February 11, 1953

Memorandum

To: Chief, Operations Control and Statistics Division

From: Chief, Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Withdrawal - Docket No. DMA-2625 - Mica
L. A. Smathers
Cannic York Mine
Jackson County, North Carolina

A letter dated January 8, 1953, requesting a reply within thirty days has not been answered. The subject docket should, therefore, be closed as a withdrawal because the applicant has lost interest in the project.

If any further action is to be taken on this mine, a new application will be necessary.

Attachment (Docket No. DMA-2625)

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Memorandum February 11, 1953

To: L. G. Houk, Chief, Nonmetallic Minerals Division

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Final review - Docket No. DMEA-2625 - Mica
L. J. Smathers
Cannie Fork Mine, Jackson County, N. C.

Action recommended: Close docket

Conclusions: applicant has not answered letters or communicated with this office since his letter of July 21, 1952. Our "30-day letter", dated January 3, 1953, has not been answered.

Chronology:

7/14/52 Application received. This contained very little information other than a copy of a lease. An Owner's Consent to Lien signed by the applicant himself is included.

7/25/52 Acknowledgment of receipt of application including a request for a detailed estimate of the costs of the work by R. J. Adams.

7/28/52 USGS memo - Request applicant to answer the questions in the application.

7/30/52 Received reply to cost query suggests $940.00 to prepare the mine for examination and $7,550.00 for machinery for production.

7/31/52 USBM memo - Request applicant to supply more complete information.

9/4/52 Letter to applicant requesting more information about the mine, a sample of the mica, and a proper Owner's Consent to Lien.

1/3/53 Letter to applicant requesting reply to our letter of September 4, 1952, within 30 days or "docket will be closed".

1/10/53 Memo to Operations, Control, and Statistics Division, advising that docket is considered to be withdrawn by applicant because of lack of interest.

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S. A. Feitler
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Mr. L. O. Smathers
Horse Shoe
North Carolina

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2625 - Mica
Cannie Fork Mine
Jackson County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Smathers:

Reference is made to the subject application for exploration assistance at the Cannie Fork Mine.

Your application does not contain answers to the questions listed below which are also checked on the enclosed application form. Please answer the following questions:

Question	No.	3b
"	"	4a
"	"	4b
"	"	4c
"	"	5b
"	"	5d

You submitted four copies of Form MF-203, Owner's Consent to Lien, signed by yourself. This form should be signed by the owners, G. F. Woods and Betty Woods. Please submit six copies of the enclosed Owner's Consent to Lien signed by Mr. and Mrs. Woods. The book, page, and county of record will be adequate as a description of the property in the space provided near the top of this form. The maximum Government contribution is restricted by you to $1,800.00. It is suggested that this space be left blank until the amount required is determined.

If you need assistance in preparing this material, one of the U. S. Bureau of Mines engineers at Asheville, North Carolina, will be pleased to cooperate.

A one-fourth pound sample of mica from this deposit should be sent to Mr. W. S. Flynt, Purchasing Agent, General Services Administration, Spruce Pine, North Carolina, with a request that he send a report on the quality of the mica to this office.

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Mr. Houk
Field Team, Region VII
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Sincerely yours,

Signed

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2625 - Mica
L. O. Smathers
Cannie Fork Mine
Jackson County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

The letter acknowledging receipt of this application included a request for a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed project.

A copy of Mr. L. O. Smathers' prompt reply is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Non-Metallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

Enclosure

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Mr. Norton, G-232 GSA Bldg. with enclosure (Attention: Mr. P.L.Weis)
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 31, 1952

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-2625, Mica, Cannie Fork Mine,
Jackson County, North Carolina

It is suggested that applicant be requested to furnish further information, with reference to a more detailed plan of proposed exploration, map indicating geological features, and relevant questions not answered adequately in the application.

W. F. Dietrich

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

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2625 - Mica
L. O. Smathers
Cannie Fork Mine
Jackson County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

The letter acknowledging receipt of this application included a request for a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed project.

A copy of Mr. L. O. Smathers' prompt reply is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

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Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Non-Metallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

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Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2625 - Mica
L. J. Smathers
Cannie Fork Mine
Jackson County, North Carolina

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Sincerely yours,

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Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
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Horse Shoe, N. C.
July 28, 1952

United States Department of the Interior
Defense Minerals Exploration Admn.,
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: DMEA-2625

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter under date of July 25, 1952, and the following information is furnished as requested by your office:

1. DETAILED ESTIMATED COST OF PRELIMINARY WORK.

Bulldozer work for grading and excavation on existing mine land, approximately 20 hours @ 10.00	$200.00
Man labor for cleaning out and repairing existing shaft of approximately 20 feet- estimated 240 man hours @ 1.00 per hour: This will include a cut to the bottom of existing shaft for the purpose of draining the accumulation of water and debris which has collected over a period of 25 years in which this mine has not been worked.	240.00
Necessary explosives for opening up old shaft and also to assist in sinking new shaft for drainage. This will include cost of air compressor work in the event rock or extremely hard substance is encountered. Approximate cost	500.00
Total est. cost	940.00

The above preliminary work consist of getting this mine in shape only to the extent of determining the possibilities of installing machinery and going into active production, and for the purpose of inspection by qualified engineers to determine whether the quality of mica is such as to pay to proceed in further installation of equipment and operation of this mine.

2. DETAILED ESTIMATE OF INSTALLATION AND COST OF MACHINERY FOR PRODUCTION

In the event it is determined that this mine will produce an acceptable quality of mica, the following estimated cost of equipment and machinery is furnished:

Necessary machinery consisting of:

1 - Air Compressor - estimated cost	$3,500.00
1 - Jack Hammer - estimated cost	400.00
Air Hose, 100 feet, pipe 500 feet, incl. Nozzles and connections, estimated cost	200.00
Drill steel and cutting bits, est. cost	200.00
2 Drum Hoist for handling carts and raw materials, estimated cost	2,500.00
Miscellaneous small tools, est. cost	100.00
Installation of machinery, est. cost	400.00
Temporary Mica and Tool Buildings, est. cost.	250.00
Total estimated cost	$7,550.00

Transportation of workmen and miscellaneous travel and trips in connection with this undergoing project is included in above estimated costs.

Very truly yours,

L. O. SMATHERS (SGD)

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

G-MD-CNM

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

July 28, 1952

Memorandum

REVIEW OF APPLICATION DMEA-2625 (MICA)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: P. L. Weis, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant: L. O. Smathers.
Name of property: Cannie Fork Mine.
Location of property: Jackson County, North Carolina.
Estimated cost of project: Not listed.
Summary of applicant's proposal: Not listed.
Comments: The applicant has not answered all of the questions on form MF-103, hence the application cannot be properly evaluated.
RECOMMENDATION: Return the application to the applicant with a request to provide answers to the rest of the questions.

Paul L. Weis

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cc: Director's reading file 4212 USGS
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Norton G-230 USGS
Weis G-228 "

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A. A. RICE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA

July 21st, 1952.

Hon. L.C. SMITHERS,
Horse Shoe, North Carolina

Dear Sir:-

This is to certify that I have examined the title to that tract of land of G.F. Woods, and wife on Cannie Fork of Tuckaseigee River, in Jackson County North Carolina.

That this land is part of the Old Brown estate, and the ninety five (95) acres, was made by the Bworn heirs, which is now oed by G.F. Woods, and wife, and I find no incumbrance and title to be clear as a matter of records of Jackson County, North Carolina. Described in Map Book 1, page 127,

This the 21st, day of July 1952.

A. A. Rice.
Attorney at law

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MF-103
(Revised April 1952)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Form Approved.
Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.2.

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. DMEA-2625
Metal or Mineral
Date Received 7-24-52
Estimated Cost
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Name of applicant.*—(*a*) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address: L. O. Smothers, Horse Shoe North Carolina

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

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

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

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

3. *Applicant's property rights.*—(*a*) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract 95 acres, described in Book 118 at page 102, of the deed for Jackson County, North Carolina and in Map Book 1, at page 127, of the records of maps for Jackson County North Carolina for complete discription

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known. Cannie Fork Mine

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

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

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it

(*f*) If the land consists of unpatented claims, add to the description above, the book and page numbers for each recorded location notice.

4. *Physical description.*—(*a*) Describe in detail any mining or exploration operations which have been or now are being conducted upon the land, including existing mine workings and production facilities. State your interest, if any, in such operations. Also describe accessibility of mine workings for examination purposes.

(*b*) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades.

(*c*) Describe the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.), and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Send with your application (but not necessarily as a part of it) any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points. Near a good Road the Cannie Fork Highway

(*e*) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

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5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) State the mineral or minerals for which you wish to explore Mica

(*b*) Describe fully the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration work as related to such features as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc.

(*c*) The work will start within Day days and be completed within indefinite months from the date of an exploration project contract.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Money ☒ Use of equipment owned by you ☐ Other

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

CERTIFICATION

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

Dated July 21, 1 , 195

L O Smathers
(Applicant)

By

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

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Mr. [illegible]
Horace Kaye
North Carolina

[illegible]
Carole Park Nine
Johnston County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] Carole Park Nine, [illegible] County, North Carolina [illegible] September 9, 1952 requesting answers to certain questions [illegible] application (Form [illegible]) as well as [illegible] Department's Consent to Loan Signature by the owners.

[illegible] wish to cooperate [illegible] allowing adequate time for [illegible] the necessary loan application agreement but we feel [illegible] allowance. If we receive [illegible] from [illegible] 1953, we will assume that [illegible] application [illegible] will be closed.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

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