UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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GOVERNMENT'S COPY

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

To: Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation

Room 307

507 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Operator under Exploration Project Contract I-dm-E 206, Docket No. DMA- 1761X, Dated November 6, 1951
~~Yancey County, North Carolina~~

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: 1/

~~(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.

~~(c) In the opinion of the Government, operations up to the time of this 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 receipt of this notice, as provided in said contract, you are required to dispose of any remaining materials, supplies, facilities, buildings, fixtures, equipment, or other items, in which the Government has an interest, for the joint account of yourself and the Government; and to render to the Government a full and final accounting of your operations under the Contract and of your expenditures of money on account thereof.

Any work prosecuted or costs incurred by you after the receipt of this notice shall be for your sole account, except for (a) such necessary and reasonable costs and expenses as may be incurred in preserving and disposing of any facilities, buildings, fixtures,

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1/ Strike out any grounds not applicable.

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.

Dated this 30 day of July, 1952

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By Robert A. Lawrence

(Operator)

By

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MF-200
(June 1951)

Docket No. DMA 1761 X
Commodity Strategic Mica

Idm-E206

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION

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EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT [1]

It is agreed this 6th day of November, 1951, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Administration, hereinafter called the "Government," and [2]
Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation
A North Carolina Corporation
c/o Room 307
507 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
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 North Carolina, County of Yancey described as follows: [3]
A part, as described in Annex I attached, of the Peterson Tract recorded in Deeds Book 80, pages 47-49, Yancey County, North Carolina

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 subject only to the following claims, liens, or encumbrances as to each of which the subordination agreement of the holder is attached: None

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

3. *Exploration project.* The Operator, within 60 days from the date of this contract shall commence work on a project of exploration for [5] Strategic Mica; 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] 5 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.
Name of mineral.
Not in excess of 2 years.

7. *Title to and disposition of property.* All facilities, buildings, fixtures, equipment, or 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 90 percent of the approved costs incurred; *Provided,* That the aggregate total of all sums paid by the Government under this agreement shall not exceed $2,709.00, which is 90 percent of the agreed estimated total cost of this project, $3,010.00.

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.

Non-Metallic Minerals, Corp
(Operator)

By Howard Dunphell
Pres.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By Frank E. Johnson
Acting Director, Production Expansion Division
Defense Minerals Administration

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Exhibit "A" Exploration Project:

This project is to explore the White Face Mica deposit by driving 75 feet of drift and 25 feet of crosscut as shown on the attached map.

Estimated cost of exploration

Preparation of site for portal of drift	$ 300.00
Drift and crosscut, 100 feet at $27.10 per foot	2,710.00 *
Total	$3,010.00

*Per foot cost estimate includes labor, supervision, pipe, air, water, tools, and all operating expenses. The drift and crosscut are to be five feet wide by seven feet high, within practical limits.

Fixtures and improvements

No additional facilities, buildings, or fixtures are needed, and none are to be charged against the cost of the project.

Equipment:

To be rented:

3 Days -	Bulldozer, including operator repairs, fuel, and oil at $100 per day	$ 300.00
2 Months -	Air compressor, jackhammer, hoses, and drill steel @ $250. per month	500.00
	Total	$ 800.00

To be purchased:

None

To be furnished by Operator:

None

Labor and supervision:

Number	Classification	Hourly Rate
1.	Miner - Foreman	$ 1.25
2.	Muckers	.85

Rehabilitation and Repairs:

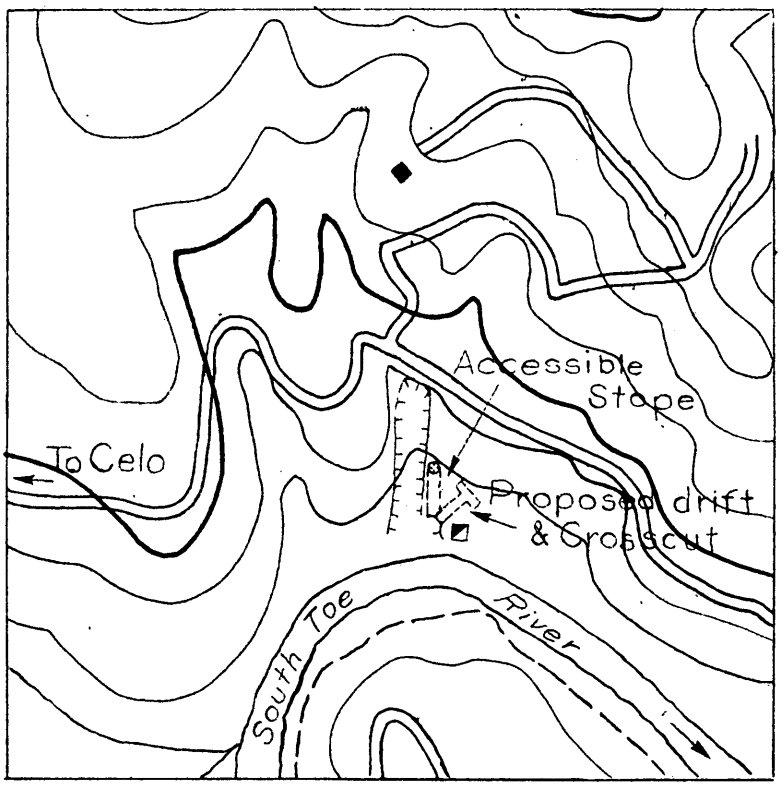
None

ANNEX I

Description of area to be explored.

Beginning on a stake on the South side of the State Road from Celo to South Toe River, thence South ten degrees West 350 feet to South Toe River, thence up and with the meanders of the South Toe River to a stake in the Theo. Westall line (west line of Peterson tract), thence northerly direction with said line to a stake Theo. Westall et al's corner, thence with the Northwest line of the Peterson tract to a stake on the South side of the State Road, thence East with said road to the beginning: containing 8 acres more or less.

The above described area constitutes a part of the Peterson Tract.



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Proposed Prospecting at the
White Face Mine Docket 1761 X

Open Cut

Proposed Underground
drift and Crosscut

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

DO NOT FILL IN THIS BLOCK

Docket No. dma 1761 X

Date received 6-29-51

Participation

Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation
Micaville
North Carolina

Mailing address: care Room 307
507 - 5th Ave., New York City

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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LANDON F. STROBEL
Executive Secretary
Date 6/29.1951

Name and address of applicant

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Date of application June 29, 1951

Estimated cost $11,000.00

Mineral or metal Sheet Mica

Percentage of Government participation 90%

Location of mine Bailey Mountain Tract
South Toe Township
Yancey County, N.C.

Date of filing MF-100

DMA Docket Number, if available

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.

Non-Metallics Minerals Corporation

By W. Howard Simpson
(Signature of authorized official)

June 29, 1951
(Date)

W. Howard Simpson
President
(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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APPLICATION FORMATION OF FORM MF-103 BY NON METALLIC MINERALS CORPORATION.

1. Corporation. Organized in 1937 under North Carolina Law.
2. No answer required.
3. W. Howard Simpson, Pres., 507 - 5th Ave., New York, N.Y.: James K. Mayberry, Vice Pres., Spruce Pine, North Carolina: Walter S. Simpson, Vice Pres. care 800 South Peters Street, New Orleans, La., I. Vernon Weisbrod, Secretary, 11 Park Place, New York City., J. Parker Thompson, Treasurer, 507 -5th Ave New York City. The above are the five largest stockholders.

4. W. Howard Simpson - Mechanical Engineer, 25 years experience in mechanical equipment, material handling, design of production line set-ups
James K. Mayberry - Mechanical Engineer, 15 years experience in Mica Mining and equipment installations.
Walter S. Simpson, Mechanical Engineer, 20 years experience in Designing and Selling Production Equipment.
I. Vernon Weisbrod _ Attorney. 30 years Legal Secretary for William Church Osborne 20 Exchange Place, New York City.
J. Parker Thompson - 40 years experience as Business Executive, presently President, J. Parker Thompson Co., Inc., 507 - 5th Ave, New York City, Power Equipment Dealers and Distributors.

5. Owner of Mineral Rights in fee.

6. 1950 County Taxes, $116.60. 1950 State Franchise Tax $16.50.

7. Owner.

8. No current financial statements Corporation has never been active. No debts other than taxes as in #6. Purchase of 100% stock interest from former owners plus expenses, plus recent geological survey show investment by five (5) stockholders (No. 3,) in excess of $30,000. $1100. in cash or verified equipment cost pledged by officers when as and if this loan application is granted.

9. $1100.

10.A Tract to be explored is located approximately one mile East of North Carolina State Highway #80 from Celo, North Carolina, bounded on the South by State Maintained gravel road kept snow-free year-round since used for school buses. One mine known locally as both Frog Eye and White Face was operated 1917 to 1919 by J. E. Burleson and spasmodically during early thirtees to 1934. Most of work has been done by hand with very little machinery used. Production 1917-1919 said to have been substantial but no complete records available. Several Mica veins visableon abandoned face approximately 65 feet from opening and inspected by Simpson and Mayberry. Other evidences of Mica veins evident in immediate vicinity.

B. Beginning on a stake on the South side of the State Road from Celo to South Tow River, thence South ten degrees West 350' to South Tow River, thence up and with the meanders of the South Tow River to a stake in the Theo Westall Line (West Line of Peterson tract), thence northerly direction with said line to a stake Theo Westall etals corner, thence with the Northwest Line of the Peterson tract to a stake on the South side of the State Road, thence East with said road to the beginning: containing 8 acres more or less.

11. Peterson property of Bailey Mountain Tract for over 40 years.

12. One mile from paived highway #80. 7 miles from Bernsville, N.C. 16 miles from Spruce Pine, N.C. ~~[illegible]~~ LATERAL TWO on paved highway 19 E and are rail points.

13. South Tow River Minimum depth 30" minimum width 75 ft. Gasoline driven equipment approximately 125 H.P. Electric power from Carolina Power Co. lines available within 500 yards. Power cost 1¢ per K.W.

14. None available.

15. Mica blocks and books shipped by truck to contract Sheeters or sheeted on property by erecting shed and employing available local labor.

16.-A. The mine to be initially opened was originally worked in 1917 to 1919 by J. E. Burleson for Mica supply for World War 1. Working discontinued 1919 due condition and prices in Mica market. Worked by various lessees spasmodically until 1934 by hand operations. Acquired 1937 by present corporation and due litigation and Corporation dissension among Stockholders only, property was not developed. Present ownership has settled all differences and obligations since coming into 100% ownership in early 1950.

B. Several small openings on this above described property have been made and show excellent potentials. The Black Dixie Mine approximately quarter mile North and which has been a very prolific producer almost continuously for over 25 years is believed to be on the same trend and strike as the openings which we propose to EXPLORE.

C. Investigations by W. H. Simpson and J. K. Mayberry by talks with men living in the vicinity who have actually worked as Miners on the White Face Mine under Burleson and others show PROBABILITIES of rich production. Simpson and Mayberry have further "crawled" close to the Face and have witnessed evidences of actual Mica veins.

17. Not in production.

18.-A. Not possible to predict at this time but J. E. Burleson, Owner and Operator of Poll Hill, Giles, Mary Gouge, Hinson Creek and George's Fork Mines and others has been quoted by several people as stating in 1918 that he considered White Face Mine as one of his best potentials.

B. Rough sketch attached.

C. Not possible to determine at this time.

19. The Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation owns property immediately North of and South across South Tow River to the above described plot and could and would add to the 8 acres tract proposed for exploration should trends or evidences justify.

20. Sheet and Punch Mica.

21. Clean out, De water, partially Shore, lay rails for Mine car after leveling tunnel and preparing face for operation. Estimated time to begin operations for production after arrival of equipment including erection of storage and protection sheds on basis of 5-8 hour days per week is 8 weeks. Two, or possibly three shifts per day may be used if considered advisable. Labor experienced in Mine Operations is readily available and sufficient crew for at least two shifts per day have expressed a desire to work for and with Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation.

22. Previous workings, paid geological reports by such authorities as E. Maltvy Shipp and H. J. Bryson and Government Pamphlet entitled "Mica in the Spruce Pine Area" published, we believe, in 1941 by the Bureau of Mines with production statistics and maps show Bailey Mountain Tract as past and potentially valuable source of Sheet and Punch Mica of a very excellent grade.

23.-A. 2 Muckers at 85¢ per hour.
1 Jack Hammer Operator at $1.25 per hour.
1 Hoist Operator at $1.00 per hour.

B. 1 Foreman $50.00 per week.
1 General Superintendent at $60.00 per week.
Total A & B for 8 weeks period ..... $ 2144.00

C. - - none

D.	1 Compressor and Tool House	-	300.00
	1 Hoist House	-	200.00
	1 Dynamite Magazine	-	150.00
	1 Cap Magazine	-	100.00
E.	1 - 105 cubic feet Portable Gasoline Drive Air Compressor	-	3150.00
	1 Jack Hammer Rock Drill	- (Rebuilt) -	250.00 1000.00
	1 Double Drum Gasoline Driven Hoist 25 HP	-	205.00
	1 Gasoline Driven Sump Pump	- -	80.00
	500 feet 1/2" Wire Hoisting Rope	- -	150.00)
	1 Mine Car)	-	)
	400 feet 12½# Rail	- -	75.00
	300 feet 1¼" Pipe for Air Line	- -	72.00
	4 - 8" Wire Rope Blocks for 1/2" Rope	- -	48.00
	300 feet 1" Drill Steel	- -	20.00
	18 Drill Bits	- -	72.00
	100 feet 3/4" Air Hose and Couplings	- -	
	100# Rail Spikes	-	)
	Miscellaneous Pipe Fittings	-	150.00)
	24 Wire Rope Clamps	-	)
	Picks, Forks and Shovels and Tools (pipe wrenches, etc.)	-	)
	Hammers, Forge, Anvil, Tongs, etc.	-	
			$ 8266.00

		Balance brought fowd.		$8266.00
23-E Cont'd.	Dynamite, Caps, & Box	-	-	350.00
F.	No rental equipment available as yet but some may be discovered.			
G.	None.			
H.		-	-	500.00
I.	Power (Gaseline)	-	-	480.00
	Working Capital and Contingencies		-	1404.00
				$ 11,000.00

NOTE: We believe that a rebuilt Compressor can be had for $2000, thereby adding $1150. toward working capital.
If additional monies are required to thoroughly prospect the White Face Mine the five Officers and Major Stockholders have pledged an amount additional up to $3900.00.

24. A time schedule is difficult to project since weather and materials availability could play a very important part; but under present circumstances of supply we sincerely feel all required equipment and materials would be on the ground within four to a maximum of six weeks after availability of money and complete exploration and most probably substantial production attained within eight weeks thereafter.

Certification

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

Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation
(Name of Company)

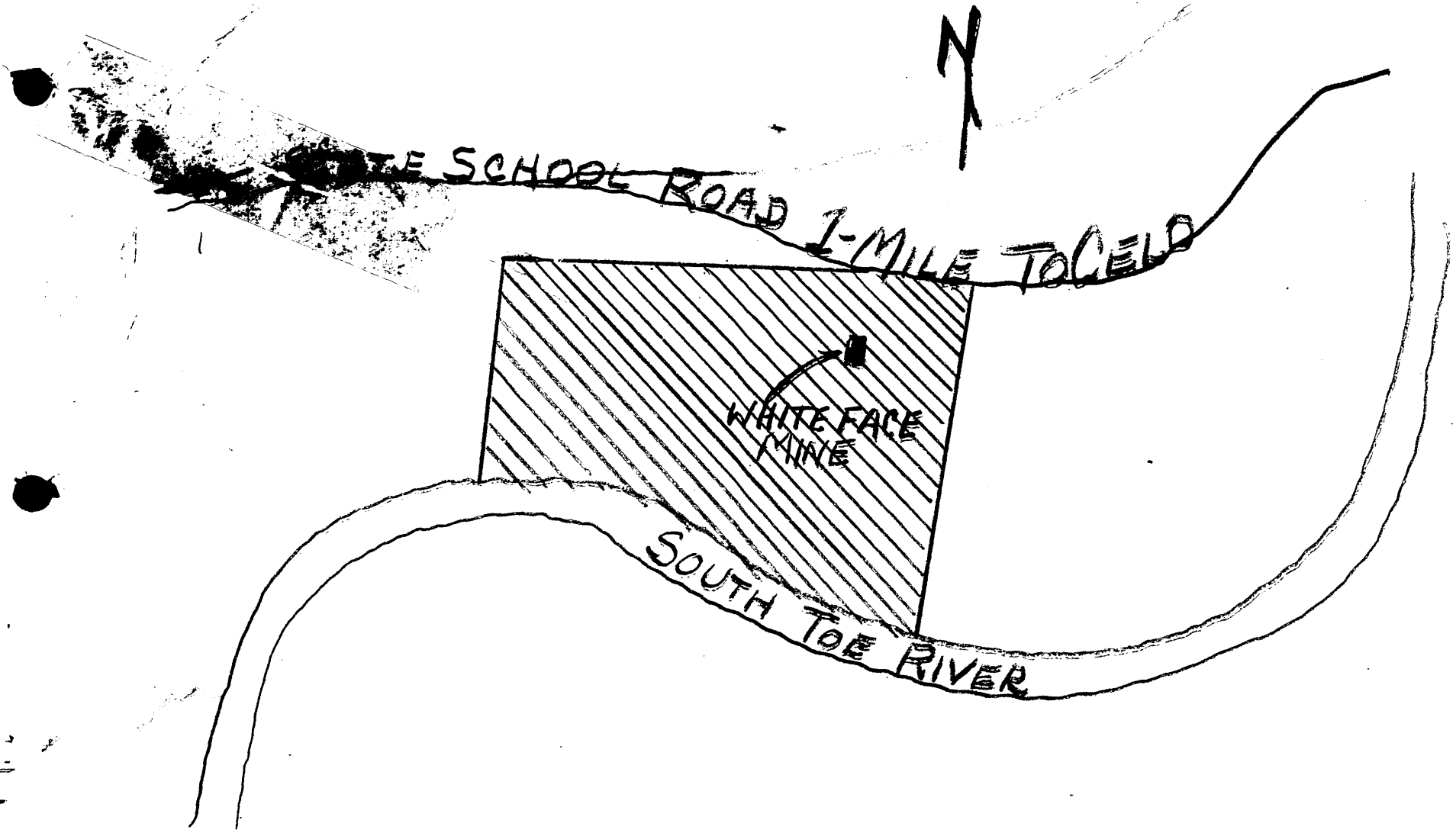
June 29, 1951
(Date)

By W. Howard Simpson
(Signature of Authorized Official)
President
(Title)

J. Parker Thompson

Treasurer
(Title)

AREA SKETCH FOR SHEET MICA EXPLORATION
BY
NON-METALLIC MINERALS CORPORATION



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
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Mr. Howard Simpson, President
Non-Metallic Minerals Corp.
P. O. Box 39
Burnsville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-1761 - Mica
White Face Mine
Yancey County, North Carolina
Contract No. Idm-E206

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Reference is made to your letter of December 18, 1953, requesting reinstatement of terminated Contract No. Idm-E206, Docket No. DMEA-1761, for exploration assistance on the White Face Mine in Yancey County, North Carolina.

Inasmuch as you failed to prosecute operations pursuant to the terms of the contract and your contract was formally terminated, it will not be possible to reinstate the contract.

A new application will be required to reopen this case. The new Government participation rate of 75% will apply to the new application and the applicant should indicate acceptance of this rate. The applicant should refer to Docket No. DMEA-1761 in making the application and should send a sample of the mica to the Spruce Pine Mica Depot for evaluation as to strategic value requesting Mr. W. S. Flynt to supply this office with a copy of his findings.

In the event the Yancey Mica Mines, Inc. obtain a sufficient interest in the land for contractual purposes, they may apply for exploration assistance directly.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Mr. Dietrich, 3526
Mr. Larrabee, G-232 GSA Bldg.
Mr. Houk

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
~~WASHINGTON 25, D. C.~~
ROOM 13, POST OFFICE BLDG.
KNOXVILLE 2, TENN.

December 23, 1953

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, D M E A - Washington

From: Executive Officer, D M E A - Region 7 - Knoxville, Tennessee

Subject: DMEA-1761, Non-Metallic Minerals Corp. White Face Mine, Yancey County, North Carolina

I have received from Mr. W. Howard Simpson of Burnsville, N. C., a copy of his letter of December 18 to the Washington office, attention Mica Division.

I would like to review the history of this application:

August 15, 1951.	Field examination report recommending approval.
November 6, 1951,	Contract signed.
November 7, 1951.	Contract sent to Operator
December 1951.	Operator spent about 30 minutes cleaning brush from a trail.
January 4, 1952.	Joe Mayberry, Operator's local representative told A. L. Peyton that he had been unable to begin work because his wife was expecting a baby; work would begin immediately after the blessed event. It was decided and agreed to by the Field Team that the trail-cleaning done in December would staisfy the requirement of Article 3 to start in 30 days, and an amendment was not necessary. This was the Field Team's last contact with the Operator.
January 24, 1952.	Mine visited by Laurence, Norton and Teague. No activity at the site.
March 14, 1952	Mica purchase program announced. This was the first public notice that non-ruby mica was not acceptable.
April 6, 1952.	Date established for completion of the work. No request from Operator for an extension.
April 24, 1952	Mine visited by A. L. Peyton. Still no activity.

May 13, 1952. Operator notified that expiration date was passed, and contract was considered terminated. No reply received.

June 3, 1952. "Mutual Agreement" termination forms sent to the Operator for signature. Forms were not returned and no reply received.

July 24, 1952. Letter from Acting Administrator advised sending notice of termination for "failure to prosecute operations pursuant to the terms of the contract."

July 30, 1952 Termination notice sent to Operator. No acknowledgement or reply received.

For some reason the Operator lost interest in this project. I doubt that the fact the mica is non-ruby had anything to do with it. The Operator's local representative, Joe Mayberry, has a reputation for unreliability, and we would prefer not to enter into a contract which would place him in charge of operations.

The Operator is not an active producer, so far as we know. Our previous experience does not inspire confidence in their ability to carry out an exploration contract.

The recommendations made in the 1951 examination report are still approved by the Field Team, and as non-ruby mica is now considered strategic, we would recommend the same project, without re-examination, if carried out by a competent Operator. We have had so many headaches with incompetent operators , that we hope to avoid as many of that kind as possible in the future.

If, as Mr. Simpson suggests, the mine is leased to Yancey Mica Mines, Inc., or any other competent operator, the Field Team would recommend approval of a contract for 100 feet of drift and/or crosscut at a unit cost of $30 per foot.

Robert A. Laurence

Robert A. Laurence

NON-METALLIC MINERALS CORP.
XXXXXXXX. NORTH CAROLINA
BURNSVILLE,
P. O. Box 39

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Dec., 18, 1953

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Atten: Mica Division

Ref: File DMEA X1761

Gentlemen;

The above captioned company was granted "Exploration Project Contract I-dm-E 206, Docket No. DMEA - 1761, dated November 6, 1951." This was to cover work on the long dormant White Face Mica Mine, on the property of the above Company in Yancey County N. Car.

Subsequent to the issuance of this GRANT, but prior to the activation of the Mica Program, we were advised that, under the program, only RUBY MICA would be bought and that White Face was classified as Rum Mica. Consequently very little actual work or monies were expended on this project and no claim was submitted to you for recovery under the "grant".

With the recent change in the Miac Program permitting the purchase of "Non-Ruby Mica", samples of White Face Mica were submitted by the writer to the Spruce Pine Buying Office of the DMA and approved unofficially as being acceptable under the revised program.

We would therefore like to apply for a reinstatement of this "grant" in order to put the mine into production again, either under our own operation or thru Lease or Assignment to the Yancey Mica Mines Inc., operators of the famous "Cat Tail Mine".

Will you please advise us the quickest and most direct way to start operations and to comply with your regulations for Exploration Loan. We believe Mr. Teague, who inspected this prospect prior to your making the origional "grant" will remmeber the details of this mine, and we can and will make any neccessary affadavit to the effect that nothing has been done to change the nature or value of this prospect since his origional inspection. If we can have the origional "grant" reinstated by the proper signing of such documents as you will send to us, could we make an assignment of same to the Yancey Mica Mines Inc., without additional loss of time, or could reinstatement be made immediately in the name of the Yancey Mica Mines Inc., with us signing such documents as may be neccessary?

Thanking you in advance for your attention to the above, we are

Yours very truly,

Non Metallic Minerals Corp.

W. Howard Sampson, Pres.
Box 39 Burnsville, N. Car

Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region VII
Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-1761 - Idm-E206
" " DMEA-1914 - Idm-E191
" " DMEA-1929 - Idm-E198

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Reference is made to your memorandum to Operating Committee dated July 16 on termination of above mentioned contracts.

DMEA-1761 - Idm-E206

This docket should have been terminated by "Rescission of Exploration Project Contract by Agreement Before Work is Begun, Form 18262-3" but as the Operator has failed to sign and return "Mutual Agreement Termination, Form 18262-1", it is suggested that you send "Notice of Termination of Exploration Project Contract, Under the Terms of the Contract, Form 18262-2" using (b) as the applicable grounds.

DMEA-1914 - Idm-E191 and DMEA-1929 - Idm-E198

Send Operators "Notice of Termination Under Terms of the Contract, Form 18262-2" using (e) as the applicable grounds. Strike out Operator on page 2 of Form 18262-2 as the Operator's signature is unnecessary in this case.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON

Acting Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

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Mr. Chambers, 2612
Mr. Houk

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~

Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

July 16, 1952

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, D. M. E. A. Washington

From: Executive Officer, D. M. E. A. Region 7

Subject: Termination of Contracts by Mutual Agreement

The forms for mutual agreement to termination (18262-1) have been sent to the following Operators on the dates indicated:

DMEA-1761, Idm-E206	May 13, 1952
DMEA-1914, Idm-E191	May 15, 1952
DMEA-1929, Idm-E198	June 14, 1952
DMEA-1955, Idm-E244	June 14, 1952

No reply has been received from the first three. Signed form for DMEA-1955 was received on June 17 and has been forwarded to Washington office.

It appears probable that the other three forms will never be signed. Meanwhile we are considering the projects as terminated, on the basis of letters written to the Operators.

/s/ Robert A. Laurence

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Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region VII
Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 01, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-1761 - Mica
Non-Metallic Minerals Corp.
Exploration Project Contract
No. Idm-1206

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Reference is made to your letter of May 20, 1952, on the subject application.

The Legal Staff of the Washington Office feel it is imperative that contracts that are terminated should follow the prescribed legal procedure. You should, in all cases, attempt to terminate contracts by mutual agreement. A supply of the forms are enclosed herewith.

In the case of this particular contract, forms are provided captioned "Rescission of Exploration Project Contract by Agreement Before Work is Begun". A supply of "Termination of Exploration Project Contract by Agreement After Commencement but Before Completion of the Work" is also enclosed for your use together with "Notice of Termination of Exploration Project Contract, Under the Terms of the Contract, Before the Completion of the Work". These forms should be signed by you as Executive Officer of the Field Team. In the case of termination for cause, under certain circumstances, you may wish to have the Acting Administrator sign the "Notice of Termination". In such cases, prepare the termination notice and send seven copies to the Washington Office where they will be signed and distributed.

An additional supply of termination notices, together with instructions on their use, will be forwarded you in the very near future.

Copy to: Admin. Reading File
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Mr. Dietrich, 3526
Mr. Norton, G-232, GSA Bldg.
Mr. Houk

Sincerely yours,

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C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Acting Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
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Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

May 20, 1952

Mr. Frank E. Johnson
Chairman, Operating Committee
Defense Minerals Exploration Admin.
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: DMEA-1761- mica
Non-Metallic Minerals Corp.
No. Idn-5206

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Referring to your letter of May 19. We have already written the Operator informing him we consider the contract terminated, but have not received a reply. We did not think it was necessary to sign the termination forms when the contract period elapsed without any work being done, and with no request for extension from the Operator.

We still have not received a supply of mutual termination forms.

Yours very truly,

Robert A. Laurence

Robert A. Laurence,
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region VII

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MAY 19 1952

Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region VII
Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-1761 - Mica
Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation
Yancey County, North Carolina
Exploration Project Contract
No. Idm-E206

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Reference is made to the subject contract dated November 6, 1951, and to Article 3 which states the Operator will start work within 60 days.

Inasmuch as considerable time has elapsed since the starting date and no interim Field Reports, MF-104, or any other data relating to the contract has been received in this office, this Committee wishes to be informed whether or not this contract has been terminated by the Field Team because of nonperformance or whether an amendment has been written extending the time.

If the Operator does not desire to proceed with the contract, it is suggested that the contract be terminated by mutual agreement.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON

Chairman, Operating Committee
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

Approved:

J. H. Hedges
Member, Bureau of Mines

D. M. Lemmon
Member, Geological Survey

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UNITED STATES
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~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~

Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

May 14, 1952

Memorandum

To: Mr. Frank E. Johnson, Chairman, Operating Committee, DMEA

From: Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA, Region VII

Subject: DMEA-1761X, Idn-E206 (mica) Non-Metallic Minerals Corp.

The subject contract provided for completion of the project within 5 months of date of the contract, which would have April 6, 1952.

No work has been done on this project except brushing out a narrow foot trail from the county road. No request for an extension of time has been received from the Operator, nor have we received any communication from the Operator since January 4, 1952. A field examination was made on April 24, 1952.

Therefore, we are notifying the Operator of termination of the contract. We assume that no form MF-104 will be submitted by the Operator.

Robert A. Laurence
Robert A. Laurence

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Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

May 13, 1952

Mr. Howard Simpson, President
Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation
c/o Room 307
507 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-1761X
Exploration Project Contract
Idm-E206. White Face Mine

Dear Mr. Simpson:

The subject contract, dated November 6, 1951, provided for the operator to commence work within 60 days of date of contract and to bring the project to completion within a period of five (5) months from the date of contract. The project should have been completed on or before April 6, 1952.

On April 24, 1952 the DMEA Field Team visited the White Face Mine. On that date no work had been conducted on the project, except for the brushing out of a narrow foot trail from the country road to the point of the proposed work. Furthermore, this office has had no communication from the Non Metallic Minerals Corporation since January 4, 1952 concerning the project.

Since no work has been conducted on the project within the specified duration of the contract, the subject contract is hereby terminated. It will be necessary for you to file a new application should you desire Government assistance in the future for the subject mine.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region VII

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Contract Service Section
General Accounting Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMA-1761X
Exploration Project Contract
Idm-E206
Non-Metallic Minerals Corp.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for recording in your office in the original, signed copy of an Exploration Project Contract executed between the operator named in the above reference and the Government of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson
Acting Director
Production Expansion Division

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Mr. Howard Simpson, President
Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation
~~c/o Room 307~~
507 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Re: Docket No. DMA-1761
Exploration Project Contract
Idm-L206

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Please find herewith your copy of the Project exploration contract covering work to be done on the White Face mica prospect in North Carolina.

The forms MF-104 given you while in Washington on November 6th are to be used in presenting current costs incurred to the Regional Office for approval. The information service bulletin also given to you will assist in answering questions as to work under this contract after the effective date of November 6, 1951.

Advise Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer Region VII, Room 13 Post Office Building, Knoxville, Tennessee prior to starting work and communicate directly with Mr. Laurance concerning any future problems relative to this project.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON (for)

Acting Director
Production Expansion Division

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Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, Region VII
Room 13 Post Office Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Re: Docket No. DMA-1761A
Contract Idm-M206
Non-Metallic Minerals Corp.

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Enclosed for the use of your office is one copy of the contract covering the subject exploration project.

A copy for the Regional Finance Officer will be forwarded directly to him by the Washington Finance Division.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON (for)

Acting Director
Production Expansion Division

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Contract Service Section
General Accounting Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DM-17612
Exploration Project Contract
Idm-4206
Non-Metallic Minerals Corp.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for recording in your office in the original, signed copy of an Exploration Project Contract executed between the operator named in the above reference and the Government of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON

Acting Director
Production Expansion Division

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Mr. W. Howard Simpson, President
Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation
c/o Room 307
507 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Re: Docket No. DMA 1761X
Peterson Tract

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Please find herewith the original and five copies of a contract covering the approved exploration program for your Peterson Tract in North Carolina.

If the contract meets with your approval, please sign all copies of the contract and return them to this office as soon as possible so that the contracts may be signed for the Government, and assigned register number and effective date.

One copy will then be returned to you and the Regional Office of Defense Minerals Administration at Knoxville, Tennessee informed.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (fw) P.J. 10-18

C. O. Mittendorf, Director
Production Expansion Division

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

October 12, 1951

Memorandum

To: Director, Production Expansion Division

From: General Counsel

Subject: Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation exploration contract -- Docket No. DM-1761X

The proposed exploration contract in this case, submitted to us on October 9, 1951, is approved as to legal form and sufficiency for signature on behalf of the Government, subject to:

1. The change of the figure "24" in the second line of Exhibit "A" to "25" in order to be consistent with the total shown in the following table.

2. Proper signature on behalf of the applicant.

3. Proper dating prior to delivery.

Your file is returned herewith.

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J. L. Hofflund

J. L. Hofflund
General Counsel

Attachment
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W. HOWARD SIMPSON
507 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17

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MURRAY HILL 7-6547-8-9

October 3, 1951

United States Department of Interior,
Defense Minerals Administration,
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Director
Production Expansion Division

REFERENCE: Docket DMA 1761X

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of September 26th, above reference file, and your telephone call to the writer of September 14th, please accept our apology for not answering sooner.

Due to the absence of our Secretary, Mr. I. V. Weisbrod, on vacation and the writers absence from the city for the past 10 days, information requested was not sent to you.

In answer to question #10 subtitle B of the Form MF-103 - the recordation of the Deed to the Peterson Tract, of which the Tract for proposed exploration is a part, is in Book 80, Pages 47-49, recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for Yancey County, Burnsville, North Carolina, and was filed for record February 10, 1937.

We trust that this information will be sufficient and, if the writer can be of further assistance, or is needed with reference to our exploration loan application, he will be very happy to come to Washington at your request.

Thanking you for your courtesies and cooperation, we are

Very truly yours,

NON-METALLIC MINERALS CORPORATION

W. Howard Simpson

W. Howard Simpson, President

WHS:br

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

Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

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Production Expansion Division.

September 28, 1951

Memorandum

To: C. O. Mittendorf, Director
Production Expansion Division

From: Executive Officer, Field Team, Region VII

Subject: Contract Amendment, Docket No. DMA-1732X, F. A. Judson

Transmitted herewith are three copies of amendment of the above-designated exploration contract.

Amendment "A" provides for commencing work within a period of 60 days from the date of contract instead of 30 days, and completing within four months instead of three months.

Copies of the amendment are distributed as follows:

Transmitted herewith	3
Regional Director, USBM	1
Knoxville office files	2
Applicant	1

Robert A. Laurence
Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer
Field Team, Region VII

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September 26, 1951

Q.E.C.

~~Non-Metallic~~ Minerals Corp.
c/o Room 307
507 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Re: Docket DMA 1761X

Gentlemen:

An Exploration Contract for the above application lacks only the information requested of Mr. W. Howard Simpson by telephone on the 14th of September. When the numbers of the Deed Book and pages containing the recording of the Peterson Tract in the Yancey County Courthouse are received, the contract can be completed.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (J.H.) S.F. 9-27

C. O. Mittendorf, Director
Production Expansion Division

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Memorandum

To: Chief, Industrial Minerals Branch, DMA

From: Chief, Programming and Planning, DMA

Subject: DMA-1761X, Non Metallic Minerals Corporation
Micaville, N. C.
Commodity: Sheet Mica
Amount: 90% of $3,010 - $2,709.00

The prospective available supply of mica is far short of meeting defense requirements. Consequently, it is highly desirable that exploration for new domestic deposits be stimulated by any reasonable Government assistance to private interests. Any exploration project that holds promise of finding significant new reserves, merits consideration by Defense Minerals Administration.

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A. B. Parsons

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cc: Mr. Barr
Mr. Parsons
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Mr. Mittendorf
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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Director, Production Expansion Division
Defense Minerals Administration

FROM: Director, Supply Division
Defense Minerals Administration

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Contract Approval

Name of Applicant: Non Metallic Minerals Corporation
Micaville, N. C.

Mailing Address: c/o Room 307, 507 - Fifth Avenue
New York City

DMA No. 1761X

Commodity: Sheet Mica

Amount Requested: $ 11,000

Amount Approved: $ 3,010.00

Government Participation: 90% $ 2,709.00

Tom Lyon

DMA - 1761X

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That an exploration aid contract be granted in the amount of $3,010, Government participation 90% , in accordance to Exhibit "A" attached.

2. That operator be allowed 30 days from contract date to begin work under the contract.

RECAPITULATION OF PROJECT COSTS

Preparatory bulldozing	$300.00
100' Tunneling @ $27.10 per foot	2,710.00
Total	$3,010.00

EXHIBIT "A"

Work to be performed.

An approximately 5' x 7' drift will be driven a distance of 75' as shown on attached map; from this heading a similarly sized crosscut will be driven 10' into the hanging wall side and 15' into the footwall. Bulldozing will be necessary to prepare the tunnel site by removing an old dump, levelling ground space for the compressor, etc., and facing up for the tunnel entrance. Total allowable cost $3,010.00, time limit - three months.

Allowable cost breakdown

1 - Bulldozer rental, complete, 3 days @ $100		$300.00
Rental - compressor & accessories, 100' @ $5.00 per ft.		500.00
Transportation of compressor & tools	100' @ $1.50 per ft.	150.00
Supplies and incidentals 100' @	$4.50 per foot.	450.00
Supervision 100' @ $5.60 per ft.		560.00
Labor 100' @ $10.50 per ft.		1,050.00
Total . . . . . .100' @ $27.10 per ft		$2,710.00

Fixtures & Improvements

Not applicable.

Operating Equipment

1 Bulldozer, complete with operator, fuel, lubricants, repairs, etc., 3 days @ $100	$ 300.00
1 Portable compressor, jackhammer, air hose, drill steel, etc. , 2 months @ $250	500.00
Transportation, compressor etc., both ways	150.00
Purchase: Gasoline, oil, hand tools, wheelbarrows, etc.	450.00
	$1,400.00

Labor and Supervision

1 Working foreman @ $2.00 per hour	560.00
3 Miners @ $1.25 per hour	1,050.00

Rehabilitation and Repairs

Not applicable.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

August 29, 1951

Memorandum

To: Tom Lyon, Chairman, Coordinating Committee

From: Executive Officer

Subject: Non-Metallic Minerals Corp.
DMA-1761X, White Face Mine

Enclosed herewith are six copies of a map and supplementary information requested by Mr. Waskey recently.

Robert A. Laurence

Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer
Field Team, Region VII

Attachments

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Compressor and Accessories

Included in accessories are:

1 - Jackhammer

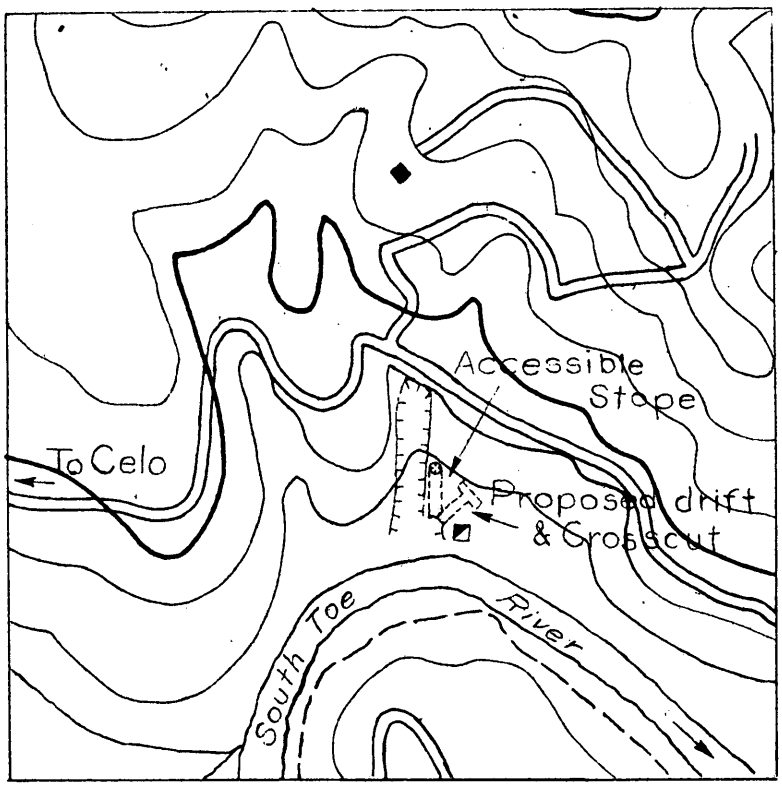
100-feet - air hose

Drill steel

Except for drill bits, all necessary drilling equipment are included in accessories.

Other Costs - Supplies and Incidentals

Included are gasoline for compressor, drill bits, 2 wheelborrows, picks, shovels, etc. No mine cars or rails will be required in the exploration.



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Proposed Prospecting at the
White Face Mine Docket 1761 X

Open Cut

Proposed Underground
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DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
REPORT OF EXAMINATION BY FIELD TEAM, REGION VII

DMA-1761X, White Pine Mine

Non-Metallic Minerals Corp.
Yancey County, N.C.

By

Kofton H. Teague, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

A. L. Peyton
U. S. Bureau of Mines

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Report of Field Team Examination on the White Face Mine
Non-Metallic Minerals Corp. Yancey County, N. C.
DMA -1761-X

This mine, known as the White Face Mine of the Bailey Mountain Tract, is located about one mile east of Celo, N.C., between the South Toe River and Bailey Mountain, In Yancey County, North Carolina. The tract upon which the loan application has been filed has an area of about eight acres.

Early history of mining on this tract is vague. Stewrett in Bullotin, 740, p. 276 , "Mica Deposits of the United States" gives some of the history prior to World War I; however, activities on the property since that date have not been recorded, although extensive. Considerable mica is reported to have been produced during and shortly after World War I, however, since that date the mine has been inactive.

At this place the biotite schist country rock has been extensively intruded and saturated by pegmatite and pegmatetic granite. Strikes and dips of the granitized biotite schist are variable, with a general strike of about N. 30° E and dips ranging from steeply S.E. to steeply N.W.

Mining at this place has been conducted over a distance of 150 to 200 yards extending southward from the country road to the South Toe River. The nature of the openings are unknown. Present surface evidence indicates that an open cut or a series of open cuts were made in the pegmatite or pegmatites, all of which are now caved. This part of the mining activity is now represented by a depression trending about N.20° E., with widths ranging between 20 and 40 feet and depths up to 20 feet. In addition to the open cut or cuts numerous drifts and shorter tunnels have been made from the cut as evidenced from dumps of unweathered pegmatite material.

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These openings are now caved. A 40-foot shaft sunk on the pegmatite near river level is reported to have been in good mica when work was discontinued because of water problems.

At present only one opening is accessible. This is an old stope in the pegmatite from a short drift located near the collar of the 40-foot shaft. This stope is about 50 feet long, inclined at about 25° S. and appears to be normal to the pegmatite trend, which at this place is east-west. The pegmatite is 3.5 feet thick at the bottom(at the drift) of the stope and six feet thick 35 feet up the incline. A tongue of granitized schist separates this pegmatite from one in the stope roof; however, the schist feathers out about 40 feet from the base of the stope and the two pegmatites merge.

The pegmatite as exposed is poorly zoned, with an 18-inch mica producing zone located along the hanging wall. Books of muscovite up to 10-inches across are fairly abundant in this zone. Some book mica also occurs adjacent to occasional schist inclusions. In addition to the muscovite, minerals present in the pegmatite include albite, microcline, and milky and smoky quartz. No quartz core as such is present, although occasional lenses up to 6 inches across occur scattered irregularily throughout the pegmatite.

Considerable sheet mica is reported to have been produced from this deposit. The mica is dark run in color , flat, hard, and splits well. Some cracks are present, but no "A" structure or spots were observed. Average size of books observed in the stope is perhaps 5 inches in diameter.

The pegmatite appears to dip at approximately the same angle as

as the slope of the hill, thus explaining the open cut. It is also probable that more than one pegmatite occurs.

The pegmatite has not been explored east of the open cut. The field team believes that it would be worth-while to explore the extension of the pegmatite in this direction by driving a drift eastward from the base of the accessible stope for a distance of about 75 feet following the pegmatite. In addition to the drift it is recommended that a cross-cut 25 feet long, normal to the direction of the drift, be driven from its heading - 10 feet of crosscut to be in hanging wall and 15 feet in footwall.

Estimated Costs as follows:

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	1 - Bulldozer & operator (contract) 3 days @ $100/day	$300
	1 - Compressor and accessories, 2 months @ $250/month	500
Labor:		
	1 - Working foreman @ $2/hour for 35 shifts	560
	3 - Miners @ $1.25/hour for 35 shifts	$1050
Other Costs:		
	Transportation of Compressor both ways	150
	Supplies and incidentals	150
	Estimated total cost	$ 3,010

Estimated time required 35 shifts

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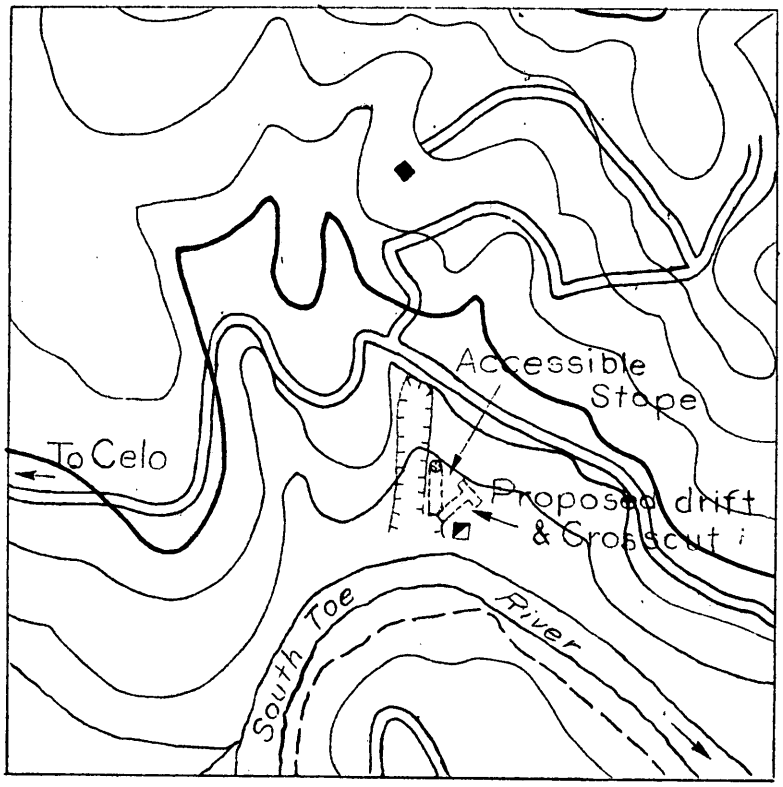

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Mr. J. Howard Simpson, President
Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation
c/o Room 307
507 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Subject: DMA-1761X, Mica

Your application is being referred to Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMA Field Team, Region VII, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville, Tennessee, for further information.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Lyon, Director
Supply Division

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cc: Reports and Records
Mr. Lyon
Mr. Barr
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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer
DMA Field Team, Region VII
Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. [illegible]

We attach "Review of Application for Exploration Assistance" on

Applicant Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation

Docket No. DMA-1761X

Commodity Sheet Mica

Amount $ 11,000

Please expedite the consideration of this application with particular reference to the points raised in the attached "Review".

Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon, Chairman
Coordinating Committee

Bureau of Mines

Bureau of Geological Survey

cc: Mr. Moon
Mr. Barr

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Defense Minerals Administration

Review of Application for Exploration Assistance

Docket No. DMA 1761X

Commodity Sheet Mica

Total Amount $11,000

Govt. Participation 90%

1. Name and Address of Applicant Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation

Micaville, North Carolina (Mailing Address: care Room 307, 507 5th Ave., New York City.

2. Location of Property Bailey Mountain Tract

South Toe Township, Yancey County, N. C.

3. Mineral or metal Sheet mica Is it listed in Section 9 of MO-5?

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

b) Poor

c) None

d) Don't know—needs field examination ✓

e) Is there an alternative and favorable project?
(If so, attach an explanation)

5. Is the applicant's right to the property clearly stated? Yes, owner
(question 5, 6, 7)*

6. If applicant is a lessee, is a copy of the lease attached? —

Does the lease have sufficient time to run to cover a future

productive period? —

*question numbers are those of MF-103

7. Are subordination agreements necessary? NO

a) MF-201? —

b) MF-202 —

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? NO

9. Does the experience of the applicant appear to be adequate to assure that he can properly conduct the proposed project? (question 4)* yes

Is a field check needed on this point? NO

10. Exhibit A. (questions 21 and 22)*

a) Is the project adequately described? yes

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? NO

c) Is the proposed work "exploration" under the definition of Section 8, MO-5? Most of work proposed is mining or preparation for mining.

If not, what part of it is? Field team should decide if any of work proposed qualifies or if not is an alternate work program in order, acceptable to Applicant and desireable.

Is this part a worthwhile exploration project? Field Team Decide

d) Are the cost estimates detailed? Not for Exploration

Can they be summarized, as on page 2 of Procedural Instruction 5-A, from the available data? No If so, attach a draft.

e) Are the cost estimates reasonable? Appear so

f) Should more information be requested from applicant? Yes

g) Is a field examination necessary to complete Exhibit A? Yes

11. Exhibit B (question 23-d)*

a) Is it applicable? Yes

b) If so, are sufficient data furnished? No If so, attach a draft.

c) Is a field check needed? Yes - Establish Needs

12. Exhibit C (question 23-e, f and g)*

a) Is it applicable? Yes

b) Sufficient data? No If so, attach a draft.

c) Are rents and charges reasonable? Appear so

d) Is a field check needed? Yes Establish Actual Needs

13. Exhibit D (question 23-a, b)*

a) Are there sufficient data? Yes

b) Is the schedule adequate for the work proposed? Yes

c) Is the schedule excessive for the work proposed? Yes -

d) Are the proposed wages and salaries reasonable? Yes

e) Is a field check needed? Yes - Why both a full time Foreman and Supt?

14. Exhibit E (question 23-c)*

a) Is it applicable? NO

b) Sufficient data? —

c) Reasonable? —

d) Field check needed? NO

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.

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? **Acquire all necessary geologic data.** If any Exploration is justified try to suggest a reasonable program acceptable to Applicant and furnish necessary data to support.

Note to Field Team: Applicant was in office several weeks ago and indicated willingness to revise program to qualify as Exploration

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Reviewed by: JMorton
JMcAdoo
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Date July 26, 1951

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

August 15, 1951

Memorandum

To: Tom Lyon, Chairman, Coordinating Committee

From: Field Team, Region VII

Subject: DMA-1761-X, Non-Metallic Minerals Corp.

Transmitted herewith are four copies of the Field Team's report and recommendations upon the White Face Mine, near Celo, Yancey County, North Carolina, of the Non-Metallic Minerals Corporation.

The Field Team believes that the subject mine justifies a limited amount of exploration and recommends approximately 100 feet of drifting and cross-cutting at an estimated cost of $3,010.00.

The original application and review are returned herewith.

Robert A. Laurence
Robert A. Laurence
U. S. Geological Survey

Wm. A. Beck
Wm. A. Beck for V. J. Lynch
U. S. Bureau of Mines

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August 7, 1951

Memorandum

To: Tom Lyon, Chairman, Coordinating Committee

From: Acting Executive Officer, Field Team, Region VII

Subject: DMA-1761-X, Non-Metallic Minerals Corp.

Receipt of the following application, August 6, is hereby acknowledged:

DMA-1761-X, Non-Metallic Minerals Corp.
Room 307
507 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Kefton H. Teague

Kefton H. Teague for R. A. Laurence
Field Team, Region VII

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