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FOSTON AND BRADLEY, CANTON, NORTH CAROLINA. Old Sharp Mine, Haywood County, North Carolina.

Letter to the Field forwarding a contract, signed by the Acting Administrator, for execution. Also forwarded to the Field are copies of memoranda from the Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey regarding the project. Approved for referral. 271 9/23/53

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FOSTON AND BRADLEY, CANTON, NORTH CAROLINA. Old Sharp Mine, Haywood County, North Carolina. 9/14/53 #267

Field Examination Report recommending approval. The report was referred to the Commodity Group.

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FOSTON AND BRADLEY, CANTON, NORTH CAROLINA. Old Sharp Mine, Haywood County, North Carolina. 7-17-53 No. 243

Letter to the Field requesting a review of the application, a field examination if necessary, and report and enclosing copies of memoranda from the Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey. Letter to the Applicant.

☑ Audited P.R. 4-26-54 WORK ANALYSIS SHEET - DMEA PROJECT ☐ Actual Cost

☐ Certified Analysis as of 12-3-54 Incl. Voucher for Mar. 1954 ☑ Agreed Unit Costs

Name E. L. Poston + Jim Bradley Docket No. 3087

State N. C. Commodity Mica Idm-E No. 610

OPERATION	AUTHORIZED Units	AUTHORIZED Cost	COMPLETED Units	COMPLETED Cost	NET COST
Drifting & Crosscutting	50'	$1,750.00	50'	$1,750.00	$1,750.00
Raising					
Shafts	30'	1,350.00	30'	1,350.00	1,350.00
Winzes					
Drilling (Specify)					
Surface Excavation		100		100	100
Underground Excavation					
Roads and Trails					
Operating Equipment Purchased					
Surface Rehabilitation & Repairs					
Underground Rehabilitation					
New Building, Improvements, etc.		70.00		70.00	70.00
Other (Specify)					
Totals		$3,270.00		$3,270.00	$3,270.00

Prepared by L. G. H.

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT DIVISION

REPORT OF REVIEW

I have reviewed the Monthly Reports of:

E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley
Route 2
Canton, North Carolina

pertaining to Exploration Project Contract No. Idm-E610, Docket No. DMEA-3087, including Amendment No. 1, for the months of November, 1953 to March, 1954, inclusive, covering a project for the exploration of mica on property, known as the Old Sharp Mine, located in Haywood County, North Carolina.

My review included an examination of the Monthly Reports (Forms MF-104) and supporting documents attached thereto, comparison of the costs claimed with the contract and pertinent schedules, verification of work performed by reference to reports of Field Team representatives, and a determination of the reasonableness and propriety of the costs.

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

all of the costs incurred were under a contract provision for payment by the Government on the basis of agreed estimated costs of units of work actually performed.

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

Total cost as billed by Contractor		$3,270.00
Exceptions:		
By DMEA Finance Officer	$ -0-	
Herewith	-0-	-0-
Total Accepted Cost		$3,270.00

The contract calls for a 90 percent participation of exploration expenses by the United States Government. Therefore, payment to the contractor by the Government in the amount of Two thousand nine hundred forty-three and no/100 Dollars,

$2,943.00

is considered valid and proper, provided that the Regional Executive Officer, the Administrator, or other competent official has accepted or will accept the project as having otherwise met the terms of the contract.

E. D. Talbert

E. D. Talbert, Auditor

April 26, 1954

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT
DMEA-3087-OLD SHARP MINE

AMENDMENT NO.1

Contract Docket No. DMEA-3087, Idm-E 610, dated September 24, 1953, between the United States of America and E. L.Poston and Jim Bradley, a partnership, Route 2, Canton, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 3 is amended to read.....;" and shall bring the project to completion within a period of eight (8) months from date of contract," instead of six months as written in original contract.

5-24-54

This amendment shall not be construed to increase the estimated total cost of the project, the aggregate total amount which the Government may be required to pay, nor the amount of any item designated as 'allowable maximum.'

By E. L. Poston
E. L. Poston, partner

By Jim Bradley
Jim Bradley, partner

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By: Wm A Beck
Wm. A. Beck, Acting
Executive Officer, DMEA, Reg. VII

March 23, 1954

MF-200 (A)
(February 1952)

DOCKET NO. DMEA 3037

COMMODITY Mica

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

IDM-E 610

EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT[1]

(Short Form)

IT IS AGREED this 24th day of September, 195 3 between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, hereinafter called the "Government," and[2] E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley (a partnership)
Route 2
Canton N C

hereinafter called the "Operator," as follows: and as set forth in Annexes I and II and Map No. 2 attached hereto and made a part hereof

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

ARTICLE 2. *Operator's property rights.*—With respect to the mineral rights in that certain land situated in the State of North Carolina, County of Haywood, described as follows:[3] set forth in Annex I and Map No 2 entitled Plat of Old Sharp Mine Tract, East Fork Township, Haywood County N C DMEA-3037.

the Operator represents and undertakes:[4]

(*a*) That the Operator is the 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 the Operator is a lessee in possession and entitled to possession, and the Operator's lease or licenses is attached.~~
The Operator shall devote the land and all existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances to the purposes of the exploration project without any allowance for the use, rental value, depreciation, depletion, or other cost of acquiring, owning, or holding possession thereof.

ARTICLE 3. *Exploration project.*—The Operator, within 60 days from the date of this contract shall commence work on a project of exploration for[5] mica

in or upon the described land; and shall bring the project to completion within a period of six (6) months from the date of this contract. The work to be performed is more fully described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which, with any maps or drawings thereto attached, are made a part of this contract. The Government will contribute to the cost of this work as hereafter provided. The work shall be performed by the Operator or by independent contractor or contractors efficiently, expertly, in a workmanlike manner, in accordance with good mining standards and State regulations for health and safety and for workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, with suitable and adequate equipment, materials, and labor, to bring the project to completion within the time fixed. The Government shall have the right to enter and observe and inspect the work at all reasonable times, and the Operator shall provide the Government with all available means for doing so. The Government may consult with and advise the Operator on all phases of the work.

ARTICLE 4. *Costs of the project.*—The agreed, estimated costs of performing the work, expressed in terms of units of work to be performed (per foot of drifting, per foot of drilling, per cubic yard of material to be moved, etc.) are set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto. The Government will pay 90 percent of these agreed, estimated costs, as they accrue, for units of work actually performed that conform with the description or specifications for the work set forth in this contract, in an aggregate total amount not in excess of $2,943.00, which is 90 percent of $3,270.00 the agreed, estimated total cost of the project in which the Government will participate: *Provided,* That until the Operator's final report and final accounting have been rendered to the Government and any final check or auditing required by the Government has been made, and a final settlement of the contract has been made, the Government may withhold from the last voucher or vouchers such sums as it sees fit not in excess of ten (10) percent of the maximum total which the Government might have been called upon to pay under the terms of the contract. The Government may, as it sees fit, make payments direct to the Operator's independent contractors, if any, for the account of the Operator, rather than to the Operator.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 9. *Changes and added provisions* _____

Executed in sextuplicate the day and year first above written.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

E. L. Poston

E. L. Poston ~~XXXXXX~~ Partner

Jim Bradley

Jim Bradley Partner

By Frank E. Johnson

ACTING Administrator, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

Robert Hoffman

Hoch Chamberlin

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

_____ [CORPORATE SEAL]

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EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT
E. L. POSTON and JIM BRADLEY, PARTNERS
DOCKET NO. DMEA-3087

ANNEX I

The property referred to in Article 2 is known as the Old Sharp Mine and consists of a rectangular tract of land, 20 acres more or less, situated within the farm owned by Jim Bradley, Haywood County, North Carolina and described by metes and bounds as follows:

> Beginning at the center of Jim Bradley's reservoir, which supplies water to his house, and running thence S. 45 degrees E. 900 feet to a stake; thence S. 45 degrees W. 1000 feet to a stake, thence N. 45 degrees W. 900 feet to a stake; thence N. 45 degrees E. 1000 feet to the point of beginning.

ANNEX [illegible]

The following provisions are in lieu of all of paragraph (a) of Article [illegible] which precedes the colon:

If the Government considers that a discovery or development from which production may be made has resulted from the exploration work, the Government, at any time not later than six months after a sufficient, complete, final report and final account referred to in the contract has been rendered, may so certify in writing to the Operator. Such certification shall describe broadly or indicate the nature of the discovery or development, The Operator, or his successor in interest, shall pay to the Government a royalty on all minerals mined or produced from the land described in Article 2, as follows: (1) Regardless of any certification of discovery or development, from the date of the contract until the lapse of the time within which the Government may make such certification of discovery or development, or until the total net amount contributed by the Government, without interest, is fully repaid, whichever occurs first, unless the Government waives its right to a royalty; or (2) if the Government makes a certification of discovery or development, for a period of ten years from the date of the contract, or until the total net amount contributed by the Government, without interest, is fully repaid, whichever occurs first. Said royalty shall be a percentage of the net smelter returns, the net concentrator returns, or other net amounts realized from the sale or other disposition of any such production (including any bonuses), in whatever form disposed of, including ore, concentrates, or metal, as follows:

EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT
E. L. POSTON and JIM BRADLEY, PARTNERS
DOCKET NO. DMEA-3087

EXHIBIT A

Description of the Work

Approximately as indicated on the attached Map No. 1 entitled "Sketch of Old Sharp Mine, Haywood Co., N C. - DMEA-3087 (Mica)", a timbered shaft shall be sunk to a depth of approximately 30 feet; and from the shaft at this depth, there shall be driven not to exceed an aggregate of 50 feet of drifts and/or crosscuts to explore the mica-pegmatite.

The shaft, and the drifts or crosscuts, shall be not less than 5 feet by 7 feet in cross section.

To facilitate the work the following shall be performed:

(1) The mine site shall be prepared by cleaning out an entrance to the existing open-cut, and cleaning out and leveling off an area for a shaft collar.

(2) Construct a powder magazine.

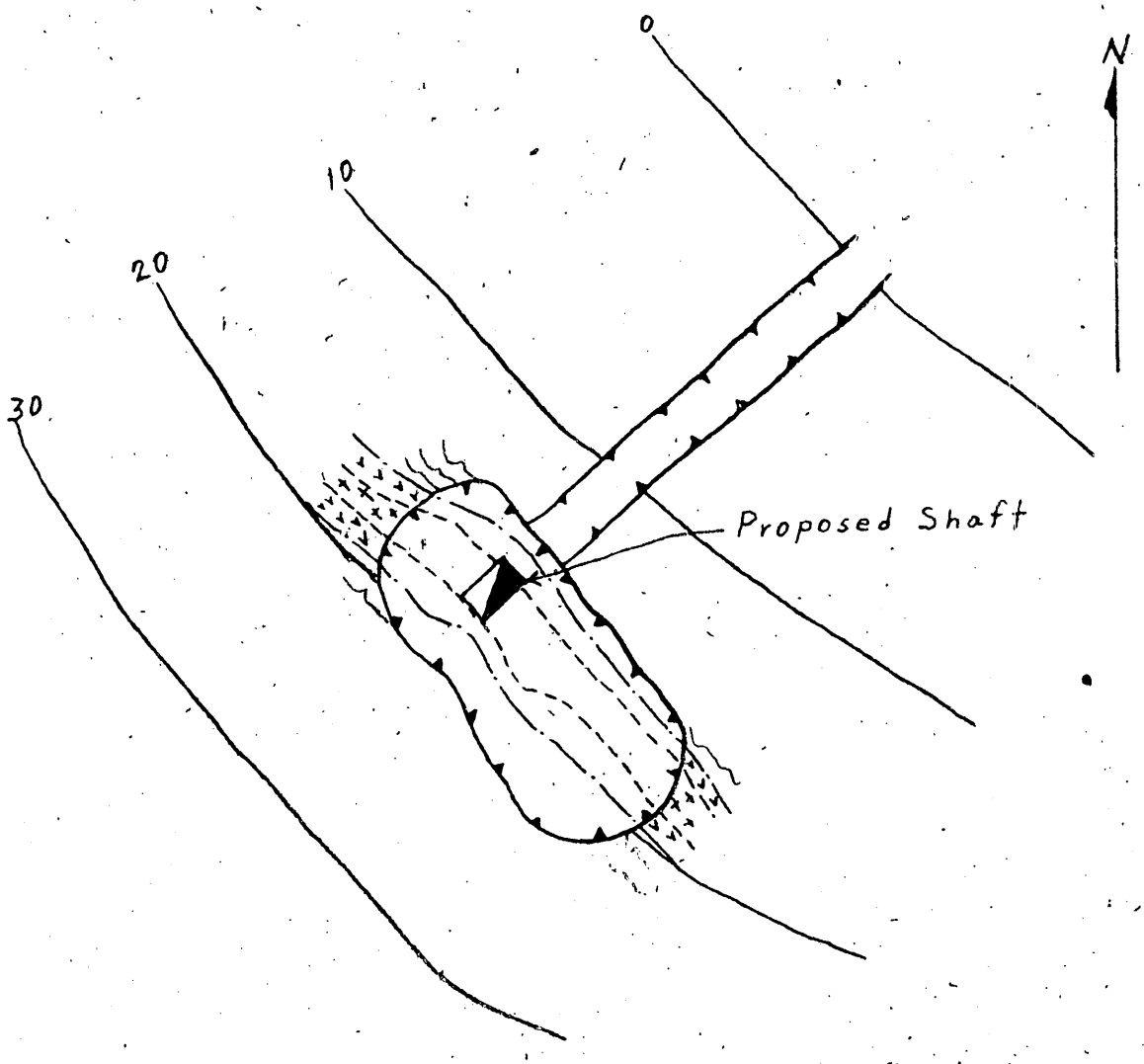
(3) Construct a cap magazine.

The location, direction and extent of all work shall be subject to the approval of the Government.

Agreed Unit Costs

30 feet of shaft sinking @ $45.00/ft.	$1,350.00
50 feet of drifts and/or crosscuts @ $35.00/ft.	1,750.00
Preparation of mine site 1/	100.00
1 - Powder magazine 1/	50.00
1 - Cap magazine 1/	20.00
Total Agreed Unit Costs	$3,270.00
Government Participation 90%	$2,943.00

1/ The completed work constitutes the unit.



MAP No. 1

Sketch of

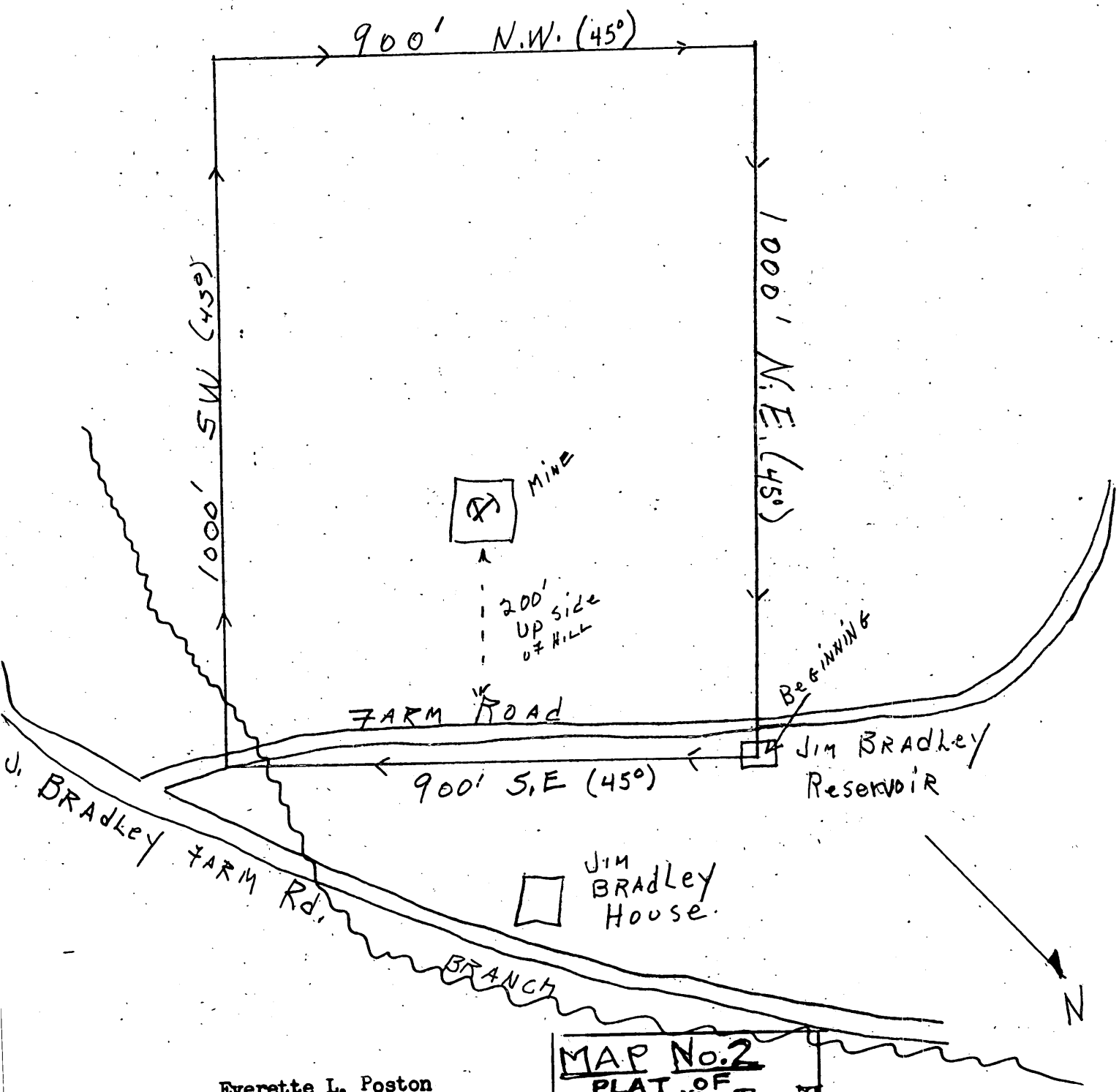
Old Sharp Mine

Haywood Co., N.C.

0 20' 40'

Scale

DMEA-3087 (mica)



MAP No. 2
PLAT OF
Old Sharp Mine Tract
East Fork Township,
Haywood County, N. C.

Everette L. Poston
and
Jim Bradley,

Route 2, Canton, N. C.
(Haywood County, N. C.)

SKETCH of location, showing description of property involved. See Item 3-(a) of Application for Mica Loan.

DMEA-3087

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

June 3, 1954

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-3087 (mica)

Contract Number: Idm-E 610

Applicant: E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley

Name and Location of Property: Old Sharp Mine
Haywood County, North Carolina

Date of Field Team Report: May 6, 1954

Date Rec'd. by Ceramic & Fertilizer Mtls. Br.: May 13, 1954

Field Team Recommendation:

1. No certification of discovery or development.

Comments:

1. Work on this project was in progress from November 5, 1953 to March 30, 1954.

2. Exploration was by sinking 30-foot shaft and drifting 23 feet.

3. Strategic mica was encountered in the first 8 feet of shaft and remainder of the mica was "burr mica." A total of $18.41 was obtained by selling some trimmed mica.

4. Expenditures -

Total approved	$3,370
Total cost	3,270
Gov't. share	2,943
Value	20

Recommendation:

I concur in the field team's recommendation to deny certification of discovery or development.

Signed

W. F. Dietrich

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Project Summary Report

: James Hopkins June 1, 1954

DMEA Docket No. 3087 - Mica
Contract No. Idm-M610
Old Sharp Mine
Haywood County, North Carolina

Operators: E. L. Peaton and Jim Bradley (Partnership)
Route 2
Canton, North Carolina

Operator's Property Rights: Owner
Old Sharp Tract, East Fork Township

2. Contract: dated September 24, 1953

Work authorized:

1.	Preparation of mine site	$ 100.00
2.	Construct powder magazine	50.00
3.	Construct cap magazine	20.00
4.	Shaft sinking 30 feet @ $45.00	1,350.00
5.	Drifting and/or crosscut 50 feet @ $35.00	1,750.00
	Total agreed unit cost	$3,270.00
	Government participation @ 90%	$2,943.00

Amendments:

No. 1 dated March 23, 1954, extends completion period from 6 to 8 months.

Work Completed:

1.	Preparation of mine site	$ 100.00
2.	Construct powder magazine	50.00
3.	Construct cap magazine	20.00
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Work began under the contract on November 5, 1953 and was completed on March 30, 1954. About 250 pounds of "mine-run" mica which yielded 3.31 pounds of trimmed mica and 20 pounds of punch valued at $18.41 was produced during the operation.

3. Audit: Report of Review dated April 26, 1954.

Total cost as billed by Contractor	$3,270.00
Exceptions	none
Total accepted cost	$3,270.00
Government participation @ 90%	$2,943.00

4. Certification: Certification of Discovery will not be issued. Reserves are negligible.

5. Comments:

This project was established to explore a pegmatite exposed in the old open cut workings of the Old Sharp Mine. The work consisted in sinking a shaft to a depth of 30 feet on the pegmatite. Drifts were driven from the 8-foot level and the 30-feet level.

A zoned pegmatite which thins rapidly with depth was exposed in the shaft and drifts at the shaft collar and at the 8-foot level the pegmatite is about 10 feet thick with a 5-foot core but at the 30-foot level it is only 2 1/2 feet thick with no quartz core.

Mica of strategic quality was obtained in the first 8 feet of the shaft and in the northwest drift of the 8-foot level. The remainder of the pegmatite explored contained only "burr mica."

The Field Team recommended that no certification of discovery should be issued nor is additional exploration warranted because only a small qualtity of strategic mica was discovered during the project.

The Commodity Divisions of the Geological Survey and Bureau of Mines concur in the recommendations.

JHopkins:ag 6/1/54

Copy to Admr. R. File
Mr. Houk

JUN - 4 1954

Messrs. H. L. Poston and
Jim Bradley
Route 2
Canton, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMMA-3087 - Mica
Old Sharp Mine
Haywood County, North Carolina
Contract No. 14m-M620

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to advise you that your performance of exploration work under the subject contract has been satisfactory to the Government, and the account relating thereto has been closed. The final audited and settled account shows:

Total claimed for units of work performed	$3,270.00
Total Government contribution at 90 percent	$2,943.00

Your attention is called to the provision of the contract which requires you to keep and preserve your records and accounts of this transaction for a period of three years for possible future reference.

We sincerely regret that the work performed did not result in a certification of discovery or development under the provisions of the exploration contract. In the absence of such certification, the Government retains no claim or lien against the property or any production therefrom.

The Government is grateful for your participation in the exploration program of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

JHopkins:ag 6/2/54
Copy to: Admr.R. File
Docket File
Field Team, Region VII
Mr. Dietrich, 3061
Mr. Larrabee, G-232 GSA Bldg.
Mr. Chambers
Mr. Houk

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

June 3, 1954

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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Recommendation:

I concur in the field team's recommendation to deny certification of discovery or development.

Signed

W. F. Dietrich

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~
Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

COPY

May 6, 1954

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee - D M E A - Washington

From: Field Team, D M E A - Region VII

Subject: Final Report, DMEA-3087, Idm-E 610 (mica) Old Sharp Mine, Haywood County, N. C. E. L. Poston & Jim Bradley, Operators

Enclosed are 4 copies each of the Operator's and Field Team final reports on the subject exploration contract.

As neither strategic nor non-strategic mica was discovered, we recommend that no certification of discovery should be issued.

/s/ Robert A. Laurence

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

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cc:
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Lynch
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Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
5-14-54
(date)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

FINAL REPORT BY FIELD TEAM
REGION VII

On

DMEA-3087, OLD SHARP MINE
(mica)
Haywood County, N. C.

By

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

Lawrence E. Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

Dewey H. Amos, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

May 4, 1954

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
5-14-54
(date)

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

FINAL REPORT BY FIELD TEAM
On
DMEA-3087, Idm-E 610, OLD SHARP MINE
(Mica)

Operator: E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley, Route #2, Canton, North Carolina

The Old Sharp Mine is located 1.5 airline miles southeast of Cruso, Haywood County, North Carolina.

Work completed under the contract consisted of preparation of a shaft site, construction of a powder and cap magazine, sinking of a 30-foot vertical shaft, and driving 50 feet of drift. As only a small quantity of strategic mica was discovered during the project, no certification of discovery should be issued nor is additional exploration warranted.

Work began under the contract on November 5, 1953 and was completed on March 30, 1954. A 30-foot vertical shaft was sunk on the pegmatite. From the shaft bottom a total of 23 feet of drift were driven, 16.5 feet in a S. 30° E. direction and 6.5 feet in a N. 30° W. direction. As the pegmatite was thin and contained no strategic mica at this level, the shaft was bottomed at 8 feet and 30 feet of drift was driven; 15 feet in an S. 25° E. direction, 8 feet S. 70° E. and 7 feet N. 70° W. This 8-foot level is measured from the down-hill side which is some 30 feet lower than the up-hill face.

A zoned pegmatite which thins rapidly with depth was exposed in the shaft and lateral work. It strikes N. 30° W. and dips steeply northeast and is conformable to the strike of the foliation of the country rock, biotite gneiss, but crosscuts the dip. At the shaft collar and at the 8-foot level the pegmatite is about 10 feet thick with a 5-foot quartz core but at the shaft bottom it is only 2 1/2 feet thick with no quartz core. It thins along the strike in both directions from the shaft bottom, being only about 1 foot thick in the headings of the drifts. The pegmatite consists of pertnite, quartz, muscovite, pyrite and chalcopyrite. Mica of strategic quality was obtained in the first 8 feet of the shaft and in the northwest drift of the 8-foot level. The remainder of the pegmatite explored contained only "burr mica."

About 250 pounds of "mine-run" mica which yielded 3.31 pounds of trimmed mica and 20 pounds of punch was recovered during the project. The trimmed mica was sold to the Spruce Pine Mica depot for $18.41.

Reserves are negligible.

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Expenditures:

(a)	Total approved	$3,370.00
(b)	Total cost of project	3,270.00
(c)	Government's share of cost	2,943.00
(d)	Government's share unexpended	None
(e)	Value of production during opr. about	20.00

The work was conducted in an efficient and satisfactory manner. No equipment was purchased under the contract.

K. H. Teague and D. H. Amos, Geologists
U. S. Geological Survey

L. E. Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

May 4, 1954

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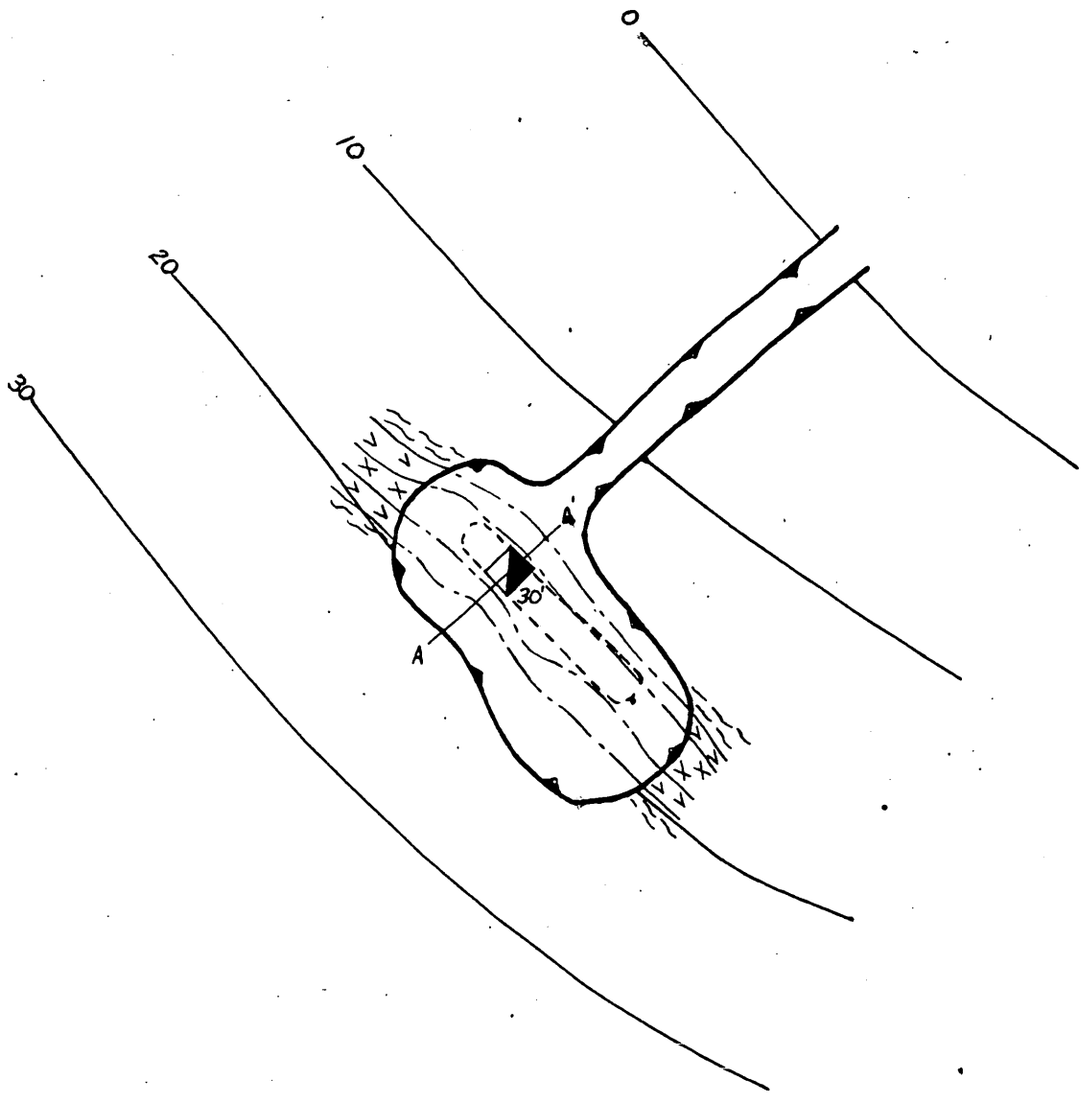

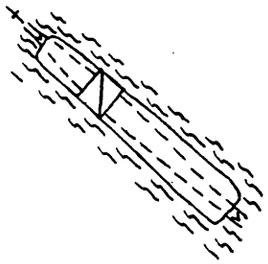

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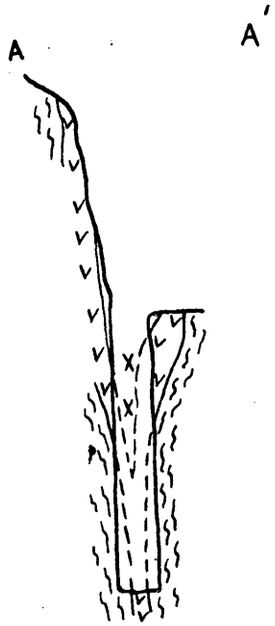

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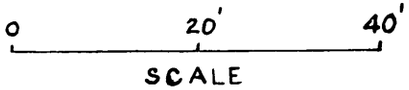

OLD SHARP MINE

HAYWOOD CO., N.C.

DMEA-3087 (mica)

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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

May 11, 1954

Memorandum

REVIEW OF FIELD TEAM REPORT ON APPLICATION DMEA-3087 (mica)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: D. M. Larrabee, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant: E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley.
Name of property: Old Sharp Mine.
Location of property: Haywood County, N. C.
Date of field team report: May 4, 1954.
Authorship of field team report: K. M. Teague, L. S. Shirley, and D. H. Amos.
Field team's recommendation:

Final Report

1. Termination.
2. No certification.
3. No additional exploration.

Comments: Only a small quantity of strategic mica was discovered. Sale value $18.41. No reserves.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Follow field team's recommendation.

D. M. Larrabee

Larrabee:jeh
5/11/54
cc: Director's reading 4212
Branch reading 4212
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May 6, 1954

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee - D M E A - Washington

From: Field Team, D M E A - Region VIII

Subject: Final Report, DMEA-3067, Idm-E 610 (mica) Old Sharp Mine, Haywood County, N. C. L. L. Poston & Jim Bradley, Operators

Enclosed are 4 copies each of the Operator's and Field Team final reports on the subject exploration contract.

As neither strategic nor non-strategic mica was discovered, we recommend that no certification of discovery should be issued.

Robert A. Laurence

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

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Final Report
Sharp Mine
April 6, 1954

E. L. Paston
Jim Bradly

DMEA-3087
IDM-E-610
Mica

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First I had the mine site prepared by bulldozer. Then built cap and powder magazeies. I sunk a 6x8' shaft to a depth of 30'. From the bottom of shaft I drifted approximately south 16½'. I also drifted north 6½' at 30' level. At this time the field team decided to work back near top of shaft, because of the poor pegmatite.

At 8' level I drifted south 15', and ran out of pegmatite. Then north 7'. I also drifted south east 8' which showed plenty of pegmatite, but no mica.

Total mica produced 250 lbs. Approximately 90% scrap. 331 lbs. sold to Buying Depot at Spruce Pine, for $18.41. 20 lbs. of punch on hand.

E. L. Paston, partner

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April 27, 1954

Memorandum

To: Administrator

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Amendment No. 1 - Docket No. IMEA-3087 - Mica
E. L. Foster and Jim Bradley
Old Sharp Mine
Haywood County, North Carolina
Contract No. Ipm-2610

The Nonmetallic Minerals Division concurs in Amendment No. 1 as written and executed in the field. The date of completion of contract is extended to May 24, 1954. This amendment is justified because of a slow down in operations due to severe winter weather conditions.

W. C. Anderson
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Copy to: Admr. R. File
Docket File
Mr. Houk

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

April 15, 1954

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, D M E A - Washington

From: Acting Executive Officer, DMEA - Region 7

Subject: Amendment No. 1, to DMEA-3087, Idm-E610, Poston & Bradley - N. C.

Transmitted herewith are three signed copies of the subject amendment. The usual distribution of the other copies has been made.

/s/
Wm. A. Beck

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

April 14, 1954

Mr. E. L. Poston
Route # 2
Canton, North Carolina

Re: DMEA-3087, Idm-E 610 (mica)
Amendment No. 1

Dear Mr. Poston:

On March 29, 1954, we sent you six copies of Amendment No, 1 to the subject contract for signatures. To date these have not been received in this office, Please return them to us at your earliest convenience.

According to Article 5 (d) of your contract it is necessary that you submit an Operator's Final Report which we have not yet received. This report should summarize the work completed, giving a statement of the pounds of block mica recovered, and an estimate of the value when sheeted, also a record of any mica sales to the Buying Depot.

Very truly yours,

Wm. A. Beck, Acting

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[illegible] [illegible] Boston and Mr. Bradley, Route 2, Canton, N. C.

[illegible] 1.5 airline miles southeast of Canton, along the west side of a north flowing tributary of Hungry Creek, Haywood County, N. C.

All work as outlined under Exhibit "A" of this contract has been completed without making a sizeable discovery of strategic mica. A shaft was sunk to a total depth of 30 feet in pegmatite and tailings were made to the southeast from the shaft bottom. A drift was driven for 16.5 feet in a N 30° E direction and work was stopped because of absence of pegmatite. Another short drift was driven to the northwest and work was stopped again because of diminishing pegmatite in that direction. The remainder of drift work was driven to the southeast and northwest from the 8 ft. shaft level and which totaled 31 feet. Work was stopped when pegmatite was lost in the headings. Two to three hundred pounds of block mica in small sizes was recovered from this work. The mica is badly cracked and bent and it is doubtful that any of it will sell for more than punch or scrap prices. The extent of the pegmatite has been proven along the strike at two different levels and no additional work is anticipated by the operator.

The operator cooperated fully with the examiners throughout the life of the contract.

[illegible] Shirley, Mining Engineer
[illegible] Bureau of Mines

[illegible] Fergus G. [illegible], Geologist
[illegible] Geological Survey

April 6, 1954

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

Subject: Docket No. DMSA-3087 - Miss E. L. Poston and Mrs Bradley
Old Sharp Mine
Haywood County, North Carolina
Contract No. Idm-1810

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Reference is made to the subject contract the completion date of which is March 24, 1954.

Will you please prepare and execute an amendment allowing a sufficient length of time to complete the work outlined under the contract, if warranted and you approve?

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee

Approved:

J. H. Hedges

Member, Bureau of Mines

D. M. Larrabee

Member, Geological Survey

WCAnderson:gad 4/8/54
Copy to: Admr. R. File
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Operating Committee
Mr. Dietrich, 3061
Mr. Larrabee, G-232 GSA Bldg.
Mr. Houk

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

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OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT AND VOUCHER

Month of March, 1954 Docket No. DMEA 3087 Contract No. IDM-F610
Operator's Name E.L. Poston + Jim Bradly Minerals MICa
Address Rt. 2 Canton, N.C.
Contract Amount, $ 3,270.00 Government Participation: 90 % Amount, $ 2,943.00

ITEMS OF COSTS	FOR OPERATOR'S USE: Monthly Total	Totals Previously Reported	Totals To Date	FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY: Approved Monthly Total	Approved Totals Previously Reported	Approved Totals To Date
(1) Independent Short Form Contracts:						
Drilling						
Bulldozing						
Crosscutting						
Drifting	490.00	1,260.00	1,750.00			
Shaft		1,350.00	1,350.00			
(2) Labor and Supervision:						
Labor						
Supervision						
Technical Services						
(3) Operating Mat'ls. and Supplies:						
Timber						
Explosives						
Pipe						
Track						
(4) Operating Equipment:						
Rental						
Purchase						
Depreciation						
(5) Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs						
(6) New Bldgs., Improvements, etc.						
(7) Miscellaneous:						
Repairs to Equipment						
Sampling and Analysis						
Payroll Taxes						
Liability Insurance						
preperation site		100.00	100.00			
(8) Contingencies (specify):						
1 Cap Magazine		20.00	20.00			
1 powder magazine		50.00	50.00			
TOTALS	490.00	2,780.00	3,270.00	490.00	2,780.00	3,270.00

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

Date March 31, *Payee E.L. Poston + Jim Bradly

Per E.L. Poston Title partner

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

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

(Instructions on reverse)

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

$ 441.00

Signature Cora A. Pigan
(Authorized Certifying Officer)

Date APR 6 1954 Vou. No. 256

(See other side)

Survey

C - 3/30/54 49.00

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CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the contractor submitting this voucher is operating a Defense Minerals Exploration Administration project under Contract No. Idm-E610 in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Signature Lawrence C. Shirley Title Mining Engr. U.S.B.M. Date April 5, 1954

APPROVAL BY DMEA EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE:

Signature W. A. Beck ACTING Title EXECUTIVE OFFICER ~~DMEA REGION VII~~ Date APR 5 1954

MONTHLY REPORT OF OPERATOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GPO 83-38476

Form MF-104A
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATOR'S UNIT COST AND PROGRESS REPORT

Month of March 1954 Docket No. DMEA 3087 Contract No. IDM-E 610
Operator's Name E.L. Poston + Jim Bradly Minerals Mica
Address Rt. 2 Canton, N.C

OPERATION	UNIT	COSTS THIS MONTH	UNITS THIS MONTH	COSTS TO DATE	UNITS TO DATE	UNIT COSTS TO DATE	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT Units	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT Unit Costs
Drifting	feet	490.00	14	1,750.00	50	35.00	50	35.00
Crosscutting								
Raising								
Shafts	feet			1,350.00	30	45.00	30	45.00
Winzes								
Drilling: Core								
Churn								
~~Auger~~ 1 Cap								
~~Stripping~~ Magazine				20.00	1	20.00	1	20.00
~~Trenching~~ 1 Powder								
~~Test Pits~~ Magazine				50.00	1	50.00	1	50.00
Roads and Trails								
prep. of site				100.00	1	100.00	1	100.00
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED COSTS		490.00		3,270.00				TOTAL COSTS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT
Operating Equipment Purchased								
Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs								
New Buildings, Improvements, etc.								
TOTAL COSTS		490.00		3,270.00				490.00

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

Date March 31 Operator E.L. Poston + Jim Bradly
Per E.L. Poston Title Partner

REMARKS:

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

(Instructions on reverse)

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INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

GPO 83-38475

Operator
Monthly Progress Report
for the
month of March, 1954

DMEA - 3087
IDM-E 610

Work accomplished -
Completed drift south at top of shaft. Total length 15 ft. pegmatite ran out.
Also, upon advice of engineers, drove 6 ft. drift north. pegmatite weak. And 6 ft. South East. pimatite good but not much mica. Making a total of 50 foot of drift.
Daily notes:
March 2. pumped 3 hrs.
4. Drilled and blasted.
5. Mucked, drilled and blasted.
8. mucked, drilled and blasted.
9. mucked, began drilling. Engineers visited mine in afternoon.
10. Finished drilling, blasted + mucked.
11. Drilled, blasted and mucked.
12. Worked on compressor.
15. Drilled and blasted.
16. mucked, drilled round.
17. Blasted, drilled + blasted, mucked.
18. Began 6 ft. drift north. Drilled, blasted, mucked.
19. Drilled round + blasted.
22. Drilled + blasted. Finished 6 ft. drift.
23. Began drift South East. Drilled + blasted, mucked.
25. Finished drilling, Blasted, mucked.
29. pumped 2 hrs. Began drilling.
30. Finished drilling + blasted. Finishing 6 ft. drift.
This completes contract. Final reports will be made following Engineers final inspection.

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MONTHLY REPORT

[illegible]-3087 Idr-[illegible]610 (mica) [illegible] CAMP [illegible]

OPERATOR: [illegible]. L. Boston and Jim Bradley, Route [illegible]2, Canton, N. C.

LOCATION: 1.5 airline miles southeast of Cruso, along the west side of a north flowing tributary of Hungry Creek, Haywood County, N. C.

Drifting continues on this contract and now totals 38 feet. Work has been stopped on the present heading and a new drift will be started from the same level in the opposite direction immediately.

Recent work has consisted of driving a drift from the eight foot shaft level in a S 25° E direction for a distance of 18 feet. Examination disclosed the absence of pegmatite material in this direction and work was stopped. Material in the face consists of a biotite schist containing numerous granitic stringers. Directions were given for starting a new drift to the northwest in pegmatite composed of quartz, feldspar containing scattered blocks of muscovite mica. Progress on this contract is satisfactory.

L. [illegible]. Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

M. L. [illegible]ague, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

March 23, 1954

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[illegible]-3087 Itm-2610 (mica) [illegible]

[illegible]: [illegible] Ratum and [illegible] Pudley, Route 2, Canton, N. C.

[illegible]: 1.5 airline miles southeast of Cruso, along the west side of a north flowing tributary of Hungry Creek, Haywood County, N. C.

Drifting continues on this contract and now totals 35 feet. Present work is being conducted from the 8 foot shaft level and a drift, being driven S 25° E, has advanced 12 feet. Material encountered is pegmatite composed of quartz, feldspar containing sulphides, and small blocks of muscovite mica. It is estimated that about 200 lbs. of block mica has been recovered to date from total work accomplished. Most of the mica is badly bent and contains considerable stain.

Recent snows and freezing weather has set up dangerous ice conditions on the sheer walls of this big open cut in the vicinity of the shaft. It was suggested that this ice be scaled at intervals during the work day and as thawing begins in order to prevent an accident. Progress on this contract is satisfactory.

[illegible] Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

[illegible] League and [illegible] Amos, Geologists
U. S. Geological Survey

March 9, 1954

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

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OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT AND VOUCHER

Month of February, 1954 Docket No. DMEA 3087 Contract No. DMM-E 610
Operator's Name E. L. Hester & Sons Corp. Corp. Minerals Mica
Address Rt. 2 Cowlitz, N.C.
Contract Amount, $ 3,270.00 Government Participation: 90 % Amount, $ 2,943.00

ITEMS OF COSTS	FOR OPERATOR'S USE: Monthly Total	Totals Previously Reported	Totals To Date	FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY: Approved Monthly Total	Approved Totals Previously Reported	Approved Totals To Date
(1) Independent Short Form Contracts:						
Drilling						
Bulldozing						
Crosscutting						
Drifting	682.50	577.50	1,260.00			
Shaft		1,350.00	1,350.00			
(2) Labor and Supervision:						
Labor						
Supervision						
Technical Services						
(3) Operating Mat'ls. and Supplies:						
Timber						
Explosives						
Pipe						
Track						
(4) Operating Equipment:						
Rental						
Purchase						
Depreciation						
(5) Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs						
(6) New Bldgs., Improvements, etc.						
(7) Miscellaneous:						
Repairs to Equipment						
Sampling and Analysis						
Payroll Taxes						
Liability Insurance						
Preparing site		100.00	100.00			
(8) Contingencies (specify):						
Cap Magazine		20.00	20.00			
Pump Mag.		50.00	50.00			
TOTALS	682.50	2,097.50	2,780.00	682.50	2,097.50	2,780.00

PAID ON VOUCHER & SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS K-54

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

Date March 1 *Payee

Per E. L. Hester Title Partner

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

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(Instructions on reverse)

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

$ 614.25

Signature Cora A. Pipes
(Authorized Certifying Officer)

Date MAR 10 1954 Vou. No. 234
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CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the contractor submitting this voucher is operating a Defense Minerals Exploration Administration project under Contract No. Idm-E610 in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Signature Lawrence E. Shirley Title Mining Engr. U.S.B.M. Date March 5, 1954

APPROVAL BY DMEA EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE:

Signature Robert A. Lawrence Title EXECUTIVE OFFICER DMEA REGION VII Date MAR 8 1954

MONTHLY REPORT OF OPERATOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Form MF-104A
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATOR'S UNIT COST AND PROGRESS REPORT

Month of February 1954 Docket No. DMEA 3087 Contract No. DMM-F6.10
Operator's Name E. L. Poston & Jim Bradley Minerals Mica
Address Rt. 2 Canton, N.C.

OPERATION	UNIT	COSTS THIS MONTH	UNITS THIS MONTH	COSTS TO DATE	UNITS TO DATE	UNIT COSTS TO DATE	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT Units	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT Unit Costs
Drifting	feet	682.50	19½	1,260.00	36	35.00	50	35.00
Crosscutting								
Raising								
Shafts	feet			1,350.00	30	45.00	30	45.00
Winzes								
Drilling: Core								
Churn								
~~Auger~~ 1 Cap								
~~Stripping~~ Magazine				20.00	1	20.00	1	20.00
~~Trenching~~ 1 Powder								
~~Test-Pits~~ Magazine				50.00	1	50.00	1	50.00
Roads and Trails								
Prospecting site				100.00	1	100.00	1	100.00
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED COSTS		682.50		2,780.00				TOTAL COSTS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT
Operating Equipment Purchased								
Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs								
New Buildings, Improvements, etc.								
TOTAL COSTS		682.50		2,780.00				682.50

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

Date March 1, 1954 Operator E. L. Poston & Jim Bradley

Per E. L. Poston Title Partners

REMARKS:

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

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INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

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Operators.

Monthly Progress Report
for the
Month of February, 1954

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DMEA no. 3087
Idm-E 610

Work Accomplished

Drove 6½ foot of drift north in bottom of shaft. Pegmatite gone out, no mica.

Moved to 8 foot level in shaft and began drift south. Here I drove 13 foot of 5'x7' drift, making a total of 19½ foot for month.

Daily notes:

Feb. 15. Drilled and blasted. Mucked out. Began drilling.
16. Finished drilling and blasted. Mucked. Vein pinched out. no mica.
17. Drilled and blasted first round south at 8' level. Mucked.
18. Drilled and blasted. Pegmatite wider than drift. Some good mica showing.
19. Drilled and blasted. Not so much mica.
22. Pumped 3 hrs.
23. Drilled and blasted. Mucked out. Began drilling.
24. Finished drilling and blasted.
25. Mucked. Drilled and blasted. Mucked.
26. Drilled and blasted. Mucked. Vein looks better. More mica showing.

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

Month of January, 1954 Docket No. DMEA 3087 Contract No. IDM-E 610
Operator's Name E. L. Paston + Jim Bradley Minerals Mica
Address Rt. 2 Canton, N.C.
Contract Amount, $ 3,270.00 Government Participation: 90 % Amount, $ 2,943.00

ITEMS OF COSTS	FOR OPERATOR'S USE: Monthly Total	Totals Previously Reported	Totals To Date	FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY: Approved Monthly Total	Approved Totals Previously Reported	Approved Totals To Date
(1) Independent Short Form Contracts:						
Drilling						
Bulldozing						
Crosscutting						
Drifting	437.50	140.00	577.50			
Shaft		1,350.00	1,350.00			
(2) Labor and Supervision:						
Labor						
Supervision						
Technical Services						
(3) Operating Mat'ls. and Supplies:						
Timber						
Explosives						
Pipe						
Track						
(4) Operating Equipment:						
Rental						
Purchase						
Depreciation						
(5) Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs						
(6) New Bldgs., Improvements, etc.						
(7) Miscellaneous:						
Repairs to Equipment						
Sampling and Analysis						
Payroll Taxes						
Liability Insurance						
Preparing Mine Site		100.00	100.00			
(8) Contingencies (specify):						
1 Cap Magazine		20.00	20.00			
1 Powder Magazine		50.00	50.00			
TOTALS	437.50	1,660.00	2,097.50	437.50	1,660.00	2,097.50

PAID ON VOUCHER & SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS K-48

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

Date Feb. 1 1954 *Payee

Per E. L. Paston Title Partner

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(Instructions on reverse)

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

$ 393.75

Signature Cora A. Piper
(Authorized Certifying Officer)

Date FEB 9 1954 Vou. No. 215
(See other side)

43.75

(For Government use only)

CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the contractor submitting this voucher is operating a Defense Minerals Exploration Administration project under Contract No. Idm-E610 in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Signature Laurence E. Shirley Title Mining Engr. U.S.B.M. Date Feb. 6, 1954

APPROVAL BY DMEA EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE:

Signature Robert A. Lemmon Title EXECUTIVE OFFICER DMEA REGION VII Date FEB 8 1954

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Form MF-104A
(April 1952)

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATOR'S UNIT COST AND PROGRESS REPORT

Month of January 1954 Docket No. DMEA 3087 Contract No. IPM-E 610
Operator's Name E. L. Poston + Jim Bradley Minerals M. C. A
Address Rt. 2 Canton, N. C.

OPERATION	Unit	Costs This Month	Units This Month	Costs to Date	Units to Date	Unit Costs to Date	Authorized by Contract: Units	Authorized by Contract: Unit Costs
Drifting	Feet	437.50	12½	577.50	16½	35.00	50	35.00
Crosscutting								
Raising								
Shafts	Feet			1,350.00	30	45.00	30	45.00
Winzes								
Drilling: Core								
Churn								
~~Auger~~ 1 Cap								
~~Stripping~~ Magazine				20.00	1	20.00	1	20.00
~~Trenching~~ 1 Garden								
~~Test Pits~~ Magazine				50.00	1	50.00	1	50.00
Roads and Trails								
Preparating Site				100.00	1	100.00	1	100.00
Total Distributed Costs		437.50		2,097.50				Total Costs Authorized by Contract
Operating Equipment Purchased								
Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs								
New Buildings, Improvements, etc.								
Total Costs		437.50		2,097.50				437.50

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

Date Feb. 1, 1954 Operator E. L. Poston + Jim Bradley

Per E. L. Poston Title Partners

Remarks:

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Operators
Monthly Progress Report
for
January 1954 DMEA No. 3087
Idm-E 610

Work accomplished:

Total drift done for month, 12½ ft. making a total of 16½ foot of drift and 30 foot of shaft. advanced on contract, worked daysshift only. 2 men worked 12 shifts. 1 man 9 shifts.

Daily notes:

Jan. 1. Drilled and blasted. Began mucking.
" 4. Finished Mucking. Drilled and blasted.
" 5. 6'x7' drift. Good pegmatite, 6 to mine. Mucked.
" 6. Drilled and blasted. Began mucking.
" 7. Finished mucking. Drilled and blasted.
" 8. Rock very hard. Mucked out round.
" 11. Pumped water from shaft. Drilled and blasted.
" 12. Mucked
" 13. Drilled and blasted. Less pegmatite.
" 14. Mucked out round. Began drilling.
" 15. Finished drilling.
" 18. Work on pump. Pumped 2 hrs.
" 21. Pumped 3 hrs.
" 22. Pumped 2 hrs.
" 26. Blasted. Engineers visited mine. They decided to stop present drift and drift in opposite direction for a few feet and if pegmatite doesn't look more favorable, move to a higher level.

Mr. Robertson

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[illegible]: [illegible] Section and Jim [illegible] Ley, [illegible] 2, [illegible], [illegible].

[illegible] 1.5 airline miles southeast of [illegible] along the west side of a north fork tributary of [illegible] Creek, Haywood Co., [illegible].

Drifting continues on this contract and is now at 16.5 feet, being driven to the southeast. The operator was advised to cease drifting in this direction and start a new drift on the same level to the northwest. Material encountered in the southeast drift has consisted of about equal amounts of pegmatite and country rock, a biotite gneiss. The pegmatite is composed of quartz, feldspar and scattered small blocks of muscovite mica. Secondary sulphides are not as abundant at this level as they were during shaft sinking. Most of the pegmatite can be observed in the roof. The drift floor and some wall section is biotite gneiss. On the basis of diminishing pegmatite to the southeast, the examiners are of the opinion that additional drifting should be accomplished to the northwest or at higher levels.

No additional ladder work has been accomplished and none is advisable until the new drift work has progressed some. A temporary handrail and a footwalk around to the accessible side of the shaft has been provided. Progress on this contract is satisfactory.

[illegible] Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

[illegible] League and [illegible]way Amos,
Geologists, U. S. Geological Survey

January 26, 1954

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]oston and Jim Bradley, Route 2, [illegible]ruson, N. C.

[illegible]: 1.5 airline miles southeast of Gruso, [illegible] the west side of a north flowing tributary of Hungry Creek, [illegible]ywood County, North Carolina.

Shaft sinking has been completed on this contract and drifting is underway. The shaft was sunk for a total depth of 30 feet in pegmatite material and quartz with occasional biotite gneiss inclusions. Turnoff was made from the shaft bottom and a drift has been driven for 10.5 feet in a [illegible] 30° [illegible] direction. Material encountered during this footage was primarily quartz, feldspar, containing sulphides, and small muscovite mica. Country rock is evident on the northeast wall and a surrounding pegmatite body completes the drift cross section.

Very little timbering has been accomplished to date because of heavy shooting required for both sinking and drifting. Some recent ladder work has been completed and the operator was advised to provide a safe walkway, railing above the surface and to install ladders and landings as soon as possible. Progress on this contract is satisfactory.

[illegible] [illegible] Shirley, Mining Engineer
[illegible] [illegible] Bureau of Mines

[illegible] [illegible] Teague, Geologist
[illegible] [illegible] Geological Survey

January 12, 1954

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

Mrs. Robertson

UNITED STATES
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OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT AND VOUCHER

Month of December, 1953 Docket No. DMEA 3087 Contract No. IDM-E-6

Operator's Name E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley Minerals MICA

Address Rt. 2, Canton, N. C.

Contract Amount, $ 3,270.00 Government Participation: 90 % Amount, $ 2,943.00

ITEMS OF COSTS	FOR OPERATOR'S USE: Monthly Total	Totals Previously Reported	Totals To Date	FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY: Approved Monthly Total	Approved Totals Previously Reported	Approved Totals To Date
(1) Independent Short Form Contracts:						
Drilling						
Bulldozing						
Crosscutting						
Drifting	140.00		140.00			
Shaft	200.00	450.00	1,350.00			
(2) Labor and Supervision:						
Labor						
Supervision						
Technical Services						
(3) Operating Mat'ls. and Supplies:						
Timber						
Explosives						
Pipe						
Track						
(4) Operating Equipment:						
Rental						
Purchase						
Depreciation						
(5) Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs						
(6) New Bldgs., Improvements, etc.						
(7) Miscellaneous:						
Repairs to Equipment						
Sampling and Analysis						
Payroll Taxes						
Liability Insurance						
preparation of mine site		100.00	100.00			
(8) Contingencies (specify):						
1 Cap Magazine		20.00	20.00			
1 powder Magazine		50.00	50.00			
TOTALS	1,040.00	620.00	1,660.00	1,040.00	620.00	1,660.00

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

Date JAN. 1, 1954 *Payee

Per E. L. Poston Title Partner

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

$ 936.00

Signature Cora A. Piper
(Authorized Certifying Officer)

Date JAN 13 1954 Vou. No. 177
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CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the contractor submitting this voucher is operating a Defense Minerals Exploration Administration project under Contract No. Idm-E610 in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Signature Lawrence C. Shirley Title Mining Engr. U.S.B.M. Date Jan 4, 1954

APPROVAL BY DMEA EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE:

Signature W. A. Beck Title ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER DMEA ~~REGION VII~~ Date JAN 6 1954

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(April 1952)

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OPERATOR'S UNIT COST AND PROGRESS REPORT

Month of December 1952 Docket No. DMEA 3087 Contract No. IDM-E 610
Operator's Name E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley Minerals MICA
Address Rt. 2 Clanton, N. C.

OPERATION	UNIT	COSTS THIS MONTH	UNITS THIS MONTH	COSTS TO DATE	UNITS TO DATE	UNIT COSTS TO DATE	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT	
							Units	Unit Costs
Drifting	Feet	140.00	4	140.00	4	35.00	50	35.00
Crosscutting								
Raising								
Shafts	Feet	900.00	20	1,350.00	30	45.00	30	45.00
Winzes								
Drilling: Core								
Churn								
~~Auger~~ 1 CAP								
~~Stripping~~ MAGAZINE				20.00	1	20.00	1	20.00
~~Trenching~~ 1 powder								
~~Test Pits~~ MAGAZINE				50.00	1	50.00	1	50.00
Roads and Trails								
preparation & mining				100.00	1	100.00	1	100.00
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED COSTS		1,040.00		1,660.00				TOTAL COSTS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT
Operating Equipment Purchased								
Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs								
New Buildings, Improvements, etc.								
TOTAL COSTS		1,040.00		1,660.00				1,040.00

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

Date Jan. 1, 1954 Operator E. L. Poston + Jim Bradley

Per E. L. Poston Title Partner

REMARKS:

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Operators
Monthly Progress Report
for the
Month of December, 1953

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DMEA- 3087
IDM-E 610

Work Accomplished.
Total shaft sunk for month 30 ft, making a total depth of 30 ft. Advanced in drift 4 ft. Two men worked 18 daylight shifts, one man 13 shifts.
Daily notes:

Dec. 1. Mucked round. Drilled + blasted. Began mucking.
2. Finished mucking. Put electric power to mine.
3. Drilled and blasted. Mucked out. Began drilling.
4. Finished drilling. Blasted. Mucked out. Drilled + blasted
7. Pumped out shaft. Removed muck. Drilled + blasted
8. Mucked. Worked on compressor. Drilled + blasted
9. Removed muck. Drilled and blasted.
10. Mucked out. Drilled + blasted. Began mucking.
11. Finished mucking. Drilled + blasted. Removed muck.
14. Pumped water. Drilled + blasted. Began mucking.
15. Finished mucking. Drilled and blasted.
16. Mucked out round. Drilled + blasted.
17. Removed muck. Drilled + blasted.
18. Removed muck. Drilled + blasted
21. Pumped out water. Cut for rain + holidays.
28. Pumped water. Removed muck. Drilled + blasted
29. Removed muck. Shaft finished to depth of 30 ft.
30. Set Column, drilled and blasted round in drift
31. Mucked out 4 ft. of drift. Pegmatite looks better in drift. Rich with small ruby crooks overhead.

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INTERIM REPORT

DMA-3087 Idm-2610 (mica) OLD SHARP LINE

OPERATOR: E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley, Route 2, Canton, N. C.

LOCATION: 1.5 airline miles southeast of Cruso, along the west side of a north flowing tributary of Hangry Creek, Haywood County, N. C.

Shaft sinking continues on this contract and is now at 19 feet. The pegmatite and quartz core appears to be narrowing with depth and combined width does not exceed 4 feet. No change in the target is anticipated and sinking will continue to a total depth of 30 feet. Material encountered to date consists of massive quartz, feldspar, accessory garnet and secondary sulphides.

No timbering has been accomplished to date, but as soon as practicable a permanent separated manway and ladders will be installed. No cribbing will be necessary. The operator was advised to scale walls after shooting.

L. E. Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

K. M. Teague, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

December 16, 1953

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INTERIM REPORT

IMEA-5087 Idm-E610 (mica) OLD SHARP MINE

OPERATOR: E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley, Route #2, Canton, N. C.

LOCATION: 1.5 airline miles southeast of Cruso, along the west side of a north flowing tributary of Hungry Creek, Haywood County, North Carolina.

Shaft sinking is underway on this contract and is now at 10 feet. The entire cross section of the shaft is in pegmatite material, which exhibits a quartz core flanked by feldspathic zones containing mica. Most of the mica recovered to date is stained and bent.

Recent construction has provided a retaining wall around the open cut at surface levels to keep loose material from endangering workers in the shaft. The operator was advised to provide safety hats for all workers. Progress on this contract is satisfactory.

L. E. Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

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

December 1, 1953

Mrs. Halberstam

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

PAID ON VOUCHER & SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS K- 3

OPERATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT AND VOUCHER

Month of November, 1953 Docket No. DMEA 3087 Contract No. IDM-E-610

Operator's Name E.L.Poston and Jim Bradley Minerals Mica

Address Route 2, Canton, North Carolina

Contract Amount, $ 3,270.00 Government Participation: 90% Amount, $ 2,943.00

ITEMS OF COSTS	FOR OPERATOR'S USE: Monthly Total	Totals Previously Reported	Totals To Date	FOR GOVERNMENT USE ONLY: Approved Monthly Total	Approved Totals Previously Reported	Approved Totals To Date
(1) Independent Short Form Contracts:						
Drilling						
Bulldozing						
Crosscutting						
Drifting						
Shaft 10ft.	450.00		450.00			
(2) Labor and Supervision:						
Labor						
Supervision						
Technical Services						
(3) Operating Mat'ls. and Supplies:						
Timber						
Explosives						
Pipe						
Track						
(4) Operating Equipment:						
Rental						
Purchase						
Depreciation						
(5) Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs						
(6) New Bldgs., Improvements, etc.						
(7) Miscellaneous:						
Repairs to Equipment						
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Preparation of mine site	100.00		100.00			
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$ 558.00

Signature Cora A. Piper
(Authorized Certifying Officer)

Date DEC 9 1953 Vou. No. 151

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CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the contractor submitting this voucher is operating a Defense Minerals Exploration Administration project under Contract No. Tdm-E 610 in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Signature Lawrence E. Shurley Title Mining Engr. U.S.B.M. Date Dec. 5, 1953

APPROVAL BY DMEA EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE:

Signature W. T. Beck ACTING Title EXECUTIVE OFFICER DMEA REGION VII Date DEC 7 1953

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Form MF-104A
(April 1952)

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATOR'S UNIT COST AND PROGRESS REPORT

Month of November 1953 Docket No. DMEA 3007 Contract No. IDM-E 010
Operator's Name E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley Minerals Mica
Address Rt. 2, Canton, North Carolina

OPERATION	UNIT	COSTS THIS MONTH	UNITS THIS MONTH	COSTS TO DATE	UNITS TO DATE	UNIT COSTS TO DATE	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT Units	AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT Unit Costs
Drifting								
Crosscutting								
Raising								
Shafts	feet	450.00	10	450.00	10	45.00	30	45.00
Winzes								
Drilling: Core								
Churn								
Auger								
Stripping 1 cap magazine	1	20.00	1	20.00	1	20.00	1	20.00
Trenching								
Test Pits 1 powder magazine	1	50.00	1	50.00	1	50.00	1	50.00
Roads and Trails								
preparation of mine site	1	100.00	1	100.00	1	100.00	1	100.00
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED COSTS		620.00		620.00				TOTAL COSTS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT
Operating Equipment Purchased								
Initial Rehabilitation and Repairs								
New Buildings, Improvements, etc.								
TOTAL COSTS		620.00		620.00				620.00

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

REMARKS:

Date Dec. 1, 1953 Operator E. L. Poston & Jim Bradley

Per E. L. Poston Title Partner

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Mr. Robertson

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INTERIM REPORT

IMSA-5087 Idp-E610 (mica) OLD SHARP MINE

OPERATOR: E. L. Peeton and Jim Bradley, Route #2, Canton, N. C.

LOCATION: 1.5 airline miles southeast of Cruso, along the west side of a north flowing tributary of Hungry Creek, Haywood County, North Carolina.

The starting date on this project is November 5, 1953. Preparation of mine site has been completed. A gasoline-powered hoist and air compressor are on the job. A hoisting frame, consisting of straight leg and boom pole, is being erected. Shaft sinking is expected to commence within the coming week.

L. E. Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

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

November 17, 1953

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

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-3087 - Miss E. L. Preston and Jim Bradley
Old Sharp Mine
Haywood County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Please find herewith the original and five copies of a contract covering the subject exploration project which have been signed by the Government with register number and effective date as shown.

If the contract meets with your approval present it to the Operators for approval and signature. Please explain to the Operators that the contract, when executed, is a firm commitment under the terms of which they are obligated to complete the work outlined at the agreed unit cost. If any part of this contract does not have either your approval or that of the Operators and cannot be amended within your delegated authority, then the original and all copies of the contract are to be returned to this office, together with the proposed changes for consideration.

After execution of the contract, the copies are to be distributed in the usual manner.

Copies of memoranda from the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee

Approved:

J. H. Hedges

Member, Bureau of Mines

A. R. Kinkel, Jr.

Member, Geological Survey

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Docket File
Operating Committee
Mr. Dietrich, 3526
Mr. Larrabee, G-232 GSA Bldg
Mr. Houk

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

September 16, 1953

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-3087, Mica, Old Sharp Mine, E. L. Foston and Jim Bradley, Yancey County, North Carolina

I concur in the field team's recommendation for an exploration program in the amount of $3,275.

Signed
W. F. Dietrich

IN REPLY REFER TO:

G-MD-CNM

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

Defense Mineral Exploration Administration
SEP 1 5 1953

September 15, 1953

Memorandum

REVIEW OF FIELD TEAM REPORT ON APPLICATION DMEA-3037 (mica)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: Donald A. Brobst, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant: E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley, Rt. 2, Canton, N. C.
Name of property: Old Sharp Mine.
Location of property: 1.5 airline miles SE. of Cruso, along the west side of a north flowing tributary of Hungry Creek, Haywood County, North Carolina.
Date of field team report: August 19, 1953.
Authorship of field team report: K. H. Teague and L. E. Shirley.
Field team's recommendation:

1.	Sink 30' shaft at $45/ft.	$1,350.00
2.	Not over 50' of drifts from shaft at $35/ft.	1,750.00
3.	Preparation of mine site	100.00
4.	Powder magazine	50.00
5.	Cap magazine	25.00
	Estimated total cost	$3,275.00

Comments:

The field team found hard, clear and flat ruby mica in books 6" across in the present cut. The field team believes it is a fair possibility for discovery of a worthwhile deposit.

ACTION SUGGESTED:

Follow field team's recommendation.

Donald A. Brobst

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Mr. W. L. Foston
Route 72
Canton, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3037 - Mica
Old Shay, Mine
Haywood County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Foston:

Your application for assistance in exploring the subject property has been reviewed by the Nonmetallic Minerals Division of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration and has been referred to Mr. Robert A. Lawrence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region VII, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville 2, Tennessee, for further consideration and possibly a field examination.

The Regional Office will contact you at an early date, if an examination is to be made. Any assistance that you may give the members of the field team during the examination will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

ACTING Administrator

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Field Team, Region VII
Operating Committee
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Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMSA
Field Team, Region VII
Room 13, Post Office Bldg.
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. DMSA-3087 - Mica
E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley
Old Sharp Mine
Haywood County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Please review the subject application and arrange for a field examination if you deem it advisable.

Copies of memoranda from the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines are enclosed for your information.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee

Approved:

J. H. Hedges

Member, Bureau of Mines

A. R. Kinkel, Jr.

Member, Geological Survey

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

July 9, 1953

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-3087, Mica, Old Sharp Mine
Haywood Company, North Carolina

No data are available in this office on subject property. It is suggested that the field team visit this property when a member of the field team is in that vicinity to ascertain if an exploration program is justified.

Signed

W. F. Dietrich

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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

June 24, 1953

Memorandum

REVIEW OF APPLICATION DMEA-3087 (mica)

To: L. G. Hook, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: E. M. Larrabee, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant's name and address: E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley, Route 2, Canton, North Carolina.
Name of property: Old Sharp mine.
Location of property: Haywood County, North Carolina
Summary of applicant's proposal:

1. Build 500' access road
2. Clean site for shaft.
3. Deepen present shaft 20'
4. Drift 50'

Cost $4,050

Source of information on applicant's property: None.
Comments:

This mine apparently was not worked during war II, at least we have no records of it.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to field team.

E. M. Larrabee

cc: DMEA (3)

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(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-3087
Metal or Mineral
Date Received 6/22/53
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: R. L. Poston and
Jim Bradley
Route #2, Canton, N. C.
Old Sharp Mine
Haywood County, N. C.

(*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.

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Dated June 18th, 1953

E. L. Poston
(Applicant)

By Jim Bradley
APPLICANT

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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E. L. Poston and
Jim Bradley - Canton, N. C.

Old Sharp Mine
Haywood County, N. C.

1. (a) E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley
Route 2 - Canton, N. C.
(b) Partnership
(c) Not applicable
(d) E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley
Route 2 - Canton, N. C.

2. Complied with.

3. (a) Description of property:
Lying and being on the waters of Hungary Creek in East Fork Township, Haywood County, N. C., and being upon the farm now owned by Jim Bradley and more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING on the center of Jim Bradley's reservoir which supplies water to his home, and running thence parallel to and a few feet from Bradleys farm road 900 ft. S. E. (45°) to stake in north margin said road; thence running 1000 ft. S. W. (45°) to a stake, thence 900 ft. N. W. (45°) to a stake; thence 1000 ft. N. E. (45°) to the BEGINNING being three acres more or less.

(b) This mine was formerly known as the Old Sharp Mine.
(c) The interest of Mr. Jim Bradley in the land, who is a partner in this application, is that of owner in fee simple of the land upon which this mine is situated. In this connection his signature hereto is requested to be taken as such "Owner's Consent to lien" as may be deemed necessary for the purposes of this application and any exploration loan.

The interest of Mr. Poston is that of a partner with Mr. Bradley in the conduct of exploratory and mining operations. Mr. Poston will be primarily responsible for the actual conduct and supervision of the exploratory and mining operations.

(d) Not applicable.
(e) None
(f) Not applicable

4. (a) This mine was first worked around fifty years ago. About thirty years ago a Mr. Peacock worked the dump; he had gone so far as to purchase a compressor and begin work on the actual mine itself before being taken sick and dying. Since then very little work has been done. The present owner and applicants have recently removed samples and presented it to the mica depot at Spruce Pine. Attached hereto is copy of a letter report from Mr. Flynt on the sample taken from this mine. Formerly there was a mica house at this site which has rotted down and has been removed. The existing mine workings consist of an oblong cut in the side of the hill running north and south 20 ft. and east and west 10 ft. The depth of the steep or rear wall is 20 ft. and the depth of the front or forward wall of the cut is 5 ft. There is a trench through the forward wall eastward cut on to the slope of the hill to the old dump. Interest of applicants is in exploration and development of a mine producing mica of strategic quality.

E. L. Poston and
Jim Bradley - Canton, N. C.

Old Sharp Mine
Haywood County, N. C.

For examination purposes this mine is easily accessible from all weather roads.

(b) Although it is now not possible to determine the exact quantity of mica formerly produced in this mine it is generally known in the neighborhood among the elder residents that tons of mica were hauled by wagon to Asheville fifty years ago and that Mr. Peacock profitably worked the mine some thirty years ago commencing with reworking the old dump. As has been already stated, there was once a mica [illegible] on this location.

(c) The shaft of this mine is in [illegible] vein with vein material showing all around. The vein does not appear to have moved; that is, it does not appear that there has been any slippage in the old site. Ruby mica in small books is showing all around. Attached is a sketch giving graphic picture of present working. Applicants believe that this is a good mine and that with help in prospecting it can be developed into a producer. Report of Mr. Flynt at Spruce [illegible], Purchasing Agent of the General Services Administration, regarding samples removed recently from this mine is attached.

(d) Although approximately 500 ft. of road must be constructed to enable owner and applicants to move necessary equipment and supplies into the mine proper; that amount of road will be all that is necessary to connect this project with an all weather road. Consequently this mine is easily accessible from Canton, N. C. over highways Nos. 110 - 276. The site of this mine is approximately 12 miles from Canton, N. C., traveling as follows: From Canton follow North Carolina state highway 110 to Woodrow. From Woodrow follow U. S. highway 276 south toward Brevard to the Hungary Creek Road; thence crossing the East fork of Pigeon River travel up the Hungary Creek Road to the intersection of the Jim Bradley farm road and the Hungary Creek Road; thence turning left into the Jim Bradley farm until you arrive at the Jim Bradley house. The mine is approximately 1500 ft. from the Jim Bradley house and about 200 ft. straight up the hillside from a farm road which passes the Jim Bradley reservoir. See attached sketch showing description of property. Canton, N. C. would be a shipping and supply point. Residence points would be Cruso, N. C., a distance of approximately a mile.

(e) Manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and gasoline and electrical power are easily and readily available within the Cruso area in ample and sufficient quantities. Although operators are using gasoline powered machinery, it is worth note that this project is within a short distance of a three phase electrical power line operated by REA. Gravity water supply is available to the mine. While there is a small amount of seepage in the mine in the present working, applicants do not deem it sufficient to require the use of a pump although such necessity may later develop as the shaft is driven downward.

5. (a) Ruby mica of strategic quality.

(b) Applicants propose first to shoot down the walls and to trench out through the dump in order to eliminate any overhang over the shaft and to facilitate removal of waste product to dump. Secondly applicant proposes to drive the present shaft deeper until the bottom of the present vein material is reached; thence by means of drift, to follow the true run and pitch of the vein. Shaft work is needed first to get to the bottom of present vein material before attempting to drift with the run of the vein.

E. L. Poston and
Jim Bradley - Canton, N. C.

Old Sharp Mine
Haywood County, N. C.

(c) Work will start within 60 days and be completed within 12 months from the date of exploration project contract.
(d) Mr. E. L. Poston, one of applicants herein, has just completed supervision of DMEA contract #2561. Cross reference is made to that project.

Mr. Jim Bradley has had years of experience in supervising construction work on highways, roads, and projects including experience in drilling and blasting work, the operation of heavy equipment, and hoists, and has had considerable experience in recent years as a lumberman essentially in connection with the cutting and hauling of big timber on the West coast.
Applicants will conduct and supervise operation.

6. Estimate of Costs: Stage 1.
1 - Road work: Construction of 400 to 500 ft. of road - 10 hrs. bulldozer work - $100.00.
2 - Front wall of the opening to mine needs to come off and the old dump will have to be moved or pushed down to a lower level for proper drainage in addition to facing off of the old mine and moving dump out of the way; although some blasting will be necessary it can be done by bulldozer, the estimated time and expense of which would be 60 hours bulldozer work at $10.00 per hour, or $600.00.
The removal of a 3 ft. by 6 ft. by 20 ft. rock wall at a cost of $1.25 per cubic feet, or $450.00, will also be necessary.
3 - Construction of a 7 by 7 by 20 ft. shaft to reach the bottom of the vein estimated at $45.00 per lineal feet, or $900.00.

NOTE:

The completion of the operations above would complete Stage 1.

Stage 2: Would consist of drifting 50 ft. with the vein at an estimated cost of $40.00 per feet, drift to be 5 by 7 by 50 ft., or if the run of the vein so indicated that it would be more reasible to do so, then a 7 by 7 by 50 ft. shaft would be run with the vein which it is estimated could be done at $45.00 per lineal feet or at a cost of $2250.00. This latter is an alternative which would be optional and dependent upon determination of the true course and pitch of the vein.
NOTE: All costs are included in the estimate above given.

Summary of Estimated Costs:

1.	(a) Bulldozer road work	$ 100.00
	(b) Facing off and moving dump	600.00
2.	Shooting down 3 x 6 x 20 ft. wall	450.00
3.	Shaft 7 x 7 x 20	900.00
4.	Drift 7 x 5 x 50	2000.00

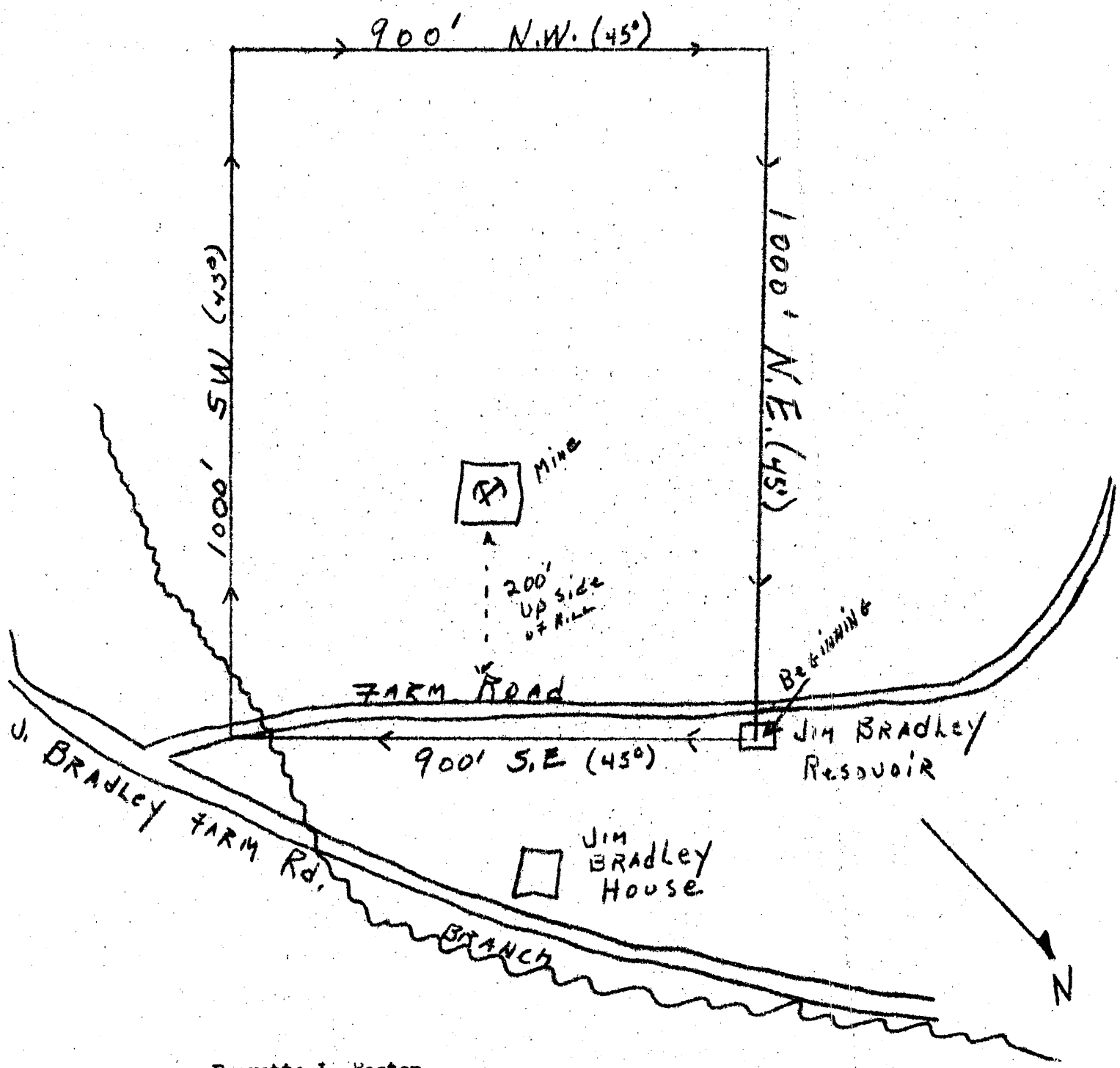
Total estimated cost - $4050.00

E. L. Poston and
Jim Bradley - Canton, N. C.

Old Sharp Mine
Haywood County, N. C.

NOTE: If instead of the drift mentioned in #4 above a 50 ft. shaft is driven as an alternative following the vein, then the total costs estimated above would be increased by $250.00, it being estimated that such a shaft would cost approximately $2250.00. ($45.00 per lineal foot), making the above total costs $4300.00 instead of $4050.00.

7. (a) Yes.
(b) Our personal services and labor equal in vlaue to $600.00 per month plus the use of a truck - the use of which on basis of depreciation would equal $100.00 per month, during time which actual exploration project was in operation.



Everette L. Poston
and
Jim Bradley,

Route 2, Canton, N. C.
(Haywood County, N. C.)

Old Sharp Mine
East Fork Township,
Haywood County, N. C.

SKETCH of location, showing description of property involved. See Item 3-(a) of Application for Mica Loan.

COPY

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Spruce Pine, North Carolina

June 1, 1953

Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer
DMEA, Region 7
Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Laurence:

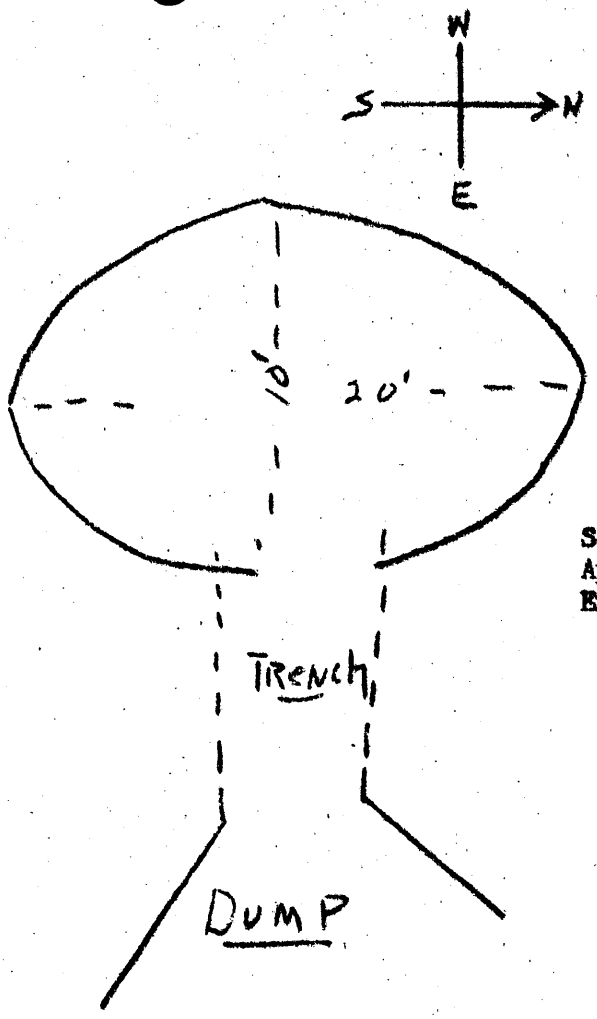
I am in receipt of sample of mica submitted by Mr. E. L. Poston, Route 2, Canton, North Carolina. This mica is from the Old Sharp Mine on Jim Bradley 's property near Canton, North Carolina.

We are pleased to advise that this mica is of ruby variety and with proper preparation will be accepted on the present government mica purchasing program.

Yours very truly,

W. S. Flynt, Superintendent
Spruce Pine Mica Depot

cc: Mr. E. L. Poston



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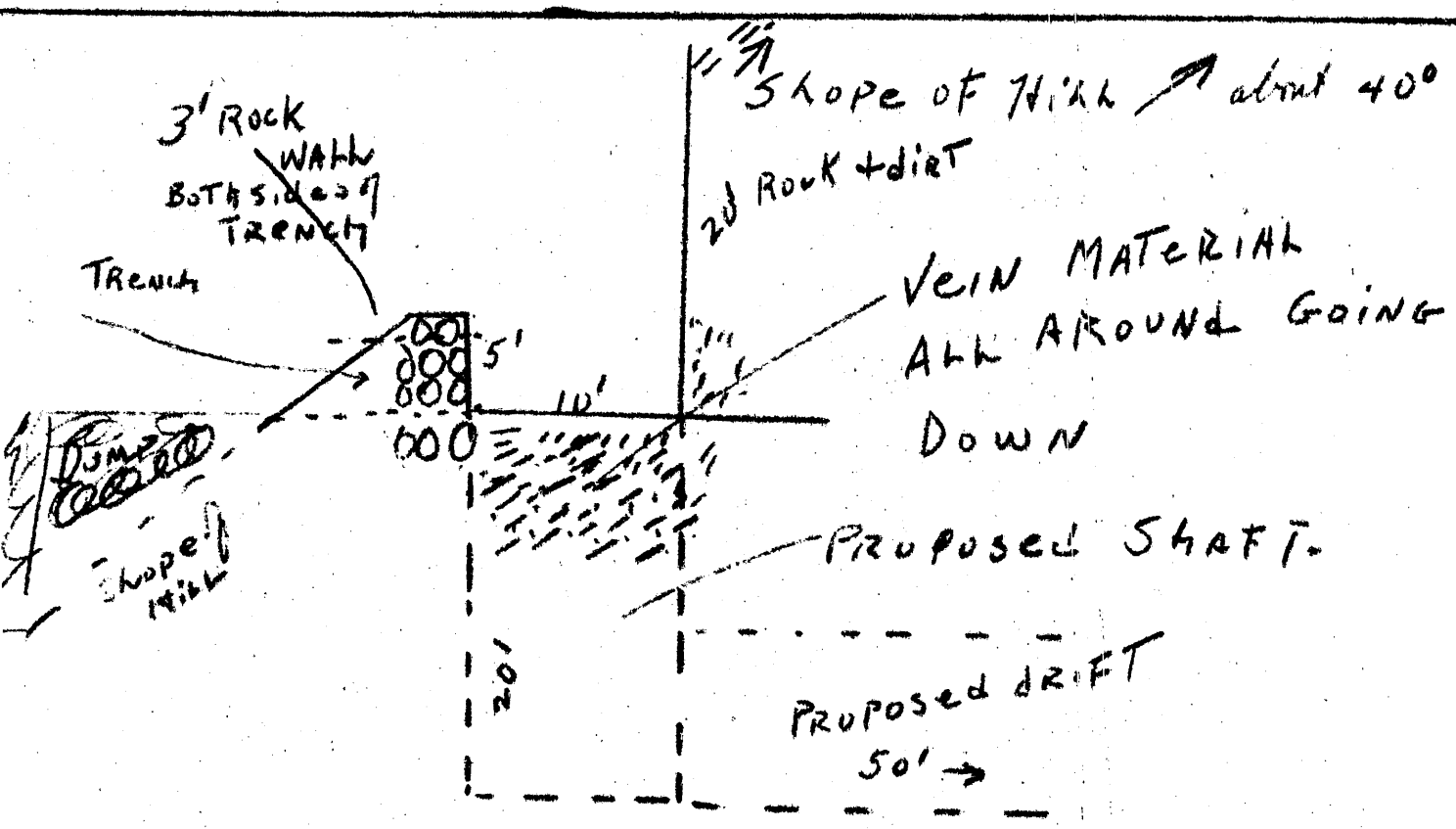

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

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

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Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. DMEA-3087
Metal or Mineral
Date Received 6/22/53
Estimated Cost
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

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1. (a) E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley
Route 2 - Canton, N. C.
(b) Partnership
(c) Not applicable
(d) E. L. Poston and Jim Bradley
Route 2 - Canton, N. C.

2. Complied with.

3. (a) Description of property:
Lying and being on the waters of Hungary Creek in East Fork Township, Haywood County, N. C., and being upon the farm now owned by Jim Bradley and more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING on the center of Jim Bradley's reservoir which supplies water to his home, and running thence parallel to and a few feet from Bradleys farm road 900 ft. S. E. (45°) to stake in north margin said road; thence running 1000 ft. S. W. (45°) to a stake, thence 900 ft. N. W. (45°) to a stake; thence 1080 ft. N. E. (45°) to the BEGINNING being three acres more or less.

(b) This mine was formerly known as the Old Sharp Mine.
(c) The interest of Mr. Jim Bradley in the land, who is a partner in this application, is that of owner in fee simple of theland upon which this mine is situated. In this connection his signature hereto is requested to be taken as such "Owner's Consent to lien" as may be deemed necessary for the purposes of this application and any exploration loan.

The interest of Mr. Poston is that of a partner with Mr. Bradley in the conduct of exploratory and mining operations. Mr. Poston will be primarily responsible for the actual conduct and supervision of the exploratory and mining operations.

(d) Not applicable.
(e) None
(f) Not applicable

4. (a) This mine was first worked around fifty years ago. About thirty years ago a Mr. Peacock worked the dump; he had gone so far as to purchase a compressor and begin work on the actual mine itself before being taken sick and dying. Since then very little work has been done. The present owner and applicants have recently removed samples and presented it to the mica depot at Spruce Pine. Attached hereto is copy of a letter report from Mr. Flynt on the sample taken from this mine. Formerly there was a mica house at this site which has rotted down and has been removed. The existing mine workings consist of an oblong cut in the side of the hill running north and south 20 ft. and east and west 10 ft. The depth of the steep or rear wall is 20 ft. and the depth of the front or forward wall of the cut is 5 ft. There is a trench through the forward wall eastward out on to the slope of the hill to the old dump. Interest of applicants is in exploration and development of a mine producing mica of strategic quality.

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For examination purposes this mine is easily accessible from all weather roads.

(b) Although it is now not possible to determine the exact quantity of mica formerly produced in this mine it is generally known in the neighborhood among the elder residents that tons of mica were hauled by wagon to Asheville fifty years ago and that Mr. Peacock profitably worked the mine some thirty years ago commencing with reworking the old dump. As has been already stated, there was once a mica [illegible] on this location.

(c) The shaft of this mine is in the vein with vein material showing all around. The vein does not appear to have moved; that is, it does not appear that there has been any slippage in the old site. Ruby mica in small books is showing all around. Attached is a sketch giving graphic picture of present working. Applicants believe that this is a good mine and that with help in prospecting it can be developed into a producer. Report of Mr. Flynt at Spruce Pine, Purchasing Agent of the General Services Administration, regarding samples removed recently from this mine is attached.

(d) Although approximately 500 ft. of road must be constructed to enable owner and applicants to move necessary equipment and supplies into the mine proper; that amount of road will be all that is necessary to connect this project with an all weather road. Consequently this mine is easily accessible from Canton, N. C. over highways Nos. 110 - 276. The site of this mine is approximately 12 miles from Canton, N. C., traveling as follows: From Canton follow North Carolina state highway 110 to Woodrow. From Woodrow follow U. S. highway 276 south toward Brevard to the Hungary Creek Road; thence crossing the East fork of Pigeon River travel up the Hungary Creek Road to the intersection of the Jim Bradley farm road and the Hungary Creek Road; thence turning left into the Jim Bradley farm until you arrive at the Jim Bradley house. The mine is approximately 1500 ft. from the Jim Bradley house and about 200 ft. straight up the hillside from a farm road which passes the Jim Bradley reservoir. See attached sketch showing description of property. Canton, N. C. would be a shipping and supply point. Residence points would be Cruso, N. C., a distance of approximately a mile.

(e) Manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and gasoline and electrical power are easily and readily available within the Cruso area in ample and sufficient quantities. Although operators are using gasoline powered machinery, it is worth note that this project is within a short distance of a three phase electrical power line operated by REA. Gravity water supply is available to the mine. While there is a small amount of seepage in the mine in the present working, applicants do not deem it sufficient to require the use of a pump although such necessity may later develop as the shaft is driven downward.

5. (a) Ruby mica of strategic quality.

(b) Applicants propose first to shoot down the walls and to trench out through the dump in order to eliminate any overhang over the shaft and to facilitate removal of waste product to dump. Secondly applicant proposes to drive the present shaft deeper until the bottom of the present vein material is reached; thence by means of drift, to follow the true run and pitch of the vein. Shaft work is needed first to get to the bottom of present vein material before attempting to drift with the run of the vein.

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(c) Work will start within 60 days and be completed within 12 months from the date of exploration project contract.
(d) Mr. E. L. Poston, one of applicants herein, has just completed supervision of DMEA contract #2561. Cross reference is made to that project.

Mr. Jim Bradley has had years of experience in supervising construction work on highways, roads, and projects including experience in drilling and blasting work, the operation of heavy equipment, and hoists, and has had considerable experience in recent years as a lumberman essentially in connection with the cutting and hauling of big timber on the West coast.
Applicants will conduct and supervise operation.

6. Estimate of Costs: Stage 1.
1 - Road work: Construction of 400 to 500 ft. of road - 10 hrs. bulldozer work - $100.00.
2 - Front wall of the opening to mine needs to come off and the old dump will have to be moved or pushed down to a lower level for proper drainage in addition to facing off of the old mine and moving dump out of the way; although some blasting will be necessary it can be done by bulldozer, the estimated time and expense of which would be 60 hours bulldozer work at $10.00 per hour, or $600.00.
The removal of a 3 ft. by 6 ft. by 20 ft. rock wall at a cost of $1.25 per cubic foot, or $450.00, will also be necessary.
3 - Construction of a 7 by 7 by 20 ft. shaft to reach the bottom of the vein estimated at $45.00 per lineal foot, or $900.00.

NOTE:

The completion of the operations above would complete Stage 1.

Stage 2: Would consist of drifting 50 ft. with the vein at an estimated cost of $40.00 per foot, drift to be 5 by 7 by 50 ft., or if the run of the vein so indicated that it would be more feasible to do so, then a 7 by 7 by 50 ft. shaft would be run with the vein which it is estimated could be done at $45.00 per lineal foot or at a cost of $2250.00. This latter is an alternative which would be optional and dependent upon determination of the true course and pitch of the vein.
NOTE: All costs are included in the estimate above given.

Summary of Estimated Costs:

1.	(a) Bulldozer road work	$ 100.00
	(b) Facing off and moving dump	600.00
2.	Shooting down 3 x 6 x 20 ft. wall	450.00
3.	Shaft 7 x 7 x 20	900.00
4.	Drift 7 x 5 x 50	2000.00

Total estimated cost - $4050.00

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NOTE: If instead of the drift mentioned in #4 above a 50 ft. shaft is driven as an alternative following the vein, then the total costs estimated above would be increased by $250.00, it being estimated that such a shaft would cost approximately $2250.00. ($45.00 per lineal foot), making the above total costs $4300.00 instead of $4050.00.

7. (a) Yes.
(b) Our personal services and labor equal in value to $600.00 per month plus the use of a truck - the use of which on basis of depreciation would equal $100.00 per month, during time which actual exploration project was in operation.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Spruce Pine, North Carolina

June 1, 1953

Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer
DMEA, Region 7
Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Laurence:

I am in receipt of sample of mica submitted by Mr. E. L. Poston, Route 2, Canton, North Carolina. This mica is from the Old Sharp Mine on Jim Bradley 's property near Canton, North Carolina.

We are pleased to advise that this mica is of ruby variety and with proper preparation will be accepted on the present government mica purchasing program.

Yours very truly,

W. S. Flynt, Superintendent
Spruce Pine Mica Depot

cc: Mr. E. L. Poston