floods have again caused 3 in laggin to give squeeze.

The damage is not irreparable if funds are made available-however, I judged by my discussion with Mr. Becraft of the Geological Survey and Mr. Buell of the Bureau of Mines, in May that it is the Governments desire to terminate this contract--declaring no discovery. As the discovery was made before the contract was entered into I believe that it is extremely unfortunate that the funds were not handled in such a manner as to bring the contract to a successful termination as we would have only been too happy to repay from production. At this time I am out $1300 (indebtedness) plus but am entirely at the Governments pleasure if it decides to give up the development of the greatest mineral deposit in the Northwest United States.

/s/ Alberta K. Romerio
Box 272 - Boulder, Mont.

Personal Note -

I especially wish to thank Mr. Becraft for his courtesy and Mr. Buell for his personal interest in making special trips to check with my miners in their endeavor to save our project--and a special thanks to Mr. Weissenborn who certainly gave his moral support whether or not he was able to surmount the financial red tape of Government

/s/ Mrs. Romerio

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

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JUN 3 1953

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Box 272
Boulder, Montana

Re: Docket No. DMEA-326 (Lead-Zinc)
Hope and Bullion Claims
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract No. Idm-E220

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

A recent field inspection of the above property by the Field Team has shown little improvement in the rate of progress of the work, so that we are forced to be concerned as to the probability of the project being completed.

We feel that it would be advisable for you to make a contract with some capable and experienced miner, who would take full charge of the work and who would be responsible for project completion. This, of course, is suggested presuming that you are in a position to finance your portion of such contract cost.

Otherwise, it appears that it would be advisable that we mutually agree to the termination of the project in the best interests of both parties to the contract.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for) P.N. 6-3-53

Administrator

WRGriswold/bjl (6/2/53)

Copy to: Docket
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Op. Committee
Base Metals
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Kinkel
Region II (2)
Chron.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

May 19, 1953

Mr. George Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-326
Hope and Bullion Claims
Alberta K. Romerio
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract Idm-E220

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

In a previous letter to you dated May 6, the Executive Officer stated in response to an inquiry from you that in his opinion it would be futile to attempt to continue the Romerio contract but that a definite recommendation would be made following a forthcoming field examination.

Mr. Buel of the Bureau of Mines and Mr. Becraft of the Geological Survey have recently made another field inspection of the property. They report that there has been no improvement in the situation and that no further work has been done since the first week in March. In Mr. Buel's report, copies of which are attached, it is mentioned that Mrs. Romerio plans to incorporate, thinking that such action will solve her problems, and that she would like to be given another month of time before any termination agreement is drawn.

It is our opinion that the shaft could be sunk for about the price allowed in the contract and if Mrs. Romerio could find a competent contractor to sublet the contract to, the contract probably could be completed. It is unlikely, however, that Mrs. Romerio would have the funds to take care of her half of the costs. It is our recommendation, therefore, that Mrs. Romerio be told that DMEA cannot continue on the present basis, and the contract be terminated.

As was explained in the Executive Officer's previous letter, we believe that this work should come from you rather than the Field Team.

By Field Team, Region II

M. E. Volin, Acting Exec. Officer
(Bureau of Mines)

Thor H. Kiilsgaard, Acting Member
(Geological Survey)

Enclosure

cc: USBM (2)
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington
May 18, 1953

MEMORANDUM

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: E. W. Buel, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Inspection report, Hope-Bullion (Romerio) property, Jefferson County, Montana, Contract Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA 326 (lead-zinc)

The subject property was visited May 7, 1953, in company with George Becraft, Geologist, Geological Survey, and Mrs. A. K. Romerio, manager and Operator.

The Operator has not accomplished any further work under the contract since the first week in March 1953. The possibility that the Government might terminate the DMEA contract was discussed with Mrs. Romerio, it being pointed out that the work progress has been unsatisfactory. Not without sympathy with her over difficulties in sinking the shaft, it was nevertheless stated that the Government has done everything possible to keep the contract in effect but that this lenient attitude cannot be continued unless the Operator can show a marked improvement in progress; furthermore, it was made clear that even a marked improvement will be no guarantee for keeping the contract in force.

Mrs. Romerio asked that she be given another month before any termination agreement is drawn up. She thinks that she can incorporate, and that such action will be a panacea for her mining operation difficulties.

The Examining Team believes that the Operator can complete the exploration program only if the work is subcontracted. This, however, does not appear possible with the Operator's inadequate funds. The Examining Team, therefore, must take the position that the Operator is not competent to continue the work under the contract and recommends that the contract be terminated as soon as possible.

E. W. Buel

E. W. Buel

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
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So. 157 Howard Street
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May 14, 1953

Mr. George Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-320
Hope and Bullion Claims
Alberta K. Romerio
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract Idm-E220

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

In a previous letter to you dated May 6, the Executive Officer stated in response to an inquiry from you that in his opinion it would be futile to attempt to continue the Romerio contract but that a definite recommendation would be made following a forthcoming field examination.

Mr. Buel of the Bureau of Mines and Mr. Becraft of the Geological Survey have recently made another field inspection of the property. They report that there has been no improvement in the situation, and there seems to be little hope that Mrs. Romerio will be able to complete the work.

It is our opinion that the shaft could be sunk for about the price allowed in the contract and if Mrs. Romerio could find a competent contractor to which to sublet the contract, the contract probably could be completed. It is unlikely, however, in our opinion, that Mrs. Romerio would have the funds to take care of her half of the costs. It is our recommendation, therefore, that Mrs. Romerio be told that the DMEA cannot continue on the present basis and that the exploration should be terminated unless she can make a contract with a competent and experienced miner to have full charge of sinking the shaft and can present evidence that she can finance her share of the contract. As was explained in the Executive Officer's previous letter, we believe that this word should come from you rather than the Field Team.

By Field Team, Region II

A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
(Geological Survey)

M. E. Volin, Member
(Bureau of Mines)

cc: USBM (2)
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1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington
May 12, 1953

Alberta K. Romerio,
Box 272,
Boulder, Montana

Subject: Docket DMEA 326X
Contract I&m-R220
Monthly operating report
for January & February, 1953.

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Your narrative report covering the subject period has been received. Enclosed are six copies each of forms MF-104 and MF-104A for the months of January and February 1953, which have been prepared for your signature. One copy is for your files. Please sign the original and four copies of both forms MF-104 and MF-104A, and return to us. These will then be certified and sent to the Disbursing Officer at Portland, Oregon, for payment.

Yours very truly,

M. E. Volin, Member
DMEA Field Team, Region II

Enclosures

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May 6, 1953

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Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
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Re: Docket No. DMEA-326 (Lead-Zinc)
Alberta K. Romerio
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract No. Idm-E220

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 6, and I must apologize for not having answered it sooner. The Field Team letter of March 21 answered most of the questions raised in your letter of April 6, and I have overlooked the fact that you have requested my personal ideas on the termination of the project.

We have felt very sorry for Mrs. Romerio and have tried to help her all that we can. The property that she is attempting to explore is, in our opinion, a very promising one. However, the Field Team from the very beginning has been very dubious of Mrs. Romerio's ability to do the work provided for in the contract and is on record as having opposed the granting of the contract for this reason.

The inspection report of April 10 by E. W. Buel gives us the last word we have on the situation, which has not, apparently, improved significantly. Mrs. Romerio is now attempting to strip the vein with a drag line at her own expense, although apparently she still has the plan of going ahead and doing further work in the shaft after the ground thaws. We had hoped, perhaps unrealistically, that Mrs. Romerio would be able to sink the shaft as provided in the contract, but the results to date are a pretty plain answer that she will not be able to do so. We can only reach the conclusion then that Mrs. Romerio is neither financially nor technically competent to complete the contract, and that any further efforts for its continuation will only get her deeper into the mire. In a sense, this has already

happened, for I understand that last year she turned down what was reported to be a very satisfactory offer from one of the major mining companies for the purchase of her rights to the Hope and Bullion property. It is unfortunate that she did not accept this offer.

There will undoubtedly be a considerable squawk if we terminate the contract, but in my opinion, this is the only practicable solution and is the kindest thing that we can do for Mrs. Romerio. I reached this conclusion reluctantly because once having started the contract, I would like to have been able to see it through with her. However, one must face the facts. Therefore, unless our field inspection scheduled for this week shows marked and unexpected improvement, I recommend that we terminate the contract. We should try to terminate as kindly and gently as possible, but I think that we might as well make up our minds to do so. We shall advise you of our final decision from the field.

The Field Team would be willing to send the termination notice. However, Mrs. Romerio, we have found, does not easily take "No" for an answer, and I think that the termination notice would be more effective if it were signed by the Administrator rather than the Executive Officer.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

(Dictated 4/24/53)

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May 1-1953

Dear Mr. Weissenborn-

Mr. Beacraft and Mr. Buell were just in -

Am forwarding Bill for Rehabilitation of shaft.- as per amendment 2- to D.M.E.A.326X-E220 - under Narrative-

I want to express my deep appreciation to you, Mr. Beacraft Mr. Kilsgaard and Volin and last but not least Mr. Magill and Mr. Buell in your efforts to put this Contract on a paying basis-

I have outstanding bills on Contract

Timber	$260.00		
Gas & oil	220.00		
Labor	465.00	- Bank note	$350.00
Machinery	350.00		1295.00
& Repairs	1,295.00		
		Totaling	$1,645.00

In this estimate of outstanding accounts I have not included the labor of my own men.

As always in a difficult situation as ours there are those that could do a better job. However I have received damaged men in the Butte hospitals from ACM Co. mines when they were caught in Cave-Ins.- At least the Safety factors had been considered and our men came out with no broken bones.- and our Shaft stands - in spite of squeezing ground and all.

However, I can feel the crack of the old whip - Speed up! or else. I finally got my truck K5 back into operation-The weather seems to be on our side now.-

As we were working on this project before Government anticipated the need for Developement of minerals in America, I rather imagine we shall continue our developement in spite of the fact that Big Business is using our American dollars to develope Africa, So America, Mexico and Canada and I am being subjected to the threat of withdrawal of the very few dollars allotted our project-when we are in the position of being possibly, the largest producer of Base Metals in Montana with more developement. - Gold, Silver, Lead Zinc, Copper - Manganese, arsenic, antimony and possibly uranium - plus--!

Again I want to thank you Mr. Weissenborn and Mr. Mittendorf in Washington for all you efforts to put our project on a paying basis.

Kind of hoping Mr. Lyons makes the spot- It would be nice to have a man that knows the mineral problems heading the Bureau of Mines instead of a Coal Miner-

Had to return the typewriter - economy drive - so pardon the long hand -

Very sincerely,

/s/ Alberta K. Romerio
DMEA326 - E220
Box 272. Boulder, Mont.

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

1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington
April 10, 1953

APR 27 1953

MEMORANDUM

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: E. W. Buel, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Inspection report, Hope-Bullion (Romerio), Jefferson County, Montana, Contract Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA 326 (lead-zinc)

The Hope-Bullion property was visited March 31, 1953, in company with Mrs. A. K. Romerio, manager. Since the last inspection on February 26, 1953, the Operator has not accomplished any further work under the contract.

Mrs. Romerio stated that the crew worked only 2 or 3 days in March. The work time was spent in attempting to raise and straighten the timber sets which were askew from shaft subsidence. At the time of the last inspection, the Operator was advised as to how the shaft could be brought into alignment. One of the recommendations was that several hydraulic jacks, 5-ton capacity or better, could be effectively used in raising the settled timber sets. The Operator tried using the jacks and was successful in raising the shaft sets, but it was learned that the crew did not consolidate their gains which resulted in the resettling of the shaft when pressure was relieved from the jacks. Mrs. Romerio said that the crew was afraid to work in the shaft during the raising operations. She further stated that as soon as the ground thaws, another attempt will be made to raise the shaft. The shaft has been blocked to prevent any further caving. It was noted that the northeast corner of the shaft, previously in alignment, has been somewhat disarranged because of jacking and failing to consolidate the raised timber sets.

Mrs. Romerio revealed that most of the crew have been working for several weeks doing contract drifting for the Sunshine mine in the Boulder-Basin area, Montana. One of the work crew has been drafted, thus reducing her crew to three men.

Mrs. Romerio intends to have a contractor on the property in a few weeks with a dragline and shovel. She contemplates having the contractor dig to a depth of 30 or 40 feet along the mineralized ore structure nearby the shaft. Funds for this work, Mrs. Romerio said, will be obtained from what she calls "California money." *

*Money believed she has coming from a tax refund.

Mrs. Romerio inquired as to whether she would be required to pay royalty payments to the Government in the event the dragline contractor encounters any ore during the stripping operations. It was pointed out to her that if a certification of discovery is made then she would be liable to royalty payments from any ore shipments made. She also asked whether the Government would participate on a 50 percent basis for the stripping operations. She was advised that the present DMEA contract does not provide for any such allowances.

It is recommended that if the Operator cannot do the work stated in the contract, it should be terminated.

E. W. Buel

E. W. Buel

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

APR 6 1953

Mr. [illegible] E. Weissenborn, Executive Officer
DMA Field Team, Region II
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 8, Washington

Re: Docket No. [illegible]-326 (Lead-Zinc)
Alberta K. Romerio
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract No. Idm-[illegible]220

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

The attached copy of a letter from Mrs. Romerio to Secretary of the Interior McKay expresses resentment over the manner in which the Government has participated in the exploration project.

A review of the docket conveys the impression that the work has been handled in a hopelessly inept manner. We note that total advance of shaft sinking accomplished from April 1952 through December, inclusive, shows a total of 38 feet, an amount of work which we might have normally accepted as a month's advance.

Nevertheless we can understand and appreciate the feelings of this good lady, engaged in an occupation with which she is not familiar, attempting to get work of this sort done with relatives and other inexperienced people, with the consequent delays and unforeseen expenses which can easily induce a mood of frustrated exasperation.

However, we are not clear as to just what it is possible for us to do to alleviate the situation. However sympathetic we may be, we are not empowered to authorize the expenditure of Government funds in a manner completely contrary to good and established engineering and mining practices.

We have reviewed the letter of March 21, signed by Mr. Volin and Mr. Kiilsgaard, and also the memorandum of March 11, by Mr. Buel. It would appear that the situation is about as hopeless as could be imagined.

Would you be kind enough to give us the benefit of your own personal ideas. If you should consider that your office should terminate the project, this will be your authority to do so. If you feel that a termination should be made by us, please specifically advise us to such effect.

Naturally, if you should feel that there is a reasonable possibility that the Operator can overcome her difficulties and go forward with the project in a proper manner, a termination at this time would be out of order.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge (2/B)

Chairman, Operating Committee

Enclosure

APPROVED:

J. H. Hedges (2/B)

Member, Bureau of Mines

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~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~
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March 21, 1953

Mr. George Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Re: Docket No. DMEA-328 (Lead-Zinc)
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope-Bullion Property
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract Idm-E220

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

Enclosed are copies of two letters received from Mrs. Romerio.

You will recall that some time ago Mrs. Romerio, who had been making very slow progress on her shaft-sinking job, ran into difficulties and lost part of the shaft. Bureau of Mines engineers inspected the shaft and estimated that it could be repaired for $689.00. We informed Mrs. Romerio that the Field Team was not permitted to raise the rate of a unit cost contract or to make any changes such as she required, and we referred a suggested amendment to you for conformation. The contract was consequently amended allowing $700.84 for shaft repair, the money being taken from the amount allowed for drifting. Mrs. Romerio, however, has failed to completely rehabilitate the shaft for the amount allowed and is complaining rather bitterly of the failure to give her a sufficient allowance. The enclosed memorandum from Mr. Buel, dated March 11, 1953, of the Bureau of Mines will explain the situation to you.

We hardly know what to recommend in this case. As you know, we had serious doubts at the very beginning that Mrs. Romerio would be able to accomplish the work outlined in the contract, and it is becoming increasingly more apparent that she is not competent to carry on the exploration program. Financially she is unable to hire competent help and she and the members of her family do not have the necessary technical knowledge nor experience to conduct the program without competent supervision. Most of the difficulties that have arisen are due to the result of lack of financing, lack of experienced help and supervision, and the refusal or inability of the Operator to understand the method of operation under DMEA assistance.

In the original recommendation on this project, it was stressed that a competent supervisor be hired. Mrs. Romerio did make some attempt to hire a man but as a result of a lack of finances and because most of the miners in the area would not work for her, she was unable to obtain an experienced man. She started work under the long form contract and became hopelessly enmeshed as the result of complete misunderstanding on her part as to what costs could be allowed under this contract. We had hoped that by changing the contract to a Short Form unit cost contract, the misunderstanding between Mrs. Romerio and the Government could be eliminated and that the work provided for in the contract could be accomplished. However, Mrs. Romerio has continued to mismanage the contract. Progress has been extremely slow and her costs higher than they should have been. Moreover, despite the fact that we explained to her in detail how a Short Form contract functioned, before she signed the Short Form contract, she continues to think the Government will match funds with her regardless of the way in which she spends the money.

The attached two letters from Mrs. Romerio and the already mentioned report by Mr. Buel of the Bureau of Mines make it obvious that even after many tedious explanations, Mrs. Romerio still does not understand how DMEA functions. We feel very sympathetic to her as she is obviously trying hard to make a success of the contract, but we cannot see any justification for making further allowances for sinking the shaft. We do not believe it will be of any use for us to tell her why we cannot increase the unit cost price for contract work or why we cannot recommend any of the contract changes that are proposed in her letters. We have tried many times to explain the DMEA program to Mrs. Romerio and always without success. Therefore, our recommendation is that Mrs. Romerio be informed by the Administrator or the Operating Committee that her contract cannot be amended to provide further allowances in shaft sinking and that if she cannot do the work as specified in the contract, it will have to be canceled.

By DMEA Field Team, Region II

M. E. Volin, Acting Executive Officer
(U. S. Bureau of Mines)

Thor H. Kiilsgaard, Acting Member
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Feb. 26'53
Box 272
Boulder, Mont.

My dear Mr. Weissenborn -

In regard to Amendment to Contract 326X-E220 - to cover costs of Cave In - Gov. share $350.00.

As you know, as per my conversation with you on Jan. 12'53, the financial situation in regard to this contract is critical.

I continue to have my own three men working and hired a shaft man on Jan. 8 feeling his experience might prevent the Cave In of Jan. 12. The Bureau of Mines apparently underestimated the Costs of this Shaft repair.

We went ahead with our Shaft pick up as recommended by Mr. Todd - and all - Jan. 12'53

Four men on the job constantly from Jan. 12 to Feb. 26. That is considerably more than the 40 hours work recommended by the Bureau to do the job.

I feel that one week work for one man or 40 hrs - was a very erroneous allowance for labor to move 18 feet of Shaft filling drive spileing - Set up Machinery for fishing out caved material, pumping, replacing timber and hanging bolts etc. and setting up for fill -

On Feb. 1 - I sent a true estimate of Jan.-costs - which ran around $11.65 -

Feb. costs to 26 should be similar -

I borrowed $600 from Bank to Cover one salary out of four certainly figureing that the government would meet its share of the costs -

This has to be paid back - and the $350.00 that I have been the Government figures as its share of the costs of almost two months of operation on this repair leaves me with $175 per month to cover Shaft man, extra timber, extra fuel, etc. This will hardly pay Gas Bill -

Again I must point out that my part is 3 men - and I certainly figure the Government should meet the salary of one man instead of half a man -

I wish to express my thanks to Mr. Beal, Mr. Todd and all for their moral and technical support but this will not pay the bills and that is what I expect this contract to do for me above my own men at $36 a day - (3 at $12).

As per our telephone conversation Mr. Weissenborn, I will sign this Amendment but I know that this will not begin to do the job and I'm signing under duress and protest.

I want to thank you, personally, so much for your interest and cooperation - knowing that you will do all you can to improve our situation - If it had not been for your cooperation I fear I would have given this up long ago - So, again I am,

Gratefully yours,

/s/ ALBERTA K. ROMERIO

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EXPLORATORYP PROJECT CONTRACT D.M.E.A. 326X-E220

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March 11, 1953

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MEMORANDUM

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: E. W. Buel, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Hope-Bullion (Romerio), Jefferson County, Montana, Contract Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA 326 (lead-zinc)

The Hope-Bullion property was inspected February 26, 1953, in company with Mrs. A. K. Romerio, manager. A subsequent visit for the purpose of checking on the work progress was contemplated for March 2, 1953, but because of snow, no re-examination could be made.

The examination of the caved shaft showed that it was cleaned out to a depth of 35 feet. The remainder of the shaft, about 5 feet, was under water. No further work was completed under the contract.

Several days prior to the inspection, the northwest part of the 1-1/2 compartment shaft began to settle, causing posts, dividers, wall plates, and end plates of 6 or 7 sets to move out of alignment. The gallows frame being firmly emplaced was not harmed. Many of the lagging boards were bowed and several were cracked. The northwest corner was estimated to have been displaced for about 1/2 foot. A pronounced vertical force exerted on the shaft timbers was evident from the fact that hanging bolts were pulled apart, and that nuts and washers were forceably countersunk 1/2 inch or more into the wall plates. (Several of the hanging bolts had been straightened and were being held by the hanging bolt links at the time of the inspection.)

The Operator and shaft crew did not know how to prevent further displacement of the shaft. The Operator asked for technical assistance.

The following recommendations were made to the Operator and shaft crew:

(1) Temporary braces should be placed on the cracked lagging, and on a divider post which was precariously protruding into the shaft opening, in order to prevent a possible cave-in. (These recommendations were carried out and completed during the inspection.)

(2) Two or more hydraulic jacks, 5-ton capacity or better, could be used to jack up the settled timber.

(3) A bearing set with hitches extending for several feet into the walls and firmly consolidated should be put in near the bottom of the shaft. The bearing set is to be placed beneath the wall plates, rather than the end plates, with hitches extending into the east and west walls which are somewhat firmer than the north wall.

(4) All back fill material, if possible, should consist of large material which will wedge itself behind the lagging. The Operator was specifically warned that the use of highly porous and impervious material was to be avoided.

(5) Either additional hanging bolts, or heavier bolts, should be put in the wall plates. It was further suggested that small steel plates might effectively prevent force countersinking of hanging bolt fixtures into the wall plates.

It is believed by the examining engineer that the relatively fine-grained decomposed quartz monzonite, being used by the Operator for back filling, was partly responsible for the displacement of the shaft. This material was mucked out of the caved shaft and dumped directly into the back fill opening situated at the north end of the shaft. The hoisted muck was wet and being porous and impervious resulted in the retention of the water. These operations were carried on during relatively cold weather. A subsequent cold wave, a few days prior to the visit, with temperatures ranging below zero resulted in the freezing of the wet back filled muck. The expansion of the muck caused a compression on the shaft sets and subsequent minor thawing brought about a release of this side pressure. A release of side pressure by thawing of the muck along its margin caused the now weakly supported shaft-timber to settle.

The Operator was informed that a re-examination would be made on March 2, 1953, to check on the work progress. During the interim there was a blizzard that prevented a re-examination of the property. It could not be learned from Jefferson County officials when the road to the Hope-Bullion would be plowed out. Therefore, no attempt was made to inspect the property again.

It was learned, however, that the shaft crew had obtained a couple of large hydraulic jacks (20-ton capacity), and that they were successful in raising a part of the shaft timber.

Time was spent discussing the contract with Mrs. Romerio on March 2, 1953. It was learned from Mrs. Romerio that her funds and credit are practically exhausted, and that unless the Government advances her money the work will have to be terminated. Mrs. Romerio claims that her costs to date amount to approximately $17,000 of which the Government has contributed only about $4,000. She thinks that the Government could prepare an amendment which would allow a deletion of all but 50 feet of crosscutting and 50 feet of drifting with the money for the deleted work to be applied entirely to her shaft costs. She further stated that the Government should make an arrangement that money be placed in escrow, or some other suitable arrangement, so that she could draw on this fund to meet the costs of shaft sinking. It was pointed out to her that the Government probably would not allow any such amendment.

Many other questions and points were discussed with Mrs. Romerio, but they are too numerous to elaborate. The substance of the conversation and personal conclusions are given as follows:

(1) The Operator is unable to continue the work because of limited finances and incurred debts.

(2) Unless the Government advances some money, the work will have to be terminated.

(3) The Operator claims the Government should pay her for truck rental, allowed under the old contract but not under the Unit Cost contract, because she did not sign the contract dated February, 1952, until May 28, 1952. She thinks that legally the Unit Cost contract did not go into effect until the date she signed it.

(4) The Government is blamed by Mrs. Romerio for making (?) her sign the Unit Cost contract against her wishes, and for not allowing her sufficient funds to sink a shaft.

(5) The Operator further said that the $700.84 allowed under amendment for rehabilitating the caved shaft was not enough.

(6) The Operator is of the opinion that the Government is so interested in the Hope-Bullion property that they can make special concessions in her case as they have "done for others."

As pointed out in previous inspection reports, the high costs incurred by the Operator are principally the result of inexperienced help and supervision, meticulous construction methods not commensurate with the time and costs involved, antiquated equipment resulting in many breakdowns, and financial incompetence.

Mrs. Romerio has expressed some of her views to the DMEA Field Team by telephone conversation of February 26, 1953. The Field Team has referred her case to the Washington office.

E. W. Buel

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Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

MAR 19 1953

Re: Docket No. DMFA-326 (Lead-Zinc)
Alberta K. Romerio
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract No. Idm-F220

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Your recent letter to Secretary McKay has been referred to me for reply. I am concerned over the fact that you do not feel that you have been fairly dealt with in the matter of your exploration project. We desire that at all times the Government should participate in such projects in an equitable manner.

At the same time, I am sure you can realize that in establishing logical and proper sums for Government participation in exploration work, we must be guided by cost data which have been proven to be reliable as applied to projects of similar nature, and which should be applicable if the work is done in a diligent and miner-like manner.

Referring to the added expense incurred by your shaft cave-in during the month of January, a special amendment to your contract was written to permit an increase of available funds so as to provide for such work to the extent of $700.84, since $689.00 had been estimated as being necessary.

At this distance it is difficult for me to appraise your situation, and I am requesting the field office to review the project.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

WRGriswold/bjl (written 3/16/53)

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Memorandum

MAR 19 1953

To: The Administrator

From: Chief, Base Metals Division

Subject: Docket [illegible]-326, Contract Idm-[illegible]220
Alberta K. Homerie
Jefferson County, Montana

The attached copy of a letter received from subject Operator expresses resentment over what is considered to be a niggardly policy on the part of the Government in participation in the project costs.

A review of the docket indicates only too clearly that, from the beginning, the project has suffered from lack of adequate supervision and has been conducted, to a distressing degree, in a most inept manner.

The original exploration contract was dated December 3, 1951 and provided for certain preliminary and preparatory work, such as bulldozing a shaft site and construction of head frame and hoist shed, then to sink a 1½ compartment shaft to a depth of 100 feet, crosscut 50 feet to the vein and then to drift on the vein for a distance of 250 feet.

Total estimated project cost was $21,200.00 with a Government participation of 50 percent. Estimates used for mining work were $80.00 per foot for shaft sinking and $35.00 per foot for drifting and crosscutting.

On June 2, 1952 it became necessary to amend the contract, placing it upon a short form, unit cost base. In this amended contract the shaft sinking was put on a unit cost base of $91.40 per foot (an increase from previous $80 estimate) and drifting and crosscutting was put on a unit cost base of $25.03 per foot (a decrease from previous $35. estimate).

This revision of contract base had been considered necessary in that little was being accomplished, whereas expenses were mounting, due to the various and somewhat vague ramifications injected into the preparatory phase. Furthermore, it was pointed out by Mr. Chambers that, from a practical accounting view point, it was next to impossible to audit or make payment on the expense accounts submitted. It appears that relatives were working, without expectation of reimbursement, and that neither payrolls nor submitted invoices could stand up under careful scrutiny. However, in order to avoid undue hardship to Operator, the

amended contract assumed and set-up the sum of $4,551.00 as an accepted amount for such work of preparation.

Since that time the work progress of shaft sinking has slowed, to a ludicrous degree, following are advances recorded:

Month of	April,	1952	10	feet
" "	July	"	5	"
" "	Sept.	"	5	"
" "	Oct.	"	7	"
" "	Nov.	"	3	"
" "	Dec.	"	8	"

Total to date, as per data available here 38 feet.

J. C. 3/19/53

During January, 1953 a shaft cave-in occurred and to help Operator defray this special expense of catching up cave, a special contract amendment was written, making some seven hundred dollars available to her (amount estimated as necessary for such work).

As far as we were aware, the Operator had little ground for complaint, however, the attached letter demonstrates that such opinion is not unanimous. Nevertheless, we can understand and appreciate the feelings of this good lady, engaged in an occupation with which she is not familiar, attempting to get work of this sort done with relatives and other inexperienced people, with the consequent delays and unforeseen expenses, can easily induce a mood of frustrated exasperation.

Yet we are not clear as to just what is possible for us to do to alleviate the situation. However sympathetic we may be, we are not empowered to expend Government funds in a manner contrary to good and established engineering practices. To do so would place us in a most unhappy and vulnerable position.

W. R. Griswold

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I beleive this can safely be done, because our previous bull-dozing operation (before government) exposed 200 feet of vein structure averageing $54.00 where soil was removed, and I beleive a drifting operation will be a mining operation as the dozer exposed 8 to 12 feet ore structure along 2450 feet.

Incidentally Washington should know that major companies have confirmed the regions findings and that we have received written offers from major companies w o have run Geophysical examinations.

How about making this money available so that we , ourselves, can go ahead with this developement-instead of being hamstrung all the way along the line.

The Region has tried to halp us but they all seem tied up for Washingtons approvals and as in my case underestimate.

Will you please try and do something about this.

Alberta N. Pomeroy
Box 272 Boulder Mont

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March 3, 1953

Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
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Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-326 (Lead-Zinc)
Alberta K. Romerio
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract No. Idm-E220

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

Attached are the original and two signed copies of Amendment No. 2 to the subject contract.

Distribution of this amendment is being made in the usual manner.

Sincerely,

Thor H. Kiilsgaard

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Acting Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II

Attachment

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Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

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Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Enclosed herewith are the original and five copies of Amendment 2 to the subject contract. This Amendment increases the funds available for the sinking of the shaft by $700.84. This money has been obtained by decreasing the amount of drifting allowed under the contract by an appropriate amount.

If you find this amendment satisfactory, please sign all copies, retain the one marked "Operator's Copy," and return the rest to us.

Sincerely yours

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

Enclosure

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Memorandum

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: E. W. Buel, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Hope-Bullion (Romerio), Jefferson County, Montana
Contract Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA 326X (Pb-Zn)

The subject property was inspected February 3, 1953. An examination of the caved shaft showed that one 5-foot set had been caught up. No additional work was completed under the DMEA contract.

Mrs. A. K. Romerio, manager, stated that the work progress was impeded during the spiling operation because of the heavy lagging and timber sets buried in the caved material. The buried material prevented the driving of the spiles. This necessitated the removing of the lagging and timber sets with the hoist. It was found that the hoist was not suitable for the removal of the debris in the muck. The hoist soon broke down under the strain and parts for its repair could not be obtained. The Operator tried several hoisting arrangements, but none were successful. At the time of the inspection the work crew was emplacing a borrowed gasoline engine for the hoist.

Additional time was lost on the project when it was decided that the spile driver (payment breaker) required a special welded cup to fit over the end of the spile. Some time was lost getting this cup made.

It was also reported that the fan went through the compressor radiator which resulted in further work stoppages. A tractor radiator was obtained by the Operator.

There are four men currently employed on the project. They are classified as follows: 2 shaftmen, 1 surface miner, and 1 hoistman-mechanic. The additional shaftman was put on the job around the beginning of last month.

The cavity resulting from caving is being filled from a surface opening.

From my personal observations, the Operator (Mrs. A. K. Romerio) has been very cooperative lately in the execution of the work on the contract and in the acceptance of advice from Government personnel. Work progress, however, has been very slow because of the inexperienced help, meticulous construction of the shaft, breakdown resulting from old equipment, and the "shoe-string" financial status of the Operator.

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South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMA 326 (Lead-Zinc)
Alberta K. Homerio
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract No. Idm-1220

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

This refers to your memorandum of January 28, 1953, regarding the above referenced project. Upon your recommendations, we have prepared Amendment No. 2 to this contract which has been executed by the Government, and are enclosing the original and five copies.

Will you please obtain the operator's signature and make the usual distribution of this Amendment.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge (JHB)

Chairman, Operating Committee

S.N. 2-16-53

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APPROVED:

J. H. Hedges (JHB)
Member, Bureau of Mines

S. M. Lemmon (JHB)
Member, Geological Survey

JWAlt/HMJ
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Base Metals
Mr. Alt
Mr. Kinkel
Mr. Bishop

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Spokane, Washington
February 13, 1953

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Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Box 272
Boulder, Montana

Subject: Docket No. DMEA 326 (lead-zinc)
Contract Idm-E220
Costs of catching up cave in shaft

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 5, 1953, enclosing a statement of costs incurred during January in catching up the cave in the shaft being sunk under the subject contract.

As you were informed by Mr. Magill in a telephone conversation on January 16, an amendment to provide funds for this work must be approved by the Washington, D. C. office of the DMEA. We advised that office of your situation and requested whatever action is possible under the short form contract you have. We have some doubts that the short form contract can be amended, but you will be informed of the decision of the Washington, D. C. office in this matter as soon as we receive it.

By Field Team, Region II

A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
U. S. Geological Survey
157 South Howard Street

cc: DMEA, Wash. (2)
USGS (2)

M. E. Volin, Member
U. S. Bureau of Mines
1201 N. Division Street

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January 28, 1953

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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman, Operating Committee, DMEA, Washington, D. C.

From: DMEA Field Team, Region II

Subject: Hope-Bullion (A. K. Romerio), Jefferson County, Mont.
Contract Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA 326 (lead-zinc)

Enclosed are memoranda from E. W. Buel and George Todd, Bureau of Mines, and a request from Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio for an amendment to provide funds to catch up a cave in the shaft being sunk under the subject DMEA contract.

It is not believed that the cave-in was caused by wilful negligence on the part of the Operator and it is indeed unfortunate that such a misfortune should occur to Mrs. Romerio who has experienced what is probably more than her share of mine operation troubles.

Mr. Todd, USBM, has estimated that $689 will be required to rehabilitate the shaft. Mr. Buel, engineer, USBM, has recommended that drifting allowable in Stage II of Mrs. Romerio's contract be decreased by 27 feet, the $700.84 to be made available to Mrs. Romerio for shaft rehabilitation. This amount of money is slightly more than the cost estimated by Mr. Todd but represents the nearest unit cost figure that might be made applicable to rehabilitation.

The Field Team concurs with the reviewing engineers and would like to recommend Government assistance to the costs of shaft rehabilitation; however, there is doubt as to whether a Short Form Contract, such as Mrs. Romerio's, can be amended. If such an amendment is allowable, the Field Team recommends approval.

By Field Team, Region II

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
U. S. Geological Survey
157 South Howard Street

Acting for Thomas E. Howard

M. E. Volin, Member
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1201 N. Division St.
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January 16, 1953

MEMORANDUM

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: George H. Todd, Mine Foreman, U. S. Bureau of Mines

Subject: Hope-Bullion (Romerio project, Jefferson County, Mont., Contract Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA 326X (lead-zinc)

The subject property was examined on Wednesday, January 14, in company with the two miners who are sinking the shaft under the exploration project contract.

Shaft sinking had been stopped on January 12, 1953, by a cave-in at the bottom of the shaft. The shaft is timbered with hanging square sets on 5-foot centers to about 6 feet of the bottom. The cave occurred at nite, over the weekend, when the men were off shift. This cave left the loose rock above unsupported on the bottom. The ground water running through the loose, decomposed rock caused it to run in, the downward motion causing the lagging to slip and break. Loose muck filled for a depth of approximately 21 feet.

The estimated cost of repair is as follows:

Rent on hammer (for driving spiling) and miscellaneous	$ 40.00
3 miners a total of 40 shifts @ $1.75 per hour plus insurance taxes, etc.	615.00
Spiling timber	34.00
	$689.00

It was recommended to the Operator that spiling should be used to reach the bottom of the shaft and to replace the timber sets that have been shoved into the shaft. In continuing the sinking, sets should be placed on 3-foot instead of 5-foot centers until harder rock is encountered. Timber should be placed immediately upon removal of muck. The newly sunk portion of the shaft should not stand overnight without timbered support.

The cavity caused by this cave-in should be filled from surface after the timber has been replaced.

George H. Todd

Orig & 3 cys - Wash.
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DMEA (2)

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~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~

1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington
January 21, 1953

MEMORANDUM

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: E. W. Buel, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Hope-Bullion (Romerio), Jefferson County, Mont., Contract Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA 326X (lead-zinc)

Mrs. A. K. Romerio, manager of the Hope-Bullion, reported on January 13 that on the previous day the shaft being sunk under the exploration project contract had caved, filling the bottom 20 feet of the 40-foot shaft with muck. She requested that the Field Team give her technical assistance in the best method of catching up the cave and making it safe for future work. Consequently,Mr. George Todd, Mine Foreman, U. S. Bureau of Mines, visited the property on January 14 (see attached memo) and recommended a method for cleaning out the cave and preventing future difficulty from this source.

Mr. Todd infers that caving resulted because the last 6 feet of the shaft was left untimbered over the weekend. During the off shift period, minor caving in the untimbered area left the loose rock above unsupported on the bottom. Percolating water in the unsupported decomposed rock caused it to run in, with the downward motion of this rock causing the lagging to slip and break. It is estimated by Mr. Todd that loose rock filled the shaft for 21 feet.

Mr. Todd recommended that spiling should be driven to hold the muck while the shaft is being cleaned out and that set interval be reduced from 5 to 3 feet until firmer ground is encountered. The timber should be emplaced immediately upon the removal of the muck and no untimbered section of the shaft should remain open during any of the off shift periods. Mr. Todd further recommends that the cavity resulting from caving should be filled from the surface after the timber has been replaced. Total costs for this rehabilitation are estimated by Mr. Todd at $689.

From the account given by Mr. Todd, it does not appear that the cave-in was the result of any willful negligence on the part of the Operator. Consequently, it is recommended that an amendment be

prepared allocating funds from Stage II of the contract for cleaning out the cave. Stage II allows a maximum of 250 feet of drifting at a cost of $25.03 per foot. It is recommended that drifting under Stage II should be reduced to a maximum of 223 feet and that $700.84 be diverted to the cost of the rehabilitation. It is not considered that lowering the amount of drifting by 27 feet will imperil the possibility of success for the project.

E. W. Buel

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Contract Idm-E220 NARRATIVE Docket No. DMEA 326X (lead-zinc)

to January 17, 1953

Regarding cave-in and possible loss of shaft - 40 ft. made; Government billed for 38 ft.

Jan. 3 - Miners complained of sluff and ground hard to hold.

Jan. 5 - Expert shaft man employed -

Cash output	Insurance	$ 65.00
	Labor and overtime	100.00
	Timber	300.00
My 3 men furnished by Op.-		
Extra timber wedges, etc.		40.00
Crew of 4 men worked Sat., Sunday and overtime to get sluff under control.		

Jan. 12 - 4 P.M. - Final set ready to go in and north side of shaft caved outside timbers to 13 feet of surface - This slurped in below timbers and straightened hanging bolts - with force - Two men in shaft bottom got out - Shaft filled 18 ft. of muck, etc.

Jan. 12 - 6 P.M. - As Operator had been carrying heavy expense of difficult ground and slow footage with pumping and expert timbering every inch of way (Dec - Govt. Part $139
Opr. chks 800
plus labor and equip.)
she definitely considered abandoning operations, but as this property is so valuable as a Defense Minerals possible producer and as she has had large offers for it from major companies after geophysical examinations, etc., she felt that the DMEA regional director should first be consulted -
So - to Spokane $40.00

Jan. 13 - Interviewed Mr. Weissenborn and Becraft, who felt that a mineral deposit of this magnitude should not be abandoned and referred me to Mr. Magill of the Bureau of Mines -
The Bureau of Mines recommended Mr. Todd - a shaft engineer expert to inspect property.

Jan. 14 - Mr. Todd inspected shaft and gave miners instructions for saving shaft - and believes it can be done - at a price -

Jan. 15 - Lead man and miners cutting timbers and lagging as recommended.

Jan. 16 - Timbers prepared and borrowed spile driver welded $15.00
Short sets (recommended)ups timber cost.
More bolts.

Mr. Magill phoned recommendations.

Today - Jan. 17 - No contract allowance for -
Four men working - must muck 18 ft. footage
(incl. gasoline, labor, timber and pumping) $731.20

27 ft. - must fill - hand mucking
Spile driver
special spiling and new lagging - 400.00
Mr. Todd believes

This will run my total costs of January - minimum

	Muck footage repair	$731.20	
	fill - repair	400.00	
Jan. 5	Preventative measures	505.00	
	Spokane	40.00	
		$1676.20	
	Phone	4.	
		$1680.20	Dead work.

Will appreciate anything that can be done to keep us in operation.

ALBERTA K. ROMERIO /s/

Manager

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1201 North Division St.
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December 17, 1952

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MEMORANDUM

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: Edward W. Buel, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Routine inspection, Hope-Bullion (Romerio), Jefferson County, Montana, Contract No. Idm-E220, ~~Docket No.~~ DMEA 326X (lead-zinc)

The Hope-Bullion was visited on December 5, 1952, in company with Mr. C. A. Romerio, one of the owners who is working on the exploration project.

Since the last inspection the shaft has been deepened about 10 feet making a total depth of 31 feet. The 1-1/2 compartment shaft measures 4 x 9 feet in the clear. A total of 5 square sets spaced 5 feet apart have been installed since the start of the work.

A severe cold spell, temperatures reaching about -20°, resulted in the freezing up of equipment which slowed up mining operations considerably. Also the hoist motor, for the ore bucket, took 4 days to repair. End plates for the shaft timber had not been received and may result in further delay of the operations.

The work cycle consists of drilling during the first and third shifts, and timbering during the fifth shift. A 2-1/2 foot round is drilled per shift and a 5 foot set of square timbers is installed during one shift. The slow rate of progress per shift is partly the result of moderately heavy ground (decomposed quartz monzonite); the principal reason, however, appears to be lack of proper supervision of the inexperienced help and the meticulous construction methods employed in the timbering. The standards of work are very high, but are not justified commensurate with the time and expense involved. The Operator was advised that better footage will have to be made if the project is to be completed within the 2 year limit.

The number of men employed are as follows: 1 shaftman, 1 surface miner, and 1 hoistman-mechanic.

About 50 feet of mine ladders were purchased and are ready for installation.

Fiscal matters were discussed with Mrs. Romerio, the Operator, and she was instructed that monthly invoices were to cover a calendar month period only. She also expressed hopes of receiving funds to cover the rental of her 1-1/2 ton truck as allowed under the old contract. The amended contract is on a unit cost basis which includes all costs. The Operator was informed that any additional allowances, other than those covered in the amended contract, could not be permitted.

E. W. Buel

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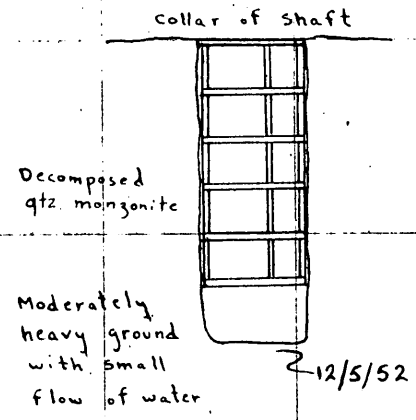

Section looking north

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Hope & Bullion (Romerio)
Jefferson Co., Mont.

Docket No DME A 326 X
Contract No Idm-E 220

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Spokane, Washington
December 10, 1952

Department of the Interior
Defense Minerals Administration
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Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Box 272
Boulder, Montana

Subject: Contract Idm-E220
Docket No. DMEA 326X (lead-zinc)

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Reference is made to your narrative of progress for the month of November 1952 in which you request that the Government participate in the cost of repair of a truck which was not in operating condition at the time the contract was amended.

Your attention is directed to Annex I of the amended contract which states in part: "The Operator hereby releases and agrees to save harmless the Government from all claims and demands under or arising out of Contract Idm-E220, dated December 3, 1951, executed on Form MF-200 (June 1951)."

This provision makes it impossible to approve your request.

By Field Team, Region II

A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
U. S. Geological Survey
South 157 Howard Street

M. E. Volin, Member
U. S. Bureau of Mines
1201 N. Division St.

cc: DMEA, Wash. (2)
USGS (2)

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Mr. Frank E. Johnson, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket DMEA-326X (Lead-Zinc)
Alberta K. Romerio
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract Idm-E220

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed are the original and two signed copies of Amendment No. 1 to the subject contract, with attached justification.

Copies of this amendment have been retained by the Operator, the Finance Officer, and by the Field Team.

Sincerely yours,

Thor H. Kiilsgaard

Thor H. Kiilsgaard
Acting Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II

Enclosure

cc: USBM (2)
Becraft

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So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

November 28, 1952

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

Re: Docket DMEA-326 (Lead-Zinc)
Hope & Bullion Claims
Jefferson County, Montana
Contract Idm-E220

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Enclosed herewith are copies of Amendment No. 1 to your Exploration Project Contract Idm-E220. This amendment changes the completion period from 12 months to 24 months from the date of the contract. If this amendment meets with your approval, please sign all copies, retain one copy for your files and return the remaining copies, including the original to this office.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

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cc: DMEA (2)
USBM (2)
Becraft

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November 24, 1952

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Administration
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MEMORANDUM

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: Edward W. Buel, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Routine inspection, Hope-Bullion (Romerio), Jefferson County, Montana, Contract No. Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA 326X (lead-zinc)

The subject property was inspected on October 27, 1952 in company with Mrs. R. K. Romerio. I was informed that the operation was suspended for about 3 weeks because of a broken brake on the shaft hoist. The shaft was down 19 feet with 1 or 2 feet remaining to be mucked out. There was about 1 to 2 feet of water in the shaft.

The Operator intends to work as long as possible throughout the winter. Enough timber for 6 sets was on the property, with an additional 6 sets ordered. A sufficient supply of timber is expected to be on hand before the heavy winter snowfall.

Mrs. Romerio requested an amendment to extend her contract from 12 to 18 months.

Enclosed are pictures taken by J. A. Bowsher, Mining Engineer, U. S. Bureau of Mines, of the Hope-Bullion property.

Edward W. Buel

Edward W. Buel

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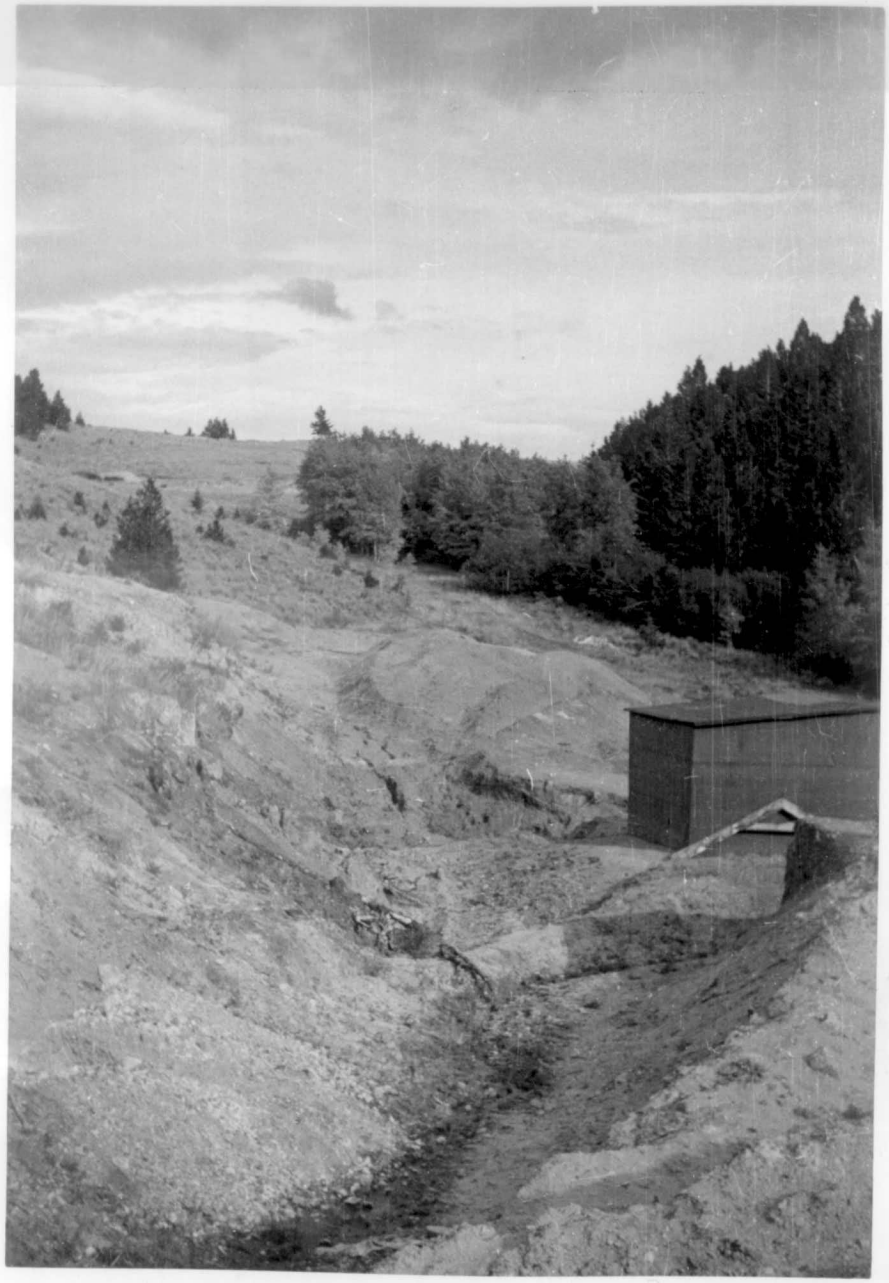
HOPE & BULLION CLAIMS (ROMERIO)
BULLDOZER CUT ON STRIKE

Contract Idm-E220
Docket No. DMEA 326X (Lead-zinc)
September 11, 1952

HOIST HOUSE, HEAD FRAME, LIVING QUARTERS
HOPE & BULLION CLAIMS (ROMERIO)

Contract Idm-E220
Docket No. DMEA 326X (Lead-zinc)
September 11, 1952



HOIST HOUSE & BULLDOZER CUT ON STRIKE
HOPE & BULLION CLAIMS (ROMERIO)

Contract Idm-E220
Docket No. DMEA 326X (Lead-zinc)
September 11, 1952

HOPE & BULLION CLAIMS (ROMERIO)
HOIST HOUSE & HEAD FRAME

Contract Idm-E220
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September 11, 1952

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Memorandum

To: DMEA, Field Team, Region II

From: George E. Becraft, Geologist, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Routine inspection, Docket No. DMEA 326x, Lead-Zinc, Contract No. Idm E-220, A. K. Romerio, Hope-Bullion, Jefferson County, Montana

The Hope-Bullion was visited on Oct. 3, 1952. The operator was installing a different hoist and repairing a pump which they plan to install to control the water that has been bailed out by bucket up to this point. The shaft was 19 feet deep and another 2-foot round had been blasted but not mucked out. The sinking has been halted because of the lack of money to by timber. The operator said she had not received payment for her August invoice and could do nothing until she received it.

The offer to buy the property mentioned in the September report has apparently been turned down by the operator and she will continue to try to sink.

The work, while progressing extremely slowly, is of good quality and the two sets of timber installed are very good.

George E. Becraft

Distribution: DMEA - Original and 3
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Becraft

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

So. 191 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

October 1, 1952

Yes

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Box 272
Boulder, Montana

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Dear Mrs. Romerio:

This is in reply to your letter of September 30. I have checked and I find that your July invoice is in the hands of the Fiscal Officer and he has promised that he will process it immediately. However, I also find that your July invoice was not received here complete with the narrative report until early in September, and I also find that we have no record of having received your August invoice in this office. We cannot, of course, pay any of these invoices until they are received.

In any event you should receive a check for work done in July very soon.

In regard to an extension of the time to complete your contract, if you will tell us how much time you think you will require, we will attempt to fix up the necessary forms. Your rate of progress to date, however, has been very slow and we hope that it can show some improvement.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

cc: DMEA
USBM
Klepper

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington
September 23, 1952

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Box 272
Boulder, Montana

Subject: Contract Idm-E220
Docket No. DMEA 326X (lead-zinc)
Jefferson County, Mont.

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Your letter of September 12, 1952, requesting that the subject contract be amended to allow advancement of funds for the purchase of timber has been carefully considered.

We regret to inform you that our authority does not permit us to grant your request. Under the terms of the contract as amended, the Government's contribution to the cost of the project may be made only for units of work actually completed.

By Field Team, Region II

A. E.Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
(U. S. Geological Survey)

M. E. Volin, Member
(U. S. Bureau of Mines)

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cc: DMEA, Wash. (2)
USGS (2)
DMEA & AD
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Wash.

September 22, 1952

Memorandum

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: John A. Bowsher, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Interim Report, DMEA Docket No. 326 X (Lead-zinc) Alberta K. Romerio, c/o Montana State Training School Boulder, Montana, Hope and Bullion claims, Comet-Wickes Mining district, Montana, Contract Idm-E220.

Routine inspection was made on September 11, 1952, accompanied by Mr. M. Klepper, geologist, U. S. Geological Survey.

The depth of the shaft, measured from the top of the collar set, now measures 15' 6" which is an advance of 3' 6" since the inspection on June 22, 1952. No advance reported on succeeding inspection August 12, 1952. Shaft is dry.

Pictures were taken of the erected head-frame, hoist-house and compressor building.

Operator turned over the narrative and a letter which were mailed to the Spokane office.

John A. Bowsher

CC: 3-Wash.
2-USGS
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To: [illegible], Executive Director, DMA, [illegible]

From: George [illegible] Sorrell, Geologist, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Routine Inspection, Contract No. DMA 326X, Lead-Zinc [illegible] (L-[illegible]), U. S. Mineral, Inc., [illegible], Deer Lodge County, Montana

The Lead-Allie property was visited on September 9, 1952. [illegible] at the property and / hoist was being [illegible]. Apparently no further work had been done in the shaft since [illegible]. Obviously, the prospect is [illegible] low.

It is reported that [illegible] on the hoisting and [illegible] made available to the operator for the property and she is seriously considering [illegible] it. This should be considered confidential [illegible] for the time being.

George [illegible] Sorrell

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[illegible]
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So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

September 12, 1952

Memorandum

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: M. R. Klepper, Geologist, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Routine Inspection, Hope-Bullion, Alberta K. Homerio, Docket No. DMEA-326X (Lead-Zinc), Contract No. Idm-t220, Jefferson County, Montana.

Subject property was briefly examined on September 11, 1952, in company with Mr. John Bowsher, U. S. Bureau of Mines, and Mrs. Alberta Homerio, operator.

The exploratory shaft provided for in the contract has been sunk to a depth of 15.5 feet with dimensions, in the clear, of 3½ x 5 feet. The upper 5.5', in overburden, has been timbered solid. The lower 10 feet is in friable, decomposed quartz monzonite, which appears to stand well.

Excavation to the present depth has been accomplished by pick and shovel, essentially without use of pneumatic tools or dynamite. Similar conditions may obtain to a depth of 30 to 40 feet at which level the water table will probably be intersected. Below that pumping and the use of pneumatic tools and dynamite will undoubtedly be required.

M. R. Klepper

cc: DMEA (4)
USBM (2)
Klepper

M. E. Volin, Member, DMEA Field Team, Region II August 12, 1952

D. R. Irving, Mining Engineer, Mining Division, Region II

Interim Report, DMEA Docket No. 326X (lead-zinc)
Alberta K. Romerio, c/o Montana State Training School, Boulder, Montana
Hope and Bullion Claims, Comet-Wickes Mining District, Montana
Contract Idm-E220

A routine inspection of the property was made on July 24, 1952.

No further advance had been made in the shaft since the inspection on June 21.

Timber to build a head frame had been delivered, and was framed. Angle iron braces for the corners were made, drilled, and ready for installation.

The operator anticipated that the head-frame would be erected before the end of the month.

Workmanship on framing the timbers is good, and the design is adequate.

D. R. Irving

cc: Wash. (2)
USGS (2)
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M. E. Volin, Member, DMEA Field Team, Reg. II June 22, 1952

E. G. Erickson, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Routine inspection of Hope and Bullion project, Contract Idm-E220, Jefferson County, Mont., Docket No. DMEA 326X (lead-zinc)

The project was visited June 21, 1952. The hoist house (12'x10') was completed except for opening left to enter hoist, and the shaft had been sunk 12 feet. Only a small amount of water was encountered, causing no problem to date. Two collar-set timbers were in place and as soon as timber was delivered they planned on timbering shaft and building headframe.

The compressor house was built during adverse weather conditions (March) which increased the labor costs considerably; therefore, $725.86 was allowed for the building in the new contract. Under ordinary circumstances the building would be valued at somewhat less.

The operator's initial invoice under the new contract was approved and forwarded for vouchering June 16, 1952. A few corrections were necessary but it is hoped that the operator will be able to make out the next invoice correctly with the aid of the corrected copy.

E. G. Erickson

Orig. to files
cc: USGS (2)
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Box 272
Boulder, Montana

Re: Docket No. DMEA 326

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

With reference to your request of June 2, 1952, we are returning herewith the following:

(1) Settlement sheet, American Smelting and Refining Company, September 26, 1950

(2) Assay certificate, Lewis and Walker, April 26, 1951

(3) Assay certificate, ED. Eisenhauer, Jr., October 16, 1951.

(4) Profile along the Rumley Vein, G. H. Robinsin

(5) Sketch of the Frank Murray Claims, G. H. Robinson

We trust that this is the material to which you refer in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

D. E. Moulds (mef) 6/10/52

D. E. Moulds, Chief
Base Metals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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6/10/52
cc to: Adm. R. File
Docket
Mr. Moulds

JUN 5 1952

Mrs. Alberta K. Remerie
Manager
Hope and Bullion Mine
Box 272
Boulder, Montana

Dear Mrs. Remerie: Re: DMA 126-X 220

Your letter of May 1, 1952, addressed to Mr. Jess Larson, Administrator, Defense Materials Procurement Agency, has been referred to me for reply.

This office has investigated the processing of your request for disbursement under your exploration contract and we are advised by the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration that a new contract was forwarded to the office of that agency at Spokane, Washington, on May 27. This is the new contract referred to in your letter pursuant to which you will be paid cash as a reimbursement for work accomplished.

It is probable that you have received this contract from the Spokane office of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration by the time you have received this letter. In any event, all necessary action has been taken for the requested assistance.

Sincerely yours,

/Signed/ HOWARD I. YOUNG

Howard I. Young
Deputy Administrator

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DMPA Files
Mr. Young
Mr. Lyon
Mr. Mittendorf
Mr. Liebert

Box 272
Boulder Mont.

Mr. Mittendorf-

Someplace in your Washington files you have the original J.W. Robinsone engineers report and my original assay reports.

I know copys have been made of all these and as big business is beginning to show interest in the property-

DO you suppose you could return these originals or a copy of them to me-

Thank you so much.

Alberta K.Romerio
D.M.A. 326 Idm.E220
Boulder ,Montana Box272

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

June 3, 1952

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Chairman, Operating Committee
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Alberta K. Romerio
DMEA-326X; Idm-E220
Commodity: Lead-Zinc

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are four copies of the revised subject contract which have been signed by the Operator.

Sincerely yours,

KH Gray
Kathryn Gray
For: A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

Enclosures.

cc: USBM

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Box 272, Boulder, Mont.

June 2. 1952

Re- D.M.E.A. #326X* E220.

C.O. Mittendorf-Acting Administrator

Defense Minerals Administration

Washington, 25 D.C.

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My dear Mr. Mittendorf-

Have recently received my revised Contract and ~~can~~ now appreciate that it is a much better arrangement from the disbursement angle.

My letters and my anxiety in regard to this contract were due to the fact that another year in coorespondence would practically put me out of business..

I wish to extend my gratitude to you-and to mention the fine courtesy of your regional officer Mr. A.E. Weissenborn, who at all times gave me a feeling of CO-operation far in excess of the ordinary Government employee. Mr. Volin and Mr. Killsgard also added their courtesy-and MR. Erickson in spite of my being so unhappy with him is doing an honest efficient job in his position.

If you care to send a copy of this note to Senator Murray's office I will also express my appreciation of his interest in putting this on a working basis-

Very sincerely yours,

Alberta K. Romero

Mgr. Hope and Bullion
Dma-326 (Lead and Zinc)
Idm-E220
Boulder Comet Wickes Mining Dr.
Jefferson, County, Montana

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Mr. A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, Region II
DMEA Field Team
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMEA 326
Amended Contract
Alberta K. Romerio

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

There is enclosed the original and five copies of a contract in satisfactory legal form for execution by Mrs. Romerio, which amends the original contract by converting the basis of Government participation from actual incurred costs to a unit cost. This change has been previously discussed with your office. This contract on Form MF-200 A, bears the same contract register number as the original on Form MF-200.

You will note that this contract requires the date of signing by Mrs. Romerio and, also, attachment of the two Landlord's Subordination Agreements and maps presently attached to the original contract.

In order to expedite final execution of this short form contract, the original and all copies have been signed for the Government, and if satisfactory to you and the Operator, all copies are to be signed and dated. The Subordination Agreements and maps attached to the present Operator's and Field Team's copy are to be transferred to the respective copies on Form MF-200A and retained by your office and the Operator. The original and three copies returned to this office will be distributed with the Subordination Agreements and maps transferred.

Sincerely yours,

signed 5/27 cc

Chairman, Operating Committee
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

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APPROVED:

Member, Bureau of Mines

Member, Geological Survey

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P.S. It will be necessary to insert in the space provided under Article 3 the number of days from the date of the contract in which work shall commence.

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

Re: Docket No. DMEA 326
Contract Idm-E229
Alberta K. Romerio

My dear Senator Murray:

With reference to your letter of April 22, 1952 and the subject docket, the revised contract drawn along the lines previously discussed with you and Mr. Broadgate has been transmitted to the Spokane Office of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration.

After signing of this contract by Mrs. Romerio, the project can be resumed under the modified participation basis. Payment for the approved work incorporated in the project will then be made on the basis of units satisfactorily accomplished.

It is believed that reimbursement for work previously performed and remaining work to be done will be accomplished without accounting requirements proven to be beyond the capacity of Mrs. Romerio.

Sincerely yours,

E. O. Mittendorf (for) 5/27

Acting Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration
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May 15, 1952

Memorandum

To: Donald E. Moulds, Chief
Base Metals Division

From: J. L. Hofflund
Chief Counsel

Subject: Amended Contract Docket No. 326X, Albert K. Romerio

There is attached, in satisfactory legal form for execution, a contract which amends the contract dated December 3, 1951, covering the same project, subject to the attachment to the contract of Owners' Consents to Lien.

J. L. Hofflund

J. L. Hofflund
Chief Counsel

Attachment

H.C.Rubin/ema
cc: Mails & Files
H. C. Rubin
J. L. Hofflund
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

No. 107 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

May 22, 1952

Dma 326

Mrs. Alberta K. Monerlo
Boulder,
Montana

Dear Mrs. Monerlo:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 7. I do not know why your revised contract has not been issued yet, but I was in Washington about ten days or two weeks ago, and I was told that it was in the Legal Division getting its final approval. I presumed that it would be sent to you before now. By means of a carbon of this letter, I am addressing an inquiry to Washington to find out what the status of the revised contract is.

The new contract, which will be on a unit basis, should be very much easier for you from the accounting standpoint.

Sincerely yours,

A. L. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA
Field Team, Region II

cc: USFS, Spokane
C. J. Rittenhouse

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April 23, 1952

Memorandum

To: Mr. J. L. Hofflund, General Counsel

From: D. E. Moulds

Subject: Amendment to contract Idm - E220, Docket DMA-326X
Mrs. Albert K. Romerio

Attached hereto is the report and recommendation of Region II relati[redacted]to converting the subject contract to a unit cost basis for work accomplished and work to be done.

A suggested draft is attached for your consideration and any assistance it may afford in drafting an appropriate amendment to cover this situation.

D. E. Moulds, Chief

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COMMITTEE ON
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April 22, 1952

DMA-326-E229
Romerio - Montana

Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mittendorf:

Referring to the discussions between you and Bill Broadgate about the above-numbered docket, a recent letter from Mrs. Romerio informs me that up to April 16 she has received neither reimbursement nor a new contract.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Murray

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UNITED STATES
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Wash.
April 14, 1952

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman, Operating Committee, DMEA, Washington 25, D. C.

From: DMEA Field Team, Region II

Subject: Contract Idm-E220, Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio, Docket No. DMA 326 (lead-zinc)

Enclosed herewith for consideration is a memorandum by E. G. Erickson, mining engineer, Bureau of Mines, concerning the captioned contract.

Inasmuch as agreement presumably was reached between the Operator, the Operator's consultant, and representatives of the Field Team, it is believed that the matter can be concluded by the drafting of an appropriate contract amendment.

Information presented in the attached memorandum appears sufficiently detailed to enable the preparation of a suitable amendment by the Washington office.

By Field Team, Region II

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
(U. S. Geological Survey)

M. E. Volin

M. E. Volin, Member
(U. S. Bureau of Mines)

cc: USGS, Spokane

M. E. Volin, Member, DMEA Field Team, Region II April 8, 1952

E. G. Erickson, mining engineer, Bureau of Mines

Contract Idm-E220, Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio, Docket No. DMA 326X (lead-zinc)

A conference concerning the captioned contract and resulting invoicing problems was held at Boulder, Mont., on March 31, 1952, between the Operator, Wade V. Lewis (consultant for the Operator), James Quinlan, USGS Field Team representative, and myself.

During this conference agreement on the problems was reached as follows:

1. An appropriate contract amendment to enable vouchering and payment of the Operator's January invoice in the amount of $2,610.12 is to be prepared. This amendment is to be drafted by the Washington office of the DMEA in accord with instructions contained in the Administrator's letter of March 27, 1952.

2. The existing contract is to be further amended to permit reimbursement to the Operator on the basis of units of work or jobs completed.

3. Remaining funds under the terms of the contract will be allotted to the following respective operations or jobs:

(a)	Repairing and installing compressor motor, 1 job @ $674.02	$ 674.02	
(b)	Hoist house, 1 job @ $725.86	725.86	
(c)	Operator's travel to Spokane, Wash. at Field Team's request	40.95	
(d)	Constructing headframe (8"x8" timbers) and installing hoist, all costs (max. allowable)	500.00	
(e)	Sinking shaft (1-1/2 compartments) 100 ft. @ $91.40 per foot, total cost	9,140.00	
(f)	Crosscutting, 50 feet, and drifting, 250 feet, (total, 300 ft.) @ $25.03/ft. - total cost	7,509.00	$18,589.88

Note: Drifting subject to restrictions imposed by original contract.

Discussion

Item 1. January invoice is $206.68 less than Mrs. Romerio's final report. This amount, which included shaft timber $20.00, hoist shed materials $109.45, and gas and oil on hand $77.23, was deducted and included in appropriate unit cost estimates of work to be paid on a unit basis at a later date.

January expenditure of $2,610.12 (by taking a liberal attitude as was suggested) could be considered justified. It included: making property accessible by removing snow from road; depreciation on equipment; hauling equipment and supplies, repairing equipment after numerous breakdowns; completing construction of compressor house; preparing shaft site; purchase of rock drill and accessories, total cost of $409.30; and purchase of materials and supplies as shown on January invoice.

Item 3 (a) According to the Operator all repairs and installations were completed during February. This could not be verified, however, as the property was inaccessible on March 31. It was pointed out that repair cost was considered excessive. The Operator lacked the funds to have a machine shop make the repairs and therefore used her labor, which ran the cost up.

Item 3 (b) The hoist house was essentially completed as of March 31, 1952. According to the Operator, this structure is well worth $725.86.

Item 3 (c) It was agreed that the Operator's March trip to Spokane at the request of the Field Team should be considered as a cost of the project.

A total of $4,050.95 will have been expended up to April 1, 1952, if the following items are claimed against the contract:

January invoice	$2,610.12
February invoice	
Item 2(a) - compressor motor repairs and installation (as a unit of work)	674.02
March invoice	
Hoist house (as a unit of work)	725.86
Operator's trip to Spokane	40.95

The Operator stated that if she is paid 50% of this total figure she will be able to pay her debts and carry on the project on a unit cost reimbursing basis as outlined. The question of the truck still needing repair was brought up, and the Operator

agreed she would have to absorb repairs for the truck in unit costs of future operations in view of the liberal attitude that would have to be taken to allow above payment.

Item 3 (d) This is meant to be a "maximum allowable" item and was explained to the Operator. Reimbursement up to a maximum of 50 percent of $500 would be allowed depending on the structure built.

Item 3 (e) Shaft shall be sunk carrying 1-1/2 compartments and will be invoiced on a footage basis @ $91.40/ft of completed shaft, including service mains, ladders, and landings.

Item 3 (f) Crosscutting and drifting will be invoiced on a footage basis @ $25/ft of completed work.

Comparison of the foregoing proposal with Mr. Chambers' memo dated March 19, 1952, to Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, copy received at this office after meeting with the Operator, follows:

Proposal - total costs for January and February	$3,284.14	
Chambers' adjusted costs - total for January and February	2,486.16	
Difference		$797.98

The proposal allows some of the "possible deletions" listed by Chambers. For comparison we will say the proposal allows the following:

(1)		$ 44.16	
(2)		240.63	
(3)		2.50	
(4)	$453.71 of $680	453.71	
(5)	none	—	
(6)	$56.98 of $134.21	56.98	
(7)	none	—	
	Total		$797.98

I believe the agreed upon proposal is in line with latest policy rulings when considered with a liberal attitude as was suggested.

E. G. Erickson

cc: USGS, Spokane
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UNITED STATES 13771

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REMARKS: ~~Per conversation~~ P.H.

No answer necessary

Thanks

Betty

Check (X) before the items needing attention.

ROBERT E. ADAMS

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April 8, 1952

Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Acting Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Mittendorf:

Thank you for your letter of April 2nd explaining the Romerio case and for talking with Bill Broadgate about it.

You will note from the attached copy of a letter to Mrs. Romerio that I think you have a happy solution to the problem.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Murray

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MAR 27 1952

Mr. A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, Region II
DMEA Field Team
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 8, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMEA 326
Alberta K. Romerio

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of March 24, 1952, we are transmitting to you a copy of a memorandum from the Chief Counsel and a memorandum from the Chief of the Contract Administration and Audit Division, in connection with contract Idm-E220, with Alberta K. Romerio. Both of the memoranda are self-explanatory and present a means of handling the participating funds on this specified contract.

As you indicated that Mrs. Romerio has been advised not to incur any expense until further notice, perhaps as suggested, an amendment can be made to cover the Government's share of the costs to date, and the remainder of the work be placed on an inclusive cost per foot of advance in shaft or drift. As soon as the material necessary to draft an amendment to modify the present contract is received, the amendment will be drawn and returned to you for completion.

Sincerely yours,

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C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Acting Administrator,
Defense Minerals Exploration
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Hon. James E. Murray
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Murray:

This is in reply to your letter dated March 27, 1952 which concerns the fiscal problems that Mrs. Alberta Romerio is experiencing with DMEA contract number Idm-E220. Acknowledgment is also made of a copy of your reply of the same date to Mrs. Romerio.

The problems which have arisen in this case have been brought to my attention previously by our Regional Office at Spokane. I know you will realize that we have scores of contracts with small operators that are running along quite smoothly, and that in cases where undue delays in payment have occurred, those delays are attributable to some very unusual aspect of the particular case.

In accordance with the rules of the General Accounting Office, all operators are required to support their claims for reimbursement with documentary evidence that the costs were actually incurred. With respect to very small operators who buy directly for the contract project and have no other operations of their own, it has not been difficult for them to support their reimbursement vouchers with such documentary evidence. In the case of reimbursement for labor costs, we have usually requested only a copy of their monthly payroll, which can be substantiated by Social Security deductions.

In this particular case it appears that all of the workers on the project are the husband, sons, daughter-in-law, and perhaps other relatives of Mrs. Romerio. According to the terms of the exploration contract made with Mrs. Romerio, it is necessary for her to furnish us with a certified copy of her monthly payroll. She has objected to this procedure because of involvement with Social Security and income tax laws and regulations. She has submitted that any declaration of labor costs paid would result with complications such as (a) impairing the rights of her husband to continue to receive pension funds, (b) the declaration of earnings for income tax purposes and (c) the liability to pay social security taxes. It is obvious that, under the terms of the existing contract, the Government is placed in a position where it cannot approve her claim for reimbursement for labor performed.

We have given a considerable amount of study to this case, and during the past week or ten days have issued instructions to the Regional Executive Officer to offer Mrs. Romerio a new contract on a "work accomplished" basis, which will be similar in form to our new short-form contract that is now being printed and will soon be available for circulation and use. Under this new contract proposal, Mrs. Romerio may be reimbursed for her work on a "unit basis" and the Government may pay its share of the costs of the project without being involved in avoiding the Social Security and other applicable tax laws. It is hoped that such a proposed arrangement will be acceptable to Mrs. Romerio.

I shall be glad to discuss other aspects of this case with Mr. Broadgate. In accordance with your request, I am returning herewith Mrs. Romerio's letter to you dated March 19, 1952.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (fw)

Acting Administrator

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Mr. Chambers
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March 27, 1952

Miss Alberta K. Romerio
Hope & Ballian Mine
Box 278.
Boulder, Montana

DMA-336 E229

Dear Miss Romerio:

I have your letter of March 19. Thank you very much for your kind comments about my field hearings at Butte and your suggestion that I run for President.

Regarding reimbursement on your DMEA contract, it appears as though the accounting for reimbursement is too complicated for small mine owners. I am asking Mr. Mittendorf, who really wants to do a good job, to furnish me with a report on your case and see what can be done to help you.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Murray

cc/C. O. Mittendorf

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Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

DMA-326 E220

Dear Mr. Mittendorf:

Inclosed you will find a letter from Mrs. Alberta Romerio with regard to DMA-326 E220

Mrs. Romerio seems to be having trouble with your Bureau of Mines representative and with her accounting. It appears that the first reimbursement on the contract dated December 3 is yet to be received. Can it be that your agency's demands for records are beyond the capacity of the small operator?

I should appreciate your looking into this case and discussing it with Bill Broadgate.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Murray

COPY

Re-DMA326 E220
Mittendorf, Administrator

Hope & Bullion Mine
Box 272, Boulder, Montana

Hon. James E. Murray
Senator from Montana
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Murray:

I attended your hearing on Mining in Butte Federal Bldg. in December 1951.

I was surprised and pleased to find that our representative in Washington was so well informed as to our difficulties and to what we are entitled under the Mine Development law. It would surely help if some of our agencies were as well informed.

I also attended the Mining Congress meeting at the Biltmore in Los Angeles, so I believe I was as informed in the over all picture as any Government representative that testified.

On my return to Boulder from your meeting a signed DMA Contract number 326 E220 was in my mail box, so though I have never met you I believe I have you to thank for my approved Contract to develop Lead Zinc.

It took a years correspondence to get this Contract even though our property Borders the old Comet Mine and our operation (started in 1948) has uncovered the continuation of the Comet Rumley vein, a $28,000,000 producer.

My husband retired on Social Security - (a top earner). He is deaf but can work for me, his wife without loosing this Grub stake. My sons can work for their Mother under the Social Sec. Law and not pay - therefore we were assured our Grub would continue.

Under this Contract my men were to supply labor - 2 Boys at $13 a day or $338 apiece per month - Husband, mechanic at $350.00 or an average of $1,000 per month and my equipment - The Government to pay half expenses up to $10,600 - Total Cost $21,200. Sounded fine to me. My labor allowance would meet other half of expenses occurred on what I considered is a $10,600 Loan indebtedness to Uncle Sam.

All fine, until first report to Spokane.

The local merchants knowing I pay if funds are available extended credit from Helena to Butte.

The Government men assured me I would be reimbursed in 6 weeks.

I interviewed the Income Tax representative in Helena. He said in a family operation as this he did not consider I should have Income Tax to pay on a Loan, but in the event I show $400 profit - Then the Gov. should collect.

Interviewed Mr. Thomas under Soc. Security - He said under law my husband and sons can work for mother and not pay Soc. Sec.

This left entire loan for Development money to use for Development of strategic minerals - I thought.

The Bureau of Mines Engineer - came from Spokane -

He spent 3 hours telling me the contract would not work before he even looked at the mine and our operation - 2 Now -

The contract stated work must start before Jan. 3.

We started - Did bulldozing built Compressor house - Set up and repaired equipment - Hauled in lumber and equipment - 25 days of operation - before this former A.C.M. shift boss came in and tells me contract won't work.

I should put my men doing other work and hire men from their salaries even tho there is a shortage of Hard Rock Miners in Montana - He said "I should not be operating - The Government did not need Minerals just wanted to know where it is. I would not work - Should have asked for a Grant.

Am still waiting for D.M.A. funds. All these little Business men are waiting for their money.

The contract was dated December 3, 1951.

This is March 19, 1952
Four months and no funds to date. Even though the Senate and House have made these available.

Went to Spokane. Disbursing Officer from Harvard did not like the Bills little Business presented. They weren't fancy like Big Business. They weren't pretty for permanent record - even tho I, the operator had accepted them -

Then our typing was not good enough

Then we must be defrauding the Government - No Social Security. He did not know the land. Our statements of labor were not satisfactory. Must be pretty for permanent record.

So I came back and made a New Report of Costs and Labor - Have sent three different amended reports. Told them I would try and cooperate.

How about you getting in the race for President?

McCarran has a big reputation for help to miners -

His meetings can't compare with yours for clarity of thinking and real personality and grasp of problems.

The Bureau of Mines needs a Prospector in its employ to make D.M.A. work.

These high powered Engineer can not grasp the Beginning of a great mine.

In 1948 I drove an army truck with Grub, beds, tools, children, and Dog from my Los Angeles home - My father, a former Mayor of Butte and my uncle had left me Patented Claims. One of these bordered Comet the largest producer of Base Metals before Butte- "In Basin & Boulder, I heard. "The country was good when Comet was working".

I perched on the top of what seemed the highest mountains to get to our claims -

I built roads - six and one half miles - made our mine available - Spent all my $32,000 cash in development.

Uncovered 2300 feet of Comet vein assaying Lead, Zinc and Copper.

Had Hal Rahilly lined up as manager until he left country.

Now have Wade Lewis as Consulatnat -

Passed six Government Agencys Geological Surveys & all

Got Contract - and now <u>one</u> man says it won't work.

I say it <u>will</u>, if Government comes through with cash - as per contract.

Is there anything you can do about this?

Thought you might like a report on how this works. DMA 326 E220.

Want to get sinking with first Spring. This should be corrected <u>within</u> the Party.

Very sincerely,

Alberta K. Romerio, Box 272
Hope & Bullion Mine
Boulder, Montana

P. S. Howard Young or Jess Larson might help.

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

Memorandum MAR 19 1952

To: Mr. C. O. Mittendorf
Acting Administrator

From: Jay L. Chambers, Chief (Signed) J. L. Chambers
Contract Administration and Audit Division

Subject: Contract IDM-E-220 with Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio

Reference is made to the letter of March 13, 1952 from the Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II, with which was submitted the Forms MF-104 and supporting documents for the months of January and February, 1952 pertaining to subject contract.

These submissions have been reviewed and our findings are indicated by the following summary:

Item	Forms MF-104 Jan. & Feb.	Possible Deletions	Adjusted Costs
1. Fixtures and Improvements			
(a) Facilities	$ 20.00	$ -	$ 20.00
(b) Buildings	109.45	-	109.45
2. Operating Equipment			
(a) Purchased	609.30	-	609.30
(c) Furnished by Operator	372.50	44.16 (1)	328.34
3. Rehabilitation & Repairs			
(a) Facilities	240.63	240.63 (2)	
(b) Buildings	96.58	-	96.58
(c) Installations	2.50	2.50 (3)	
4. Labor	1,480.00	680.00 (4)	800.00
5. Supervision	233.84	200.00 (5)	33.84
6. Supplies			
(b) Explosives	33.45	-	33.45
7. Power	201.31	134.21 (6)	67.10
10. Contract Work	284.00	-	284.00
11. Other	112.10	8.00 (7)	104.10
Total	$3,795.66	$1,309.50	$2,486.16

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Explanation of possible deletions:

(1) Depreciation on Drum Hoist, 2 mos. @ $14.58; On Cars and Bucket, 2 mos. @ $5.00; and Sinking Bucket, 2 mos. @ $2.50; apparently not in use during these two months.

(2) Repairs to Compressor of $211.45 and Pick-up Truck of $29.18 not allowable per provision on page 3 of Exhibit "A" that "No additional *** equipment *** to be purchased, rented, repaired or rehabilitated, except as listed above, are to be allowed as costs under this contract."

(3) Purchase of a Used Stove not allowable per provision quoted in (2) above.

(4) Apparently Labor used in removing snow and making repairs to equipment, (2) above; the $800.00 allowable represents labor on Compressor Shed, item 3 (b) and Hoist Shed, item 1 (b), for which contractor specifically requests a contract amendment.

(5) Bookkeeping services @ $100.00 per month as it is obvious no bookkeeping is being performed; the $33.84 allowable is for services of Foreman-Shaftman in supervising bulldozing of shaft site, item 10.

(6) Arbitrary "estimate" of gasoline used for truck in clearing snow from roads.

(7) Indirect costs, i.e., Rental of Typewriter @ $4.00 and Stamps, Envelopes, etc., @ $4.00.

Most of the so-called "invoices" submitted in support of the costs are actually statements of account and in some cases indicate merely "Amount Due" without even reference to or identification of the item. Other costs, such as, Items 1(a), 1(c), 3(b), part of 3(a), 3(b), 3(c), 6(b) and part of 11, are not supported except by the contractor's own narrative. None of this support is deemed sufficient for proper audit.

The "alleged" payroll is supported by transcripts, which if certified by the contractor as being "true copies" would be completely acceptable. The problem here, however, is a matter of the legality of reimbursing the contractor for costs which she has no intention of actually paying, as well as the placement of the Administration in the position of abetting, or at least condoning, an attempt to avoid the payment of income and social security taxes.

Before any payment is made under this contract, I believe Mr. Weissenborn should have the benefit of legal and policy determinations on the following points:

1. Payment of Labor costs, when the contractor has no intention of paying "employees";

2. Payment of Depreciation costs on equipment not actually in use during the period invoiced;

3. Payment for Labor, Gasoline and other costs for clearing snow from roads;

4. Payment for Bookkeeper under conditions which indicate complete lack of bookkeeping;

5. Payment for Repairs when statement in Exhibit "A" prohibits the allowance of such costs; and

6. Whether typewriter rental, stamps, envelopes, etc., are indirect or overhead costs within the meaning of Article 10 of the Contract.

EDTalbert/wb
March 19, 1952

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

March 19, 1952

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Memorandum

To: Acting Administrator

From: Chief Counsel

Subject: Contract Idm-E-220, Mrs. Alberta K. Romeria

Reference is made to Mr. Chambers' memorandum to you of March 19 analyzing the operator's vouchers for payment and suggesting certain disallowances.

Without attempting a careful review of the operator's reports and vouchers, such as Mr. Chambers has made, it nevertheless seems likely to me that this operator will not be able to maintain proper accounts and records upon which to base her claims for the Government's payments. It would be possible to terminate the contract for this reason, but that does not seem to me to be the best solution. We have signed a contract with the operator, and apparently some work has been done under the terms of that contract.

I think that a better solution would be to amend the contract to fit the needs of this particular applicant. I think it would be possible for Mr. Weissenborn to agree with the applicant as to the allowable costs of everything that is done up to the date of the amendment of the contract, and agree that the Government will participate in that cost in the ratio provided in the contract, as though it were a unit of work. From that point on the amended agreement could provide for contribution by the Government on the basis of units of work accomplished: per foot of shaft and per foot of crosscut. This would have the effect of converting the contract to one such as we would make on our new short form.

If Mr. Weissenborn deems this suggestion to be practicable, he should arrive at the necessary agreements with the operator, transmit the information to me, and I will draft the necessary amendment. I think that the Government should be quite liberal in agreeing on the estimated cost of the work performed up to this date. Mr.

Weisenhorn's statement should list any items of equipment purchased up to this time, with the allowable costs thereof, in which the Government will have an equitable interest.

If the foregoing suggestion is deemed practicable, it will not be necessary to require the operator to endeavor to perfect bar pending reports and vouchers for payment. If, however, it is deemed necessary to proceed under the contract as it is now written, I have these comments on Mr. Chambers' analysis of the operator's claims for payment.

1. In general, it would be preferable not to disallow any item simply because it is not included in the estimate. The estimate is exceedingly sketchy at best. The test should simply be, Is the item reasonable and necessary and would it have been included in the contract if it had been thought of when the contract was written?

2. I think that depreciation on items of equipment should not be disallowed simply because they were "apparently not in use during these two months." Depreciation does not necessarily depend upon use of the equipment, and in many cases the depreciation will be greater when the equipment is not in use. In the absence of any explicit provisions in the contract, if the equipment is assigned to the contract and is there available for use when necessary, the depreciation should be allowed.

These comments and suggestions on this particular contract are limited to this particular contract and shall not of general application. They are made with respect to this particular contract in the hopes of resolving a difficult situation both for the Government and for an operator that may not be sufficiently experienced or equipped to carry on the work on the basis of claiming for actual costs.

J. L. Hofflund

J. L. Hofflund
Chief Counsel

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Attachment

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Copy to: Mailes and Files
J. L. LChambers
J. L. Hofflund
D. E. Moulds

Mr. Morales

Dear Sir:

I discussed with Mr. White.

He agrees with me as to suggesting to Prof. Tom a week or somewhat longer approving expenditures to date and payment of a most hard Draught. (Cross)

May the Mr. [illegible] will
help in supplying a form
of [illegible] Drawing School
[illegible] for use of pupils,
accounts of work, etc., and
a [illegible] class.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

March 13, 1952

Memorandum

To: Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Acting Administrator, DMEA

From: Executive Officer, DMEA, Field Team, Region II

Subject: Contract Idm-E220, Hope and Bullion mine, Jefferson County, Montana

With further reference to our telephone conversation on this subject, there is submitted herewith the Forms MF-104 and supporting documents for the months of January and February 1952, concerning Contract Idm-E220.

The invoices prepared by the Operator, after being personally and specifically instructed concerning requirements, were considered totally inadequate by the Fiscal Officer and by Mr. E. D. Talbert, Assistant Chief of the Contract Administration and Audit Division.

The MF-104 forms and other documents were returned to the Contractor; and Mr. Eric Erickson, Bureau of Mines Engineer, visited the Contractor for the express purpose of instructing her on the proper method of filling out Form MF-104. In spite of this, when the forms were again submitted, they were not acceptable. The Contractor, therefore, was requested to come to Spokane with her records. Messrs. Volin and Erickson of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Hull of Contract Administration and Audit Division, and Weissenborn spent the entire day with Mrs. Romerio in an attempt to straighten her out on the problems involved. The MF-104 forms and the supporting documents submitted herewith represent a very great improvement over the two previous submissions, but still leave something to be desired.

Available evidence indicates the Operator is confused concerning the participating-fund basis. Originally the Operator submitted payroll checks, unsigned, as a support to the Monthly Progress Report, with the request that they be returned. All employees, except the mine foreman, are members of the Operator's family. It further developed that it was the Operator's intention not to pay the salaries due to her family until such time as "the mine was in production," it being her contention that as long as no actual salaries were paid, no income taxes would be due and thus there would be a saving on the contract.

If such a situation is allowed to continue, it is my thought that the Operator will be placing this office in the position of aiding in an attempt to bypass the payment of just and due taxes. Furthermore, it was the Operator's contention that, as the Contract was a family project and all the family were working for her, no Social Security

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need be withheld. Upon our insistence, a statement was obtained from the Montana Unemployment Compensation Commission, which put a different interpretation on what should be withheld.

I think that there is an even more serious matter involved here. It is my belief that when we certify the payment of wages on a voucher, we assume that the wages have actually been paid, whereas in this case we have the Contractor's own statement that no actual payment is contemplated, except a vague promise to pay at some future time when "the mine comes into production." I don't think, therefore, that we could legally certify the MF-104, even though this is "a family operation." It was suggested to Mrs. Romerio that all we wanted to know was that there was a bona-fide transaction and that if after being paid, her husband, her sons, and her daughter wished to contribute their wages toward the cost of the project on whatever basis they see fit, it is no concern of ours. Mrs. Romerio was unwilling to do this because if cash were involved, the wages would be subject to income taxes, unemployment taxes, and other taxes. The present system may "save the project money" as Mrs. Romerio claims, but I also suspect that we would not be on sound legal ground if we approved the voucher. We also inferred from Mrs. Romerio that another reason for not paying is that if cash payments are made, Mr. Romerio's Social Security payments might be reduced.

A further point is that Mrs. Romerio's daughter, Delight Romerio Lewis, is charged against the project as bookkeeper at $100 a month. I think it fairly obvious from our conversation that the bulk of such bookkeeping that has been done has been done by Mrs. Romerio herself. I don't know any way that this fact could be established beyond question, but I do think it self-evident that the bookkeeping job done so far is hardly worth $100.

Mrs. Romerio has not been able to comply with the provision of the contract that Mr. Rahilly would supervise the work without salary. When last heard of, Mr. Rahilly was in California, and therefore he obviously could not adequately supervise the work in Montana. Mrs. Romerio made an arrangement with Mr. Wade V. Lewis by which Mr. Lewis would advise Mrs. Romerio and keep a general eye on the job. Mr. Lewis also agreed to recommend a shaft foreman to take actual technical charge of the work. The Field Team, with some misgivings, agreed to this as a reasonable substitute. However, Mrs. Romerio has not strictly complied with this, as she has employed the shaft foreman for only a few days work. Her excuse is the reasonable one, that her funds are limited and she will not employ the foreman full-time until shaft-sinking actually starts. The fact remains that about $1,000 has been charged for labor to date with very little to show for it; perhaps better supervision might have directed the work more effectively. It is my personal opinion that Mrs. Romerio will not easily accept advice, no matter what arrangements are made for supervision.

The Operator has made some improvement in the reports she is submitting; however, I should like to have the case reviewed with specific reference to the invoice, withholding taxes, and the question of nonpayment of salaries. As prompt a reply as possible is requested.

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

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March 5,1952
Hope and Bullion Mine
Boulder, Montana
RE-DMEA 326x-Idm E220

United States Dept.of Interior
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
C.O.Mittendorf-Administrator

My dear Mr. Mittendorf-

Your letter arrived as I was leaving for Spokane at Mr. Kilsgards invitation-Your interest is much appreciated.

Discussed contract withMessers Weissenborn ,Killsgard,Volin, Erickson and the disbursement officer.

Mr.Weissenborn decided an amendment could be approved to cover our labor on Shaft house and Buildings.

Mr. Erickson says Contract can't work

I dis agree again.

The disbursement officer , following Mr. ERicksons lead states he will not disburse funds as per contract.

Why? Because he does not want to pay the Governments share of my mens labor.

Why? Because I have not paid them in cash.It is the understanding that they will accept a working interest in production-they will after the Contract is completed and we are in ore-just as the government expects to get its returns from the ore.That all monies paid to me by the government will be used to carry on the contract-will be used to pay my share of out of family employees labor,and bills contracted for as my share.

Before signing this Contract I contacted my Social Security Office in Helena. My husband is 68 and receives top Social Security.This is our grub stake-Mr.Thomas stated and and showed me the provisions of the law that a husband or sons can work for a wife or mother without paying Social Security.This is the provision that protected our grubstake as the law is that one cannot pay and also collect.

Ialso called and figured with Mr.Feldman(Ibeleive the name was) in the Income Tax Division of the Internal Revenue office in Helena,,Montana.

We figured that if I wrote labor checks and paid in cash the amount of labor would be close to the total of the Governments loan to the Exploration and that the Contract would be shorted if Income Tax were deducted from the Governments Loan.

He told me that he could not see why Tax should be withheldas the boys ~~did not~~ actually did not receive the cash payment,and that it is I THEIR mother who would receive the loan money as labor performed reimbursement and a husband and son certainly had a right to work for a wife or mother.However as soon as mine goes on a paying basis thenI will immediately pay tax on income if profit is shown.

Mr. Weisenborn stated ,it possibly should have been a partnership.
The local businessmen tell me they would much rather do businessw with one responsible party in a minin g operation than with partnerships or corporations,as those dissolve and leave no one responsible for indebtedness in small operations.

Mr.Erickson again reiterated I should get mone y from some other source.He said I should have my boys work for some one else and take their money to apply here. He did not offer a sugestion as to who was going to do my digging.He really seems bent on qweering this operation.

I answered that I already had enough involvement and was not cutting anyone in a-side from the government.

So now I return with the understanding that the Government continues to fail to live up to its responsibility to this contract.

Mr.Weisenborn promised to investigate the legal angles of this family ope ration.He seems to be genuinely anxious for this to work out

The disbursing officer seemed unhappy about the type of statements presented for payment. Am going to try to get the local little businessmen to try and improve the type of bills they render for payment. These are the people that I am depending on for the success of this contract. They may have to travel a hundred miles to get what the disbursement officer deems suitable. He is a Harvard man that has been employed by big business and I dont beleive he quite realized the problems that can ar ise in acountry of distances as this.

Operation
Labor rentals ,supplys total2783.62
labor1133.84
Governments liability $1391.31

As you see the governments funds will put this on an operational basis as our part of the agreement has been carried out. But we cant operate forever without cash.
Personally I felt this to be a fine workable contract untill all these issues were raised. Thought you might like to know exactly how the Recepient views its performance.

Very sincerely,
Alberta K. Romero
DMA 326X E220
Boulder, Mont.

Mar 9-52
Have completely amended statement for Jan. and am Mailing Feb. also
Hope this works - the 3rd time
ok.

Got new statements &
Payroll sheets - Everyone
most cooperative - Hope they are
legal.

Also got letter on son & husband
ruling - working for wife.
Must Pay on son 21 - but not on son 18
nor over 65 husband.
Sent letter to Mr Weisenborn

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

FEB 28 1952

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Box 292
Boulder, Montana

Re: DMA-326 (Lead-Zinc)
Contract No. Idm-E220

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Your recent undated letter addressed to Mr. Jess Larson, Administrator of the "Defense Minerals Procurement Agency," has been forwarded to me for reply.

It is noted that you have forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr. A. E. Weissenborn, Executive Officer of the Regional Office, and I presume he will contact you directly with respect to the performance of your exploration project contract.

Sincerely yours,

E. L. 2/28/52

C. O. Mittendorf (fw)

Acting Administrator

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cc: Admr. Reading File
Field Team, Reg. II
Mr. Bishop, Rm. 3423
Mr. McKnight, 4204 CSA
Mr. Moulds
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DEFENSE MATERIALS PROCUREMENT AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DMA-326
Boulder, Montana
Lead, zinc

Mr. C. O. Mittendorf
Acting Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
U. S. Department of Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mittendorf:

Attached is an undated letter from Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio, Box 292, Boulder, Montana, for your attention. We also attach a copy of our reply to Mrs. Romerio.

We are informed that your Administration has pending an exploration project in which Mrs. Romerio is interested.

Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon
Director
Domestic Expansion Division

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COPY for Mr. C. O. Mittendorf Room 4640 New Interior

DEFENSE MATERIALS PROCUREMENT AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

2-20-52

DMA-326
Boulder, Montana
Lead, zinc

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Box 292
Boulder, Montana

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Thank you for your recent undated letter.

You are apparently referring to an exploration contract which you have evidently negotiated with the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration. Exploration applications are not under the jurisdiction of this Agency. Therefore we are sending your letter to the DMEA for attention.

We suggest that you address any future communications on this project to the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, U. S. Department of Interior Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Very truly yours,

S/

Tom Lyon
Director
Domestic Expansion Division

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Lead Zinc Branch

United States
Department of the Interior-Defense Minerals Procurement Agency

Mr. Jess Larson-Administrator

My dear Mr. Larson;

Regarding Contract 326x Idm.220: This contract issued by the Government on Dec.3 ,and delivered to me on Dec.15 1951 demanded that I start work within 30 days of the date of the Contract.This was done.

Now at the end of less than a months preparation and operations your Bureau of Mines representative arrives. He tells me the government does not want to mine strategic minerals-they just want to know where it is. Also that my contract cant possibly work. H erepeats to me Bar room gossip and forms opinions and decisions before ever contacting me. Decisions definitely colored by the men I have refused to hire because of their reputation as drunk on the job.

Due to all this I have pulled my men off the job and to date we have lost six days of operations.

In regard to Contract itself ,my boys and myself figure it will work if I am allowed to manage my own finances and arrange ment of work.

Ihave been the recepient of Federal money before for housing and all Ihad to do was pass my Final building inspection.

The Income tax devision in Montana tells me that as my boys are working for their Mother on anon Profit Exploratory Contract and all labor is applied to Contract no Income tax will have to be paid. This will save $1200.00 for Contract but if I show $400.00 profit then I must start paying tax.

The Federal Soc.Sec.Law and Montana representative reads That a son may work for his mother and not pay SocSecurity and a husband may work for his wife and not pay Soc.Sec.-af further saving to Contract.

I have constant assess to the advice and suggestions of an extremely well knowne engineer Mr.Wade V. Lewis who isoffering his services at no cost to the Government.

So far the Ind. accident Board has refused to re-instate my insurance because of the family operation. WE are working on this.

Due to winter starting, Ihave had the road plowed out three times to keep equipment and supplies going in to project.

The bulldozing has been completed and the Shaft Site prepared. The compressor house , apermanent instalation has been completed, the machinery was installed.-the sinking equipment purchased and the first holes drilled when the old Nash compressor motor which had served us well on tunnel operation tore out a fibre gear. The Nash dealer went out of business inButte and Helena and old parts are hard to get,so we purchased an old motor from Elkhorn.WE put in asteel gear . This tore out the Shaft on the start of the next Drilling operation.

As this has cost to mich in time and labor and parts, Ihave made a deal to turn back my Nash motor and replace it with a 48'mercury motor on which parts are readily available,at no extra cost to the cont except for setting up.

The Bureau's representative states the Contract only allows $100.00 for Compressor building.

Before this contract was delivered I set that figure to Mr.Magill as covering materials only and as the Contract specifically reads 'LABOR APPEARS ELSEWHERE' Ican see no reason for theamend mentyhe demands If I AM going to have an amendment to cover every step of my labor operation this will be difficult as I place my men where it is necessary

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To accomplish the job.

If this Contract is allowed to be administered with Common sense this job will be done. An ordinary garage costs 1000.00 dollars to build without labor.

The Bureaus representative states I should have shut down. For your information and his I did not start to shut down and have the heavy expense of starting all over. In this country once a job is started and your roads are open and you can work, you work, or you dont get the job done.

In Januarys report the Governments participation in my labor costs is only $566.92—now I consider that a very economical operation, for amechanic who covers the job and equipment 24 hours a day 30 days amonth and2men to do the labor 25 days. Apparently THE 'MINK COAT' situation in Washington is on its way to interfere with the fair Administration of this Contract.

I have not included these squaks in my Narrative as a matter of record but I am sending this letter to you so that you can make corrections where needed. I will send a copy to Mr.Weisenborn who has been most cooperative.

Very sincerely,

Alberta K. Romerio

Alberta K.Romerio

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Sept. 1951

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FROM [illegible]rle, Albert F.
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SUBJECT Re Contract 326 x Rh-220.

RFRD	RFRD	RFRD	RFRD
Young	Johnson		
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MONTANA

JEFFERSON COUNTY

February 1, 1952

Alberta K. Romerio, Idm-E220, Pb-Zn

50-50 of $21,200.00

1 year

The work will be done in two stages. Stage one calls for sinking a 100-foot shaft and crosscutting 50 feet to the vein. Stage two consists of 250 feet of drifting on the vein.

Work started in January. Difficulty is expected because of the operator's lack of experience.

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

Selfridge
Mittendorf (for)

DEC 7 - 1951

Mr. A. E. Weissenborn, Executive Officer
Region II, DMEA Field Team
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 8, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMA 326X Lead-Zinc
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope and Bullion Claims
Exploration Contract Idm-X220

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

We are enclosing the original and five copies of the above referenced exploration contract signed by this office for the Government, together with Exhibit "A" (3 pages) and two subordination forms.

If the terms and conditions of this contract are satisfactory to you and the Operator, all six copies should be signed by him. One copy is to be given to the Operator, one copy retained by your office and the original and three copies returned to this office.

If any part of this contract does not have your approval nor that of the Operator and cannot be amended within your delegated authority, then the original and all copies of the contract are to be returned to this office together with the proposed changes for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON (for)
Chairman, Operating Committee
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration.

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APPROVED:

Member, Bureau of Mines

Member, Geological Survey

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cc to: Reports and Records
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Mr. Mittendorf
Mr. Selfridge
Mr. Mote
Mr. McKnight
Mr. Moon
Mr. F. E. Johnson
Region II
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P.S. You will note that specific provision is made for approval of technical supervision by the Field Team (Ex A, p. 3) by Thayer

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

December 3, 1951

Memorandum

To: Director, Production Expansion Division

From: General Counsel

Subject: Alberta K. Romerie, exploration project contract, DMA-326X

The draft of the exploration project contract in this case, resubmitted to us on November 30, 1951, now meets the objections of our memorandum of November 19, 1951, with the exception of those relating to the exhibit, which we have agreed to waive in view of the delay which would be incident to the obtaining of additional information from the applicant. The draft is accordingly approved as to legal form and sufficiency for signature on behalf of the United States subject to:

1. Proper signature by the applicant.

2. Proper dating prior to delivery.

3. Government approval of all subcontracts.

Your file is returned herewith.

N.S
R&R

J. L. Hofflund
General Counsel

Attachment

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R. R. Guthrie
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Nov 27-1951

Re Docket No
DMA 326 X
Hope + Bullion
Jefferson Co. Mont.

Mr. Jerry Gil

LEAD + ZINC

Mr C.O. Mittendorf. Adm-
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

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My dear Mr Mittendorf

Enclosed please find Mr Romeros signature on subordination agreements as requested - You can fill in as you desire -

Also affidavit from Delight Romero Lewis, my daughter as per request dated Nov 23- 1951.

Thanking you for your courtesy I am

Very sincerely
Alberta K. Romero

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To whom it may concern —

Regarding the mining lease to the Hope and Bullion mining property made out to Alberta K. Romeris (Mrs. Charles Romeris) and signed in 1947 — I am the Delight Romeris who signed the lease and am 1/2 owner of said property and the other 1/2 owner is Lester Leary.

Delight Romeris Lewis.

Notary Leslie E. Clark
Comm. Ex. May 29-1952
Boulder, Montana

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AIR MAIL

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Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
c/o Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

Re: Docket No. DMA-326X
Hope and Bullion claims
Jefferson Co., Montana

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Our legal department has advised us that there are some technicalities in your leases which must be clarified before your exploration application can be processed to completion. If read strictly, the lease of January 20, 1947, covers a one-half interest in the two claims while the one of July 1, 1948 purports to cover the entire interest in both claims. In addition, the latter runs to Charles Romerio as well as yourself. Will you please advise us whether or not the 1948 lease covers the entire interest in the claims or just the one-half not covered by the 1947 lease.

Since you are acting as an individual it will be necessary that Charles Romerio either subordinate his interest to the Government or assign his interest in the lease to you. In case he wishes to do the former, there are enclosed herewith seven copies of the Subordination Agreement. Please return six of the signed copies. It also will be necessary that you furnish us with an affidavit from Delight Romerio Lewis, who has signed the Subordination Agreement, to the effect that she is the Delight Romerio Lewis who is the Grantor in the lease of January 20, 1947.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

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Mr. Selfridge
Field Team, Reg. II

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November 19, 1951

Memorandum

To: Director, Production Expansion Division

From: General Counsel

Subject: Alberta K. Romerio, exploration project contract, Docket No. DMA-326x

We are unable to approve the proposed exploration contract in this case, submitted to us on November 15, for the following reasons:

Although the applicant is proposing to enter into the contract solely, the supporting papers indicate that she neither owns the entire interest in the leasehold nor is it covered by appropriate subordination agreements. The two leases attached are inconsistent on their faces if read strictly. The one of January 20, 1947, covers a one-half interest in the two claims while the one of July 1, 1948, purports to cover the entire interest in both claims. Assuming, however, that the second covers only the other half interest, it runs to Charles Romerio as well as the applicant and there is no assignment or subordination from him in the file. The situation with respect to the ownership of the leasehold should therefore be clarified. If, as assumed above, each lease covers one-half interest in the claims, there should be an assignment of interest to the applicant or subordination agreement from Charles Romerio and there should also be an affidavit from the Delight Romerio Lewis who has signed the subordination agreement, to the effect that she is the Delight Romerio who is the grantor in the lease of January 20, 1947.

In addition to the foregoing, Exhibit "A" is not properly set forth. The estimated cost of sinking the shaft is set forth in terms of "$80.00 per foot" and the estimated cost of the crosscut is simply set forth in the total amount of $1,750.00.

As pointed out in connection with the drafting of various other contracts, Exhibit "A" should be set

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forth in conformance with the provisions of the contract form, in the same units for which the Operator will present his vouchers and for which the Government will pay. The Government is not going to pay in terms of "$80.00 per foot." In other words, the schedules in Exhibit "A" should be set forth in units that correspond with the provisions of the contract form in estimated totals, the aggregate total of which is the estimated cost of the work.

Your file is returned herewith.

J. L. Hofflund N.S R+R

J. L. Hofflund
General Counsel

Attachment

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DMA-326
Hope and Pullion Mine
Exploration Loan
Boulder, Montana

Mrs. Alberta Romerio
Montana State Training School Hospital
Boulder, Montana

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

This will acknowledge your recent letters to Mr. William Wrather of the United States Geological Survey and to Mr. Tom Lyon. Your comments concerning the recent meeting of the American Mining Congress at Los Angeles are much appreciated.

With regard to the current status of your exploration loan application, the Production Expansion Division is awaiting information from you as requested by Mr. A. K. Geissenborn.

Upon receipt of the required information, your application will be processed to completion.

Very truly yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON (fw)

Acting Administrator

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cc: Administrator
Docket File DMA-326
W. E. Wrather US Dept. of Interior Geological Survey
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Hoge & Bullock
Boulder, Mont.
Feb. 3, 1942

U. S. Dept of Interior
Defense Materials Procurement Agency.
Mr. Tom Lyon —

Dear Mr Lyon —

At the American Mining Congress I thoroughly enjoyed getting the viewpoint of men in the Bureau of Mines in Washington —

Can say, seeing you and realizing the tough load job that you were doing with such a feeling of responsibility made me very much more tolerant in your handling of my Problems.

Will appreciate anything you can do to speed the approval of DMQ # 326 K

Very sincerely
Allerton K. Davis Mgr.

Form No. 9-1038

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Washington, D. C.

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Respectfully referred to

Defense Minerals

and writer so informed.

W E Wrather

Director.

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Dept. of Interior
U.S. Geological Survey

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dr. - Mr William Mather

Dear Mr Mather -

Want to congratulate you on the work of your fine organization.

The field crew has put steel corners and filled Timber settling a line description on our property to ever-lines satisfaction - The boys really working at it.

Will appreciate anything you can do to speed up approval of AMG 3261 - Our property joins the Comet Mine in Montana.

Very truly yours,
Louis A. Devine

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November 2, 1951

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Memorandum

To: Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Director, Production Expansion Division

From: Field Team, Region II

Subject: Mrs. Romerio, Hope & Bullion Claims, Jefferson Co., Montana
Docket DMA-326X

This will supplement memo of October 30 giving cover to Mrs. Romerio's undated letter supplying additional information on her exploration proposal. Since forwarding this information, Mrs. Romerio visited this office and we were able to discuss her proposal with her.

The specific answers to the questions in your letter of September 28 are as follows:

(1) Size of shaft--1½ compartment shaft (manway and hoisting compartment). Size about 4' x 9'; the manway is needed in part for air and water lines.

(2) Sinking on vein versus vertical shaft.
Vertical shaft in footwall preferable. Sheared zone in which mineralization is found is 150' wide and is expected to "make" a large amount of water.

(3) Is there reason to believe proposed work is warranted?
Yes; shear zone is continuation of Comet zone which was productive on adjacent property. Character of gossan appears favorable.

(4) Diamond drilling: Robey, U.S.B.M. engineer, believes core recovery would be very poor in shear zone. Applicant cannot finance drilling as she expects to furnish her share of cost mostly as labor and equipment depreciation.

(5) Value of equipment: Discussed with applicant and a new Exhibit "C" is submitted.

(6) Winter operations: No unusual difficulties expected.

(7) Cost of head frame and hoist house: Exhibit "B" has been adjusted to provide for this.

(8) Financing: Applicant understands that she will have to provide necessary funds to carry project for 6 or 8 weeks. Intends to do this by credit on strength of contract. Although on paper, labor of applicant and her family together with depreciation on equipment will almost take care of applicant's share of cost, Field Team seriously doubts whether this will, in practice, be sufficient. Applicant has very little cash available and any unforeseen difficulties such as heavy inflow of water (not exactly unforeseen as this is a definite possibility) would stop project before completion.

Applicant proposes to utilize services of her husband, two sons, and daughter in various positions on project, presumably without compensation; their labor to apply as the major share of the applicant's contribution to the project. The Field Team raises the question whether this procedure will be strictly legal.

(9) Partnership of Individual: Mrs. Romerio is leasing ground from her cousin, daughter, and other members of the family, and is apparently operating as individual except that her husband has a share in one of the leases. Mrs. Romerio terms this a "family operation."

In summary, information available to the Field Team indicates that the property is technically a good exploration bet, but the Field Team has little confidence in the applicant's competence to carry out the proposal and doubts her ability to properly finance the undertaking.

If a contract is granted, definite stipulations to insure competent supervision are essential.

DMA Field Team, Region II

A.E. Weissenborn

A.E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
(U. S. Geological Survey)

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M.E. Volin, Member
(U. S. Bureau of Mines)

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Defense Materials Procurement Agency
Assistant to Administrator
Howard I Young -
Dear Mr Young -
My attendance at the American Mining Congress Convention surely broadened my view point and gave me the impression that we had some very conscientious hardworking confused Bureaucrats in our Democracy and also a very great sense of Security in knowing that a man of your caliber had the kindness and consideration to hear out the Prospector on the

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floor of the meeting which you conducted in the Ball room of the Biltmore Hotel.

Am hoping now that our D MA Contract will be expedited - We have been corresponding since Nov of last year on this project - Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am.

Very sincerely

Alberta K. Pomeroy Mgr.
Hope & Bullion Mine
Boulder Mont.

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Hope & Sullivan Mine
A. Romero Mgr.

Defense Materials Procurement Agency
United States Bureau of Mines
Director - Jess Larson -

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My dear Mr Larson -

It was with anxiety that I watched the retirement of such able men as Mr Boyd Otto Herres and Jim Bradley - and with joy the departure of Mr Searles being what might be known as the Small Miner now, but expecting to be a Big miner in the very near future.

I sat in on all the meetings that I could condescend in at the American Mining Congress

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I wish to congratulate you in having picked Mr Howard Young as your assistant - and may I suggest that you take a leaf out of his book in his fine courtesy in giving the prospector the floor and having the patience to listen to his story - which definitely had a point - The Rancheros in our country are P.I.C.H. The Miners in a proven territory struggling - although the picture is changing with the arrival and approval of L.M.A. projects.

At the convention I talked personally with Mr Bradley. He tried to find Mr Mittendorf for me so that he could see the Lead Zinc are that we intend developing under A.M.C. 326 L-project on its approval.

Now under the development act of 1950 I know we were made eligible for funds. I have expended my personal funds to $32000 for Road Assays have machinery working the major part of the year in 1948-49 and 50. $30000 went to digging and been uncovering been

This shows 12300 feet in length leading into the Comet - a $28000.00 producer to the west.

I have been corresponding on this project since November 1950 -

In July at Dr Boyds request the Field team examined our property and equipment put in an entire day with me making out another 5 or 6 copys of all this data - forgot to get ~~B~~ copys of Leases and apparently forgot to state that I had put $32000 of my personal funds toward this developement which has been checked & approved by such Engineers as Gov - G. Neil Robey
Former Adm. Hal Rabilly
Robert Nelson - Adm. Galveston
Wade Lewis - Elkhorn Mg Co
and SMA - Field team -

our property adjoins the Comet & Gray Eagle Mines formerly the Basin Mont. Tunnel Co. - Before Butte the largest producer of Base Metals in Montana - and leaving Comet with 1/2 million in the Bank - The Company tried to buy our property but did not offer a fair price -

After the Field Team had checked and arranged with me - Hal Rahilly said he would do my managing - if he is still available on arrival of approval - The Banker in Helena agreed to advance Salary funds on arrival of contract

Local Businessmen agreed to extend Credit until Good funds should come through.

The whole country is waiting for this Mine to produce as they all remember the Good times when the Comet was in operation

I will certainly appreciate any thing you can do to get this fine Lead 25% Zinc P.90 into operation

Very sincerely,

Alberta K. Pomeroy Mgr.
Hope & Bullion Mine
Boulder, Montana

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Frank E. Johnson, Acting Director
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November 1, 1951

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer
DMA Field Team - Region II
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 8, Washington

MRS. ROMERIO PRESSING US. PLEASE REFER OUR LETTER SEPTEMBER 28. WOULD IT BE DEFINITELY IMPRACTICAL TO SINK SHAFT ON VEIN?

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON (for)

Frank E. Johnson

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Mr. Selfridge
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Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Manager
Hope and Bullion Mine
Boulder, Montana

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Your letter to Mr. Larson of October 25 and the letter to me have both been received; I appreciate the remarks that you have made and hope that we may be of service to you.

With respect to your application, DMA 326-X, it is of utmost importance that you furnish the field team and the Defense Minerals Administration of the Department of the Interior full information with respect to your property. Many of the delays that are experienced by applicants are caused by the necessity of meeting this requirement. I understand that a wire was sent to you in September asking for additional information, and also a letter was sent on or about October 25. We have been informed that the field team is awaiting the receipt of this information.

As you undoubtedly know, the exploration program is administered by the Department of the Interior and not by the Defense Materials Procurement Agency. However, I feel that we are all trying to do the same job essentially and we wish to be of any assistance to you that we can. I am sending your correspondence to the Department of the Interior (Defense Minerals Administration) so that they will be able to follow this matter up and be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

/Signed/ HOWARD I. YOUNG

Howard I. Young
Deputy Administrator

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FRANK E. JOHNSON,

ACTING DIRECTOR, PRODUCTION EXPANSION DIV.,

DEFENSE MINERALS ADMIN

DEPT. OF INTERIOR, WA /25/

LETTER RE MRS. ROMERIO AIRMAILED TO YOU YESTERDAY.

A E WEISSENBORN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DMA FIELD TEAM, REGION II

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To	Initials	Date
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Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Director
Production Expansion Division
Defense Minerals Administration
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mittendorf:

Following receipt of your letter of September 28 re the Hope and Bullion claims (application of Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio, docket DMA-326X), we attempted to contact Mrs. Romerio at Boulder. We found, however, that she was called to California due to the death of her mother and was not expected to return to Boulder until sometime in late November. Consequently, I wrote Mrs. Romerio in California requesting her to supply the information specified in your letter. Mrs. Romerio has just written me a very long letter, copy of which I am enclosing herewith in the perhaps futile hope that you will be able to dig out of it the information you require. I am sorry that we were unable to contact Mrs. Romerio personally as it is difficult to get specific information from her by mail.

Based on our correspondence with Mrs. Romerio and our other dealings with her, the Field Team has serious doubts about Mrs. Romerio's ability to successfully manage an exploration project. If a contract is given to her, we sincerely hope that provisions can be made in the contract so as to insure that there will be satisfactory supervision as noted in the last paragraph of your letter. I am afraid that the main difficulty is that Mrs. Romerio does not have the funds available to employ a competent supervisor. As indicated by her letter and by previous correspondence, she apparently expects to put up little cash and to account for half of the project by using her son as a miner, another son as a

surface man, and her husband as a part-time mechanic and her daughter as a bookkeeper; and also credits against the rental of the compressor truck, etc. We question seriously whether this will be sufficient to carry her share of the cost. This was also mentioned in the Field Team's letter of August 3.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA
Field Team, Region II

P.S. to Frank Johnson: The above was in process of being typed when your letter of October 29 was received. It should answer that letter and indicate that the delay has been due to Mrs. Romerio's failure to reply to our letter requesting information.

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DMA-326X

United States Department of Interior
DMA Washington 25, D. C.
So. 157 Howard St.
Spokane 4, Washington

Dear Mr. Weissenborn--

As my papers and plans are at the mine the dimentions Mr. Rahilly drew the plans of for the shaft and manway I believe was about 4½ x 9 feet--if my memory is correct.--We felt a small shaft which could be enlarged by under stoping would be our best bet--For Exhibit A--

It would be possible to sink along the South wall of the Batholite formation as the oldtimers did at Comet, but the ground is talcy and heavy-- The Frame at Comet is now swaying in the breeze. They sunk in ore--

We are trying to avoid this.

The character of the vein outcrops certainly warrant the sinking of 100 foot shaft running from 7½ percent to 26 percent Lead and 7.5 to 10.90 percent Zinc with large bodies of lower grade in cross cut. -- Also Copper 2 percent and Manganese stringers 4 percent beside the Gold silver content.

As this is a continuation of the Comet Rumley Vein structure I feel that the History of the vein will tell more than spot drilling as to depth contents as our prospecting shows ore shoots at certain intervals reaching surface along 2300 foot of vein--

Of course we certainly will not refuse a Diamond Drilling operation but there is a possibility of missing the ore due to the Drills tendency to follow the soft spots and we have them.

The DMA field team agreed with me that a shaft off the vein was the best bet. Mr. Rahilly said to watch it or I might be dropping into ore as the Comet Rumley ore bodies formed to the south-- No ore to north of shaft.

Exhibit C--

I shopped for a New Compressor, $10,000 was quoted price on Ingersol Rand Compressor--
I have Compressor Denver Garner Perfect Condition Value, $8500

Gasoline motors $300 each--we have 2 Nash & Dodge--

Receiver -- $500 with pipes & connections $1000

Crusher $200

Rails at $120 per ton--2 tons $240

Hoist (steel) cable (?) 500 feet $1500

International 44 Army truck 4 x 4
Recent offer $1200
with wench - 150 Total value $1350

We figure we have a complete set up but for replacements on our drills I have not checked the trade in value but will, and in the event of water we will need pumps.

Maybe Mr. Weissenborn you can fill in these estimates.

The applicant can & is operating in the winter--We sent a trial shipment in January.

The proposed cost of head frame was included in Incidentals and cash was allowed for hoist house-- We have logs but need roofing, etc.

Financial

The local merchants have agreed to carry me in fuel Dynamite and anything that can be purchased locally until cash comes through from Government.

In event that we work three shifts of men in heavy ground the president of the Bank in Helena told me that upon the presentation of the signed gov. contract he felt sure advances in cash could be arranged to cover salarys aside from my three men-- My job will feed them--

On the purchase of equipment The drills that I have can be used as down payments on new equipment--

The only thing that might have to purchased might be pumps and with the Contract covering Gasoline I believe I can turn my cash that has been going for Gas to Pumps--

At the moment I am trying to sell or rent my California property to assure funds aside from my 227.50 Salary $130 Soc. Security

Total family income of 357.50 aside from what I raise here.

There is no partnership aside from my husband's name on Lester Leary ½ Lease.

This is a family operation Mother $32000 cash invested. Husband & sons labor--Built Cabin Compressor house run tunnel Put in culverts & roads--to date

	New	Mine
Compressor--	$10,000	$8,500
Dodge & Nash Motors at	300	600
Receiver & Connections	1,000	
Ore cars	150	50
Rails 2 tons at	120	240
Hoist drum (steel)	750	500
Steel Cable 5/8 m (new) 500 feet	1.75	875
Crusher		240
Army Truck-- 4 x 4 Recent Offer Hard to get--equiped with		1200
Wench & 100 ft Cable		250
Our cabin (warm)		1500
Compressor house (incomplete)		
Equipment Value Total		$14,955.00

Timber on hand $200 & Dynamite 26.60 plus 3 men in estimate-- and previous good roads which has made available to your Survey boys Timber & water on property. Also Deer I hear-- Leasing from my Cousin and Daughter--All considered after my Mining classes at USC I should supervise work.

Mr. Hal Rahilly Engineer after seeing the estimate of the DMA field team which included small salary for Brains agreed to manage sinking operation without any discussion on salary--He figured it looked good and the salary would adjust itself when we get into ore.

So we can tell Washington I, an individual, am manageing and operating the Developement.

Alberta K. Romerio
5438 Victoria Ave.
Los Angeles 43, Cal.

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AIR MAIL

G.E.R.

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
c/o Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

Re: Docket No. DMA-326X, Lead-Zinc

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter to the United States Bureau of Mines, subject above.

Some time back we requested additional information concerning your project from the field team in order to continue processing your application. As soon as we receive the requested information we shall be able to terminate the processing.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON (for)

Acting Director
Production Expansion Division

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AIR MAIL

Alberto K. Romerio, R.E.C.

Mr. A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, Region II
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 8, Washington

Re: DMA-326X, Lead-Zinc
Hope-Bullion Mine
Jefferson Co., Montana

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

Please refer to our letter of September 27, to you, subject above.

Mrs. Romerio has written again asking the status of her application. We would like to proceed with her exploration contract but it is being held in abeyance until we hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON (for)
Acting Director
Production Expansion Division

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cc to: Adm. Reading File
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Messrs. Mittendorf, Olund
Mr. G. E. Johnson
Mr. Mote
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Mr. Selfridge
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My dear Jack
L. M. Fox

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C. D. Mitterdorf -
My dear Mr Mitterdorf -
In my attendance at the American Mining Congress I got a definite insight into the problems of our so-called Promoters - and felt very sure that things will work out with such fine men in charge - My docket number is one of the first and am anxious to get approval before Mr Page of Phelps Dodge Co gets all the development money as our

little project cannot compete with his world wide organization - Should imagine the Bankers would back him - Sounds pretty, doesn't it. but true.

Am anxious to get my shaft down to my lead zinc ore. As you know the weather is closing in on us -

I have docket numbers in the 2 ann's are already approved - Can you speed up docket # 3261 -

Very sincerely

Alberta M. Daniels Mgr.
Hope - Bullion Mine
Boulder Mont.

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#326 #375

U.S. Bureau of Mines
Washington D.C.
Director -

Hope #714 - Bullion
Jefferson Co - Mont.
Mgr. Alberta K. Pomeroy

Dear Sir -

Under the Senate - House Mining Laws of 1950, I was made eligible for funds for developement of my Lead Zinc property the Hope and Bullion #374-375 - Jefferson Co Montana

The property has been checked by Government Engineers - and by the Managers of Mines (former) of the A C M Co in Montana - and approved - As we have dozed and uncovered vein structure of Comet Mine (Butte Mont. tunnel Co 1916) - The oldest producer of Base Metals in Mont - we feel that this is a very worthy project for D.M.A. and should have 1st Consideration

We find that Co's with docket Promoters in the thousands have been awarded contracts

Will be forced to take my Pkg out of there unless funds are made immediately available

BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Thanking you in advance for immediate consideration. I am,

Very sincerely

Alberta K. Fanine

First Correspondence started Nov. 1950

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October 19, 1951

Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Director
Production Expansion Division
Defense Minerals Administration
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mittendorf:

In reply to your letter of September 28, we have attempted to contact Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio in connection with the Hope Bullion mine, Jefferson County, Montana, docket DMA-326X.

We have found, however, that Mrs. Romerio's mother has passed away, and consequently Mrs. Romerio has been called to California, where she is expected to remain until some time late in November. I have, therefore, written Mrs. Romerio in an attempt to obtain the information requested in your letter, although I am afraid it will be difficult to obtain this information in specific form by mail.

Sincerely yours,

A E Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA
Field Team, Region II

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AIR MAIL

Selfridge
Mittendorf

Mr. A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, Region II
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 8, Washington

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Re: Docket No. DMA-326X, Lead and Zinc

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

Reference is made to the recently submitted Exploration Project Contract and included exhibits, subject above.

In Exhibit "A" the size of the shaft is not mentioned. Would it be at all possible to sink along the hanging wall of the vein without excessive difficulty due to the sheared and weathered ground? Does the character of the vein outcrop warrant sinking 100 feet and crosscutting 50 feet before learning anything concerning the vein at depth? Would it be feasible to diamond drill 3 or 4 holes of AX or larger core before sinking?

In Exhibit "C" no mention is made of the value of the equipment that the operator will furnish on a depreciation basis instead of a rental basis. He should list individually the market value of the major equipment items that will be furnished.

Can the applicant operate during the winter? Does the proposed sum include the cost of a head frame and a hoist house?

Does the applicant fully understand that he will have to provide the necessary funds to purchase what equipment he cannot rent and that he will have to carry the project financially for six or eight weeks or until the first vouchers are paid?

As written to you previously it is difficult to determine whether the applicant is functioning as an individual or as a partnership.

When we have received the above information we shall proceed with the contract and try to have it in such a form as to take care of the supervision satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (J.H.) 8.G. 9.28

C. O. Mittendorf, Director
Production Expansion Division

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Montana State Tech School
Helena
Boulder, Mont.

Re Docket #326X-
Jefferson, Co.
Montana

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C. J. Mittenday - Director
Production Expansion Division

Dear Sir -

To date it has been my personal funds that have been used for the Hope Bullion Development -

My husband and two sons are giving their labor & time to bring this developement to a satisfactory conclusion -

Mr H Rahilly, as an old family friend, inspected the property and after checking vein structure and the Governments Cash offer toward developement, without any suggestion of financial arrangement offered to manage the Developement. Saying he believed it would

be in ore before the funds would be completely used—

We have machinery hoist bucket gas motors compressors & a warm cabin to sleep in — & Good road c 4x4 Truck

Our chief need now is Cash for operation and if Mr Rahilly decides to put 3 shifts on Cash for Salaries — He says by operating in this manner we have less danger of Cave Ins in heavy ground. —

Our tunnel ~~four~~ has exposed four feet of gold silver ore which goes into 10.9% zinc and Lead 5 to 25% with depth —

as the wage earner of the family and Inventor of inherited funds in this project, the family has made me manager, ~~to date~~ knowing that in the event of a successful operation the family will all gain.

So, I would say considering my name is on the leases and that my funds are being used that it is I, as, an individual that is managing & operating this property.

My two boys are now in mucking out the tunnel, and putting machinery in order for operation. Also wrenching in timber etc. and getting ready for immediate operation when these funds are approved. My oldest son is recently discharged from Navy Air Force 21 yrs of age. Therefore available

My husband, a blacksmith retired on his Soc. Sec. will come in as soon as loan is approved to help with surface work. He already built cabin - helped set up compressor and can and is a very helpful surface man - As he is older, he seems satisfied to designate me as an individual, - manager of project.

My Reg. Nurse salary $225.00
our Soc Sec Income 130.00
And I will rent my L.A. Calif home 100.00
Total Income in family use - Mo. $457.00

This should cover grub -

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am,

Very sincerely,

Alberta F. Pomeroy
Manager
Hope & Bullion Mine
Boulder, Mont.

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AIR MAIL

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Alberta K. Rourke
c/o Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

Re: Docket No. DMA-326A
Jefferson County, Montana

Dear Madam:

It is necessary for us to know if you are operating the above project as an individual as indicated by your signature on the Application, or if there are others in interest with you.

Please give us this information as soon as possible so as to expedite the processing of your application.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (J.K.) BJ 9-21

C. O. Mittendorf, Director
Production Expansion Division

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cc to: Adm. Reading File
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Mr. Billings
Mr. Mote
Mr. McKnight
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J P Billings
Chief
Lead Zinc Branch
U.S Dept of Interior
Defense Minerals Administration
Washington D C -

Dear Sir -

Here are the 6 copies of each lease you requested for Docket DMA-324 x -

Yours Truly -

Alberta K. Romeis

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

Lyons (EJL)
McKnight
Montgomery (MOT.E)
Johnson

In reply please refer
to: Docket DMA-326X

AIRMAIL

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Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
c/o Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Before action can be completed on your application it will be necessary for you to submit six copies of the leases for each of the claims to which your application pertain.

Very truly yours,

Gunnard Johnson

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T. . Billings, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch

Enclosures

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Review of Application for Exploration Assistance

AUG 31 1951

Docket No. DMA-326

To: Production Expansion Division

Commodity Lead, zinc

Total Amount $23,000

From: Director, Supply Division

Govt. Participation 50% ($11,500)

1. **Name and Address of Applicant** Alberta K. Romerio, c/o Montana State Training School, Boulder, Montana

2. **Location of Property** Hope Mining claim Survey No. 3714 and Bullion Mining claim Survey No. 3715, Jefferson County, Montana

3. **Mineral or metal** Lead-zinc **Is it listed in Section 9 of MO-5?** Yes

   If not, application will be rejected.

4. **Geologic probability of discovery—based on data in application (question #16, 17, 18, 20 and 22)***

   Mines or Survey reports, etc., do you rate chances:

   a) **Good** See memorandum of Aug. 3, 1951 to Tom Lyon from DMA Field team, Region II

   b) **Poor**

   c) **None**

   d) **Don't know—needs field examination** Has been examined

   e) **Is there an alternative and favorable project?** No
   (If so, attach an explanation)

5. **Is the applicant's right to the property clearly stated?** Yes
   (question 5, 6, 7)*

6. **If applicant is a lessee, is a copy of the lease attached?** No, has been requested to submit

   Does the lease have sufficient time to run to cover a future productive period? Don't know.

*question numbers are those of MF-103

7. Are subordination agreements necessary? Yes

a) MF-201? No

b) MF-202 Yes, are attached

8. From the data presented, does the proposed project appear feasible from the point of view of:

a) Available manpower Yes

b) Equipment and supplies Yes
(Question 14 plus general knowledge of availability)*

c) Accessibility (question 12)* Yes

d) Water (question 13)* Yes

e) Power (question 13)* Yes

Is a field check needed on any of these points? Has been checked

9. Does the experience of the applicant appear to be adequate to assure that he can properly conduct the proposed project? (question 4)* Applicant will hire experienced supervisor

Is a field check needed on this point? Has been checked

10. Exhibit A. (questions 21 and 22)*

a) Is the project adequately described? Yes. See Exhibit A, attached contract

If not, are there sufficient data given so that you can describe the project? _____ If so, attach a draft.

b) Is there an adequate map or sketch of the proposed work? Old map and longitudinal section of vein, but proposed work not shown

c) Is the proposed work "exploration" under the definition of Section 8, MO-5? Yes

If not, what part of it is? _____

Is this part a worthwhile exploration project?_____

d) Are the cost estimates detailed? Yes, see Exhibit A, attached contract

Can they be summarized, as on page 2 of Procedural Instruction 5-A, from the available data?_____ If so, attach a draft.

e) Are the cost estimates reasonable? Yes

f) Should more information be requested from applicant? No

g) Is a field examination necessary to complete Exhibit A? Has been examined

11. Exhibit B (question 23-d)*

a) Is it applicable? Yes

b) If so, are sufficient data furnished? Yes If so, attach a draft.
See Exhibit B, attached contract

c) Is a field check needed? Has been checked

12. Exhibit C (question 23-e, f and g)*

a) Is it applicable? Yes

b) Sufficient data? Yes If so, attach a draft.
See Exhibit C, attached contract

c) Are rents and charges reasonable? Yes

d) Is a field check needed? Has been checked

13. Exhibit D (question 23-a, b)*

a) Are there sufficient data? Yes, See Exhibit D, attached contract

b) Is the schedule adequate for the work proposed? Yes

c) Is the schedule excessive for the work proposed? No

d) Are the proposed wages and salaries reasonable? Yes

e) Is a field check needed? Has been checked

14. Exhibit E (question 23-c)*

a) Is it applicable? Yes

b) Sufficient data? Yes, see Exhibit E, attached contract

c) Reasonable? Yes

d) Field check needed? Has been checked

15. In your judgment, can the proposed work be done in the proposed time? Yes

(All exploration must be completed within two years)

16. If field examination is not needed, attach your recommendation.
Approval of application is dependent upon competent supervisor being hired by applicant.

17. If field examination is needed, do you have any special instructions for the field team not indicated by your answers to the foregoing question?

approved
Jim Lyon

Reviewed by: Erwin J. Lyons GS

Date 8-29-51

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The Hope and Bullion Mining Claim

Exploration Project Contract

EXHIBIT "A"

1. The proposed exploration project calls for sinking a vertical shaft to a depth of 100 feet about 50 feet north of the vein exposed in a bulldozer cut on the Hope claim. From the bottom of the shaft a crosscut shall be driven to the vein (about 60 feet) and drifts will be driven in both directions on the vein for a total of 240 feet.

2. The estimated cost of the project is as follows:

Rehabilitation of existing buildings	$ 100.
Construction of buildings and headframe	650.
Clearing collar site with bulldozer, 3 days at $100/day	300.
100 feet of shaft sinking at $80/ft.	8,000.
300 feet of drifting and crosscutting at $35/ft.	10,500.
Equipment cost or rental	1,650.
Total	$21,200.

3. An estimated time schedule is as follows:*

1st quarter:	Construct shed, install machinery, prepare for mining.
2nd quarter:	Sink 100 ft. vertical shaft
3rd quarter:	Crosscut 50 ft. and drift 150 feet
4th quarter:	Drift 100 ft.

*Adverse weather or shortage of labor may cause delay beyond anticipated schedule, which calls for completion of project in 8 working months.

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The Hope and Bullion Mining Claim

Exploration Project Contract

EXHIBIT "B"

Buildings to be erected

Hoist shed	$150.
Headframe	500.
	$650.

The Hope and Bullion Mining Claim

Exploration Project Contract

EXHIBIT "C"

Operating Equipment

To be rented	Allowable rental per month
1 bulldozer, 3 days @ $100/day	$300.
1 electric sinking pump, 5 months	50.
1 electric generator set, 15 kw	125.

To be purchased

1 sinker with jackleg	$800.
1 air sump pump	350.
Misc. tools and equipment	500.
	$1,650.

To be furnished by operator

	Estimated Replacement value	Monthly depreciation allowance	
1 Gardner Denver Model 2AAE2 compressor and Dodge motor	$8500.	$141.	141.67
1 single drum hoist with cable and Nash motor	875.	15.	14.58
1 1½-ton army type International pickup truck	1350.	23.	22.50
2 ore cars and one bucket -$150 ea.	300.	5.	
1 sinking bucket	150.	3.	2.50
Total		$187.	182.25

The Hope and Bullion Mining Claim

Exploration Project Contract

EXHIBIT "D"

Schedule of labor and supervision

1	Foreman	5 months @ $400 per month
2	Miners	8 months @ $ 13 per shift per man
1	Surface man	$ 13 per shift
1	Mechanic	$350 per month
1	Bookkeeper, part time	$100 per month

The Hope and Bullion Mining Claim

Exploration Project Contract

EXHIBIT "E"

Existing facilities and cost of rehabilitation

Bunkhouse	None
Compressor shed	$100.00
Total	$100.00

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

August 23, 1951

Mr. Tom Lyon, Chairman
Coordinating Committee
Defense Minerals Administration
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lyon:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio with reference to her application on the Hope and Bullion mines, Docket DMA 326X. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter from the Union Bank and Trust Company of Helena, Montana, and my reply to this Bank. These letters are largely self-explanatory. You will note that the terms of the DMA exploration contracts were very carefully explained to Mrs. Romerio, but I am afraid that she has failed to understand. The Field Team letter forwarding the proposed contract for the Hope and Bullion claims weakly recommended the project on the basis that it was technically worth doing but contained a suggestion that assurance be given that the work be done by a competent engineer. Mrs. Romerio's letter states that Mr. Rahilly would undertake the work. If this is so, it would undoubtedly be under competent direction, but if given a contract, I anticipate that Mrs. Romerio would cause a great deal of difficulty because of her apparent inability to understand the terms of the contract.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn X6

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA
Field Team, Region II

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cc: M. R. Klepper

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U.S. Department of Interior
U.S. Bureau of Mines
Geological Survey
S. 157 Howard St.
Spokane 8, Washington

My dear Mr. Weissenborn:

Received the other five copies of Landlord's Agreement on DMA 326X-Hope and Bullion . Sent Air Mail to my cousion and daughter already signed. Do hope you have received same by now.

Since the DMA Inspection by your field team, I have been able to obtain the promise of Mr. Hal Rahilly formerly Manager of Mines for the A.C.M. Co. in Butte to contract my work if these funds are made available soon.

As I feel that Mr. Rahilly's services are almost invaluable to Government in point of experience and 'know-how' I will appreciate anything you can do to clear these funds and make them available.

My previous work has uncovered enough to leave no doubt in the minds of Inspecting engineers as to feasibility of project.

Snow flies here in September so will appreciate your speeding up this project if possible.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Alberta K. Romerio
Manager

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UNION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY
Trust Department
Helena, Montana

August 21, 1951

Mr. A. E. Weissenborn, Director
Bureau of Mines
Spokane, Washington

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio of Boulder has been in today to talk to us about the financing of the work which will be undertaken on the Hope and Bullion claims near Boulder under the development loan through the Bureau of Mines, Docket D.M.A. 326 X.

We understand from Mrs. Romerio that the loan has been approved for $11,500, with credit of the matching amount of $11,500 being given to her for work already done, rental of equipment, buildings, facilities, and so forth. Mrs. Romerio now desires to arrange a credit against the funds which will accrue under this loan in order to make payment of salaries and wages from week to week.

We presume you have an established practice and method of handling these matters, and will appreciate it if you will advise us of the procedure and send such forms as might be used for the assignment of the contract or loan proceeds. We assume the advances might be made from time to time upon the certificate or claim of the borrower, approved by the engineer, in a somewhat similar manner to progress estimates on construction work.

If representatives of your office are likely to be through Helena in the near future, we would be glad of an opportunity to discuss the matter personally.

Yours very truly,

/s/ A. T. Hibbard
President

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

August 23, 1951

Mr. A. T. Hibbard
Union President
Union Bank and Trust Company
Helena, Montana

Dear Mr. Hibbard:

I have your letter of the 21st with reference to financing the work by Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio on the Hope and Bullion claims. Mrs. Romerio has made application for a Defense Minerals Administration exploration contract to explore the Hope and Bullion mine, and this has been forwarded to Washington for appropriate action. We have not been advised as yet that this contract has been approved, and we do not have any assurance that it will be approved.

The DMA exploration contracts provide that the work will be done on a matching-fund basis, and in the case of lead and zinc, half of the cost will be borne by the Government and half by the applicant. Repayment will be made if the exploration is successful. These repayments will be from 1½ to 5 percent of the net smelter returns as the ore from the new discovery is mined.

I am afraid that Mrs. Romerio has misunderstood some of the terms of the contract. She will receive certain credit for the rental of equipment which she owns, but she will not receive any credit for work already done or for the use of facilities already on the property. The procedure is that the operator will do a months' work under the terms of the contract and at the end of the month will submit a list of expenses. If these expenses are legitimate ones under the terms of the contract, the operator will then receive from the Government a check for the Government's share of the exploration for that month.

I would assume, therefore, that any loan that Mrs. Romerio might obtain for her share of the work would be strictly a matter between the bank and Mrs. Romerio.

Mr. M. R. Klepper of the Geological Survey is in charge of a Geological Survey field party working out of Helena. He has a temporary field office in the Post Office Building in Helena, and I feel sure would be glad to discuss DMA contracts with you. His address is U. S. Geological Survey, Box 572, Helena, Montana.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA
Field Team, Region II

cc: M. R. Klepper
Tom Lyon

Aug 20 - 1951

Department of Interior
U. S. Bureau of Mines
Defense Minerals Administration
Lead Zinc Branch.

My dear Mr. Harres.

In regard to D.M.A. #
Docket Number 3266 -
Your field man has
examined the Hope & Bullion
property at the request
of your office and estim-
ated $11,500 as my share
of matching D.M.A. Exploration
Funds under the Act of
1950 - Total $23,000 Since this D.M.A. Inspection
I have obtained the promise
of Mr Hal Rahilly, recently
Manager of Mines for the Butte
Anaconda Copper Mining Co
to supervise the Project
if the funds are made
available soon.

As I feel that the services of such a man alone are worth the total investment of the Government and that it is ten months since my original correspondence with you, I will appreciate anything you can do to release these funds for our use as soon as possible -

Snow flies in this country September 15 -

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy I am,

Very sincerely,

Alberta K. Romeris

Manager

Hope & Bullion Mine

c/o Montana State Industrial School Hospital

Boulder, Mont.

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Mr. Tom Lyon, Chairman
Coordinating Committee
Defense Minerals Administration
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lyon:

Enclosed are six signed copies of the Landlord's Subordination Agreement for the Hope and Bullion claims, DMA Docket 326X, Jefferson County, Montana.

The application together with copies of the unsigned Exploration Project Contract was forwarded to Washington in July.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn xg

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA
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August 3, 1951

Through: Landon F. Strobel

Memorandum

To: Tom Lyon, Chairman, Coordinating Committee

From: DMA Field Team, Region II

Subject: DMA Docket 362X, Revised application for Exploration Contract submitted by Alberta Romerio on Hope and Bullion property

Returned herewith are four copies of a revised exploration contract application submitted by Alberta K. Romerio on the Hope & Bullion property, Jefferson County, Montana; six unsigned copies of an Exploration Project Contract on the Hope & Bullion property; and all original docket data received from the DMA Washington office.

Mr. Montis Klepper of the Geological Survey recently visited the Hope and Bullion property. He concurs with Mr. Roby of the Bureau of Mines in the opinion that from a geological basis, the property warrants further exploration. He describes the property as follows:

> "A strongly altered and sheared vein zone is poorly and discontinuously exposed for a length of about 150 feet in a partly sloughed dozer cut and a short adit driven therefrom. The vein zone appears to be up to 10 feet thick and to dip steeply. It consists of altered (sericitic, pyritic) quartz monzonite laced by gouge strands and containing discontinuous sulfide-bearing quartz lenses. In the near-surface exposures most of the sulfides have been oxidized and metalic values are erratic. The vein is cut off to the west by a dacite dike; what happens to the east is speculative. The vein is unquestionably on the strike of the Comet-Gray Eagle vein system and the proposed exploration would be about 1500 feet east of the easternmost Comet ore shoots. The applicant believes that her vein is the Rumley split of the Comet lode.

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"It is proposed to sink 100 feet in order to get beneath the zone of rather thorough oxidation and to explore the sulfide-bearing portion of the vein by drifting (and crosscutting if the zone is too thick to be completely explored by a drift). It is recommended to sink in the relatively unaltered granite wall in order to avoid the heavy ground anticipated in the sheared vein zone. So far as is known, the only other working is an ancient caved shaft said to be about 60 feet deep, collared in the vein in what is now the east-central part of the dozer cut."

Mr. Klepper states that Mrs. Romerio plans to account for her half of the project cost as follows:

1 miner - $2600 (son); 1 surface man $2600 (son); part-time mechanic $1850 (husband); bookkeeper part-time $500 (daughter); rental of compressor, hoist, truck, etc. As per Exhibit C-3 - $2920: Total labor and rental credit $10,470. Balance of $1,030 in cash.

Mr. Klepper was impressed with the Romerio's sincerity and believes that the family is apparently ready to donate its services to the project in the hope of future reward should the project be successful.

It was emphatically pointed out to the Romerios that a competent technical supervisor would be required to manage the exploration project. The Romerios agreed with the proposed commitment and stated that they would obtain the services of such a supervisor.

One copy of Form MF-202, Landlord's Subordination Agreement is on hand; however, it is being returned to Mrs. Romerio with the request that she furnish DMA with five additional copies.

There are no maps available of the property other than the crude copy being returned with original docket material.

By Field Team, Region II

Thor H. Kiilsgaard

Thor H. Kiilsgaard
For: A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA
Field Team, Region II

M. E. Volin

M. E. Volin, Member
(U. S. Bureau of Mines)

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cc: L. F. Strobel
U.S.B.M. Spokane
U.S.B.M. Albany

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

July 10, 1951

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Mr. Monty Klepper
Box 572
Helena, Montana

Dear Monty:

Enclosed is an application by Mrs. Romerio which has been referred from Washington for a field examination. Al has asked that this docket be forwarded to you for your attention.

Mrs. Romerio is a nurse and lives at the Boulder home for deficient children. I believe you can readily contact her there.

Sincerely,

Elton

Elton A. Youngberg
For: A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA
Field Team, Region II

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

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July 5, 1951
Re: DMA-326X
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope & Bullion property
Jefferson County, Mont.
Lead-Zinc
Exploration loan

Mr. A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA Field Team
Region II
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 8, Washington

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

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We are forwarding the subject docket to you for further attention.

The deficiencies of this application are already familiar to you, as per your letter of May 17. There is little point in sending you the 4-page check list on which all items would have to be marked as inadequate in information.

In your letter of May 17, you state that Mr. Roby of the Bureau of Mines believes that the property probably has considerable merit for exploration. Hence, if an acceptable application could eventually be obtained, the property would have to be examined by a field team. In addition to (1) determining the geologic worth of the proposal, the field team would need to determine two additional items of major pertinance; (2) whether the applicant has sufficient funds to finance half of any worthwhile exploration program (she is evasive on this point and we doubt if correspondence will clear it up); (3) whether competent technical direction would be engaged to supervise an approved exploration program, for it appears evident that the applicant has no experience that would qualify her for this and the Government would not enter into an exploration contract that had no other supervision than that supplied by her.

We recommend, therefore, that the field team examine this property when it can find the time, and consider the points raised in the preceding paragraph. If the answers to these are favorable and if consideration of other items that we may have overlooked are also favorable to recommendation of this project, the team should help the applicant in filling out an application in which the work proposed is coordinated with the amount of money available. Applicant should be made to understand that a satisfactory solution of item 3 would be a necessary prerequisite to an exploration contract.

The Washington office could insist on an acceptable application before asking for the field examination, but as the result in the end would presumably be a field examination anyway, we believe that a lot of time and irritation will be saved by handling this proposal in the way here suggested.

Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon

Chairman
Coordinating Committee

Approved:

Lowell B. Moon

For Bureau of Mines

E T McKnight

For Geological Survey

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July 2, 1951

Re: DMA-326X

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Montana State Training School
Boulder, Montana

Dear Mrs Romerio:

Your application for an exploration loan on the Hope and Bullion mine has been reviewed by the Washington office of the Defense Minerals Administration.

Your application shows that the funds you propose to match with the Government amounts to $32,000, but you indicate that this has already been invested in the project. Mineral Order No. 5 (MO-5) previously sent to you, explains that matching funds under the exploration program cannot be expended prior to the time the contract is written. It will, therefore, be necessary for you to have additional funds to finance half of the costs to be incurred on an exploration project.

You have given us no specific exploration proposal with coordinated costs on which the Government can pass judgment or write a contract. You propose to sink shaft and cross cuts, but there is no information as to how deep the shaft will be, what its dimensions will be, where it will lie in relation to the vein, what it will cost, and other similar information needed to negotiate a contract. On the assumption that you will have funds to match on an exploration program, we are returning your application to Mr. A. E. Weissenborn, Executive Officer of the Field Team, South 157 Howard Street, Spokane 8, Washington with instructions for a field team to visit your property and furnish us with a report on which we can base a judgment of your application and prepare a contract in case the information is such that the Defense Minerals Administration will be able to approve an exploration project.

Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon, Director
Supply Division

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DMA 326X

Mr. Herrera

June 20 - 1951

United States, Dept. of the Interior
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Subject 326X -
Mr. Landon Strobel
Dear Sir -

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Administration
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LANDON F. STROBEL
Executive Secretary

Apparently you did not notice that my current address is Montana State Training School Hospital, Boulder, Mont. as your letter was sent to California -

I am here at the Mine waiting for the go ahead - but must have money for salaries -

I understand Rumors at Clancy a big Corp - has received theirs - & the North Butte in Butte also a Big Company. theirs;

We are only a family proposition

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Mining Aid Program Held 'Flop'

DENVER, June 10 (AP)—The Colorado Mining Assn. today expressed sharp disapproval of the federal government's program to increase domestic mineral production.

Secretary Robert S. Palmer of Denver said the government's program was "one hell of a flop." He said association members at a meeting here urged "simplification of procedures and elimination of conflicting authority between defense minerals administration, the defense production authority and the general services administration."

Palmer said the group also "approved the proposal of Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming and other western senators who recently urged that tax incentives be provided to stimulate prospecting and development."

but am sure we have superior property to either of these mentioned

Am enclosing clipping -

Surely do hope this does not apply to us.

The Cadastral Survey has already done a fine job of checking its and encourages me to believe real action is on its way -

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am,

Very sincerely

Alberta K. Somerville

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Hyde & Dallas Expl. Lease -

Box 272
Boulder Mont.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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July 25, 1951
Re: DMA-326X
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope & Bullion property
Jefferson County, Mont.
Lead-Zinc
Exploration loan

Mr. A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA Field Team
Region II
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 8, Washington

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

We are forwarding the subject docket to you for further attention.

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Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon

Chairman
Coordinating Committee

Approved:

Lowell B. Moon
for Bureau of Mines

Edwin T. McKnight
for Geological Survey

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SURNAME:

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

June 15, 1951

Mrs. Alberta Romerio
5438 Victoria Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Subject: DMA-326X
Re: Exploration Loan
Hope and Bullion

My dear Mrs. Romerio:

Receipt is acknowledged of your application and attachments of May 15, 1951 for an exploration loan under the Defense Production Act of 1950.

The application was assigned Docket Number DMA-326X and was referred to Mr. Otto Herres, Chief, Lead-Zinc Branch on May 25, 1951.

In any future correspondence relating to your application, kindly refer to DMA-326X.

Sincerely yours,

LANDON F. STROBEL

Landon F. Strobel
Executive Secretary

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane, Washington

May 17, 1951

Mr. L. F. Strobel
Executive Secretary
Defense Minerals Administration
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Strobel:

I am forwarding another application from Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio, the Hope and Bullion mine near Boulder, Montana, docket DMA-326. Also enclosed is a letter which I have written to Mr. Herres about this application. Would you please forward this material to the Lead-Zinc Branch.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA
Field Team, Region II

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cc: U.S. Bur. Mines
Spokane, Wash.

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So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane, Washington

May 17, 1951

Through: Mr. L. F. Strobel
Executive Secretary

Mr. Otto Herres, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch
Defense Minerals Administration
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Herres:

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio has written me enclosing four copies of Form MF-100 and three copies of MF-103 in connection with her application on the Hope and Bullion properties near Boulder, Montana, docket DMA-326. Mrs. Romerio states that she has sent you one copy of MF-103, MF-201, and MF-202, as you will note by the attached copy of her letter. I am retaining one copy of MF-103 and 100 here and am forwarding the rest to you.

Mrs. Romerio presents something of a problem to us as we have had considerable correspondence with her and she has submitted several application forms of one sort or another. We have not, to date, been able to obtain from her an application which clearly states just what she intends to do with her property even though we went to the trouble of having one of our field crews call on her at Boulder to discuss with her how the application should be filled out. Mr. Neal Roby of the Bureau of Mines states that her property probably has considerable merit for exploration, but in my opinion, we will never get a workable proposal out of her, short of actually sending a crew to the area to study her property and essentially fill out the application form for her. Because of the volume of work which we have, we have hesitated to go to such extremes. It is quite evident from our correspondence with Mrs. Romerio that she has had no experience in operating a mine. She states in various of her letters and applications that Mr. Wade V. Lewis will direct the work for her. Mr. Lewis informs us, however, that this is not so, and that he has no intention of working with her on this project.

I would appreciate your advice as to how to proceed in this matter. If you feel that it is worth the trouble, we will make an examination and actually work out a proposal with her, but as I have said before, we have had so much work here on other dockets that we have not felt that we could devote too much time to this sort of thing.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA
Field Team, Region II

Enclosure

cc: U.S. Bur. Mines
Spokane, Wash.

L. F. Strobel

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Re-Docket #326
Hope & Bullion
Boulder, Montana

U. S. Dept. of Interior
Defense Minerals Administration, Rg. II
U. S. Bureau of Mines
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane, Washington

My dear Mr. Weissenborn:

Am enclosing four copies of Form MF-100 and three copies of MF-103. One copy of each has been sent to Otto Herres in Washington, D.C., with forms: one MF-200, one MF-201, and one MF-202.

In regard to Costs & Rental Costs, I believe you know better than I the fair amounts.

Thanking you for all previous courtesy, I am very sincerely

/s/ Alberta K. Romerio

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Executive Secretary

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

April 17, 1951

Re: Docket DMA-326

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio, Manager
Hope and Bullion Mine
c/o Montana State Training School Hospital
Boulder, Montana

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Your letter of April 6 to Mr. James Boyd, Administrator, Defense Minerals Administration, has been referred to me for reply.

The letter mailed to you under date of March 6, signed by Mr. Tom Lyon, was based on a review of your application by the Lead-Zinc Branch. The evidence for reserves claimed in your application was not considered sufficient to risk the large Government investment requested in your application. Your property needs exploration to demonstrate the character of the vein at depth, in order to justify an advance of public funds.

The program recently approved for encouragement of exploration of strategic materials calls for participation on the part of the applicant. For zinc, lead, and copper deposits it will be necessary to match Government funds on an equal basis. Funds advanced by the Government will be considered a loan, to be repaid if the exploration is profitable, but to be canceled if unsuccessful. The details of the plan, explaining the projects that will be eligible for assistance, the terms and schedules of financing, repayment, and other pertinent information, are enclosed.

If you should wish to make an application for exploration assistance, we will be glad to consider such an application. A field examination by Government engineers and geologists would be needed before final approval.

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Very truly yours,

Otto Herres

OTTO HERRES, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch

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Dr. Wm Boyd - Administrator
My dear Dr Boyd.

In regard to letter from Sam Lyon - former ACM & AS&W employee - I wish to state that in reference to my Mill requirements and ice reserves Mr. Lyon's opinion reflects that of his former employers.

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There is a move in Jefferson county to eliminate these representa-

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if concerns which are stifling the Prospector and Developers in the State of Montana.
I have 11% Zinc ore
5% to 25% Lead ore
and Gold & Silver ore.

If I ship my ore to A.C.M.Co smelter I lose my Lead values or $87.50 per ton
If I ship to A.S.&R. Smelter I lose 11% Zinc values or $38.50 per ton -
I have run Bulldozing cross cuts showing new structure as claimed

in photostat of possible vein - Which shows the Possible to be a fact. This at the recommendation of Mr Robey, engineer from Bureau of Mines Spokane Office -

These cuts show High Grade Zinc & Lead ores. -

They show 2300 ft of Vein structure

It is generally conceded in the County

among Miners, this is the biggest and most reliable Strike in recent years.

We have been working since 1947 on Developement which has every indication of an immense ore body.

My informant in Washington tells me that even the best properties may not get financed due to Senate Investigation

It seems to me that you as head of the Bureau of Mines should be able to do something to Bye pass such Politics in the interest of America and the Catarrach Boulder Comet Mining Districts —

My ore has been run in the Engineering Classes at the Univ of So Calif. under Dr George Mymow I Know what it contains and so does he.

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Thanking you in advance for further consideration of my request for financing, I am,

Very sincerely

Alberta K. Romero
Manager
Hope & Bullion Mine
Boulder, Mont.

C/o Montana State Training School Hospital.
[Boulder, Montana]

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. Moen

March 28, 1951

DMA-326
Hope-Sullion Mine
Boulder, Montana
Jefferson County

Mrs. Charles Romerie
c/o Montana State Training School Hospital
Boulder, Montana

Dear Mrs. Romerie:

Your recent letter to Mr. James Boyd concerning your application for Government assistance to the Hope and Sullion property in Jefferson County, Montana, has been referred to me for reply.

Under date of March 6 a letter went to you from Mr. Tom Lyon, Director of the Supply Division, addressed to 5438 Victoria Avenue, Los Angeles, California, stating that it is possible your property could be considered for the exploration program announced recently by Defense Minerals Administration.

As soon as this program is published, we shall send you copies of the information needed to submit an application for participation in the program.

Yours very truly,

OTTO HERRES, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch

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cc: Mr. Strobel
Mr. Moen
Mr. Mote
Mr. McKnight
Mr. Herres
2 copies Executive Officer Field Team Region II
Mr. A. E. Weissenborn, South 157 Howard Street
Spokane, Washington
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United States Bureau of Mines
Washington D.C.
Mr Wm Boyd - director -
My dear Mr Boyd -

During the winter months I placed a request for financing the production of Defense Minerals - Lead Zinc & Copper at the Hope & Billion property in Jefferson County Montana -

This request was made from Los Angeles

I have now returned to Montana and am hoping to get into production with the Spring.

I also have information that money has been cleared for other Silver Bow Co. properties and approved.

As we are in the well known Cataract Comet Wickes Mining District the people of Jefferson County are very anxious to

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BUREAU OF MINES
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Your Rank their County in the ranks of great Metal Production.

As our property is not encumbered in any way and we are ready for immediate production with funds, we are anxious to expedite the production of these much needed minerals for the Empire.

The Bureau of Mines engineer has already inspected the property and has the data on file for the information.

Thanking you in advance for your action on your part that will make these funds available.

Very sincerely

Alberto F. Pomeiro
Manager
Lipe & Bullion Mine
Boulder, Mont.

To Montana State Training School Hospital —

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Mines Aid Setup Ready in Spring

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Western congressmen have been assured that a loan program for mine development will be ready by spring.

Dr. James Boyd, director of the Bureau of Mines, who is in charge of the mineral program under the defense production act, has appeared before Senate groups twice in the past week.

Senator McCarran (D-Nev.) says that Boyd told a meeting of western senators that three problems are involved in an increase of metal mine production and that all are being attacked at once.

These, he said are:

1. Expansion of existing facilities to assure maximum production;

2. Encouragement of existing producers to open inactive properties; and

3. Exploration and development of new sources.

The loan plan necessarily has been developing slowly, Boyd said.

Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) explained that this is in part due to the delay in congressional action on the excess profits tax act. This was approved by President Truman Jan. 3. The defense production act became law Sept. 8, 1950.

The tax act, O'Mahoney said, exempts from income tax payments made to mining firms by the government to encourage exploration, development and production for defense purposes.

McCarran quoted Dr. Boyd as saying administration of the program would be decentralized so that producers, especially small miners, can deal with government representatives in their own area.

Dr. Boyd told the Senate Interior committee that 80 field examiners have been appointed and are working out of the Denver headquarters of the bureau.

The committee also was told, O'Mahoney said, that seven contracts for increased production have been made with domestic producers and the processing of many applications is well under way. The completed contracts are for production of magnesium, molybdenum and aluminum.

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Freeze Brings Supply Squeeze in Metals

NEW YORK, March 3 (AP)—Various pricing troubles under the general freeze order are tightening the supply squeeze in some nonferrous metals.

Custom smelters of copper, for example, report they cannot obtain enough scrap copper for refining because they are unable to pay the prices asked and still sell refined at the frozen price of 24½ cents a pound.

One big eastern refinery is trimming its production 1000 tons a month and laying off workers. Some trade sources estimate refined output might decline as much as 4000 tons a month—at a time when the nation needs all the copper it can produce.

Supplies Diverted

For a while, brass ingot makers who could pay more for scrap absorbed much of the supply which normally went to the refiners. But even the ingot makers now are reported having trouble getting scrap at prices they can afford. A scrap price ceiling order to ease the situation is believed in the works at Washington.

In zinc, it's a question of foreign buyers being able to pay higher prices for zinc concentrates and therefore diverting supplies which normally come to American smelters. Imports of lead to this country have dropped for the same reason.

Trading in foreign tungsten and antimony ores has been almost at a standstill here ever since importers' prices were frozen, for prices asked by their foreign sources have kept right on rising.

Meantime, pressing industrial demand for the major metals shows no letup despite government-ordered cutbacks in nondefense uses.

Zinc Use Reduced

The National Production Authority indicated nonmilitary use of zinc may be reduced further soon, and some industry members said they thought consumer inventories would eventually be limited to a 30-day supply instead of the present 45-day maximum.

In other control actions, the NPA eased its curb on nickel to allow manufacturers to use supplies on hand March 1 for making products previously banned beginning on that date. Such use is permitted, however, only if the manufacturers can't use the nickel for more essential goods.

The NPA is expected to order specific quantities of copper, aluminum, and possibly other scarce metals, allocated soon to the makers of locomotives, Great Lakes ore vessels, barges and tow boats.

Dow Chemical Co. announced it has awarded construction contracts for the industry's first continuous rolling mill for magnesium sheet, to be built at the company's plant at Madison, Ill. The mill is scheduled for operation early next year.

New Aluminum Plant

Interior Secretary Chapman disclosed he is ready to approve a new aluminum plant planned by Aluminum Co. of America in the Pacific Northwest, with power from the Rock Island Dam near Wenatchee, Wash.

Major nonferrous metals prices:

COPPER—24.50 cents a pound, Connecticut Valley. Foreign, 24.50 cents, New York.

LEAD—17 cents a pound, New York; 16.80 cents, St. Louis. Foreign, 18.00@19.50 cents, nominal, Gulf of Mexico ports.

ZINC—17.50 cents a pound, East St. Louis; 18.22 cents, New York. Foreign, 27 cents, nominal, Gulf of Mexico ports.

ALUMINUM—19 cents a pound, ingots, shipping point. Pigs, 18 cents.

ANTIMONY—45.28 cents a pound, cased (less than carload lots), New York; 42 cents, bulk, Laredo, Tex.; 50 cents, bulk, Cascade, Ida.

MANGANESE — Contracts, 79.8@81.8 cents a long ton unit (22.4 pounds), nominal, c.i.f., U.S. ports (duty for buyer's account). Nearby arrival, 92@96 cents, nominal. Ferromanganese—$165 a gross ton, shipping point.

NICKEL—50.5 cents a pound, electrolytic cathodes, *Port Colborne*, Ont., U.S. duty included.

PLATINUM—$90 an ounce, wholesale; $93 retail, New York.

SILVER—$90.16 an ounce, New York; 78.5 pence, London.

TIN—$1.82½ a pound, New York.

QUICKSILVER—$215@$220 a flask (76 pounds), New York.

TUNGSTEN ORE—Foreign origin, $73 a ton unit (20 pounds), nominal, New York (duty paid). Domestic, $65, Henderson, N.C.

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	Sales (in 100s)	High	Low	Close	Net change
Do pf .50	87	87	87	87	....
Chrysler 2g	18	79⅜	79	79⅛	— ⅛
Cin G&E 1.80	3	34⅞	34¾	34⅞	....
CIT Fin 4a	7	52⅛	52	52⅛	+ ⅛
City Prod 2½	1	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛	+ ⅛
City Strs 1.40	1	20½	20½	20½	....
ClarkEquip 3b	1	42¾	42¾	42¾	+ ¼
Climax Mo ½g	9	31⅞	31⅝	31⅝	+ ⅜
Clint Fd 2.40	3	32¼	32¼	32¼	+ ¼
Clopay Cp	3	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝	— ⅛
Cluett Peab ½g	2	36	35⅞	36	....
Do 4 pf 4	1	90¾	90¾	90¾	— ¼
Colg Palm 2b	8	54½	54⅛	54⅛	— ⅜
Colo F&I 1½a	14	23	22¾	22⅞	....
Do pf 1	7	28¼	28	28⅛	+ ⅛
Colo&So .10	57⅞	57⅞	57⅞	....	
Do 1 pf	1	53	53	53	....
Col Brd A 1.60	2	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝	+ ⅜
Col Gas .80	38	13⅞	13¾	13¾	+ ⅛
Col Pic ¾e	3	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜	....
Do pf 4¼	1	64⅞	64⅞	64⅞	+ ½
Col Carbon 2a	6	42½	42½	42½	+ ⅜
Col&SOE 1.40	2	21⅞	21¾	21¾	+ ⅛
Comb E S 3a	2	43	42¾	42¾	— ¼
Coml Cr 4.80	4	54	54	54	+ ⅛
Coml Solv 1a	4	25¾	25½	25⅝	— ⅛
Comw Ed 1.60	19	30	29½	29⅞	+ ⅜
Conde Nast 1	3	11	10¾	11	+ ½
CongNairn1½a	1	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝	+ ¼
Cons Cigar 2	1	31½	31½	31½	....
Con Cop .55e	5	8¾	8⅝	8⅝	....
Con Edis 2	12	31⅞	31¾	31⅞	+ ⅛
Do pf 5	1	108	108	108	....
Con GE B 1.40	9	26¼	26⅛	26⅛	— ⅛
Cons Groc 1½	16	19⅜	19	19¼	+ ⅜
Cons N Gas 2	1	50	50	50	+ ⅛
ConsRRCub pf 2		27¾	27¾	27¾	— ¼
Cons R St 1.20	3	14¾	14⅝	14⅝	+ ⅜
Cons Text1½	6	17⅛	17	17⅛	+ ¼
Cons Vul .35g	23	20⅝	20⅜	20½	....
Con P 4½ pf	1	113	112½	112½	— ¾
Cont Bak 1.60	9	21	20¾	21	+ ¼
Do pf 5½ .20		96¼	96	96¼	+ ¼
Cont Can 2a	2	35⅝	35½	35½	— ⅛
Cont D F .20g	3	15⅝	15⅜	15⅜	+ ¼
Cont Ins 2a	3	66¼	66¼	66¼	....
Cont Mot .40	7	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	+ ⅛
Cont Oil 1.20g	6	100	99½	99½	+ ⅛
CopperRng .80b	1	35½	35½	35½	+ ⅜
Copw Stl .40g	1	22¾	22¾	22¾	— ¼
Corn Exch 3 .30		67½	67½	67½	— ½
CornProd 3.60b	3	74¾	74½	74½	— ¾
Cornell Du .80a	1	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞	+ ⅛
Corning Gl 1a	1	52¾	52¾	52¾	— ¼
Coty Inc ¼e	7	5	5	5	....
Coty Intl .20e	3	2⅝	2⅝	2⅝	+ ⅛
Crane 1.60a	2	33¾	33⅝	33¾	....
Crm of W 1.60a	2	28¾	28½	28¾	+ ¼
Creamer Am 1	3	12¾	12⅝	12¾	+ ⅛
Crown Cork 1	14	16⅞	16⅝	16⅝	— ⅛
CrownZell1.80g	1	54⅜	54⅜	54⅜	....
Do pf 4.20	.10	104½	104½	104½	— ¼
Cruc Stl	12	41	40¼	41	....
Cudahy Pk	16	10	9¾	10	+ ⅛
Curtis Pub	5	8⅞	8⅞	8⅞	....
Do pf 7	.10	106	106	106	....
Curtiss Wr 1	16	11⅜	11¼	11¼	— ⅛
Do A 2	2	26¼	26¼	26¼	....
Cutler H 1.60a	1	32¾	32¾	32¾	— ¼

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	Sales (in 100s)	High	Low	Close	Net change
Dana Cp 3	20	37¼	34½	37¼	+ 2⅝
DavegaSt 1.40b	1	17¼	17¼	17¼	+ ⅛
Daystrom 1a	12	18⅛	18	18⅛	+ ¼
Dayt P&L 2	1	31¾	31¾	31¾	+ ⅛
Do 3¾	10	100	100	100	— ¼
Décca Rec ½	23	9¾	9½	9¾	+ ⅛
Deep Rk Oil 2	6	46	44½	46	+ 1¾
Deere Co ¼g	3	67⅝	67⅜	67⅜	— ⅛
Del&Hud 4	1	49	49	49	— ½
Del L&W ¼g	14	15¼	15¼	15¼	— ⅛
Den&RGW 3g	2	61	61	61	— ½
Do pf 5	4	75½	74½	74½	—1
Det Edis 1.20	2	23⅝	23½	23⅝	....
Det M Stv .60	1	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	....
Devoe&R A 2b	7	29⅛	29⅛	29⅛	+ ⅛
Diam M pf 1½	1	35½	35½	35½	— ¼
Diam T Mot 1	1	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	+ ⅛
Dist Cp S 1.20a	7	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	+ ⅛
Divco Cp 1.60	9	16⅜	16	16¼	+ ¼
Doehler J 2a	5	33⅞	33½	33⅞	— ⅜
Dome Mns .40g	4	17¼	17¼	17¼	....
Doug Airc 5a	1	104	104	104	....
Dow Ch 2.40b	5	88½	88½	88½	— ¼
DresserInd 1.40	4	22½	22⅜	22⅜	— ⅛
Duplan Cp 1	1	15½	15½	15½	+ ⅛
Du Pont .85g	6	90½	90¼	90¼	+ ⅜
Do 4½ pf	1	124	124	124	....
Do 3½pf3½	1	106½	106½	106½	— ¼

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	Sales (in 100s)	High	Low	Close	Net change
Eagle Pi 1.20a	2	23¼	23⅛	23¼	+ ⅛
East Air L .15		21⅞	21½	21⅞	....
East S Stl .20g	1	18¼	18¼	18¼	— ⅛
Eastman K 1w	5	45	44⅞	45	....
Eaton Mfg 2a	3	42¼	42	42¼	....
EdisBrStr 1.20	3	18¼	18⅛	18⅛	— ¼
ElasStopN .20g	2	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝	— ⅛
El Auto Lite 3a	6	48⅝	48	48	— ¾
Elec Boat 1a	7	23⅛	22⅝	22⅝	— ⅜
El&M In .06g	373	2⅜	2¼	2¼	+ ⅛
El Stor Bat ½g	1	45	45	45	....
ElginNatW .60a	2	14	13⅞	13⅞	— ⅛
Elliott Co 1a	1	26⅜	26⅜	26⅜	....
ElPasoNG 1.60	6	28⅛	28	28	— ⅛
EmerR&P 1b	7	15	14¾	15	+ ⅛
End John 1.60	1	31½	31½	31½	+ ⅜
Equit Gas 1.30	17	22¼	22¼	22¼	— ⅛
EquitOffBd .60	4	7⅜	7⅜	7⅜	....
Erie RR 1¾e	10	23½	23	23½	+ ⅛
Do pf A 5	1	69¾	69¾	69¾	+ ⅛
Eureka Wms	2	7	7	7	....
Evans Pd ½e	6	16⅞	16⅜	16¾	+ ⅞
Eversharp ¼g	3	13½	13⅜	13½	+ ⅛
Ex-Cell-O ½g	1	42⅞	42⅞	42⅞	+ ⅛
Exchange Buf	2	4⅛	4	4	— ⅛

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	Sales (in 100s)	High	Low	Close	Net change
Fairb Mor 2a	1	50¼	50¼	50¼	— ½
Fajardo Sug 2a	1	24¾	24¾	24¾	....
Family Fin 1.40	5	15¼	15⅛	15¼	+ ½
Fedders Quig 1	2	26½	26⅜	26½	....
Fed Mogul 2	6	29½	29	29½	+ ¼
Fed Mot T	2	7¾	7⅝	7¾	+ ½
FederDStr 2½	2	51⅜	51	51	— ½
Felt&Tarr .80	2	17⅛	17	17⅛	+ ½
FerroEnam .80g	2	19⅞	19¾	19¾	....
Fid P Fire I 2a	1	68½	68½	68½	+ ¼
Firestone 4a	7	93¼	92¾	92¾	— ½
Firth Cpt 1.20a	3	13½	13⅜	13½	+ ⅛
Flintkote 2a	14	30⅞	30½	30⅝	+ ⅛
Floren Stv ½g	1	27¼	27¼	27¼	+ ¼
Fla Pow 1.20	5	18⅜	18¼	18⅜	+ ⅛
Fla P&L .35g	9	23⅝	23½	23⅝	+ ⅛
FlorshSh A 1a	1	16	16	16	+ ½
Follans Stl ½g	1	23¼	23¼	23¼	+ ⅛
Fd Fair St .80b	1	21¼	21¼	21¼	....
Food Mch ⅜g	4	37¾	37½	37½	— ¼
Do pf 3¼ .20		100	100	100	—1
FroedtG&M 1a	1	15⅝	15⅜	15⅜	— ⅛
Frueh Tra 2p	8	27¼	27	27	— ½

	Sales (in 100s)	High	Low	Close	Net change
Lambert 1½	3	24	23⅞	24	+ ⅛
Leh C&N .80e	4	10½	10⅜	10⅜	— ⅛
Leh Val Coal	5	2¼	2¼	2¼	— ⅛
Do 2 pf	2	6¾	6⅝	6⅝	— ⅛
Leh Val RR	3	14⅝	14⅝	14½	— ⅛
Lehman 6.20e	1	69	69	69	— ¼
Lehn&Fink ½a	4	13⅝	13¼	13⅝	....
Lerner Str 1½	2	25½	25½	25½	....
LOF Glass ½g	6	33¼	33⅛	33¼	+ ⅛
LibMcN&L ½	1	9¾	9¾	9¾	+ ⅛
Life Sav .40g	4	35¾	35⅝	35¾	— ⅛
Ligg&My 4a	5	74	74	74	....
Liquid Carb 1a	7	18⅞	18¾	18⅞	+ ⅛
Lockh Air 2a	1	38⅝	38⅝	38⅝	....
Loew's Inc 1½	12	18⅝	18¼	18¼	— ⅛
Lone St C 1g	2	79¼	79¼	79¼	— ⅛
Long B A 3½e	6	42¼	41½	42¼	+ ⅜
Long Isl L ¼e	4	13⅞	13¾	13⅞	+ ⅛
Lorillard 1.20a	6	24⅛	23⅞	24⅛	— ⅛
Lou G&E 1.80	28	31½	31½	31½	....
Lukens St 1a	1	40½	40½	40½	....

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	Sales (in 100s)	High	Low	Close	Net change
MacAnd&F1½g	4	39½	39⅛	39⅛	— ⅜
Mack Trucks¼g	5	19⅞	19⅝	19¾	+ ⅛
Macy R H 2	4	34⅝	34⅜	34⅝	+ ⅛
Mad Sq G ½e	1	8⅞	8⅞	8⅞	+ ⅛
Magma Cop	3	[illegible]	33½	33⅝	+ ⅜
Magnavox ⅜g	14	[illegible]	17	17	....
ManatiSug.80e	1	[illegible]	11⅜	11⅜	— ⅛
Marathon ½g	6	[illegible]	44¾	45	....
MarineMid ½	12	9⅝	9½	9½	....
M St Ry pr pf	1	4½	4½	4½	....
Martin G L	6	20⅞	20⅝	20⅝	....
Martin P .60	1	12¾	12¾	12¾	....
Masonite 1	12	32½	32¼	32½	— ¼
Master El 1.60b	1	22¾	22¾	22¾	— ¼
Math Ch 1.60a	2	34⅞	34⅞	34⅞	+ ⅛
May 3.40 pf .40		90¼	90¼	90¼	— ¾
Maytag 1.40a	1	15¼	15¼	15¼	....
McIntyr P 2.01a	1	61½	61½	61½	+ ⅛
McKess&R2.40a	1	42⅜	42⅜	42⅜	....
Mead Cp 1.60a	3	26¾	26¾	26¾	+ ⅛
Melv Shoe 1.80	3	25⅞	25⅞	25⅞	....
Mengel 2	1	20½	20½	20½	— ½
Merc Str 1	1	21	21	21	....
Mer & M Tr	4	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	....
Merck&C 2a	4	67½	67	67½	+1¾
Miami Cop¾g	3	21	20⅞	20⅞	....
Mid C Pet 3a	4	55½	55	55½	+ ½
Mid S Ut 1.20	5	19¾	19¾	19¾	— ⅛
M Honeyw ½g	1	45¾	45¾	45¾	+ ⅛
Minn Mol 1.60	2	22⅛	22	22⅛	....
MStL Ry 1a	2	19⅝	19⅜	19⅝	....
MStP&SSM 1g	1	16⅜	16⅜	16⅜	+ ⅛
MinM&M ¼h	3	38	37⅞	38	+ ⅛
MinnP&L 2.20	5	32⅜	32¼	32¼	....
MissionCp6¼f	4	82	82	82	— ¾
Mission D .85e	2	14⅞	14¾	14¾	— ¼
Mo Kan Tex	27	12½	12⅜	12½	+ ⅜
Do pf	29	61½	60⅜	61½	+1
Mo Pac pf	19	27½	27⅛	27⅜	— ⅛
Mon Mch .30h	2	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	....
Mons Ch 2½a	3	80½	80¼	80¼	—1
MontDakU .90	15	13½	13⅜	13½	+ ¼
Mont Pw 1.40	3	23⅜	23¼	23¼	— ⅛
Mont Ward 2a	2	70⅝	70⅝	70⅝	— ⅜
MooreMcC 1½	2	16⅝	16½	16½	....
Motor Pd 2a	1	29½	29½	29½	— ⅛
MuellerBr .30g	5	20¾	20⅝	20⅝	....
Mullins 1.60a	3	19½	19⅜	19⅜	— ⅛
Murphy 1½a	1	53⅞	53⅞	53⅞	....
Murray Cp 2a	9	23	22⅞	23	+ ⅛
Myers&Bro 4a	4	58	57½	57½	+ ¼

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	Sales (in 100s)	High	Low	Close	Net change
Nash Kelv 2a	8	21¾	21½	21¾	+ ⅛
NashCStL 3a 1.50		70⅛	70	70⅛	+ ⅜
Nat Airlin ¼g	3	14½	14½	14½	+ ¼
Nat Auto F 2	1	19½	19½	19½	— ¼
Nat Aviat 1.65e	1	19¾	19¾	19¾	+ ½
Nat Bisc 2	3	35	34¾	35	+ ⅛
Nat Can .10g	1	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞	— ⅛
Nat City L 1	16	10⅞	10¾	10¾	....
Nat Cont .80	11	12⅝	12¼	12¼	— ⅛
Nat Dairy 2.80a	1	46	46	46	— ⅜
Nat D Str 1a	2	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	+ ⅛
Nat Distill 2	5	28⅜	28¼	28¼	+ ⅛
Nat Gyps .35g	24	20⅝	20¼	20⅜	+ ⅛
Nat Lead 2a	1	69½	69½	69½	+ ½
Nat M&SC ½fl	3	32¼	32	32¼	+ ⅛
Nat Pw&Lt	21	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	....
Nat Steel 3a	5	50⅝	50¼	50⅝	+ ½
Nat Sug Ref 2a	2	31	30¾	30¾	— ⅛
Nat Sup 1.60a	9	24⅞	24¾	24¾	....
Nat Tea 1.60	2	24⅝	24½	24⅝	— ⅛
Nat Vul F 1.20	1	16⅜	16⅜	16⅜	+ ⅛

1. Measured ore 480,000 tons

2. Indicated ore 62,910,000 " ("conservative estimate")

3. Inferred 219,415,555 and 5/9 tons

Grade is estimated at 10.9% Zn, 5-25% Pb, gold-silver $55 per ton.

Conclusions: The review of the supporting documents indicates that the reserve estimates are not based on reliable data. The exploration and development work done to date on this property is not adequate to make such liberal reserve estimates. The vein has been explored only by surface cuts made with a bulldozer. Depth of vein (900') is estimated by analogy, using the mining depth reached on the adjacent comet vein. Most of the application is based on an analogy of production, mill capacity, etc., with the abandoned Comet and Grey Eagle mines.

It is possible that this property is on the extension of the Comet vein system, but even if this is true, the property certainly needs considerable exploration before such large sums of money are invested for milling facilities.

There is some doubt that the applicant's experience in mining is adequate for handling an operation of this magnitude. Mrs. Romerio is a trained nurse and has had very little mining experience. It appears that this is proving to be an expensive venture on the part of the applicant in order to provide a daughter with an income.

Recommendation:

1. That the loan $600,500.00 be denied.

2. That the applicant be informed of the exploration program and advised to consider the possibility of submitting an application under this program.

Otto Herres

OTTO HERRES, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch

Approved:
DMA Operating Committee

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Chairman

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L. B. Moon

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Olaf N. Rove

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

March 6, 1951

Re: Docket DMA-326

Mrs. Charles Romerio
5438 Victoria Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Your application for Government assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950 has been reviewed by the Defense Minerals Administration.

The review of the supporting data contained in documents does not adequately demonstrate or substantiate the large tonnage of ore reserves estimated for the property. Therefore, the expenditure of $600,500.00 for a project that is designed primarily for the purpose of mill and plant construction is not justified.

The small amount of development work done on the property to date indicates that additional exploration of the vein system is desirable before large sums of money ~~is~~ are expended for mining and milling facilities. It is possible that your property could be considered for the exploration program recently announced by the Defense Minerals Administration. Final details of the program have not been completed but it is expected that the public announcement will be made by Administrator Boyd within the next few days. When this action has been taken, we will send you a copy of the outline to follow in submitting an application for a participating exploration loan.

We wish to thank you for bringing this property to our attention.

Very truly yours,

/s Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon, Director
Supply Division

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

March 9, 1951

Memorandum

To: Executive Secretary, D. M. A.
Through: Operating Committee and
Director, Supply Division

From: Lead-Zinc Branch, D. M. A. Re: Docket DMA-326

Subject: Application of
Mrs. Charles Romerio
5438 Victoria Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Commodity: Lead, zinc

Location: Hope-Bullion Mine
Boulder, Montana
Jefferson County

Proposal: The applicant requests a loan of $600,500 from the Government to equip the Hope-Bullion mine, to install a 200 ton mill and flotation plant, to construct an office and a bunkhouse, to sink a 300 foot shaft and drive certain crosscuts and to establish working capital. It is proposed that the loan be repaid by allocating to the Government 10% of the net smelter returns.

Breakdown of proposed expenditures:

1.	Equipping mine and power.....	$ 60,000.00
2.	Install mill and flotation plant.....	210,000.00
3.	Office and bunkhouse	5,000.00
4.	Shaft and crosscuts	12,500.00
5.	Road construction	1,000.00
6.	Working capital	312,000.00
		$600,500.00

The applicant estimates the property has the following ore reserves:

We sent Mrs Romero an airmail letter before we got this one from Weissenborn, telling her she didn't need to fill out the form.

We have taken the original of this Weissenborn letter for our use.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 8, Washington

Original is in U.S.G.S. files - E.T. Mk.

January 31, 1951

File

Mr. Otto Herres, Chairman
Lead-Zinc Committee
Defense Minerals Administration
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: DMA Docket 326

Dear Mr. Herres:

A copy of your letter dated January 23 to Mrs. Charles Romerio, 5438 Victoria Avenue, Los Angeles, California, has been received by this office. I note that you have sent her five NSRB 146 forms to be filled out and returned to your office.

Mrs. Romerio's first application was received in this office at a time when there was considerable confusion here, especially because neither the Bureau of Mines office at Albany nor our office had application forms. Her original application had been sent to Albany and was then forwarded here with a large number of other applications. All of these were in the form of letters, and most of them gave very incomplete information. Rather than hold these up, we forwarded all of them to Dr. Boyd in Washington D.C. and later, when we received sufficient NSRB 146 forms, we sent copies of the forms to the applicants with the request that they fill them out. Some of the applicants have returned the completed NSRB forms and some have not. Mrs. Romerio did return a set of forms to this office and they were forwarded to Dr. Boyd on January 10. We suspect that your letter of January 23 refers to Mrs. Romerio's original application and not to the one completed on NSRB Form 146, which was mailed later. As a matter of fact, Mrs. Romerio's second application, although some improvement over the original one, did not give very detailed information, as her property is pretty much a raw prospect.

We have noted several copies of letters from the DMA to applicants, requesting them to fill out NSRB forms, although our files show this has already been done. This is the case, for example, of Mr. F. H. Cardinal (Lead Trust mine, Stevens County, Washington, DMA Docket 316). It occurs to us that perhaps the DMA in Washington D.C. may not realize that in a good many cases these applications refer to the same property and that, therefore, the second application will be given a different docket number and the applicant will be requested to fill out a set of NSRB forms when he has already done so. I am calling this possibility to your attention so that you will be aware of the situation. Inasmuch as these second applications prepared on NSRB forms are still trickling into the office, it will not in every case be possible to avoid the confusion, but if you are aware of the situation it might be possible to avoid some of it.

For your convenience, we are appending a list of all the letters of application that were sent in without the proper forms. It is suggested that before applicants on this list are requested to fill out a new set of forms that a check be made to see that they have not already done so. On the appended list we have underlined those applicants that have submitted NSRB forms in addition to their original letter applications. There may be others that have submitted a second application on NSRB forms, but if they have done so, they have not passed through this office.

Very truly yours

A. R. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA,
Field Team, Region II

cc: Operating Committee

Enclosure

Name of Applicant	Address	Name of Property	Commodity	Location	DMA Docket No.
Mrs. Charles Remerie (Alberta K.)	5438 Victoria Ave. Los Angeles, Calif.	Hope & Bullion Claims #3715 & #3714	Au,Pb,Ag, Zn, Cu	Boulder Dist.,Jefferson Co., Mont.	326
Northwest Leasing Co. (John R. Reynolds)	Box 622, Kellogg, Idaho	Regal Mine (Silver Crescent)	Au,Ag,Pb, Zn	Near Bonners Ferry, Idaho (Boundary Co.)	
Silver Butte Zinc-Lead Mining Co. (Andrew Prader, Sec'y)	1201 E. Baldwin, Spokane, Wash.	Silver Butte Mine (Second application on NSRB form was signed by F.R. Middaugh but refers to same property)	Zn-Pb	Secs.7,8,16,17, T.25 N. R.30W. Lincoln Co., Mont.	
Theodore Nasburg	E.32 29th Ave., Spokane, Wash.	Scandia	Zn-Pb	Stevens Co.,Wash. Secs. 22-23, T.39N.,R.40E.	
George Rice	Ketchum, Idaho	Thatcher Creek Mine and Big Dog Mine	Zn	Blaine Co., Idaho	
G. S. Weigle	S. 318 Maple St., Spokane, Wash.	Liberty Bell Group	Zn,Pb,Ag	Shoshone Co., Idaho near Bunker Hill Mine	
J. A. Norden	Clayton, Idaho	Red B ird Mine	Pb-Ag	Custer Co., Idaho	
Lewis B. Stark	Neihart, Mont.	Star Mine	Zn,Pb,Ag	Near Neihart, Mont.	
Monarch Metals Co. (J.E.Neary, V.P.)	2021 California St.,San Francisco, Calif.	Cooney Group	Pb,Zn,Ag	Shoshone Co., Idaho	
Troy W. Miller	Kettle Falls, Wash.	Muldoon Property	Au,Ag+?	Stevens Co., Wash. Sec.34,T.37N.R.38E.	
Tison & Mills (W.E.Mills)	Box 918,Eagle Point, Oregon	T&M Antimony Mine	Sb	Jackson Co., Ore. Sec.11,T.32S.R.1W.	
F. C. Moore	Melrose, Mont;	Juniper Copper Bottom	Cu(+Au-Ag)	Soap Gulch, 10 mi. NE Melrose,Mont	
A. W. McGown	Challis, Idaho	Antimony Prop.	Sb	Custer Co.,Idaho Sec?,T.11N.,R.12W.	321
George Ingerson	%Antlers Hotel, Baker, Oregon	Lucky Strike Claims	Cu,Sb,Au?	Baker Co., Oregon Sec.18,19,T.9S.,R.41E	

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Tom Kelehan	1119 W. Park St., Butte, Montana	Silver Bow Fluorite	Fluorite	Secs. 19&18, T. 3N., R. 8W. and Sec. 13, T. 3N., R. 9W.	
Weber Comer (Parker Mng. Co.)	Box 938, Ketchum, Idaho	Parker & Amicus Mines	Ag-Pb	Blaine Co., Idaho	
Joe Kallas, Sr.	% Military Order of Purple Heart, Boise, Idaho	Kallas Gold Bug Mine	Ag, Pb, Cu, Zn.	Ada Co., Idaho	
Chas. S. Watson (Lemhi Union Co.)	30 Carlson Ave., Apt. 8, Rexburg, Idaho	Lemhi Union Co. Property	Pb-Ag	Spring Mtn. Mng. Dist., Lemhi Co., Idaho	
P. M. Mosier (Broadwater Zinc & Lead)	Townsend, Mont.	Iron Mask Mine	Zn-Pb (+ Ag)	N. 7 Indian Creek, Broadwater Co., Mont.	
William R. McLure	Philipsburg, Mont.	Bear & Float Claims	Ag, Cu, Pb, W	Philipsburg Quad. Granite Co., Mont.	
F. J. Cardinal	508 Norfolk Bldg. Spokane 8, Wash.	Lead Trust Mine	Pb (+minor Zn)	Secs. 7&18, T. 39N, R. 42E; Secs. 12&13, T. 39 N., R. 41E., Stevens Co. Wash.	316
Ace Gold Mines, Inc. (F. C. Funke)	Box 368, Lewiston, Idaho	Ace Gold Mine	Au, Ag, W		

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August Buschmann	377 Coleman Bldg. Seattle 4, Wash.	Black Pine	?	Granite Co., Montana	
T. R. Baugh	Sycamore Drive, Rt. 9, Boise, Idaho	Gem State Consolidated Mines, Inc.	?	Gem Co., Idaho	
George C. Darrah	Lewiston, Mont.	Golden Armels	?	Fergus Co., Mont.	
F. Davenport	215 Bridge St., Baker, Ore.	Big Pine Group	?	Baker Co., Ore.	
Frank M. Davis	P. O. Box 66, Kenmore, Wash.	Consolidated Mines & Smelting	?	Ferry Co., Wash.	
W. A. Hall	1038 Butte Ave., Helena, Mont.	Crescent Mine	?	Jefferson Co., Mont	
Charles F. Hawkins	2007 8th St. Baker, Ore.	Indiana & Skipper Mines	?	Baker Co., Ore.	
L. S. Heller	Route #3 Boise, Idaho	Warm Springs Mining Co.	Pb-Zn	Valley Co., Idaho	
Leon Hereux	Maxville, Mont.	?	Mn	Near Philipsburg, Mont.	
W. H. Holloway	616 So. Oakdale St. Medford, Ore.	Blue Jay Mine	Sb	?	
R. N. Howton	Florence, Mont.	Superior Fluorspar Corp.	CuF_2	Near Superior, Mont.	
Jack Kogolshak	Hardin, Mont.	J.B.Mining Properties	?	Near Basin, Mont.	
R. C. McIlwee	McIlwee Phosphate Co.,424 N. Michigan St., South Bend, Ind.	Mining Properties in Paris Canyon	W ?	Bear Lake Co., Ida.	
W. E. Robertson	Grants Pass, Ore.	Oregon Chrome Mine	Chrome	Josephine Co., Ore.	

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Name of Applicant	Address	Name of Property	Commodity	Location
A. V. Taylor Jr.	Taylor-Knapp Co. O'Rourke Estate Bldg., Butte, Mont.	Properties in Philipsburg controlled by Taylor-Knapp Co.	Mn	Granite Co., Mont.
Dean White	Salmon, Ida.	Pope-Sharon Mine	Cu	Lemhi Co., Idaho
A. V. Franzenen	701 Stephens Ave., Missoula, Mont.	Milling Co.	?	Madison Co., Mont.
Homer H. Dundas	611 Plymouth Ave. Missoula, Mont.	?	?	Skalkaho Unorganized Mining District, Sapphire Range, Bitter Root National Forest

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P. H. Casey	2230 W. Pacific Ave. Spokane, Wash. (Tungsten Mining & Milling Co. Post Office Box 794, Spokane, Wash.)	Germania Mine	W	Stevens Co., Wash.
Four Partners (Shirk, Davis, Griffith Taylor)	So. 1221 Cedar St. Spokane, Wash.	Clark Sherman Mine	Zn Pb	Elliston Mining District, Powell, Mont.
A. M. & W. W. Derr	Clarksfork, Ida.	Scotchman Mine	Zn Pb	Clark Fork Mining District Saunders Co., Mont.
Thomas Linton	Missoula Hotel, Missoula, Mont.	Blacktail Mine	Pb	Missoula Co., Mont.
Snoose Mining Co. (A.M. Jensen, Pres.)	423 First Nat'l Bank Bldg., Boise, Idaho	Snoose Mine	~~Zn-Pb-Ag-Au~~, Cu	Bailey, Blaine Co. Idaho

MONTANA STATE TRAINING SCHOOL
BOULDER, MONTANA

ARTHUR E. WESTWELL, D. M. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

January 25, 1951

Mrs. D. Romerio
5438 Victoria Avenue
Los Angeles 43, California

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

As we will have an opening for a nurse in our hospital March 1st we are wondering if you would be willing to return to Boulder at that time and help us out. This is for full time work and the position is permanent. Mrs. McNeely is leaving us.

As the first of March is not too far in advance of the date you had contemplated coming back to Boulder we hope you will consider this favorably and accept the position.

May we hear from you at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Philip D. Pallister, MD

Philip D. Pallister, M.D.
Institution Physician

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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LANDON F. STROBEL
Executive Secretary

January 23, 1951

Mrs. Charles Komerio
5438 Victoria Avenue
Los Angeles, California

In reply please refer
to Docket LA-326

Dear Mrs. Komerio:

Your application for a Government loan under provisions of the Defense Production Act of 1950 has been reviewed by the Lead-Zinc Branch of the Defense Minerals Administration. Before your application can be considered further, certain additional information is required.

Enclosed are five copies of R.F.C. form 146, Application for Government Loan, and a supplemental questionnaire. Please supply the data requested and return four of the R.F.C. form 146 schedules and the completed supplemental questionnaire to Mr. James Boyd, Administrator, Defense Minerals Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C. A prompt return of these forms will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

OTTO HERRES

OTTO HERRES, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch
Defense Minerals Administration

Enclosures 5

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copy to: Chief, Lead-Zinc Branch
Geological Survey - McKnight
C. W. Merrill
S. H. Williston
J. H. Hedges
R. H. Note
2 copies to Executive Officer,
Regional Field Team, Region II
Base Metals Files
Files

Re-Sketch 326 X
Hope v. Pullman
Butte, Mont.

U. S. Dept. of Interior
Defense Minerals Adm. Rg III.
U. S. Bureau of Mines
South 157 Howard St.
Spokane. Wash.

My dear Mr Weisenbarn.

Am enclosing four copies of Form MF 100 and three copies of MF 103 - one copy of [illegible] Form sent to [illegible] in Washington D.C. with [illegible] one MF 200. - one MF 201 and one MF 202 -

In regard to [illegible] Contr. I believe you have [illegible] Thus I [illegible] comments.

Thanking you for all [illegible]

Cordially Yours, [illegible]

Robert F. [illegible]

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HELENA, MONTANA

November 30, 1949

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
P. O. Box 206
Boulder, Montana

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

I note with much pleasure that you have opened a checking account with the Union Bank and Trust Company, and in thanking you for your patronage, I wish to assure you that everybody connected with the Union Bank will always be pleased to serve you in the most courteous and efficient manner.

It may be well to add that if through our experience, facilities or advice we can be of assistance to you in connection with any financial matter, we shall be glad to have you consult us.

Yours very truly

President

ATH/jc

Docket 326 X

Is Alberta an individual, a Company or what?

(OK.) Is it all right to erase the data on the Subcontract Agreement?

(No) Is the contract be sent to Alberta Romero for signature first or to Spokane.

Is Alberta Romero's plan of paying her half of costs OK?

Wrote Alberta Romero 9/18/51 asking if she is applying as an individual or are there others in contract with her. [This must then be added after the name on contract as (an individual); (Partner) etc.]

"Legal" says it is O.K. to erase + change the data on the Subcontract Agreement. This has not been done.

A letter must be written to Alberta Romero and accordingly the price she paid for the equipment listed on Exhibit "A" on to be (Furnished by Grantee with attorneys send) This Exhibit "A" was not made by H.L.G. In fact Exhibit "A" must be completely re-written.