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- [ ] Royalty Audits
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- [ ] Termination Notice or Agreement
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- [ ] Assignment of Contract
- [ ] Contract Amendments
- [ ] Contract with all exhibits and annexes
- [x] Owner's Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement
- [x] Application and attachments

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- [ ] Work Comoleted analysis (final)

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- [ ] Field Team Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project
- [ ] Final Field Team Report (Tab)
- [ ] Operator's Final Report (Tab)
- [ ] Interim Field Team Reports
- [ ] Operator's monthly reports and all attachments
- [ ] On-site Exam Report (Tab)
- [ ] Settlement Sheets
- [ ] Drill Logs

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- [ ] Project Summary (Interim) by DMEA Engineers

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- [ ] Field Team Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project
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- [ ] Operator's Monthly Reports with transmittal, narrative and maps.

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June 12, 1958

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: Acting Executive Officer, DMEA - Region V - Knoxville

Subject: Application - Lewie Aldridge and Buena A. Vance, Spruce Pine, N. C. McKinney Mine, Avery County, N.C. (mica)

Transmitted are three copies of the subject application. Attached to the original are the following:

a) sketched map of the property

b) the mining lease

c) 5 copies of form MF-205

d) copy of our letter to the Applicants

A copy of the application has been retained by this office.

V. J. Lynch

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June 12, 1958

Mr. Lewie Aldridge
Plumtree, North Carolina

Re: Application on McKinney Mine
Avery County, N. C. (mica)

Dear Mr. Aldridge:

Your application for aid in exploring for strategic mica at the McKinney Mine, Avery County, North Carolina has been forwarded to our Washington office for review and consideration.

It is doubtful that there will be sufficient time to complete processing your application before June 30, the date the DMEA program terminates. There is, however, legislation pending in this Congress for a modified type of exploration program. If this legislation is enacted tinto law your application, upon written request, will be considered under the rules and regulations of the new program.

Very truly yours,

V. J. Lynch, Acting
Executive Officer, DMEA
Region V

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.3
Approval expires June 30, 1958

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT

PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER I, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

RECEIVED JUN 16 D.M.E.A.

NAME OF APPLICANT (Full legal name and mailing address as it should appear on contract if one is executed)	APPLICANT NOT TO USE THIS BLOCK
McKinney Mine c/o Lewie Aldridge Spruce Pine, North Carolina	Docket Number: DMEA-5055 Date Received: 6-16-58 Government Participation %: Region: V. Division Code: 600

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION (Check one)

- Individual ☐
- Corporation ☐
- Partnership ☐
- Other (Specify) ☐

State in which firm is organized: N. C.

LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE

Name	Address	Title
Lewie Aldridge	Spruce Pine, N. C.	Partner
Buena A. Vance	Plumtree, N. C.	Partner

(Lewie Aldridge Home address, Plumtree, N. C.)

Mineral(s) for which you wish to explore: Mica

Estimated Cost of Project: $ 9,115.00

LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Name	County	State
McKinney Mine	Avery	N. C.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out this application, please read DMEA Order-I, Revised, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects." To assure prompt action, your application must provide all applicable material and information specified on the back of this application form. Avoid unnecessary correspondence and delays by submitting complete and accurate information. *Please submit four copies of this application and all accompanying papers* except as otherwise noted. Place your name and address on each sheet. Each item of information, maps, and reports required as a part of this application is described on the back of this form. Identify each attached statement by the item number to which it applies. If an item does not apply to your application, show the item number on your statement and after it write "not applicable." Maps or sketches should be used to supplement narrative descriptions of the property location and boundaries in item 1, existing mine workings and geology in item 2, and the proposed exploration project in item 4. When this information is not too complex, all of it may be shown on one map or sketch. All documents and other attachments submitted as a part of this application, except those in item 2(g) which you mark to be returned, become the property of the Government and will not be returned to the applicant. Send true copies, *not originals,* of leases, contracts, and other documents which are an essential part of your business records. *File this application with the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest DMEA Field Office.*

CERTIFICATION

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

May 6, 1958
Dated

RECEIVED JUN 12 1958 U. S. Geological Survey Geologic Division Washington, D. C.

BY *(Signature)* Lewie Aldridge

Partner
Title

A wilfully false statement or certification to any Department or Agency of the United States Government is a criminal offense. U. S. Code, Title 18, Sec. 1001.

INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION

1. *Applicant's Property Rights:*

(a) State the legal description (section, township, and range; metes and bounds; patent number of claims) of the land upon which you wish to explore and all land adjacent to the proposed project area which you own or control. Describe any part of the project land or workings which should not be subject to Government lien for royalty payments. If the land consists of unpatented claims, state the book and page number for each recorded location notice, including amended locations, and the place where recorded (courthouse, recorder's office, county, and state).

(b) State all the names by which you know the property.

(c) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise. If you are not the owner, submit with this application one exact copy of the lease, contract, or other document (with address of owner) under which you control the property.

(d) Describe all liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the property.

2. *Physical Description:*

(a) Describe in detail and illustrate with maps or sketches all mining or exploration operations which you know have been or are being conducted upon the lands, including existing mine workings. Describe all production facilities.

(b) State your interest, if any, in operations stated in 2*(a)*.

(c) State, as far as you know, the past and current production, supporting your statement with copies of settlement sheets, mine records, or published data if available.

(d) Describe known ore reserves on the property giving quantities and grades and sampling methods used, supporting your statement with copies of assay certificates and assay maps if available.

(e) Describe by narrative and maps or sketches the geologic features of the property, including ore minerals, geologic formations if known, and type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.).

(f) State your reasons for expecting to find ore, and if you have sampled the area you propose to explore, show where the samples were taken, describe sampling methods used, and provide copies of assay certificates.

(g) Send with your application at least *two* copies of all geologic or engineering reports, assay maps, or technologic information which you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

3. *Accessibility of Project:*

(a) To aid DMEA representatives who may be required to examine the property, state the name and address of the person who will meet the DMEA representative; give directions for reaching the property; and describe accessibility of the property including the mine workings.

(b) Name the shipping and supply points and places where employees reside and state the distances between them and the property.

4. *The Exploration Project:*

(a) Describe fully the proposed exploration project giving individual footages and sizes of openings *for each item of work.* Use narrative, maps, plans, and longitudinal and cross sections as necessary. Show the location of the proposed work as related to geologic features such as veins, ore-bearing beds, contacts of rock formations, etc. Show also the relation of the proposed work to any existing mine workings and to *property boundaries* or to the closest identifiable corner.

(b) If an access road to the project must be built, show the location on the property map and state the length, type, and construction methods proposed.

(c) In the event that an exploration contract with DMEA is executed, how soon will the work start and how many months will be required to complete it? State your anticipated average daily or monthly rate of progress for each type of work.

5. *Experience:*

State your operating experience and background with relation to your ability to carry out this exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

6. *Estimate of Costs:*

Furnish detailed estimates of the costs *for each item of the work proposed in 4(a)* under the headings listed below with a total for each heading and the estimated total cost of the project. Costs for any work to be performed by an independent contractor should be shown separately under category *(a)* below. Costs for any work that is not to be performed by an independent contractor should be given in detail under categories *(b)* through *(g)*.

(a) Independent contracts. State the cost of any proposed independent contract for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in units of work, such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved. Cost estimates should be supported by bids from three contractors if possible. *(Note* – If none of the work is to be contracted, write "none" after this item.)

(b) Personal services. For necessary supervision, engineering and geological services, and labor, include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes, rates of wages, salaries or fees, and periods of employment. State whether these technicians and employees are available.

(c) Operating materials and supplies. List items of material and supplies with their cost. Include under this heading power, water, and fuel, and units of equipment and tools costing less than $50 each.

(d) Operating equipment. List items of operating equipment to be used giving specifications and indicating how each item is to be acquired – i.e., rented, purchased, or provided by the applicant. If it is rented or purchased, state the estimated rental or purchase price. If it is to be furnished by the applicant, give its present fair market value.

(e) Initial rehabilitation and repairs. Describe the type and the cost of necessary *initial* rehabilitation or repair of existing buildings, fixtures, installations (exclusive of mine workings), and movable operating equipment now owned by the applicant, which will be used on the exploration project.

(f) New buildings, fixtures, installations. Describe each building, fixed improvement, and installation to be purchased, constructed, or installed for the exploration project stating specifications and cost including labor, materials and supervision.

(g) Miscellaneous. For the operating equipment listed in 6*(d)*, describe the type and estimate the cost of repairs and maintenance expected during project operations. Do not repeat initial repairs listed in 6*(e)*. Show also the costs of analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employees' liability insurance, payroll taxes, and other required costs that do not fall within the previous categories.

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

7. *(a)* State whether you are prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation stated in Sec. 7 of DMEA Order–I, Revised.

(b) Explain to what extent you propose to furnish your share of the costs by providing money, by use of equipment owned by you, or otherwise.

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INT.-DUP. SEC., WASH., D.C. 25960

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER I.

MCKINNEY MINE* LEWIE ALDRIDGE & BUENA VANCE

1- (a) The McKinney Mine is on a 540 acre tract of land owned by the W. W. Avery Heirs and is located on top of Powder Mill Mountain at the head of Powder Mill Creek, Roaring Creek Township, Avery County, North Carolina. Calls and description of Mine Plot is fully described on attached copy of lease and map.

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(b) Has always been known as "The Avery's Powder Mill Property.

(c) Lease. Copy attached.

(d) None.

2- (a) The McKinney Mine was discovered by Long John McKinney several years ago. There has been 2 shafts dug about 65 feet deep aroung 20 years ago. Some recent Bulldozing has been done on the surface exposing the pegmatite. There are no production facilities at the mine at this time except the natural water resource.

(b) We had an interest in the Bulldozing.

(c) We know that there was some good quality mica produced from this mine when it was first operated in the old shaft, but no sales sheets nor mine records are available to us. It produced a good quality free sheeting green flat mica.

(d) There is a large strata of pegmatite at this mine. This pegmatite is exposed by the recent bulldozing and it has all indication of mica. No assay certificates nor maps available.

(e) The vein is in hard rock formation of flint, feldspar and slate. See sketch or map attached, no other maps available.

(f) We have seen the mica samples that came out of the vein and they were good quality green mica. The pegmatite looks rich so we believe that it will produce a large quanity of mica.

(g) No geologic or engineering reports nor maps available.

3- (a) Lewie Aldridge will meet the field team at Plumtree and go with them to examine the Mine. They will go about 3 miles north of Plumtree on 19 E, then up Powder Mill Creek about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on a good gravel road, then up the mountain about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on a

Jeep road. It is steep but accessible.

(b) Spruce Pine, N. C. is both supply and shipping point. The employees will be local miners and will drive back and forth to work.

4- (a) We would like to cut a 100 foot shaft in the pegmatite following the mica lead, the shaft to be bout 20 feet from the old shaft, and 100 feet of crisscrossing from bottom of shaft, 50 feet each way with the lead of mica. It will be necessary to build houses to protect the machinery or tools and mine supplies.

(b) There is a Jeep road leading into the mine and no road building will be necessary.

(c) The work will start immediately and be completed in four months or less. We should average over 25 feet per month.

5- (a) Lewie Aldridge has had several years experience mining and is now operating several mines at this time. He will supervise the work and will have an experienced miner for foreman.

(b) Buena A. Vance has had nineteen years experience min mine operations, either as operator or mine bookkeeper.

6- (a) We would like to have the contract on a cost of unit basis as follows:

1- 100 feet of shafting @ 45.00	$4500.00
2- 100 feet of crisscrossing @ 45.00	4500.00
3- 1 Tool House @	75.00
4- 1 Powder Magazine @	25.00
5- 1 Exploder Magazine @	15.00
Total proposed cost	$9115.00

(b) Not applicable on cost of unit contract.

(c) (d) Not applicable.

(e) None needed.

(f) Buildings listed in "(a)" above.

(g) Not applicable

7- (a) Yes

(b) Money

Certification of these papers signed to on Form MF-103.

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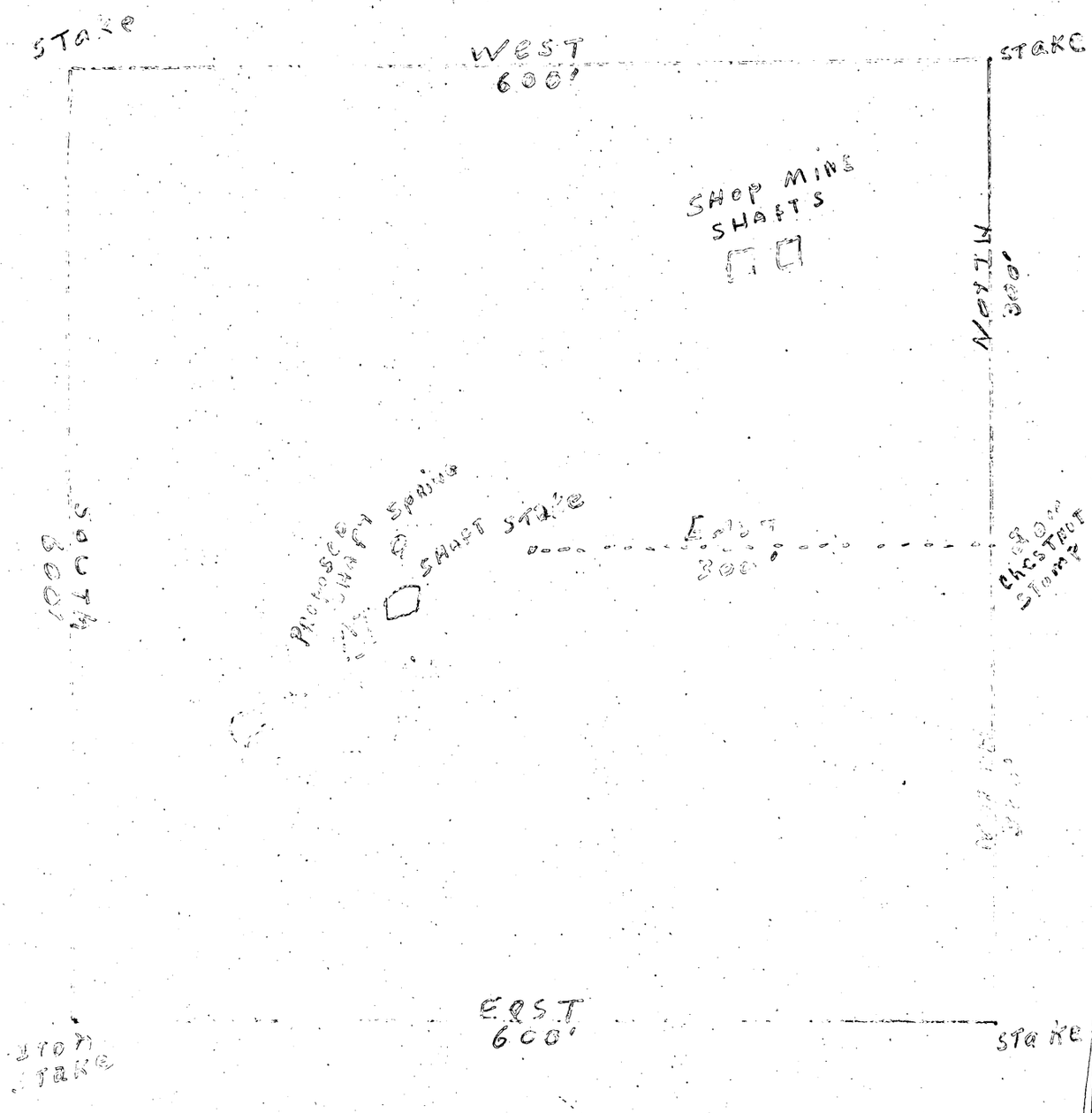

MCKINNEY MINE LOCATED APPR
3.5 MILES N.W OF PLUMTREE N.C.
BOUNDRY CONTAINS 540 ACRES
RECORDED IN BOOK
AVERY COUNTY SCALE 1" = 100
DATE MAY 30, 1958

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MINING LEASE

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State of North Carolina AVERY County:

This indenture made this 4 day of JUNE, 1956

between Duena A Vance, Husband Joe C.Vance, Gwendolyn A Phillips, Husband William G. Phillips Waites W. Avery, Wife Lotus Avery & Corinna A. Aldridge, Husband Lewis Aldridge, all W.W.Avery of Heirs & all of Avery County County and State of North Carolina as party of the first part, and known as lessor, and Lewis Aldridge & Duena A. Vance of Avery County and State of North Carolina, party of the second part and known as lessee.

WITNESSETH, That the parties of the first part in consideration of One Dollar in hand received and hereby acknowledged by the lessor, and in consideration of the agreements hereinafter contained, on the part of the party of the second part to be performed, hereby bargains, leases and grants to the party of the second part, and his heirs and assigns, for the period of five years from the date of this agreement, the following described real property, for mining purposes, in the County and State first above written to wit: Known as the McKinney Mine on Powder Mill, Roaring Creek Township Avery County, North Carolina; Beginning at a stake near the old works in the center of the plot and running East 300 feet to a 20" Chestnut Stump, thence north 300 feet to a stake, thence west 600 feet to a stake, thence south 600 feet to an iron stake, thence east 600 feet to a stake, thence north 300 feet to the 20" chestnut stump, the point of Closure.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lands to him, for mining purposes, the said lessee and his heirs and assigns for the aforesaid period of five years in compliance with the condition of this instrument, for the purpose and with the right to dig, quarry, search, explore for, obtain, and remove any kind of minerals, metals or fossils, and particularly mica, and to conduct the same to any extent the said party of the second part, the lessee, may desire. And it is hereby agreed between the parties to this agreement that the party of the second part is to have the use of any unoccupied buildings on said lands for mining purposes, and that he shall have the right to erect such buildings as he needs to carry on such mining operations during the period of this lease, and that the party of the second part shall keep the same in as good condition as when received, unavoidable accidents excepted. And it is also agreed by the party of the second part that no unnecessary damage is to be done to the lands herein leased during the period of this lease and the continuance of said lease, but the said party of the second part shall have the right to take from said lands leased to the party of the second part any wood or timber the party of the second part may need to carry on said mining operations or which may be needed to carry on the addition to existing buildings or to erect new buildings or sheds on said lands. (Timber of high or special market value is excepted and shall not be used by the lessee.) And it is hereby agreed that the party of the second part, the lessee, is to have the right-of-way of ingress and egress to said mines or land upon which exploration is being conducted.

AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED That the party of the second part, the lessee hereby agrees to pay to the said part of the first part, or his or their heirs or assigns, a rental royalty of 1/8 th. of all mica, 50¢ per ton on all feldsper and the prevailing royalty rates on any other minerals taken and sold from said mines which shall be for the use of the said lands for the aforesaid period of five years. The said amounts shall be payable on the computation of selling bills on the tenth day of each month covering sales made during the previous month. Any minerals other than those set forth above which may be taken and sold shall be paid for and at the usual royalty rate of the minerals taken.

AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED That the lessee, the party of the second part, his heirs or assigns, shall have the option to renew this lease and to extend the period of its running for an additional five years from the date of its present termination. The option shall be exercised by giving formal written notice to the party of the first part or by the continuation of any mining operation then being conducted. The lessor reserve the right to use the land, or convey the same not conflicting with this lease, but under any conveyance the terms of this lease must be recognized by the grantee, purchaser, or assigns thereof. And it is agreed that the lessee may assign this mining lease or any part thereof and that he may sublease.

~~AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED That the lessee, the party of the second part, his heirs or assigns, is hereby given an option to purchase all the right, title and interest, legal and equitable to and in the real estate described and set forth in this lease for a total purchase price of said purchase price to be paid in full within three years from the date of this instrument and it is agreed that all rental royalties paid to the party of the first part shall apply toward and be a part of the total purchase price above set forth, and that at such time that the total purchase price is paid in the form of royalties or a lump sum payment or a combination of both, the party of the first part will execute a special warranty deed to the party of the second part and that failure of the lessee to exercise this option at any time within the next three years shall entitle the party of the second part to specific performance of this option contract.~~

BUT IT IS EXPRESSLY AGREED That unless mineral or fossil material of practical value for mining purposes shall be found within a period of two years from the date of this instrument, the lease may be terminated by the lessee at any time thereafter on thirty days notice to the lessor. The lessee agrees that during the period of this lease or the continuance of this lease work in said mines or exploration for new mines within the area leased shall not cease longer than ninety days at any one time, unavoidable accidents excepted.

WITNESS our hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Witness:

Duena A. Vance (Seal)

Joe C. Vance (Seal)

Gwendolyn A. Phillips (Seal)

Continued on attached Sheet.

Bal Mellicom S. Phillips .....(SEAL)

Vance Waites W. Avery .....(SEAL)

Lotus Lotus V. Avery .....(SEAL)

Corinna Corinna A. Aldridge .....(SEAL)

Lewis Lewis Aldridge .....(SEAL)

LESSORS

Buena Buena A. Vance .....(SEAL)

Lewis Lewis Aldridge .....(SEAL)

LESSEES

NORTH CAROLINA

AVERY COUNTY

Personally came before me this day, Buena A. Vance, Joe C. Vance, Gwendolyn A. Phillips, William S. Phillips, Waites W. Avery, Lotus Avery, Corinna A. Aldridge and Lewie Aldridge, Lessors who signed and acknowledged the due execution of the Annexed Mining Lease for the purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal this the 6 day of June, 1958

SEAL

Mary D. Murray
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires Dec 1. 1958

NORTH CAROLINA

AVERY COUNTY

Personally came before me this day, Lewie Aldridge and Buena A. Vance the Lessees who each signed and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed Mining Lease for the purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal this the 6 day of June, 1958.

SEAL

Mary D. Murray
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires Dec 1. 1958

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McKinney Mine
c/o Mr. Lewis Aldridge
Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-5055-Mica
Lewis Aldridge and Buena A. Vance
McKinney Mine
Avery County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to our letter of January 29, 1959, regarding action required to make your DMEA application eligible for consideration under the OME regulations.

We wish to cooperate with you in allowing ample time to complete such action, but, if we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will assume that you are no longer interested in proceeding with your application, and we will consider it as having been withdrawn.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON (bh)
Acting Director

LGHouk:gad 3/6/59
Copy to: Dir. R. File
Region V
Mr. Kiilsgaard, USGS
Mr. Dietrich, 3061

no response received to date 4-13-59 gad

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF MINERALS EXPLORATION
Washington 25, D. C.

January 31, 1959

Memorandum for Docket

Subject: Withdrawal of Pending DMEA Applications

Effective this date, this pending DMEA application is considered withdrawn for statistical purposes.

If, at a later date, the applicant requests reconsideration under the OME program, all pertinent material in the DMEA file should be transferred to the new OME docket.

Frank E. Johnson
Frank E. Johnson
Acting Director

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JAN 29 1959

McKinney Mine
c/o Mr. Lewie Aldridge
Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-5055-Mica
Lewie Aldridge and Buena A. Vance
McKinney Mine
Avery County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the regulations for obtaining Federal assistance in financing mineral exploration under which the new Office of Minerals Exploration will operate.

If you wish that your partly-processed DMEA application be considered under the OME regulations, please complete and return four of the copies of the attached application, MME Form 40.

Your attention is called especially to the certification which when signed declares that you would not ordinarily undertake the proposed exploration under current conditions and circumstances at your sole expense, and to Item 1(a) -- and 1(c) if applicable -- which relates to information used to determine your financial eligibility under the new exploration program. Information that is included in your DMEA application need not be repeated in the OME application, but you can add new information if you so desire. Please supply this office with a map of the total acreage within which the leased parcel of land is located and show an accurate measurement and compass bearing from the proposed work to the closest identifiable corner. The bounding owners should also be shown. We are returning five copies of the Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement, dated June 10, 1958. As there has been a lapse of time since the submittal of your application please obtain a letter of confirmation that your lease is in good standing.

Also enclosed are six copies of the Lien and Subordination Agreements, MME Form 52, referred to in Item 2(c) of the application. Early submittal of five completed copies of the form will save time in case you apply for exploration assistance under the OME program and a contract is granted.

If you do not wish to participate in the OME program, we shall appreciate being so informed.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson (for)

Acting Director

Enclosures

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Mr. Kilsgaard
Mr. Dietrich
Mr. Houk

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Mr. Lewis Aldridge

Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Re: DMEA-5055-Mica
DMEA-4960-Mica
DMEA-4972-Mica

Dear Mr. Aldridge:

As you have applications for exploration aid pending in our office, perhaps you may wish to study the proposed DMEA regulations and comment on them before October 17 as provided in the first paragraph of the enclosed notice reprinted from the Federal Register of September 17, 1958.

Some time after October 17 when the final regulations become effective, we will send you the new application forms so you may furnish any additional information necessary to process your applications for aid under the new program.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Acting Director

Enclosure

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Mr. Houk

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Aldridge Motor Company, Inc.

Sales - - Service

TELEPHONE PO 5-4246-4247-4248

Spruce Pine, N. C.

July 10, 1958

U. S. Department of the Interior
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-5055-Mica
Lewie Aldridge and Buena A. Vance
McKinney Mine
Avery County, North Carolina

Attention: Mr. Mittendorf

Gentlemen:

Please consider this letter as a request to consider the above application under any new rules and regulations that might be established later for a new program by legislation enactment.

Please advise if further information is necessary.

Yours very truly,

Lewie Aldridge

Lewie Aldridge

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

Re: Docket No. DMEA-5055-Mica
Lewis Aldridge and Buena A. Vance
McKinney Mine
Avery County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

The subject application is being sent to you as a matter of record.

Copies of memoranda dated June 17 and 20, 1958, by Mr. N. E. Nelson, USGS, and Mr. W. F. Dietrich, USBM, respectively, relating to the project are enclosed. There is also enclosed a copy of the application for the use of the Field Team.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee (24B)

Approved:

A. D. McMahon (24B)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (24B)
Member, Geological Survey

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

Re: Docket No. DMEA-5055-Mica
Lewie Aldridge and Buena A. Vance
McKinney Mine
Avery County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

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

Copies of memoranda dated June 17 and 20, 1958, by Mr. N. E. Nelson, USGS, and Mr. W. F. Dietrich, USBM, respectively, relating to the project are enclosed. There is also enclosed a copy of the application for the use of the Field Team.

You will note that in our letter to the Applicants, we made no reference to a field examination as you may not find time to schedule one if needed.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge
Chairman, Operating Committee (GCS)

Approved:

Frank D. Lamb (FDL)
Member, Bureau of Mines

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McKinney Mine
c/o Mr. Lewie Aldridge
Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-5055-Mica
Lewie Aldridge and Buena A. Vance
McKinney Mine
Avery County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

The application for assistance in exploring your property, under the captioned docket number, has been reviewed by the Division of Nonmetallic Minerals of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration. It has been referred to Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region V, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville 2, Tennessee.

I regret to inform you that your application was not received in sufficient time to permit us to complete its processing before June 30, 1958, the expiration date of the DMEA program. Legislation has been introduced in the Congress, however, to continue the DMEA type of program. If such legislation is enacted, upon written request, we shall be glad to consider your application under the rules and regulations established for the new program.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

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

June 20, 1958

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: W. F. Dietrich, Chief, Branch of Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials

Subject: DMEA - 5055 (mica)

Applicant: Lewie Aldridge and Buena A. Vance

Name and Location of Property: McKinney Mine
Avery County, North Carolina

Date Application Rec'd. by Br. of Ceramic & Fertilizer Materials: 6/16/58

Comments:

1. Applicants state that this mine was worked about 20 years ago and some good quality mica was produced.

2. Recent bulldozing has supposedly uncovered the pegmatite which applicants believe to appear rich in mica.

3. Applicants wish to sink a 100 foot shaft 20 feet from an existing 65 foot shaft and drift 100 feet. The shafting might be a duplication of work if the old shaft is usable.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the field team visit this mine when in that vicinity to ascertain if an exploration project is justified. If so, the field team and applicant should agree on a definite plan of exploration on a unit-cost basis.

W. F. Dietrich

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 17, 1958
Re: DMEA 5055
Lewie Aldridge & Buena A. Vance
McKinney Mine
Avery County, N. C.
$9,115.00 - Mica

Memorandum

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: N. E. Nelson, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of application

The applicant requests assistance in exploring a pegmatite by sinking a 100-foot shaft about 20 feet from an old 65-foot shaft. At the bottom, 100 feet of crosscutting and drifting would be done.

It appears unlikely such duplication of work is warranted.

Referral of the application to the Field Team is recommended.

N. E. Nelson

N. E. Nelson

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

June 16, 1958

Mr. Lewie Aldridge
Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Subject: DMEA-5055

Dear Mr. Aldridge:

Your application for exploration assistance, dated May 6, 1958 submitted to our office at Knoxville, Tennessee has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-5055 and referred to the Nonmetallic Minerals Division in the Washington Office. Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this Docket Number.

Sincerely yours,

Allen S. Dakan, Director
Operations Control and
Statistics Division

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