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Dr. H. A. Tagliaferri, President
Taglo Mining Corporation
Overton, Nevada

APR 17 1953

Re: Docket No. DMSA-2717 - Mica-Beryl
Santa Cruz Mine
Clark County, Nevada

Dear Dr. Tagliaferri:

Your application for aid for an exploration project and other reports available to us in Washington relating to your mine have been reviewed.

Projects approved by the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration must, in its judgment, show definite promise of yielding materials of acceptable grade in quantities that will significantly improve the mineral supply position for the National Defense Program.

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Careful study of all our information, although noting a small amount of marginal ore on your property, indicates to us that the probability of disclosing minable ore reserves by your proposed program is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. We regret to advise you, under these circumstances, that your application for exploration assistance is denied.

We wish to thank you for your interest in the Defense Minerals Program and for bringing your property to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittenderf (for)

Administrator

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April 16, 1953

Memorandum

To: Administrator

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Closing Review of Docket No. DMEA-2717 - Mica-Beryl
Applicant: Taglo Mining Corporation
Overton, Nevada
Property: Santa Cruz Mine
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Amount applied for: $50,000.00

Closing letter: Denial of application attached.

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In view of the unfavorable nature of the data in the field report, the Nonmetallic Minerals Division of DMEA recommends denial of this application.

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Memorandum

To: L. G. Houk, Chief
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From: Robert F. Griffith
Rare and Precious Metals Branch

Re: Mica-Beryl

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Region III

1012 Flood Building
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March 23, 1953

Memorandum

To: George C. Selfridge, Chairman, Operating Committee, DMEA, Interior Building, Washington 25, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Administration
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From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III

Subject: Docket DMEA-2717 (Mica-Beryl)
Taglo Mining Corporation, Overton, Nevada, Santa Cruz Mine, Clark County, Nevada

Reference is made to your letter, dated January 21, requesting a regular field examination of the subject property by a mining engineer and a geologist.

The property was examined on February 5 - 8, 1953, by W. E. Hall and W. P. Irwin, of the Geological Survey, and George H. Holmes, Jr., of the Bureau of Mines.

Attached are four copies of a report entitled "DMEA 2717, Taglo Mining Corporation, Santa Cruz Mine, Clark County, Nevada, (Mica-Beryl) by Wayne E. Hall and W. P. Irwin, Geologists, U. S. Geological Survey," dated March 17, 1953.

The examining geologists report the property contains narrow pegmatitic dikes that average 0.4 pounds of beryl per ton and less than 5 percent muscovite. Some pods of pegmatite contain a little more beryllium and 10 percent non-strategic mica, but these are small. The geologists recommend the applicant's request for a DMEA loan be denied because the mica is non-strategic and the quantity of beryllium-bearing minerals is far too small to be of economic interest. As both of the geologists who made the examination have had considerable experience in the evaluation of pegmatite deposits, Mr. Bailey and I believe their opinions can be relied upon.

As the geologists' recommendations were that the property did not warrant an exploration loan, no effort was made by Mr. Holmes

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to collect pertinent data and cost such as would be helpful to you if a contract were to be drawn.

H. C. Miller
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region III

Attachment

Copy to: E. H. Bailey, USGS
A. C. Johnson, Reno

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF EXAMINATION BY FIELD TEAM
REGION III

DMEA 2717, Taglo Mining Corp., Santa Cruz Mine

Clark County, Nevada.

(Mica-Beryl)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Exploration
DMEA 2717

Wayne E. Hall, Geologist and
W. P. Irwin, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

March 17, 1953

Reviewed by
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Summary

The Santa Cruz mica-beryl prospect consists of three adits totaling about 500 feet in length, and several shallow open cuts scattered over three groups of claims for a length of about 2 miles along a zone of muscovite schist. Abundant bodies of pegmatitic rock occur in the schist, ranging from lenticular pods 25 feet long and 5 feet thick to dikes more than 350 feet long and 8 feet thick. Muscovite, beryl, and chrysoberyl occur in some of the pegmatite bodies. Chrysoberyl was seen only in the smaller pod-shaped bodies, and in general, muscovite and beryl are more abundant in the smaller pegmatitic bodies.

The grade of the most promising pegmatite bodies was determined by making mineral counts of the beryl and chrysoberyl in the area the owner proposes to explore. The pegmatite dikes contain an average of 0.4 pounds of beryl per ton, and less than 5 per cent muscovite, whereas the better of the shorter, pod-like bodies contain an average of 0.3 pounds of beryl per ton, 0.6 pounds of chrysoberyl per ton, and about 10 percent muscovite. It is possible that exposures of the smaller pod-like bodies may have contained three or four times as much beryl and chrysoberyl as the mineral counts indicate as they have been picked over by many mineral collectors. None of the muscovite is of strategic grade.

The total tonnage of pegmatite that contains beryllium minerals and muscovite is very large, although it is the sum of many discontinuous pegmatite bodies. No measurement of the total tonnage has been made, but it is likely to be on the order of several hundred thousand tons, assuming a thickness of 5 feet to a depth of 100 feet. The reserve of the higher grade pegmatite pods, however, is small, and it is in these bodies that the operators have done all their exploration work. Four pod-shaped bodies in the area of the applicant's proposed exploration work contain an inferred reserve of 1800 tons of pegmatite that contains small quantities of beryl, chrysoberyl, and muscovite.

The applicant proposes to explore the dikes and pods on the Santa Cruz group of claims by 1000 feet of drifts and crosscuts, and an unspecified amount of trenching, at a cost of $40,000. It is recommended that the applicant's request for a DMEA loan be denied, as the muscovite is not of strategic grade, and the beryllium-bearing minerals are far too sparsely distributed to be of economic interest.

Introduction

The Santa Cruz mica-beryl property of the Taglo Mining Corporation was examined for the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration by W. E. Hall and W. P. Irwin of the Geological Survey and George Holmes of the Bureau of Mines during the period February 5 to 8, 1953. The purpose of the examination was to determine if a government loan of $40,000 requested by the Taglo Mining Corporation to explore the property was warranted.

Location

The property is at an altitude of 6,000 to 7,000 feet in the Virgin Mountains, Clark County, Nevada. According to the mine manager the northeastern part of the property is in Arizona. The property is accessible by 9 miles of well-graded road that extends south from U. S. Highway 93 at a point two miles west of Mesquite, Nevada. On the property, at least six miles of good road, though steep in places, leads from the graded gravel road to all places where the applicant proposes exploration work.

The Santa Cruz property consisted of 8 unpatented claims on September 19, 1952 when the application for DMEA loan was filed. Since then, the Taglo Mining Corporation acquired the Emerald Group of claims adjacent to the north end of the Santa Cruz group. According to Mr. Lloyd, manager of the Taglo Mining Corporation , and presumably owner of the Lloyd Mining Company, the Taglo Mining Corporation would also acquire the Blue Jay group of claims, adjacent to the south end of the Santa Cruz group, from the Lloyd Mining Company on February 14, 1953.

Little work has been done on the pegmatites, and there has been no production from the property. A 228-foot adit was driven in schist between two pegmatites by earlier prospectors in search of tungsten; no ore was encountered. Two short adits have been driven by Lloyd, one in barren schist on the Blue Jay group, and another along the series of small thin pods of muscovite-rich pegmatites. The only other work on the property, besides an extraordinarily elaborate system of access roads, is a few small shallow cuts made by blasting outcrops.

Method of examination

The main purpose of examination was to determine the beryl content of the pegmatite body. Customary methods for sampling metalliferous deposits are not applicable to deposits of pegmatite. The most accurate method of sampling pegmatite deposits would be to collect numerous large samples for mill tests. Considering the many pegmatite bodies on the applicants property, and the wide variance in beryl content between individual bodies, the large tonnage of rock necessary to be collected made such a method impractical. Satisfactory results have been obtained more simply by the mineral count and allied methods.

A sketch map was made of the principal pegmatites on the Rising Star claim of the Santa Cruz group. These pegmatites are similar to other pegmatites in the area, and it is these pegmatites that the applicant proposes to explore. At intervals of 50 feet along the pegmatite outcrops the percentage of beryl was computed by determining the area of contained beryl in relation to the area of pegmatite. The percentages obtained may be somewhat lower than the grade of unexposed pegmatite, as beryl and chrysoberyl crystals at some of the richer spots have been removed by the applicant. The percentage figures obtained, however, are believed to be a reasonable approximation of the quantity of beryl present in the pegmatite bodies.

Geology

Swarms of pegmatite bodies occur in a band of muscovite schist that is several hundred feet wide. The band may be discontinuous, but occurs over a length of at least 3 miles through the Blue Jay, Santa Cruz and Emerald groups of claims. The foliation of the schist strikes northeast and dips steeply to the southeast. The pegmatite bodies are parallel to the foliation of the schist. They range from dikes 350 feet long and 8 feet thick to lenticular pods 25 feet long and 5 feet thick (see plate). They are fine to medium-grained and consist principally of perthitic microcline, plagioclase, quartz, and muscovite. Beryl, chrysoberyl, schorl, garnet, and biotite are minor constituents. The average grain size of the pegmatite is between 1/4 and 1/2 inch in diameter. In general the grain size of the smaller bodies is coarser than that of the larger.

Throughout most of the pegmatites the minerals are not concentrated in specific zones. Zoning is most common in the smaller and coarser grained bodies. The central part of a body where zoned consists of coarse microcline or quartz. At a few places, muscovite crystals form a thin zone for several feet along the hanging wall of the pegmatite.

Ore

Muscovite mica, and the beryllium-bearing minerals, beryl and chrysoberyl, are sought by the applicant. Mica constitutes from 5% to 30% of the pegmatite, the average being about 10 percent in the pegmatite pods and less than 5 percent in the pegmatite dikes. It ranges from small flakes to books as large as 8 inches across. The average size of the book mica is between 1 and 2 inches. Little is larger than 4 inches. Most of it is green colored, but in places with a suggestion of rum color. The only ruby mica seen was in a small body on the Blue Jay group of claims. The books are tangled, ruled, warped, and marked by A - structure. Biotite, quartz and hematite (?) occur as intergrowths in the muscovite, particularly in a deposit on the Rattlesnake claim of the Emerald group that contains the largest books of mica that were seen on the property. Sheets 2 by 3 inches have been trimmed, but are worthless ~~or~~ as strategic mica owing to the

hematite (?) intergrowths and stains. No mica of strategic grade was seen during the examination and it is unlikely that any is present on the three groups of claims.

Beryl occurs in the pegmatite as pale bluish-green crystals that range from 1/16 to 3/4 inch in diameter. Chrysoberyl occurs in the smaller bodies as thin yellowish-green plates as large as 1/16 by 1/2 by 1 inch. Nineteen mineral counts at intervals of 50 feet along pegmatite dikes on the Rising Star claim averaged 0.4 pounds of beryl per ton, ranging from 0 to 2.5 pounds of beryl per ton. Seven mineral counts of the smaller, pod-like bodies average 0.3 pounds of beryl per ton and 0.6 pounds of chrysoberyl per ton. The pods, however, have been picked over by the applicant, and it is possible that the beryl and chrysoberyl content before picking was several times greater than the mineral count indicates.

According to Mr. Lloyd, 50 tons of pegmatite from the Blue Jay claim was mined to determine the value of the recoverable mica and beryl. He reports that 20 percent mica was recovered, and 15 pounds of beryl per ton. Although the deposit is one of the most beryl-rich seen in the area, it seems very likely that it would need to be hand sorted before milling to give the results reported by Lloyd. The mill test consisted of coarse crushing and hand picking the beryl and mica from an inclined picking table.

Ore Reserves

None of the pegmatite bodies contains sufficient amounts of beryllium-bearing minerals or scrap mica to be termed "ore". The tonnage of individual pods at the north end of the Rising Star claim (see plate 1) range from 100 to several hundred tons, assuming a depth equal to one-half the length of the pods. The exposed pods total about 1800 tons with an average grade of 0.3 lbs. of beryl, and 0.6 lbs. of chrysoberyl per ton. The best deposit on the Blue Jay claim, of which the mill test was made, is inferred to contain about 2500 tons of pegmatite that may contain several pounds of beryl per ton. Two small pods being developed on the Emerald Group contain an inferred reserve of about 250 tons of pegmatite of similar grade. The total of the exposed pods on the Santa Cruz, Blue Jay, and Emerald Group of claims is an inferred 4,550 tons. The larger dike-like bodies constitute considerably larger tonnages, but contain no chrysoberyl and an appreciably lower percentage of beryl and muscovite.

Exploration

The applicant's proposed exploration is all on the Santa Cruz group of claims. He proposed to drift on pegmatites on the Rising Star, Sundown, and Santa Cruz claims by 3 adits with a total length of 900 feet, and to

run crosscuts totalling 100 feet from the 228 foot adit in mica schist on the Rising Star claim to pegmatite, and also included was an unspecified amount of trenching on the Sundown claim. The applicant has estimated that this would cost about $40,000 including engineering and supervision. Mr. Lloyd states that the $10,000 requested for metallurgical tests and mill design is no longer needed, as the Berylium Corporation has agreed to underwrite the cost of this work. The field team saw no verification of this and apparently no engineer from the Berylium Corporation has visited the property.

The applicant proposes to start each of the adits from 50 to 100 feet below a high-grade pegmatite pod and to continue the adit along a pegmatite dike. Most of the adits would explore dikes of pegmatite that contain too little muscovite and beryl to be worthy of exploration.

Qualification of the applicant

The applicant has spent probably more than $40,000 on building impressive roads to the property and in leveling off a mill site, but little has been done to develop the pegmatites or to prove their grade. The two adits totaling about 275 feet, driven on the Emerald and Blue Jay claims are almost entirely in mica schist with their targets obstensibly a little farther ahead. All of the figures on grade quoted by Lloyd have been taken at his word, as he has neither assays nor systematic mill tests to substantiate his claims.

The price of beryl was discussed with Lloyd. He claims to receive $2.50 per pound of beryl crystals, or $5,000 per ton. He became quite incensed when told by the Field Team that they believed beryl to be worth only $.25 per pound, or $500 per ton. Lloyd stated that if the price of beryl was only $.25 per pound his deposits would be worthless. The Field Team agreed with his last statement.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the applicant's request for a DMEA loan to explore the pegmatite bodies on the Taglo Mining Corporation property be denied, as there appears to be no mica of strategic grade and the pegmatites contain insufficient amounts of beryl and chrysoberyl to be mined economically.

Mr. Feather
DMEA 2717

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Mr. Lawrence Houk
Room 4637
Department of Interior Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Houk:

Attached find copy of letter received from Mr. R. R. Lloyd, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines, Boulder City, Nevada, regarding samples which were shipped to this Depot.

Your attention is directed to the last paragraph of Mr. Lloyd's letter in which he advised that we would hear from you shortly regarding these samples, and we have been waiting a letter from you.

In accordance with your request over the telephone today, our Procurement Officer checked these samples and reports as follows:

MICA (Books)
This mica has a definite use in industry, but not for stockpile purposes. It has heavy consentrations of black spots, which preclude its use for strategic purposes.

MICA (Shist)
The value of this is dependent upon the freight rates, cost of grinding, and recovery before same can be put on the market. We are not familiar with the conditions surrounding the sale of scrap mica from this point in Nevada.

BERYL (Crystals)
This is a high-grade beryl that will test thirteen percent (13%) Be O and over.

BERYL (Ore)
In Mr. R. R. Lloyd's letter it is indicated that the deposit carries from five to eight pounds of beryl per ton. If this is all that can be recovered, including hand-cobbing, it certainly would be rather doubtful that a paying operation could be

established. Giving it the maximum, both as to content and value, the mill heads would not average over $2.40 per ton, which would not carry the cost of the operation. However, we do not know whether the five to eight pounds per ton is the content of the ore, or if this is the content after hand-cobbing. The information at hand would indicate that it would not pay out as a milling product.

Trusting that this is the information desired, I remain

Yours very truly,

J. F. McGinness
Supt.

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UNITED STATES
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BUREAU OF MINES
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BOULDER CITY, NEVADA

January 9, 1953

General Services Administration
Mica Purchasing Depot
Custer, South Dakota

Attention: Mr. McGuinness

Gentlemen:

Under separate cover we have shipped you samples of mica and beryl collected by our Mineralogist from the Santa Cruz Mine, Clark County, Nevada. This mine is controlled by the Taglo Mining Corporation, who have made application for a development loan, Docket DMEA-2717. The samples of beryl were picked; the pegmatite is estimated to contain 5 to 8 pounds of such beryl per ton. The book mica, also picked, is not thought to be strategic, but the deposit may contain strategic mica at depth.

The samples were shipped at the request of Mr. Lawrence Houk, DMEA, Washington, D. C. You will hear shortly from Mr. Houk regarding these samples, if you have not already been so advised.

Very truly yours,

/s/t/ R. R. Lloyd, Chief
Electrometallurgical Branch
Metallurgical Division
Region III

Mr Fentes

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

Office of
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Region III

1012 Flood Building
870 Market Street
San Francisco 2, Calif.

February 3, 1953

AIR MAIL

Memorandum

To: Mr. Lawrence Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Interior Building, Washington, D. C.

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III

Subject: Docket DMEA-2717 (Mica-Beryl), Taglo Mining Corporation, Overton, Nevada, Santa Cruz Mine, Clark County, Nevada

Reference is made to my subject memorandum, dated December 29, to R. R. Lloyd of which you received a copy.

I have now received a copy of a letter sent to Mr. R. R. Lloyd, Bureau of Mines, Boulder City, dated January 27, 1953, from Mr. J. F. McGinness, Superintendent, General Services Administration, Custer, South Dakota, informing us that the samples of Mica and Beryl were received on January 19, but to date he has not heard from you.

Kindly notify Mr. McGinness directly as to what you wish done with the samples.

H. C. Miller
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region III

Copy to: R. R. Lloyd, Boulder City, Nevada
J. F. McGinness, Supt., GSA
Custer, South Dakota

Called & Mr McGinnis and advised of quality of mica

FILE COPY
SURNAME:

Houk

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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C. O. Mittendorf (fw)

Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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DEAR MR MITTENDORF- UNDER DATE OF SEPTEMBER 19TH 1952 APPLICATION WAS MADE FOR DEVELOPMENT LOAN BY TAGLO MINING COMPANY OF SANTA CRUZ MINE OVERTON NEVADA. WOULD YOU KINDLY ADVISE WHAT ACTION IF ANY HAS BEEN TAKEN ON THIS APPLICATION. MR PHIL BRADLEY HAS SUGGESTED I WIRE YOU.

BERT C. AUSTIN FOR TAGLO MINING CO MILLS BLDG SAN FRANCISCO=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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January 30, 1953
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Eagle Mining Company, [illegible] Bldg, San Francisco, California

Hotel January 29

Preliminary examination completed - Mine samples indicate it is nonstrategic quality - Reexamination recommended by Washington January 21. Contact H. D. Miller, [illegible] Flood Building, San Francisco for [illegible].

Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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Mr. H. C. Miller
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region III
1012 Flood Building
870 Market Street
San Francisco 2, California

JAN 21 1953

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2717 - Mica-Beryl
Taglo Mining Corp.
Overton, Nevada
Santa Cruz Mine
Clark County, Nevada

Dear Mr. Miller:

Reference is made to the subject application for exploration assistance at the Santa Cruz Mine and your memorandum of December 5, 1952, requesting recommendations from the Commodity Men in the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines.

We enclose copies of the requested memoranda.

Mr. Schenk's report implies that the best areas for exploration are on the Emerald and Blue Jay groups of claims. If this is true, the applicant should be requested to amend his application to include these properties. A copy of each lease and six copies of the Owner's Consent to Lien should accompany the application amendment.

J.C. 1/21/53

It is requested that a regular field examination be made by a mining engineer and a geologist. The report of this examination should include all pertinent data and a definite recommendation by the Field Team.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge (JHB)

Chairman, Operating Committee

Approved:

J. H. Hedges (JHB)

Member, Bureau of Mines

T. P. Thayer (JHB)

Member, Geological Survey

Enclosures: 2

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Operating Committee (2)
Mr. Griffith, 3641A
Mr. Norton, G-232 GSA Bldg.
Mr. Houk

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Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Interior Building
Washington 25, D. C.

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It is regretted that we were a little slow in forwarding these samples, but it was necessary to return to the property to obtain sufficient samples to split, since our original collection was very limited.

Sincerely yours,

R. R. Lloyd, Chief
Electrometallurgical Branch
Metallurgical Division
Region III

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BOULDER CITY, NEVADA

January 12, 1953

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January 9, 1953

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Memorandum

To: L. G. Houck, Chief
Nonmetallics Division, DMEA

From: Robert F. Griffith
Rare and Precious Metals Branch

Re: Beryl-Mica

Subject: Docket DMEA-2717, Taglo Mining Corp., Overton, Nevada, Santa Cruz Mine, Clark Co., Nevada.

It is noted in Mr. Schenk's report on the subject property that the Blue Jay group of claims contains an estimated 5 to 8 pounds of beryl per ton. In consideration of the large indicated tonnage, the probable market for scrap mica, and the short supply of beryl, this office recommends that a field team examination be made. (Refer to par. 5, letter dated 12/5/52, from Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III, to Chairman, Operating Committee, DMEA). It is assumed that the Blue Jay and Emerald groups of claims are included in the subject docket.

This office concurs with the recommendation of the operating committee in that revisions be made in the application program after the field team report is reviewed.

It is believed that any chance of increasing our domestic reserves of beryl by the possible development of large medium- to low-grade deposits justifies a field-team examination.

Robert F. Griffith

Robert F. Griffith

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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January 7, 1953

Memorandum

REVIEW OF FIELD TEAM REPORT ON APPLICATION DMEA-2717 (Mica-beryl)

To: S. A. Feitler, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: J. J. Norton, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant: Taglo Mining Corp., Overton, Nevada.
Name of property: Santa Cruz Mine.
Location of property: Clark County, Nevada.
Date of field team report: No date. Prior to Dec. 5, 1952.
Authorship of field team report: E. T. Schenk.
Field team's recommendation:

No recommendation.

Letter of December 5, 1952, from H. C. Miller to F. E. Johnson requests opinion of Washington staff before proceeding further. Miller's letter indicates that he thinks there are only two choices: (1) deny the application on the basis of Schenk's report, or (2) instruct Region III to set up an exploration program for this property. A possible third choice would be to obtain more information before arriving at a decision.

Comments:

1. Schenk's report apparently is not intended to be considered a complete report of field examination.
2. The application probably cannot be denied on the basis of this report because Schenk clearly states that these "claims contain a large tonnage of mica-bearing pegmatites which might be treated profitably for the recovery of scrap mica and, as a by-product, 5 to 15 pounds of beryl per ton." Yet Schenk provides no data showing that the reserves are well enough known to justify a DMPA development loan; consequently, a DMEA exploration grant may be justified. Schenk indicates that the applicant can mine a very large tonnage of rock from which 20 percent scrap mica and at least 5 pounds of beryl per ton of rock can be recovered. Thus if 20,000 tons of rock were mined annually, the production would be 4,000 tons of scrap mica (partially dry-ground?) worth $160,000 and 50 tons of beryl worth $25,000. This quantity of beryl would certainly be significant; it would be approximately 10 percent of domestic production and 1 percent of world production.
3. On the other hand, Schenk's data are not sufficiently complete to show that the deposit is worth exploring. Schenk's various statements concerning grade and reserves are summarized in the table below. These statements were not supported by data on dimensions of blocks of ore, maps, geologic sections, assays, production figures, or mineral measurements on typical faces.

Comments (cont'd.)

4. I cannot be sure what Schenk means by these statements concerning grade and reserves, but I infer that he thinks there are several hundred thousand tons of pegmatite from which 20 percent scrap mica and 5 to 8 pounds of beryl per ton of rock can be profitably recovered by the methods that are likely to be used by this operator. Schenk thus is implying a reserve of some hundreds or thousands of tons of beryl, which would certainly be a significant quantity.
5. On the basis of Schenk's data, an optimistic estimate is that the deposit has a gross value of $10 per ton of rock mined. I am doubtful that a deposit having the characteristics described by Schenk can be profitably mined and milled for $10 per ton.
6. Our interpretation of Schenk's statements must, of course, be regarded as no better than speculation until we know just how he arrived at his grade figures. Documentation based on production records, assays, or measurements of typical faces should be provided
7. Schenk implies doubt concerning the sheet mica potentialities of the Emerald claim by such statements as: (a) "possibilities are not too encouraging;" (b) "all of the mica . . . is more or less stained . . . and contains numerous imperfections;" and (c) "Possibly some good quality small punch or squares could be recovered." On the other hand, he says that the book mica content "probably would not exceed 20 percent," which would be extremely rich, but in view of the pessimism expressed elsewhere, I presume that very little sheet mica can be recovered from the book mica.
8. Possibly data on the percentage of recoverable mica in this deposit can be obtained from production records of the work done in the two open cuts mentioned on page 4. Samples of the mica should be submitted to the General Services Administration to determine if it is strategic.
9. Certain of the geologists working for the U. S. Geological Survey in Region III have experience in evaluating pegmatite deposits.

ACTION SUGGESTED:

Refer back to the field team for necessary additional information and recommendations.

J J Norton

J. J. Norton

Table summarizing E. T. Schenk's statements regarding grade and reserves of Taglo Mining Corporation properties

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Santa Cruz Group	5			None.	
Blue Jay Group	2				8 to 15 recovered (based on operator's statement)
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	3	"reserves . . . appear to be very large."	30		5 to 8
	5			None.	
All Claims	1	"large tonnage"	"might be treated profitably"		"5 to 15"
	2	"Scrap mica is present throughout . . . entire length."	"for the most part too low for economic consideration."		"present throughout the entire length of the pegmatites . . . doubtful if the average content would exceed 2 pounds per ton."
	2	"several hundred thousand tons"	"20 to 30"		"up to 15" (according to operator)

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December 29, 1952

Mr. Fantino

Memorandum

To: R. R. Lloyd, Bureau of Mines, Boulder City, Nevada

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III

Subject: Docket DMFA-2717 (Mica-Beryl), Taglo Mining Corp., Overton, Nevada, Santa Cruz Mine, Clark County, Nevada

On Wednesday December 24, I had a telephone call from Mr. Lawrence Houk, DMEA, Washington, D. C., requesting us to ship one-half of the samples of Mica and Beryl collected by E. T. Schenk at the subject property to him and one-half to GSA Mica Purchasing Depot, Custer, South Dakota, % Mr. McGuinness.

Mr. McGuinness should be informed that the samples are being sent to him at Mr. Houk's request, and that he will hear shortly directly from Mr. Houk regarding them if he has not already heard from him.

H. C. MILLER

H. C. Miller
Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team
Region III

Copy to: Lawrence Houk, DMEA, Washington
E. H. Bailey, USGS

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December 5, 1952

Memorandum

To: Frank E. Johnson, Chairman, Operating Committee, DMEA, Interior Building, Washington 25, D. C.

From: Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III

Subject: Docket DMEA-2717 (Mica-Beryl), Taglo Mining Corp., Overton, Nevada, Santa Cruz Mine, Clark County, Nevada

Reference is made to your subject letter, dated October 21, requesting a field team report on the Santa Cruz Mine.

In carrying out your request for a field examination, it was deemed advisable by Mr. Bailey and me to first find out more about the occurrence of mica and beryl in the Clark County, Nevada pegmatite than was known at the time the request reached us. As E. T. Schenk, Bureau of Mines Mineralogist, who is stationed at our Boulder City Plant, which is only about 100 miles from the Santa Cruz Mine, due to his training and experience, knows mica and beryl and other minerals found in pegmatite probably as well as or better than anyone else in Government service in the West, we requested him to make a preliminary examination of the Santa Cruz deposit.

Mr. Schenk examined the Taglo Mining Corporation's Santa Cruz property and a copy of his report, entitled Report on the Taglo Mining Corporation's Mining Claims in the Virgin Mountains, Clark County, Nevada is attached.

Mr. Schenk has prepared an excellent report. He collected samples during his examination of the property but is holding them at Boulder City because he does not believe they will add anything to the information already available to us.

Before proceeding with further investigation of the property, we would like to have the opinion of the Survey and Bureau experts in the Washington Office on mica and beryl as to whether further consideration of the property is advisable. If they feel that Schenk's report warrants further consideration of a loan, we will then send mining engineers to the property to work out an adequate exploration program and the costs thereof.

what does Bureau or Survey think

H. C. Miller
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region III

Attachment

REPORT ON THE TAGLO MINING CORPORATION'S MINING CLAIMS IN THE VIRGIN MOUNTAINS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

by

Edward T. Schenk

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Docket DMEA-2717 (Mica-Beryl)
Taglo Mining Corp., Overton, Nevada
Santa Cruz Mine, Clark County, Nevada

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SUMMARY

Claims contain a large tonnage of mica-bearing pegmatites which might be treated profitably for the recovery of scrap mica and, as a by-product, 5 to 15 pounds of beryl per ton.

Field evidence indicates that the Emerald Claim offers the only possibility of producing strategic book mica.

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The mining claims owned and leased by the Taglo Mining Corporation, Overton, Nevada, are located on the north side of the Virgin Mountains immediately north of Virgin Peak (see contour map). The original group of claims, shown on the map included in Austin's report, includes 8 unpatented claims known as the Santa Cruz Mining Property. In addition the Emerald group of 10 unpatented claims extending northward from the San Jose claim and the Blue Jay group of 10 unpatented claims extending southward from the Rising Star and San Miguel have been leased and are now the main points of exploration.

The topography of the area under consideration is extremely rugged, being deeply incised by steep-walled canyons separated by narrow ridges. Major washes are largely controlled by the N. 50° E. structure but tributaries with steep gradients normal to the structure are numerous. This rugged topography makes road construction very difficult and the numerous roads which have been built can be traversed only with 4-wheel-drive vehicles.

A thick series of mica and hornblende schists intruded with basic igneous dikes and two parallel quartz-feldspar-muscovite pegmatites (see Figure 2), continuous for about 4 miles, are the principal rock units of this area. At several places on the Santa Cruz group of claims a third quartz-feldspar-muscovite pegmatite is exposed about 100 feet east of the main pegmatites but the continuity of this dike could not be substantiated.

These pegmatites are the main ore bodies of interest. They range from 2 to 6 feet in width and are exposed in the sides of one canyon to a depth of approximately 500 feet. Scrap mica is present throughout their entire length but for the most part the percentage of scrap mica is too low for economic consideration. Nevertheless, several exposures were seen which represent several hundred thousand tons of ore estimated to contain 20 to 30 percent scrap mica. According to Mr. T. Lloyd, who is in charge of field operations, these pegmatites contain up to 15 pounds of beryl per ton. A minor percentage of chrysoberyl is also present, a mineral which previously had been overlooked. It was noted, however, that even though beryl is persistently present throughout the entire length of the pegmatites, it is doubtful if the average content would exceed 2 pounds per ton.

On the Blue Jay claim, where the jaw crusher and sorting table are located, rather than on the Santa Cruz claim as shown on Austin's map, Mr. Lloyd stated that 8 to 15 pounds of beryl per ton are being recovered by hand sorting. Ore is obtained from an open cut in the pegmatite a few hundred feet above the crushing plant (see Figure 3), trucked to an ore

bin, crushed to minus-2-inch, and manually shoved with shovels and wooden rakes over a 4- by 20-foot sorting table for hand picking of the beryl-bearing rock which is then later hand cobbed for removal of the gangue. The scrap mica-bearing rejects from the sorting table are being stockpiled fur future regrinding, apparently with rolls, and for recovery of the scrap mica by air flotation, an installation which has not been made. Recovery of the beryl by this method is ppor as some beryl and chrysoberyl were noted in the scrap mica stockpile. However, Mr. Lloyd stated that these operations were only experimental and that a vibrating belt with a speed of 3 feet per minute had been ordered which he believed would increase greatly the percentage of beryl recovery. He also stated that recovery of the beryl by flotation was being considered.

Ore reserves of rock containing an estimated 30 percent scrap mica and probably 5 to 8 pounds of beryl per ton appear to be very large on the Blue Jay claim. However, no clear idea of depth could be established as the ground surface is covered with rock debris except for near the crest of the ridge where ore is now being mined. A tunnel is being driven into the hillside on the same level as the top of the ore bin for the purpose of undercutting the pegmatite but, unfortunately, this aim had not been reached at the time of the examination. Similar scrap mica beryl-bearing pegmatites were stated to outcrop some distance below the crushing plant, but time did not allow for their examination. (why)

The Emerald claim, adjoining the northern border of the San Jose, offers the only possibility noted of the occurrence of strategic book mica

and those possibilities are not too encouraging. At this locality 2 open cuts (see Figure 4) have been made near the crest of the ridge, which expose a 1- to 2-foot-wide quartz-feldspar pegmatite that contains muscovite mica books up to 10 inches in diameter. However, most of the mica which has been recovered is approximately 2- by 6-inch books 1 to 4 inches thick. All of the mica in these books is more or less stained or at least spotted and contains numerous imperfections. Distorted books are not uncommon. Possibly some good quality small punch or squares could be recovered. Total book mica content of this dike is difficult to estimate but probably would not exceed 20 percent. The lateral extent of this pegmatite could not be determined because of the surface rock debris but about 200 feet had been exposed.

Consideration should be given to the fact that the near-vertical attitude of the rock formations allows for deep weathering which is evident in the books examined. Possibly a better grade of book mica might be recovered at depth farther below the crest of the ridge.

No other minerals of possible economic importance were noted in these pegmatites. Even though feldspar is one of their major constituents, the cost of recovery of that mineral would be prohibitive as it is so intimately intergrown with quartz. Also, minor percentages of garnet, black tourmaline, and some magnetite and hematite are usually present.

It is apparent that recovery of the beryl depends largely upon the profitable production of scrap mica. Even though the hand cobbed beryl is

not entirely free of gangue, it nevertheless would be a by-product acceptable for further concentration by companies which purchase beryllium-bearing ores. I was told that this market already had been investigated and that unlimited assistance had been offered. Whether or not this assistance would be of a technical or financial nature or both was not known at the time of my visit.

According to Mr. Lloyd the Pabco Products, Inc., San Francisco, California, prefers the scrap mica from these claims and will pay $40 per ton f.o.b. railhead for all that can be produced. To recover the scrap mica should be a relatively simple operation. Original plans called for hauling the ore by truck 50 miles to Glendale, Nevada, the nearest railhead, for concentration. However, I pointed out to Mr. Lloyd that as there are several springs and seeps on the north side of the Virgin Mountains at the foot of the range and a well which produces a large volume of water for Mesquite, Nevada, the matter of obtaining an adequate water supply for any mill operations near the ore deposit certainly does not appear to be a problem. This solution had not occurred to him, and he was very enthusiastic about the idea because it would decrease appreciably the cost of producing a marketable product.

? Dry mill

Referring again to book mica, I found no field evidence which would justify exploration work on the Santa Cruz and Blue Jay group of claims for strategic book mica. Of course, it is not possible to predict that with depth rich zones of strategic book mica or beryl-bearing rock would not be

encountered, but certainly surface evidence is not encouraging. However, on the Emerald Claim there is some surface evidence that strategic mica might be found.

It should also be mentioned that all of the equipment noted was either new or in excellent condition and that, in general, the operations were being carried on in an excellent manner. It is evident, though, that some technical advice is needed regarding beryl recovery and mining of book mica.

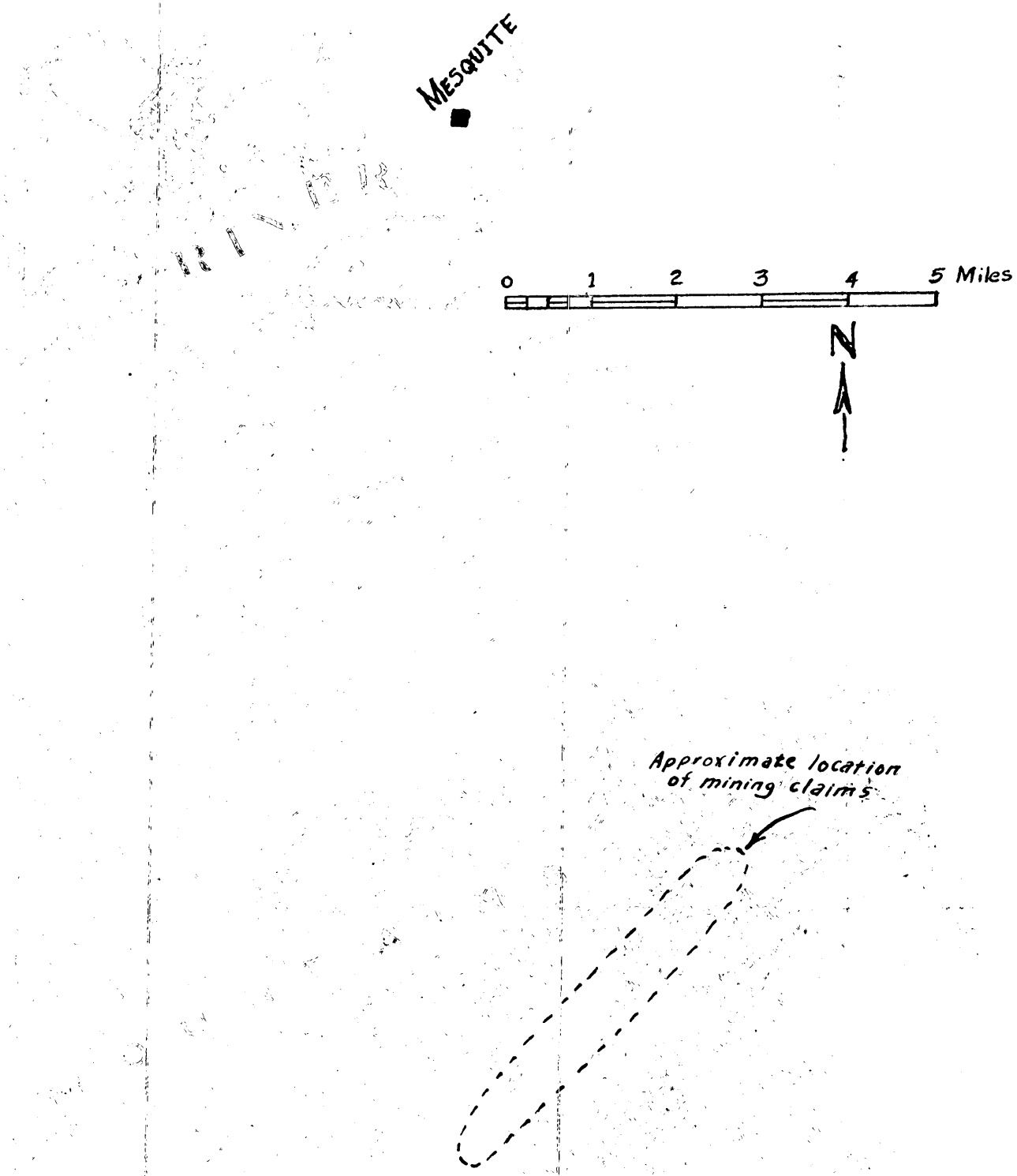
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Figure 1. View south from Mormon Mesa of the north side of Virgin Mts.

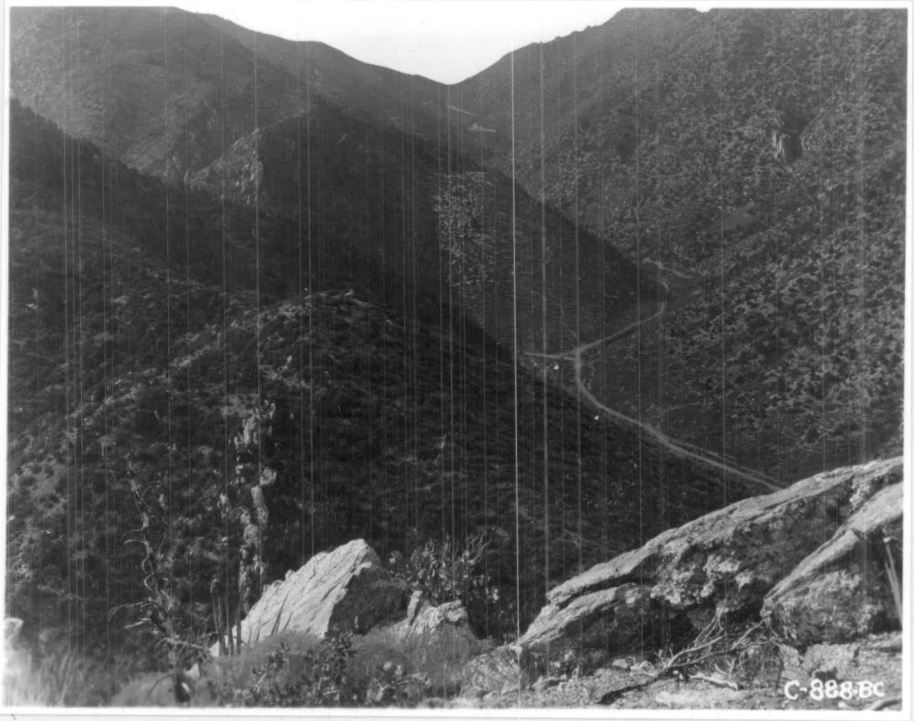

Figure 2. View southward from Sundown claim toward the Blue Jay group beyond saddle. Scrap mica-beryl bearing pegmatite in foreground is exposed continuously for several miles.

Figure 3. Scrap mica-beryl operations on the Blue Jay group of claims. Ore is obtained from open cut near crest of ridge.

Figure 4. Open cut on Emerald group of claims exposing book-mica bearing pegmatite.

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

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Hon. Edmund G. Brown
Attorney General
State of California
State Building
San Francisco, California

Subject: DMEA-2717
Taglo Mining Corp.
Santa Cruz Mine

My dear Mr. Brown:

Reference is made to your letter of October 31, 1952, addressed to the Secretary, in which you express your interest in the captioned application for exploration assistance. In the absence of Mr. Chapman from the city, your letter has been referred to me for reply.

Be assured that this application will be processed as rapidly as possible. On October 21 it was referred to our Region III office in San Francisco for a field examination of the property. On the same date the applicant was advised that it had been forwarded to the field.

Your interest in the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration's program is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (fw) J.H. 11-12-52

Administrator

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11/12/52

cc: Admr. Reading File, DMEA
Secretary's Reading File
Asst. Sec'y for Mineral Resources
Mails & Files, DMEA
Field Team, Region III (2)
Mr. Norton, G-232 GSA Bldg.
Mr. Dietrich, 3526
Mr. Houk
Mr. Mittendorf

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
State Building
San Francisco

C O P Y

October 31, 1952

PERSONAL

The Honorable Oscar Chapman
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Dr. H. A. Tagliaferri has advised me as follows:

"On September 26th I received a confirmation on the Exploration Loan from the Department of Interior. I'll quote:

'The receipt of your application dated September 19, 1952 for exploration assistance under the defense production act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged. Your application has been assigned Docket No. DMEA-2717 and referred to the nonmetallic minerals division. Kindly refer to DMEA-2717 in any future correspondence relating to your application.

'Robert Adams, Chief
Operation Control and
Statistics Division'."

Dr. Tagliaferri is an outstanding doctor in San Francisco and if there is any way that this application could be expedited I would personally appreciate it.

Sincerely,

s/ EDMUND G. BROWN

Attorney General

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[File and tell MEA
by Mr. Hallie Farmer,
Sec. by Wolfe's office]

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

OCT 21 1952

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Mr. H. C. Miller
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region III
1012 Flood Building
870 Market Street
San Francisco 2, California

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2717 - Mica-Beryl
Taglo Mining Corp.
Overton, Nevada
Santa Cruz Mine

Dear Mr. Miller:

Reference is made to the subject application for exploration assistance at the Santa Cruz Mine in the Virgin Mountains, Clark County, Nevada.

Production of 1,800 pounds of book mica from pegmatites in the Virgin Mountains during the 1890's has been reported, and a later report mentions the occurrence of beryl. Copies of pertinent memoranda from the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines are enclosed.

The Taglo Mining Corp. proposes a more comprehensive exploration program than is justified by the information in the application. No reason is given for the location and extent of the proposed drifts nor has a definite plan for trenching and sampling been presented.

Please arrange for a field examination of the Santa Cruz Mine to determine the merits of the property. If exploration is desirable, work out a suitable and adequate program with the applicant and submit it with the examination report. In the event that exploration is to be undertaken, a qualified engineer could supervise the work.

Unless it is obvious that no ruby mica acceptable for stockpiling can be recovered, a sample of the mica should be sent to the General Services Administration mica purchasing depot at Custer, South Dakota, attention of Mr. McGuinness, to determine whether it is strategic quality.

The Field Team's report should include observations and conclusions concerning the mica (strategic and scrap), beryl,

feldspar, and any minor strategic or saleable minerals observed in the pegmatite. If the report recommends surface work and sampling, it may be advisable to set up the program in two or three stages.

Sincerely yours,

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(Signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON

Chairman, Operating Committee (2)

Approved:

J. H. Hedges (2)

Member, Bureau of Mines

A. R. Kinkel Jr. (2)

Member, Geological Survey

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Mr. Dietrich, 3526
Mr. Norton, G-232 GSA Bldg.
Operating Committee (2)
Mr. Houk

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
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Dr. H. A. Tagliaferri, President
Taglo Mining Corporation
Overton, Nevada

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2717 - Mica-Beryl
Santa Cruz Mine
Taglo Mining Corp.
Overton, Nevada

Dear Dr. Tagliaferri:

Your application in the above-numbered docket has been referred to Mr. H. C. Miller, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III, 1012 Flood Building, 870 Market Street, San Francisco 2, California, for field investigation and recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf
Administrator

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 14, 1952

Memorandum

REVIEW OF APPLICATION DMEA-2717 (mica, beryl)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: R. E. Van Alstine, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant: Taglo Mining Corporation, Overton, Nevada.
Name of property: Santa Cruz Mine.
Location of property: Clark County, Nevada, near Arizona-Nevada border, approximately 12 miles south of town of Mesquite, about 40 miles northeast of Glendale, on northwest slope of Virgin Mountains.
Estimated cost of project: $50,000.
Summary of applicant's proposal:

Drifting and crosscutting on Rising Star claim, 400 feet at $30 per foot	$12,000
Drifting on San Jose claim, 300 feet at $30 per foot	9,000
Cross cutting and drifting on Santa Cruz claim, 300 feet at $30 per foot	9,000
Surface trenching on Sun Down claim	5,000
Metallurgical tests and mill design	10,000
Engineering and supervision	5,000
	$50,000

Sources of information on applicant's property:

1. According to applicant, in 1951-52, under direction of Thomas A. Lloyd, vice president of Corporation, approximately $40,000 was spent on road work, trenching research and location of claims. The results of this work are summarized in the report submitted by applicant, "Santa Cruz Mining Property, Clark County, Nevada," by Bert C. Austin, Consulting Mining Engineer, 983 Mills Building, San Francisco 4, California.

2. Sterrett, D. B., Mica deposits of the United States: U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 740, p. 106, 1923. Mentions production of 1,800 pounds of sheet mica in 1893 and 1894 from deposits in the Virgin Range about 15 miles east by north of the junction of the Colorado and Virgin Rivers.

3. Hewett, D. F., Callaghan, E., Moore, B. N., Nolan, T. B., Rubey, W. W., and Schaller, W. T., Mineral resources around Boulder Dam: U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 871, pp. 162-163, 1936. Beryl prospect briefly described on north slope of Virgin Peak, Clark County. Beryl occurs in two small pegmatite lenses, associated with mica books as much as 1 foot across; deposits of sufficient quality to be of commercial interest have not yet been discovered.

Comments:

There has been no production from this mine. Muscovite is said to range in size from 1/16 inch flakes to books as large as 1 foot in diameter. The pegmatite "may run as high as 20% mica." A parallel dike on the Santa Cruz claim "may produce beryl to the extent of 3% of volume of vein matter." No sample data are submitted in support of these claims.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to field team for investigation. Request sample data on which claims of mica and beryl content are based. Request sample of sheet mica and test for strategic quality.

R. E. Van Alstine

R. E. Van Alstine

TAGLO MINING CORPORATION

Post Office Address

OVERTON, NEVADA

September 19, 1952

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

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find, in quadruplicate, application for aid in an exploration project pursuant to DMEA Order 1, under the defense production act as amended.

This application includes form MF-103, revised April, 1952, and mining engineer's report by Bert C. Austin, mining engineer, 983 Mills Building, San Francisco 4, California.

Yours very truly,

TAGLO MINING CORPORATION

Thomas A. Lloyd
Vice President

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

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October 10, 1952

Memorandum

To: L. G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallics Division, DMEA

From: A. J. Kauffman, Jr.
Rare and Precious Metals Branch

Subject: DMEA Docket 2717, Mica, beryl, Taglo Mining Corp., Clark County, Overton, Nev.

On the basis of the application, there is no evidence to justify exploration on a large scale for beryl. The suggestion made by the Commodity Member for Mica is acceptable. The applicant should be approached with the alternative of a limited trenching and sampling program.

OCT 10 1952

A. J. Kauffman, Jr.

Attachment

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BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-2717, Mica, beryl, Taglo Mining Corporation
Clark County, Overton, Nevada

Bert C. Austin, the consultant for subject company, is a mining engineer of excellent reputation, principally in metal mine examination work.

A field team investigation is not recommended on the basis of strategic mica unless applicant submits samples that demonstrate the occurrence of sheet mica of acceptable grade and quality on the property.

Evidence is lacking to justify exploration on the extensive scale proposed. An initial program of trenching and sampling in the amount of about $10,000 should precede any further work.

The docket has been forwarded to Rare and Precious Metals Branch for their recommendation from the viewpoint of beryl exploration.

W. F. Dietrich

W. F. Dietrich

TAGLO MINING CORPORATION

Post Office Address

OVERTON, NEVADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
SEP 26 1952

September 24, 1952

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

Gentlemen:

Referring to loan application by the Taglo Mining Corporation which was mailed you on the 19th., enclosed please find four copies of Agreement showing proof of transfer of eight claims, mentioned in application from Thomas A. Lloyd, locator, to the Taglo Mining Corporation.

Will you kindly affix this document to the application, it being a part thereof.

Yours very truly,

TAGLO MINING CORPORATION

By B. C. Austin

B. C. AUSTIN

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cc: Mr. Frank Ilgenfritz
Attorney at Law
625 Market Street
San Francisco, California

This Indenture, made the 2nd day of September one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two

Between Thomas A. Lloyd the party of the first part,

and Taglo Mining Corporation, a Nevada Corporation, the party of the second part,

Witnesseth: That the said party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Ten dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents grant, bargain, and sell unto the said party of the second part, and to its heirs and assigns forever, all those certain lot, pieces or parcels of land situate in ~~Clark~~, County of Clark, State of Nevada, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

All those mining claims recorded in the office of the County Recorder of said Clark County, as follows:

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Rising Star	"	"	"	Book 21, Page 242
San Jose	"	"	"	Book 21, Page 253

Together with the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof.

To Have and to Hold the said premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, and to its heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof the said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand the day and year first above written.

Signed and Delivered in the Presence of

Frank Ilgenfritz

Thomas A. Lloyd

Carlisle's Form No. 464—DEED—BARGAIN AND SALE—Short Form.

STATE OF NEVADA,
County of Ormsby } ss.

On this 2nd day of September, A. D., one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two, personally appeared before me, William E. Dial a Notary Public in and for the said County of Ormsby,

THOMAS A. LLOYD

known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in the County of Ormsby, *the day and year in this certificate first above written.*

William E. Dial

Carlisle's Form No. 36N—(Acknowledgment General)

Notary Public in and for the County of Ormsby, *State of Nevada.*

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Notary Public in and for the County of Ormsby, State of Nevada.

Carlisle's Form No. 265—(Acknowledgment General)

September 26, 1952

Dr. H. A. Tagliaferri, President
Taglo Mining Corporation
Overton, Nevada

Subject: DMEA-2717
Re: Exploration Assistance
Santa Cruz Mine

My dear Dr. Tagliaferri:

The receipt of your application dated September 19, 1952 for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-2717 and referred to the Nonmetallic Minerals Division.

Kindly refer to DMEA-2717 in any future correspondence relating to your application.

Sincerely yours,

R. E. ADAMS

Robert E. Adams
Chief, Operation Control
and Statistics Division

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TAGLO MINING CORPORATION

Post Office Address

OVERTON, NEVADA

September 19, 1952

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

Gentlemen:

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This application includes form MF-103, revised April, 1952, and mining engineer's report by Bert C. Austin, mining engineer, 983 Mills Building, San Francisco 4, California.

Yours very truly,

TAGLO MINING CORPORATION

Thomas A. Lloyd

Thomas A. Lloyd
Vice President

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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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 2717
Metal or Mineral
Date Received 9-25-52
Estimated Cost
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

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

TAGLO MINING CORPORATION
Overton, Nevada

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

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

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

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

3. *Applicant's property rights.*—(*a*) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points.

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

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5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) [redacted]te the mineral or minerals for which you w[redacted]o explore .....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Money ☐ Use of equipment owned by you ☐ Other

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

CERTIFICATION

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

Dated September 19, 1952

Taglo Mining Corporation
(Applicant)

By N. A. Tagliaferri
President

Frank Sherpitz
Secretary

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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TAGLO MINING CORPORATION
Overton, Nevada

To be attached to Form MF-103. APPLICATION - $40,000 Development Loan - $10,000, Testing and Mill Plans
MINERALS - MICA and BERYL

(1) a Taglo Mining Corporation
~~Carson City, Nevada~~, ~~Street~~
Overton, Nevada

b A Nevada Corporation, Incorporated under the Laws of the State of Nevada.

c OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

Dr. H. A. Tagliaferri — President
2873 Mission Street
San Francisco, California

Thomas A. Lloyd — Vice President
Overton, Nevada

Frank Ilgenfritz — Secretary-Treas.
625 Market Street
San Francisco, California

d Not a Partnership

(2) GENERAL - Read DMEA Order 1

(3) a 8 Unpatented Mining Claims located and recorded by Thomas A. Lloyd of Overton, Nevada. Claims with all development and improvements - deed to The Taglo Mining Corpn.. Assessment work for years 1951 - 1952 done and recorded, Court House, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada - See Property Map with Engineers Report. (Mining District Unknown)

b The property is known as the Santa Cruz Mine. No operating mines in district.

c As stated (3) Taglo Mining ~~Company is~~ Corporation is the owner of the property

d See (c)

e There are no Liens or Encumbrances on the property.

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(3) Contd.

f.	San Lorenzo	Record	Book	No.	22	Page	No.	529
	San Pablo	"	"	"	22	"	"	533
	Santa Paula	"	"	"	22	"	"	531
	Riseing Star	"	"	"	21	"	"	242
	San Miguel	"	"	"	22	"	"	535
	Sun Down	"	"	"	21	"	"	242
	Santa Cruz	"	"	"	21	"	"	268
	San Jose	"	"	"	21	"	"	453

(4) a The Mine Development to date consists of Location Work. Open cuts on vein of dikes exposing outcrops and ore. One Drift 228 feet in length. Three or more miles of road work. Claims with this work done deeded to Taglo Mining Corpn., the Applicants. There are no production facilities on the property and no production made to date. Development work only is now being carried on. All workings can be reached by roads about three miles (recently constructed) and all development work is accessible and open for inspection and examination. While there are no productin mines in the district considerable development work is now being done on adjoining properties. These properties are open for inspection.

b No production has been made but development indicates that a sufficient tonnage of Mice Ore and Beryl Crystals will be produced to make the property a profitable venture. The Mica Ore may run 20%, Beryl Crystals have assayed 11.56% BO.

c The rocks in the vicinity of the property are probably Cambrian or Pre Cambrian, and consist of mica and green chlorite schists with limestones appearing at the base of the mountain to the west. An instrsive pipe of granddiorite was identified. The stratification planes, as well as the dykes, have a general magnetic northeast strike and dip hearly verticle. The dips and strikes are changed at various points by slight surface faulting, but do not appear to dislocate the general continuity of the main dykes or veins.

(4) Contd.

c The central mass of the Virgin Mountains is composed of massive pegmatite which cuts the mountainx into two distinct sections. This great pegmatite dyje can be seen along the entire strike or axis of the mountain range. Numerous smaller dykes, paralleling the major dyke and on the foot wall or west side of the main dyke, show considerable beryl which undoubtedly are worthy of development.

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A well defined pegmarite dyke on the Samta Cruz xlaim, with a width of about four feet, and at times widening from eight to ten feet, is traceable for a distance of about 1000 feet. This dyke contains, in addition to some mice, beryl crystals in varying amounts and is said to show traces of tin, tantalum, and some tungsten. The greatest development, however, indicates that the Beryl crystals and mica may be the only products of commercial value.

d The property is accessible by good roads, nine miles to Highway No. 93. It is 12 miles to the town of Mesquite where living conditions are adequate and good. Glendale, 40 miles west, is probably the best mill site and Railroad shipping point - Supplies can be purchased at Las Vegas 80 miles weat or Los Angeles, 370 miles west - good highway to both.

e There is a good supply of man power in the surrounding county, especially at the town of Mesquite and Glendale. Supplies can be purchased at either Las Vegas or Los Angeles. There is sufficient water on or near the property for development and mining but Glendale, 40 miles, is probably the best mill site due to power, water, labor, transportation and living conditions. The nearest electricity is at Mesquite, 10 miles, air line.

(5) a The minerals to be explored are Mica and Beryl.

(5) b Further crosscut vein on surface by trenching and drifting on veins.

1. Riseing Star Claim - Crosscutting from 288 ft. Tunnel - Drifting 300 feet on veins.

2. Sun Down Claim - Open trench work on Sun Down claim vein.

3. San Jose Claim - Open trench work on surface and drifting 300 feet on vein.

4. Santa Cruz Claim - Drifting and crosscutting 300 ft. This claim has shown the better Beryl deposits.

TO RECAPITULATE

1.	Riseing Star Claim	400 ft. @ $30.00	$12,000.00
2.	Sun Down Claim & others	Trenching	5,000.00
3.	Sun Down Claim	300 ft. @ 30.00	9,000.00
4.	Santa Cruz Claim	300 ft. @ 30.00	9,000.00
5.	Engineering and Supervision		5,000.00
6.	Metallurgical Tests & Mill Design		10,000.00
	TOTAL		$50,000.00

It is not planned that the work will be done on contract.

c The work can be started within 10 days and completed within 120 days from date of an exploration project contract.

d It is assumed that the present Mine Manager, Thomas A. Lloyd, who has had over 20 years experience in mining, will be in charge of the project. Mr. Lloyd is married and lives at Overton. He has other mining interests in the district.

Bert C. Austin has been retained as Consulting Mining Engineer. Mr. Austin resides in San Francisco and has acted as Mine Manager and Consulting Engineer, for over 30 years. His address is 983 Mills Building, San Francisco 4, California.

(6) The average rate of labor is $1.75 per hour
(1,000 feet under ground)

Estimated cost per foot of development, including trenching:

Labor Drilling	$ 5.00		Per Foot
Labor Mucking	3.50		" "
Labor Timbering	2.50		" "
Labor General	2.00		" "
Total Labor		$13.00	" "

SUPPLIES:

Explosives	3.00		Per Foot
Timber	2.50		" "
Pipe (Air and Vent)	1.00		" "
Track	1.75		" "
Gas	1.50		
Miscellaneous	1.00		
Total		10.75	
Labor and Supplies		$23.75	" "

Over Head

General Manager ($1,000.00 per month)	4.00		
Engineering ($500.00 Per Mo.)	2.00		
Bookkeeper ($350.00 " ")	1.40		" "
General Insurance Compensation & Taxes and Payroll deductions	2.00	9.40	" "

RECAPITULATION OF COSTS:
$1,000 Underground and (Trenching $5,000)

Labor	1,000 ft. @ $ 13.00	$ 13,000.00
Supplies	1,000 ft. @ 10.75	10,750.00
Over Head	1,000 ft. @ 9.40	9,400.00
Trenching		5,000.00
Contingencies		1,850.00
Total for Development		$ 40,000.00
Assaying, Mill Testing and Mill Plans		10,000.00
		$ 50,000.00

(6) Contd.

a It is not deemed advisable to work under contract on the proposed development.

b 1 General Manager @ $1,000.00 per month provided he gives all of his time to the project.

1 Consulting Engineer @ $500.00 per month, plus traveling expenses.

1 Book Keeper @ $350.00 per month.

All the above included in cost estimate under (6)

c

3	Doz.	Shovels
3	"	Picks
1/2	"	Track Wrenches
1/2	"	Bars
1/2	"	Timber Saws
1/4	"	Hand Saws
1/4	"	Claw Hammers
1/2	"	Axes
1/2	"	8# Hammers
1/2	"	4# "
1/2	"	Pipe Wrenches
1/6	"	Levels
1/6	"	Squares

Some small miscellaneous tools will undoubtedly have to be added but all the above have been given consideration under Supplies in Estimatex of Costs (6a) Power - Gas and Oil - Water can be supplied on the property.

d The following equipment can be rented if desired and has been included in costs (6a)

3 105 Cu. Ft. Portable Compressor @ $140.00 per month.
4 Machine Drills with water tank and hose
8 Set drill steel

All included in costs (6a)

It is to be noted that if work is to be carried on at the various locations simultaneous then all of the above equipment will be needed.

It is probable that a small change room will have to be built as well as a small hose room - cost estimated at a total of $1,000.00, included xx in estimated costs (6a).

(6) Contd.

e The small amount of equipment on the property will be furnished to the operators at a nominal rental included in costs (6a). There are no buildings on the property at present. Weather conditions are very favorable to all out door work the year round.

f Change Room and Warehouse, estimated cost $1,000.00 included in cost estimate (6a).

g Included in cost estimate (6a).

h It is believed that the estimates are sufficiently correct to require only a nominal allowance for contingencies and set forth in (6a) cost - $1850.00.

(7) a Yes.

b Money.

REPORT

ON

SANTA CRUZ MINING PROPERTY

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

AUGUST 10, 1952

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TAGLO MINING CORPORATION
Overton, Nevada

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August 10, 1952

Dr. H. A. Tagliaferri
2873 Mission Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I herewith transmit to you report on the Santa Cruz Mining Property, located in Clark County, Nevada.

It is recommended that you make application to the Government for a $50,000 loan to complete development and mill tests in order that this property may be put on production as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

B. C. AUSTIN

Bert C. Austin

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Dear Sir:

As authorized by you, an examination of the Santa Cruz Mining Property has been made. The commercial products from this property, as far as known, will be mica and beryl. (See Appendices Attached)

LOCATION: The Santa Cruz Mining property is located in the Southeastern part of Nevada, Clark County, near the Arizona-Nevada border, approximately 12 miles south of the town of Mesquite. It is about 40 miles northeast of Glendale, a station on the Union Pacific, about 80 miles north of Las Vegas and 370 miles west of Los Angeles. The post office and express office is Mesquite, Clark County, Nevada. The mining district, if such exists, is unknown.

TOPOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE: The property lies on the northwest slope of the Virgin Mountains at an elevation of about 6000 feet, and while the topography is rugged, it offers an ideal location for mine plant and camp, with the exception of power and water.

Typical desert conditions prevail. The summers are dry and hot with little snow and rain during the winter months. The vegetation is sage brush, pinion pine, mesquite, cactus and joshua trees.

PROPERTY: The Santa Cruz property consists of eight full mining claims located by Thomas A. Lloyd of Overton, Nevada and are duly recorded in the court house at Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. The names of the claims are:

San Lorenzo	San Miguel
San Pablo	Sun Down
Santa Paula	Santa Cruz
Rising Star	San Jose

a total of 160 acres, more or less. The assessment work for 1951-52 on these claims has been done and duly recorded. As far as known, the property is free of all indebtedness and not

encumbered in any way. In addition to the Santa Cruz group, negotiations are being carried on by Mr. Thomas A. Lloyd with Tri-State Metals, Inc., for 14 additional adjoinging claims. These negotiations are not as yet completed. Therefore, these claims are not considered as a part of the property covered by this report although the out-crops showing on the Santa Cruz group undoubtedly extend into the Tri-State Metals, Inc.'s property.

HISTORY: As far as known, no reports have been made on this district by either the State of Nevada, Division of Mines, or the U. S. Geological Survey. Apparently no work was done on this property either in the form of geological study or economic development prior to the recent development by Thomas A. Lloyd. It is possible that the property may have been located at an earlier date but there is no evidence that even location work was done. The value of the property as a mica or beryl producer was evidently not recognized or else thought to be of no value by the early prospectors.

TRANSPORTATION: A well gravelled road leads off the main Las Vegas-Salt Lake Highway No. 91, two miles west of the town of Mesquite. It is nine miles by this road to the principal operation on this property. Roads have been built to all points on the vein outcrops. In addition to the road leading to the Santa Cruz group, roads have been built to the 14 claims now owned by the Tri-State Metals, Inc., mentioned heretofore.

WATER: Water can be developed for domestic and mine use from nearby streams and springs. It is not evident, however, that water in sufficient quantities can be developed for milling operations on the property.

TIMBER: There is no timber on the property that would be suitable for mine or construction purposes. The nearest point of purchase would probably be Las Vegas, about 90 miles west. The price quoted at the present time is $100 per 1000 feet delivered.

POWER: The nearest electric power line is at the town of Mesquite, about 10 miles distant. Preliminary operations are dependent on diesel or gasoline power.

LABOR: There is a fairly good supply of labor in the district, and the average rate, now being paid, is $1.75 per hour. Accommodations for practically all labor can be had at the town of Mesquite, thus eliminating the necessity of boarding houses or accommodations at the mine. A crew of 10 men have been employed on development work.

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Supplies can be purchased either at Las Vegas, Los Angeles, or Salt Lake City and trucked directly to the property.

EQUIPMENT: The equipment now on the property consists of:

1 - 105 cu. ft. Le Roi Air Compressor.
1 - Small Crusher and Motor.
1 - Jack Hammer and Drill Steel.
Various hand tools (picks, shovels, etc.)
Small Mica Cutting Table.
No buildings on property.

MILL SITE: In the event that development warrants installation of a milling and grinding plant, it would appear that Glendale, approximately 40 miles west of the property on Highway 91, would be the most appropriate site. Economic factors here include labor, housing, electric power, water, tailings disposal, State highway and Union Pacific Railroad transportation.

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DEVELOPMENT: The early locators of the property did little or no development work to substantiate their locations, if such were made. During the past year, under the direction of Mr. Thomas A. Lloyd, approximately $40,000 has been spent on road work, trenching, research and the locating of claims. This money has been well spent, and the results have been satisfactory from a development point of view. The only underground development is a 228 foot drift on the Rising Star claim, giving backs of approximately 100 feet. This drift was evidently driven in the search of tungstun rather than following the pegmatite dyke on which it was started. Therefore, some cross-cutting from this drift should be done to determine the continuation of the dyke at this depth.

A shaft is being sunk on the north end of the San Jose claim to further prospect the mica dyke at this point. Beryl crystals are being hand cobbed from a central point on the Santa Cruz claim from the dyke paralelling the main mica dyke. It is expected that some book mica will be produced from the present development, and there is every indication that future development will add sufficient tonnage of mica ore to warrant the installation of a milling plant at Glendale.

ORE RESERVES AND PRODUCT: The development work has not been sufficient to give a definite estimate of tonnage. If, however, the pegmatite dyke, on which the greater part of the work has been done, persists to a depth of 100 feet and will average six feet in width, as indicated, and extends for a distance of 4500 feet within the boundaries of the Santa Cruz property, it could produce some 200,000 tons of mica ore that might run as high as 20% mica and return a profit of $10.00 per ton of ore from scrap mica, or other mill products. In addition, there is the possibility of book mica and beryl crystal production.

Mr. Lloyd states that results of some tests made indicate that the mica dyke may run as high as 20% mica, and that the parallel dyke on the Santa Cruz claim may produce beryl to the extent of 3% of volume of vein matter. The beryl so far produced in small quantities assays 11.56% beryllium oxide.

MARKETING: There is undoubtedly a good market for both mica and beryl products, as evidenced by various letters and inquiries recently received by Thomas A. Lloyd at Overton, Nevada.

The General Services Administration, Office of Public Information and Reports, Executive 4900, Extension 4511, GSA-155, with offices in the Appraisers Building, San Francisco, issued the following release under date of Friday, March 14, 1952:

(This release evidently pertains to hand cobbed or block mica.)

"The General Services Administration today announced a long-range purchasing program for domestic high grade mica designed to encourage the discovery, development and production of the critical mineral for national defense.

"Jess Larson, Administrator of GSA, said that depots are being established at Keene, New Hampshire, Spruce Pine, North Carolina, and Custer, South Dakota, to which miners and producers may ship their mica for inspection and purchase.

"Mr. Larson said the program will run until June 20, 1955, or when the total block, film and hand-cobbed mica delivered to and accepted by the Government reaches the equivalent of 25,000 short tons of hand-cobbed mica.

"Under the regulation, 45 pounds of block or film mica will be the minimum individual shipment accepted by the Government, while hand-cobbed mica must be offered in lots of at least one thousand pounds.

"Prices paid will depend on the quality of the mica, ranging from $70 a pound for No. 3 and larger 'good stained and better' processed block and film mica, down to $3 a pound for No. 5½ and No. 6 'heavy stained' mica. The Government will pay $600 per short ton for specified hand-cobbed mica."

The Engineering and Mining Journal of August, 1952, gives the following quotations on mica and beryl products:

Mica

Size	Per Pound
1½ x 2 inches	80 to 85¢
2 x 2 "	$1.10 to $1.20
2 x 3 "	$1.50 to $1.60
3 x 3 "	$1.80 to $1.90
3 x 4 "	$2.20 to $2.30
3 x 5 "	$2.40 to $2.50
4 x 6 "	$3.15 to $3.25
6 x 8 "	$4.00 to $4.50

North Carolina, wet ground $140 to $155 per ton, depending on fineness and quantity. Dry ground $32.50 to $70; Scrap, $32, depending on quality.

Fabco Products, Inc., of San Francisco, quote:

Ground Grade	Grind	Per Ton Price Delivered
Roofers	40 - 60 Mesh (Crude)	$70.00
Paint (White)	325 (Water Ground)	$170 - $180
Mica Schist (Rough)	Blended with Roofing Mica	$9.50 - $10

The Engineering and Mining Journal of July, 1952, quotes:

Beryl

Beryllium ore - Per unit of BeO contained 10 to 12% f.o.b. mine, Colorado, nominal. North Carolina, $36 @ $39.

Imported ore, per unit of BeO, c.i.f. U. S. Ports, basis 10% $36.50; 11% $37.50; 12% $38.50

Beryllium-Copper - Master allow, 4 percent beryllium, remainder copper, 5 lb. ingot, $1.56 per pound of alloy; 3 oz. ingot, $2.09.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Approximately $40,000 has now been spent on development of this property by Thomas A. Lloyd and his associates. Both mica and beryl are classified as "Critical" by the Defense Mineral Exploration Program and the Government will give consideration to a loan on such property on a 90% basis. It is recommended that application for a government loan of $50,000 be made for further development, as follows:

Drifting and cross-cutting on Rising Star claim, 400 feet at $30 per foot	$12,000
Drifting on San Jose claim, 300 feet at $30 per foot	9,000
Cross-cutting and drifting on Santa Cruz claim, 300 feet at $30 per foot	9,000
Surface trenching	5,000
Metallurgical Tests and Mill designs	10,000
Engineering and Supervision	5,000
	$50,000

Practically all of this development work, with the exception of cross-cutting, should be in ore as the general drifting would be on the pegmatite dykes.

The property warrants this expenditure, and it is believed that a productive operation can be made which, of course, will eventually require the installation of a suitable milling plant on completion of the development work recommended. The size of the milling plant should be determined by the amount of ore development and the possibility of milling ore from adjoining properties.

Accompanying this report, there is a claim or property map showing roads, open cuts and general position of the main dykes.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert C. Austin

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APPENDICES AND MAP

MICA AND ITS USES

From: NONMETALLIC MINERALS
LADOO AND MYERS
Pages 314--331

"The term "mica" is a group name applied to a large number of minerals that have certain physical and chemical characteristics in common. They all have a perfect basal cleavage yielding very thin, tough, more or less elastic plates or laminae. Chemically they are all silicates, usually orthosilicates of aluminum with potash and hydrogen and generally magnesium and ferrous iron. Fluorine may be an important constitutant. Less common varities contain ferric iron, sodium, and lithium, with, more rarely, rubidium and cesium. Still more uncommon varities contain vanadium, barium, manganese, and chromium. All micas, upon heating, yield water (commonly 4 to 5 per cent, but chlorites yield 10 to 13 per cent, and vermiculite 11 to 21 per cent, although they are not considered hydrosilicates).

Micas of commercial importance may be divided into two general groups: (1) those used for their physical properties, including muscovite, phlogopite, biotite, seritite, and vermiculite, and (2) those used for their chemical content, including lepidolite and zinnwaldite (lithium), and roscoelite (vanadium). In this section we will deal only with the first group, in which their physical or "micaceous" properties are important.

COMPOSITION. Muscovite, potash mica, $H_2KAl_3(SiO_4)_3$, is a complex silicate of potassium, aluminum, and hydrogen, also often containing sodium iron, magnesium, calcium, and fluorine.

Phlogopite, amber mica, bronze mica, magnesium, $(K,H)_3Mg_3Al(SiO_4)_3$, is a complex silicate of magnesium, aluminum, potassium, and hydrogen, also often containing iron, sodium, and fluorine.

Biotite, black mica, magnesium-iron mica, $(K,H)_2(Mg,Fe)_2(Al,Fe)_2(SiO_4)_3$ is a complex silicate of magnesium, iron, aluminum, potassium, and hydrogen, also often containing titanium, sodium, and fluorine."

"Electric Insulation. Sheets, films, mica board, washers, mica cloth, and tape, for dynamos, condensers, telephones, light sockets, spark plugs, and innumerable other electric appliances. Ground mica mixed with shellac is molded into various insulating forms.

Heat Insulation. Screens in front of highly heated material, as a retarder of heat waves in optical lanterns and in electric heating devices. Ground mica is used as pipe and boiler coverings, in annealing steel, and in fireproof paints and coverings.

Transparency. Glazing the fronts of stoves, for furnace sightholes, lamp chimneys, lamp shades, military lanterns, lantern slides, spectacles, sightholes of divers' helmets, compass cards, gage fronts, in windows where glass would be broken by heavy shocks or vibrations, and as coverings for wounds.

Resonance. Phonograph diaphragms and various sounding devices (submarine detectors).

Decoration. Sheets of mica form the material on which pictures and portraits are painted and are also used for inlay work. Ground mica is used extensively for decoration in wallpaper, processional ornaments, fancy paints, ornamental tiles, and concrete.

Lubrication. For wooden and metal bearings, tire powder.

Filler. Paints, patent roofing material, rubber goods, buttons, absorbent for nitroglycerin, and various other products.

Miscellaneous. Calico printing to prevent sticking of tar papers, medicinal uses (India only)."

BERYL AND ITS USES

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Pages 102-103-104

"Beryl is generally found in simple, prismatic, hexagonal prisms, from microscopic in size to over a foot in diameter by several feet long. The best known varities are emerald, colored bright green by small amounts of chromium; aquamarine, blue to sea green in color; yellow or golden beryl; morganite or cesium beryl, pale to rose-pink color due to small amounts of cesium; and common beryl, generally opaque and often in extremely large crystals.

Physical Properties. Hardness, 7.5 to 8. Specific gravity, 2.6 to 2.8. Index of refraction, 1.575 to 1.598. Color, various shades of green, blue, yellow, reddish, white, or colorless, sometimes mottled. Streak, white, Luster, vitreous. Cleavage, imperfect basal and prismatic; conchoidal to uneven fracture. Transparency, transparent to nearly opaque. Tenacity, brittle.

Gem varities of beryl, such as aquamarine, are usually found as clear, unflawed areas in larger crystals or masses of opaque material rather than as single clear crystals of gem quality, but sometimes such clear crystals are found.

Occurrence. Beryl is commonly found in pegmatites, the coarsely crystallized equivalent of a granite. Pegmatites are of fairly rare occurrence and are exposed only in areas of deep erosion; therefore, they are by no means a common rock structure. Beryl has been found in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Colorado, New Mexico, and South Dakota in quantities of commercial significance. It has been found also in Virginia, North Carolina, California, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, and other states. The presence of pegmatites does not ensure the presence of beryl. It is notably deficient in western North Carolina in the area of the most active feldspar and mica mining in pegmatites in the United States."

"Utilization. The rare, small, emerald-green crystals have been prized as gems for centuries. The finest quality material sells at prices comparable to those of the diamond. These emeralds have been found at Muzo and Chivor in Columbia; in the Ural Mountains, Russia; in Upper Egypt; in Tyrol; and in small quantity in North Carolina. Blue beryl is used as the popular gem, aquamarine, and the rarer pink varity is sold as morganite. Ground common beryl has been substituted in part for feldspar in the manufacture of ceramic bodies. The porcelain produced showed improved resistance to impact and a superior dielectric strength. It is probable that such usage would be substantial today if the raw material were available at a competitive price. BeO has great potential use as a refractory and an abrasive. Metallic beryllium displays remarkable properties of lightness in weight and strength. Its specific gravity is 1.93, compared to aluminum with a specific gravity of 2.66. Its extraction is considered to be one of the most difficult processes in metallurgy. It would provide a superlight-weight metal if the problem of raw-material supply could be solved. The small amounts available have been of great value in the development of atomic energy. The chief use of beryllium is in the manufacture of a beryllium-copper alloy. The master alloy commonly contains 4 per cent beryllium. The final alloys may contain from 0.5 to 2.5 per cent beryllium. These alloys have excellent conductivity for electricity and by heat-treatment produce a material with remarkable fatigue strength. They are useful in electrical equipment and also may be employed as a nonsparking tool where the use of steel would be hazardous. The scientific uses of the metal in X-ray tubes and fluorescent lamps is increasing."

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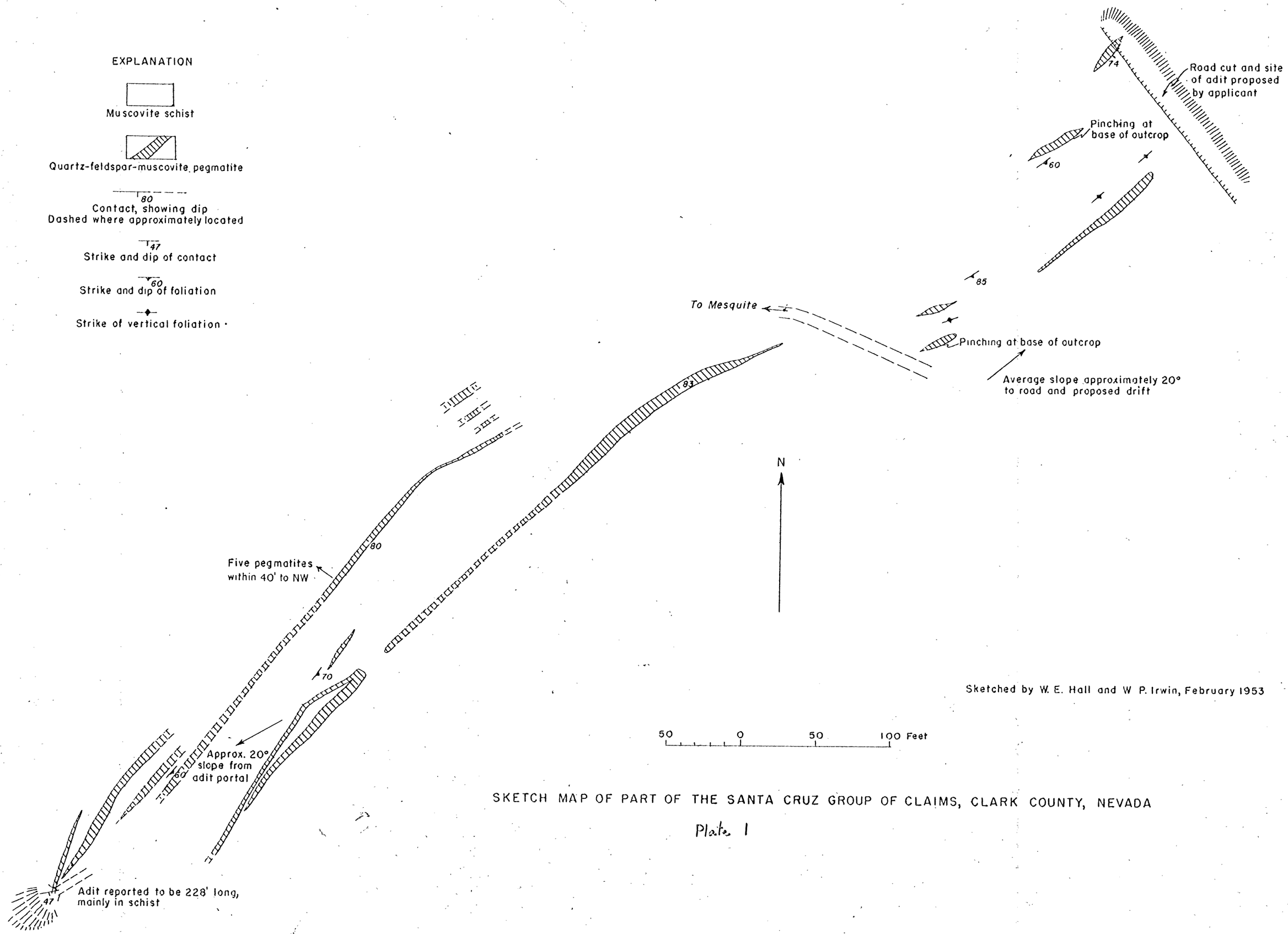

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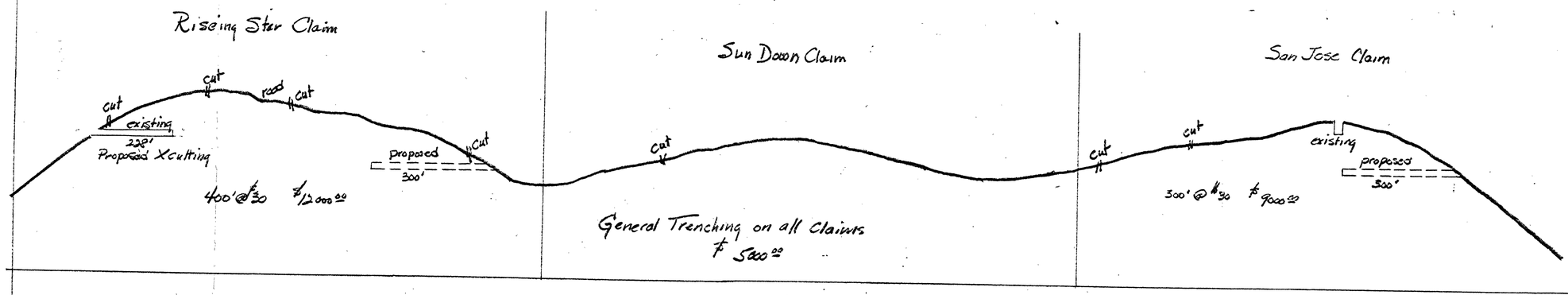
SKETCH MAP OF PART OF THE SANTA CRUZ GROUP OF CLAIMS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

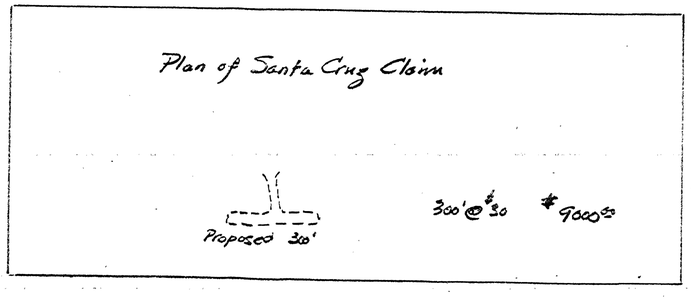
Plate 1



Profile Sketch
looking NE
Scale 1in. = 200 ft.

Summary of expenditures

1-	Riseing Star claim	$ 12,000.00
2-	San Jose claim	9,000.00
3-	Santa Cruz claim	9,000.00
4-	Surface trenching	5,000.00



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Overton, Nevada

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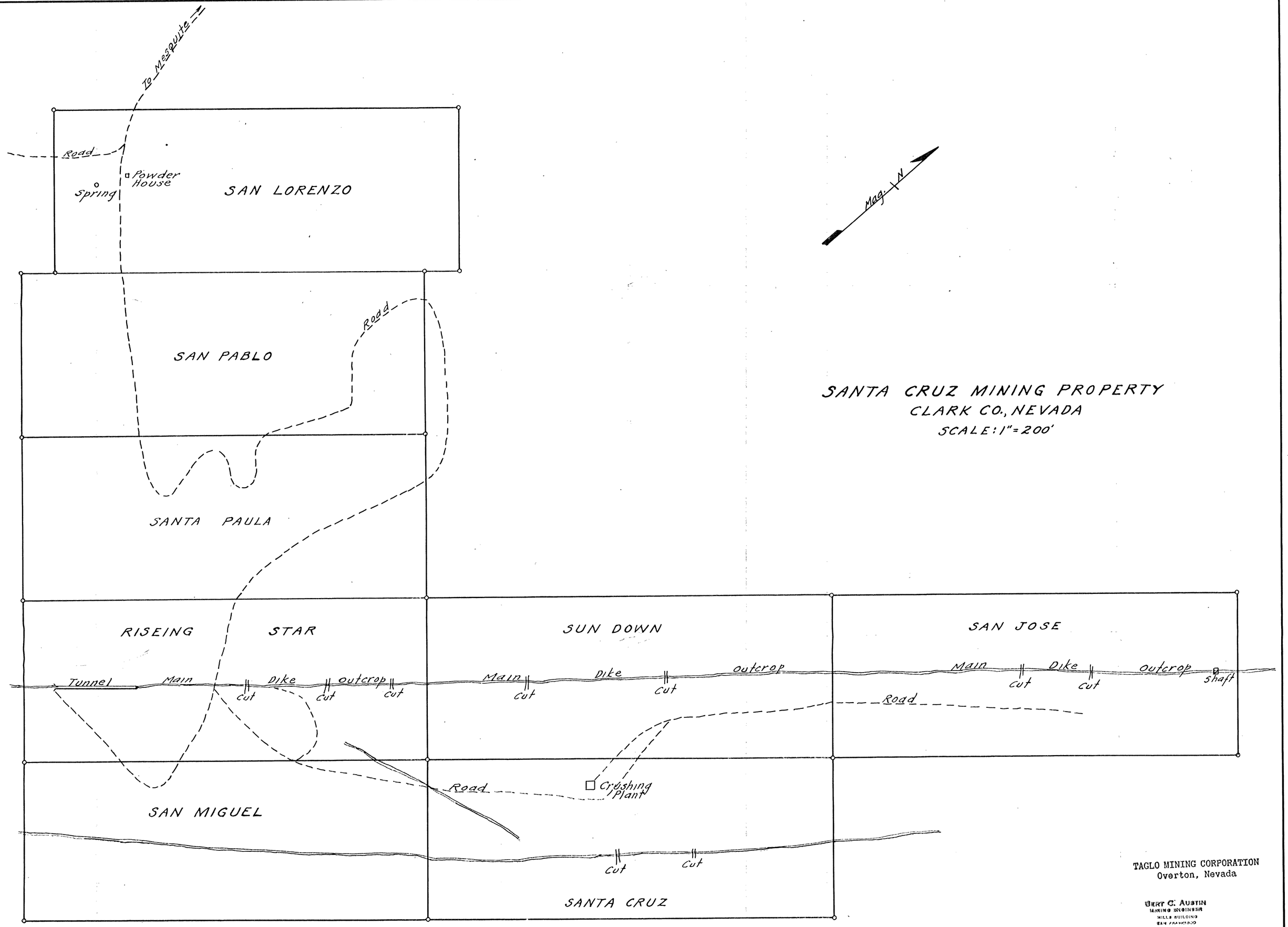

SANTA CRUZ MINING PROPERTY
CLARK CO., NEVADA
SCALE: 1" = 200'

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