March 3, 1954

PROJECT SUMMARY REPORT

1. Docket No. DMEA-1608 (Copper and Molybdenum)
Contract No. Idm-E383
Property : Starbo Mine, Pierce County, Washington

Operator: Mount Rainier Mining Company
1627 - 15th Avenue
Seattle 22, Washington

Operator's Property Rights -

Owner of three patented mining claims covered by Mineral Survey No. 1148

2. Contract dated August 4, 1952

Work authorized; as modified by Amendment No. 1

Clearing and opening Tunnel No. 2	$1,500.00
Clearing and opening Tunnel No. 3	1,500.00
Total estimated cost	$3,000.00
Government participation @ 50%	1,500.00

Amendments:

No. 1, dated December 30, 1952 extends completion period from 6 months to 12 months and separates costs applicable to each tunnel.
No. 2, dated August 6, 1953 extends completion period from 12 months to 16 months.

Work completed:

a) Tunnel No. 2 rehabilitated sufficiently for access and examination for distance of 255 feet $1,500.00

b) Tunnel No. 3 opened up and ventilated, permitting access and examination for a distance of 490 feet 1,500.00

Total cost	$3,000.00
Government participation @ 50%	1,500.00

The work was begun in August, 1952 and completed October 23, 1953.

3. Audit - Report of Review, dated 11-20-53

Total cost as billed by contractor	$3,000.00
Salvage proceeds or exceptions	0
Total Accepted Cost	$3,000.00
Government participation @ 50%	1,500.00

4. Certification - None

5. Comments -

The project was conducted rather inefficiently and, as a result, the comparatively minor operation required two summer seasons to complete. The Operator showed very little knowledge of mining operations and furnished no worthwhile engineering and geological reports.

The object of the project was to rehabilitate Tunnels Nos. 2 and 3 on the Snowflake claim of the Starbo mine, sufficiently to make them safe for access and examination. Thereafter, Government engineers were to examine and sample the workings to determine if commercial quantities of copper ore were present.

The examination disclosed a very narrow mineralized vein in andesite that had been partially developed on the two tunnel levels, which were 130 feet apart. An ore shoot about 80 feet long was indicated which appeared to be continuous between the two levels. Samples taken on both levels were across an average vein width of 0.74 feet and averaged 4.85% copper, 0.058 ounces of gold and 1.79 ounces of silver per ton of ore. Samples were taken only where there were evidences of mineralization, consequently, these assays represent the maximum values to be found in the vein. The field examiners estimated total ore reserves as 1,000 tons averaging 4.25% copper, 0.063 ounces of gold and 1.59 ounces of silver. The vein was considered too narrow to be mined economically and a certification of discovery or development was not recommended by the Field Team.

A larger stope above Tunnel No. 2 and two smaller stopes above Tunnel No. 3 indicate that some mining had taken place in the past, but complete records of such production were not available. The structural features exposed by the old workings do not encourage further exploration work and future possibilities of the property appear quite limited.

MChing/foc
cc to: Docket
Adm. Read. File
Operating Comm.
Code 700
Mr. Ching

Michael Ching

MAR 5 1954

Mr. Ole Oakland
Mount Rainier Mining Company
3627 - 15th Avenue
Seattle 22, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMRA-3408
(Copper and Molybdenum)
Contract No. IdM-5383
Stanko Mine
Pierce County, Washington

Dear Mr. Oakland:

This is with reference to the subject Exploration Contract between you and the Government.

The final report of review of the contract expenditures and the final report of the Field Team have been received and accepted by this Administration. The Operator's final report is hereby waived. The total amount of $3,000.00 approved under the contract was expended, 50 percent of which, or $1,500.00, represented the Government's share. There were no unused materials, supplies, or equipment to be disposed of for the joint account of the Operator and the Government. The exploration work was completed in a satisfactory manner.

Because the results of the exploration were unfavorable, it is not our intention to make a certification of discovery or development which would create a lien against the subject property. We are, therefore, closing our books and records with respect to this project. Your attention is called, however, to Article 5 (d) of the Contract which requires the Operator to "keep and preserve said records and accounts for at least 3 years after the completion of the project or the termination of this contract".

Your interest in the Exploration Program of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration and your willingness to participate therein are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittenderf

Administrator

MCking/fcc 3-3-54
cc to: Adm. Reading File
Operating Comm.
Docket
Messrs. CHJohnson, Rm. 3621
ARKimball, Rm. 3528 GSA
Code 700
Mr. Ching
DMRA Field Team, Reg. II

12/8/53 gla

DEPT. OF MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
COMPTROLLER ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT DIVISION

Rocky Mountain Mineral Laboratory
Denver

NOV 28 1953

REPORT OF REVIEW

I have examined the Monthly Reports of:

Mount Rainier Mining Company
1607 - 15th Avenue
Seattle 22, Washington

pertaining to Exploration Project Contract No. I4n-2383, Docket No. DMEA-1608X, including Amendments Nos. 1 and 2, covering a project of exploration for copper and molybdenum, located in Pierce County, Washington, commonly known as Mount Rainier Mine, for the period of August 4, 1952 to October 31, 1953.

My review included an examination of the Monthly Reports (Forms MP-104) and supporting documents attached thereto, comparison of the costs claimed with the contract and pertinent schedules, consultation with the Executive Officer of the DMEA Field Team, Region II, and a determination of the reasonableness and propriety of the costs.

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

(a) the administrative cost to the Government of an audit would be excessive in relation to the estimated amount of possible disallowances thereunder;
(b) and all of the costs ($3,000.00) were under a contract provision for payment by the Government on the basis of agreed unit costs of work actually performed in lieu of actual costs.

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

Total cost as billed by Contractor		$3,000.00
Less: Salvage proceeds on property		None
Net Cost as claimed by Contractor		$3,000.00
Exceptions:		
By DMEA Finance Officer	None	
By this review	None	-0-
Total Accepted Cost		$3,000.00

The contract calls for a 50 percent participation of exploration expenses by the United States Government. Therefore, payment to the Contractor by the Government in the amount of One thousand five hundred and 00/100 Dollars

--$1,500.00--

is considered valid and proper.

C. A. Turner
C. A. Turner
Auditor

November 20, 1953

Auditor's Final Rept. of Rev. 11/20/53

Docket DMEA-1603 (copper)

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(Amendment to Change Starting and/or Completion Dates)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

It is agreed this 6th day of August 1953, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Administration and Mount Rainier Mining Company, a Washington corporation

each acting in consideration of the agreement to the other to the terms hereinafter set forth, that the Exploration Project Contract Idm-E383 dated August 4 1952 between the parties hereto be modified and amended to change the starting date from -- (No. of days) to within -- (No. of days) of the date of the contract and the completion period from 12 (No. of months) to 16 (No. of months) from the date of the contract. The effective date of this amendment shall be August 5, 1953.

This amendment is made by authority granted the Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II, in Order No. 2634 by the Acting Secretary of the Interior.

This amendment shall not be construed to increase the estimated total cost of the project, the amount of the Government's contribution, or any item of allowable cost which is expressly designated "Allowable Maximum".

Executed in sextuplicate the day and year first above written.

Mount Rainier Mining Company
(Operator)

By [signature]

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By A. E. Weissenborn
A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II

Docket No. DMEA-1608
Mount Rainier Mining Company
Exploration Project Contract Idm-2383

Justification for Amendment No. 2

Heavy snowfall and a late spring in the Mount Rainier area have delayed the resumption of contract work. It has therefore been necessary to extend the contract for 4 months to provide sufficient time to complete the project.

Division Copy

[illegible] NATIONAL MINING COMPANY
EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT
DOCKET NO. [illegible]

AMENDMENT NO. 1

[illegible] and the [illegible] of [illegible] that Contract No. [illegible], Docket No. [illegible], dated August [illegible], 1[illegible], is modified, effective August [illegible], 1[illegible], as follows:

1. Delete from Article [illegible], all provisions following the heading "Estimated Cost of Project" and substitute the following:

[illegible] Operating Budget No. [illegible]

[illegible] Operating Budget No. [illegible]

Note: [illegible]

Total Estimated Cost of Project	[illegible]
Government Participation	[illegible]

2. [illegible] the fourth [illegible] of the [illegible] form, delete the words [illegible] "[illegible] Contractor."

Dated: December 30, 1[illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] By C. O. Mitteudorf
Contract Administrator, [illegible]
Uranium Exploration
[illegible]

[illegible]

MF-200 (A)
(February 1952)

DOCKET NO. DMEA 1-03

COMMODITY Copper and Molybdenum

Idm-E 383
Docket Copy

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

EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT[1]

(Short Form)

IT IS AGREED this 4th day of August, 1952, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, hereinafter called the "Government," and[2] Mount Baldhar Mining Company, a corporation of the State of Washington
1627 - 15th Avenue
Seattle 22, Washington

hereinafter called the "Operator," as follows:

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

ARTICLE 2. *Operator's property rights.*—With respect to that certain land situated in the State of Washington, County of Okanogan, described as follows:[3] Three patented mining claims covered by Mineral Survey No. 1148, and known as Snowflake lode, Punch lode, and Orinda lode. The claims are located in Glacier Basin, Mt. Baker National Park, Washington. See Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

the Operator represents and undertakes:[4]

(*a*) That the Operator is the owner, in possession and entitled to possession, and that the property is subject only to the following claims, liens, or encumbrances as to each of which the subordination agreement of the holder is attached: None

(*b*) [redacted]
The Operator shall devote the land and all existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances to the purposes of the exploration project without any allowance for the use, rental value, depreciation, depletion, or other cost of acquiring, owning, or holding possession thereof.

ARTICLE 3. *Exploration project.*—The Operator, within 10 days from the date of this contract shall commence work on a project of exploration for[5] Copper and Molybdenum

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

ARTICLE 4. *Costs of the project.*—The agreed, estimated costs of performing the work, expressed in terms of units of work to be performed (per foot of drifting, per foot of drilling, per cubic yard of material to be moved, etc.) are set forth in Exhibit A," attached hereto. The Government will pay 50 percent of these agreed, estimated costs, as they crue, for units of work actually performed that conform with the description or specifications for the work set forth in this tract, in an aggregate total amount not in excess of $1,500.00, which is 50 percent of $3,000.00, agreed, estimated total cost of the project in which the Government will participate: *Provided,* That until the Operator's report and final accounting have been rendered to the Government and any final check or auditing required by the Government has been made, and a final settlement of the contract has been made, the Government may withhold from the last voucher uchers such sums as it sees fit not in excess of ten (10) percent of the maximum total which the Government might have called upon to pay under the terms of the contract. The Government may, as it sees fit, make payments direct to the Operaindependent contractors, if any, for the account of the Operator, rather than to the Operator.

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

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

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Correct as Described

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 9. *Changes and added provisions* .....

Executed in sextuplicate the day and year first above written.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mount Belinder Mining Company
(Operator)

By Ole Oakland

By C. O. Mitteadorf
Acting Administrator
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

Sec & Treas Mtm
Mt. Rmc Co
Ole Oakland

I, Ole Oakland, certify that I am the Operating Sec & Treas of the corporation named as Operator herein; that I am the Person who signed this contract on behalf of the Operator, was then Executive Sec of said corporation; that said contract was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

Ole Oakland

[CORPORATE SEAL]

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EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT
MT. RAINIER MINING CO.
DOCKET NO. DMRA-1608X

EXHIBIT "A"

Description of the Work

The purpose of this project is to determine whether copper mineralization is exposed in Tunnels No. 2 and No. 3 on the Snowflake Lode Patented Mining claim. These tunnels are inaccessible due to caving. In order to determine whether this mineralization is worth exploring, the two tunnels shall be cleared and opened their full length only to the extent of providing access to Government engineers for examination and such sampling as they may deem necessary. For this purpose, the tunnels must be made safe from caving ground, bad air and other hazards.

The work shall be subject to the approval of the Government.

Estimated Costs of the Project

Clearing and opening Tunnels No. 2 and No. 3	$3,000.00

Note: For the purposes of this contract, all the work described in this Exhibit "A" is defined as one unit of work.

Total Estimated Cost of Project	$3,000.00
Government Participation @ 50%	$1,500.00

This project is on a unit estimated cost basis of $3,000.00 and not on an actual cost basis.

* denotes allowable maximum

Exhibit B

MOUNT RAINIER MINING COMPANY

T. 16 N., R. 9 E., W.M.
Unsurveyed

MARY LODE
SUR. No. 1149

WASHINGTON No. 2 LODE
SUR. No. 1149

WASHINGTON No. 1 LODE
SUR. No. 1149

STRONGHOLD No. 2 LODE
SUR. No. 1149

STRONGHOLD No. 1 LODE
SUR. No. 1149

S. 69°-54' E. 600
S. 0°-02' E.
N. 0°-2' W.
N. 87°-54' W.
S. 87°-2' E. 6050
S. 69°-15'-30" E. 3039.11
S. 68°-45' E. 3639.7
S. 71°-14' E. 4037.32
To U.S.M.M. No. 1148
S. 69°-35' E.
N. 87°-25' E. 3592.84
S. 68°-05' E. 1729.21
N. 30°-45' E.
S. 30°-45' W.
N. 22°-37' E.
S. 22°-37' W.
Log House

STATEMENT OF OFFICE WORK

Amount Deposited	$100.00
Cost of Office work	45.36
Amount Refunded	54.64

T. 16 N., R. 9 E., W.M.
Unsurveyed

(4-675)
660'
6.8-Acres
Purposed
Camp
Starbo

PURPOSED LEASE
AS AMENDED TOTAL 16.3 ACRES

43.56 Acres
Proposed Camp
& Storage
Purposes

INTER FORK CREEK

N. 30°-20' E. 1660.68
N. 7°-59' W. 1182.10

PEACH LODE
SUR. No. 1148

REVEN LODE
SUR. No. 1148

SNOWFLAKE LODE
SUR. No. 1148

ORINDA LODE
SUR. 1148

Purposed lease
7.3 Acres
No. 3

S. 69°-18' E.
N. 69°-18' W.
N. 11°-20' E.
S. 11°-20' W.
N. 15°-31' E.
S. 15°-31' W.
N. 69°-16' W.

STATEMENT OF OFFICE WORK

Amount Deposited	$40.00
Cost of Office Work	1.45
Amount Refunded	38.55

Exhibit B

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So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

March 9, 1955

Mr. Ole Oakland, President
Mount Rainier Mining Company, Inc.
7551 Dibble
Seattle, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMEA-1608 (copper)
Mount Rainier Mining Company
Pierce County, Washington
Contract No. Idm-E383 (Completed)

Dear Mr. Oakland:

In reply to your letter of February 16, 1955, since the contract is concluded and the Government did not certify that a discovery was made on the Mount Rainier property, there is no obligation for you to repay the $1,500.00 which was the amount contributed by the Government for the work completed under DMEA Contract No. Idm-E383.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region I
Northwest District

cc: DMEA (2)
USBM (2)
USBM(AD)
Puffett

closed file

DEC 20 1954

Mr. Ole Oakland, President
Mount Rainier Mining Co., Inc.
7551 Dibble Avenue, N. W.
Seattle 7, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMEA-1608 (Copper)
Contract No. Idm-1363
Starbo Mine
Pierce County, Washington

Dear Mr. Oakland:

Reference is made to your letter of November 29, 1954, requesting the assay results of samples taken by Government engineers on the subject property.

While we do not usually make such data available to the general public, we have no objection in your case since the sampling and assaying was made possible by the captioned DMEA project, in which you participated.

Four samples were taken from the back of the old stope in Tunnel No. 2. These samples were taken at irregular intervals over a distance of approximately 70 feet along the length of the stope. The results were as follows:

Sample	Ft. Thickness	Oz. Gold	Oz. Silver	% Copper
343	1.4	0.02	1.5	2.02
342	1.0	0.01	0.6	.15
341	3.0	0.00	0.1	0.50
340	1.4	0.07	3.9	11.84

In Tunnel No. 3 two samples were taken from the back of the stope nearest the portal and five from the back of the other stope. The results were as follows:

Sample	Ft. Thickness	Oz. Gold	Oz. Silver	% Copper
220	0.2	0.01	3.3	13.30
221	0.7	0.00	2.4	8.75
205A	0.6	0.07	4.9	14.99
203A	1.2	0.02	2.4	3.79
204A	0.5	0.07	5.5	13.40
206A	2.0	0.03	4.0	9.61
207A	0.6	0.00	1.2	2.63

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
12-17-54
(date)

We regret that we are unable to supply you with a sample of pitchblende ore as requested, but trust that the above assay results will otherwise satisfy your requirements.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Allis, Chief
Rare and Miscellaneous
Metals Division

NChing:am
12-16-54
cc to: Admr. Reading File
Docket
Messrs. C. H. Johnson, Rm. 3621
T. H. Killsgaard, Rm. 5224
Mr. Ching
Code 7C
DMEAField Team, Region II(2)

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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
No. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

September 14, 1954

Mr. Ole Oakland
Mount Rainier Mining Company, Inc.
7551 Dibble Avenue, N. W.
Seattle 7, Washington

closed file

Re: Docket No. DMA 1608 (copper)
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
Pierce County, Washington
Contract No. Idm-5383

Dear Mr. Oakland:

We have your letter of August 27, 1954, requesting the assay results on samples taken by our field examiners when they last visited your property on October 23, 1955. As Mr. Agnew has informed you in his answer of September 9, 1954, to the letter you wrote Mr. Magill, we are not authorized to make these data available without prior permission from our Washington office.

Insofar as your obtaining a review of the original application you made to explore your property, we are not able to lend you much encouragement. The contract which was awarded you for assistance in clearing out Tunnels 2 and 3 for examination and sampling was, in effect, an attempt to determine if your proposal for a much expanded program was justified. The relatively negative results obtained by the completed project discouraged us from giving favorable consideration to your original proposal.

It is interesting to note that you have found radioactive minerals on your property. We would greatly appreciate your sending us a sample of some of the higher-grade radioactive material you have found. Should it be found that the samples show promising amounts of radioactivity, in all probability an examination of your property will be made to learn more about the occurrence of the radioactive material.

Yours very truly,

cc: USBM (2)
DMA (2)
Puffett

For: John D. Whay
A. D. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMA
Field Team, Region II

9/20/54 gla

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
~~WASHINGTON 25, D.C.~~
1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington
September 9, 1954

Mr. Ole Oakland
Mount Rainier Mining Co., Inc.
7551 Dibble Ave., N.W.
Seattle 7, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMEA 1608 (copper)
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
Pierce County, Washington
Contract No. Idm-E383

Dear Mr. Oakland:

Your letter of August 21, 1954 to Mr. E. A. Magill has been referred to this office for a reply.

The assay results of samples taken by Government engineers on DMEA projects are confidential and are not released to the Operator or general public. If you should make your request direct to the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., and this agency authorizes us to release these assay results to you, we shall be glad to do so.

Concerning your request for a sample of pitchblende ore, this office does not have specimens of this type of ore on hand.

Sincerely yours,

Wing G. Agnew
Member, DMEA Field Team
Region II

cc: DMEA, Wash. (2)
USGS (2)

The following is a copy of a note to Mr. Magill from Mr. Oakland which Mr. Oakland left at Magill's office in Seattle.

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August 21, 1954

Hi Mr. McGill:

Is there any information one could get as to the assays the DMEA got on the samples they took out both in No. 2 and No. 3 tunnels.

We have assays some taken last Fall of 2.65% copper in tunnel 3 on the 13 foot cave in but we have also molybdenum tests there but low tests on that ore but we have cobalt, thorium, aluminum and titanium on assays taken tho they are on the other groups of claims consisting of 5 claims.

The ore bodys of this has not been tested out but now those mineral seems valuable - I have been up 4 weeks ago with Geiger Counter but to much snow then will go again in couple weeks to try for pitchblend have you a sample you could let me have just to compare with would appreciate it.

As Mr. Weissenborn in Spokane did not incourage me to try for a loan to develope these under this Administration as the main aim was to balance the budget I have delayed all work on it it takes capital with your advise and cooperation I would feel better.

Yours truly,

Ole Oakland
for Mt R M Co. INC.
7551 Dibble Ave N W
Seattle 7

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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February 18, 1954

Memorandum

To: W. R. Griswold, DMEA

From: C. H. Johnson, Bureau of Mines

Subject: DMEA 1608X (Copper), Mt. Ranier Mining Company, Pierce County, Washington - Contract Idm-E383

I have reviewed the final report on this project by Magill and Puffett, dated January 14, 1954, recommending no certification be made. The Field Team in transmitting the report February 5, 1954, concurs in the recommendation.

The report is a very good one, and the information presented, in my opinion, supports the recommendation. The oreshoot is so small and so narrow that it could not be worked economically under any foreseeable conditions.

C. H. JOHNSON

C. H. Johnson

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Copy to - Mr. Kinkel, GSA
Minerals Division
C. H. Johnson
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
~~WASHINGTON 25, D. C.~~
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

November 18, 1953

Mr. Ole Oakland, President
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
1627 15th Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMEA-1608 (Copper)
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
Pierce County, Washington
Contract No. Idm-E383

Dear Mr. Oakland:

Reference is made to your letter of November 5, 1953, in which you discuss the present status of your property and request advice concerning further action to be taken by your company to obtain financial aid for further development of the mine.

As stated in your letter, the result of work completed under the DMEA exploration contract only established facts either already known or else strongly suspected. These facts are that the veins exposed in the No. 2 and 3 tunnels are very narrow and have been mineralized for only short horizontal distances although the vertical extent of these mineralized oreshoots may be somewhat more extensive. Information obtained by mapping and sampling of the structures exposed in these tunnels leads us to believe that the possibility of developing a successful mine is rather remote.

It is not within our jurisdiction to make recommendations to you concerning any future action you might take regarding the acquisition of another Government loan for work at your property. You can, of course, apply for another exploration contract or for an extension of the existing contract; however, our immediate thought on such an application would be that the Government would probably not care to engage in further exploration at your mine.

Until recently a Government agency known as the Defense Materials Procurement Agency would loan a mining company money which could be used to construct mills or to develop mines. This agency has been dissolved and is no longer in effect; however, we understand that an agency known as the General Services Administration, with offices in the Federal Office Building, Seattle, Washington, is now administering to such types of loans. You might contact this agency, although we frankly doubt if your property would qualify for such type of loan.

Regarding your question of what type mill would be most beneficial to the property, we would suggest a selective flotation mill; however, we would also suggest that before any consideration is given to any type of mill there should be developed at your property sufficient ore reserves to justify the construction of a mill.

If we may be of further service, please advise.

By Field Team, Region II

A. E. Weissenborn, Executive Officer
(U. S. Geological Survey)

M. E. Volin, Member
(U. S. Bureau of Mines)

cc: DMEA (2)
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November 18, 1953

Mr. R. J. Hindman, Certifying Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
1201 North Division
Spokane 2, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMEA-1600 (copper)
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
Pierce County, Washington
Contract No. I m-5383

Dear Mr. Hindman:

This is to inform you that all work under the subject contract has been completed to the satisfaction of the Government. The Operator has not submitted a final report; however, this report is hereby waived as it is believed that such a report would be of little value to DMEA. I understand that invoices for work recently completed have been submitted for payment.

It is requested that the Operator's books be audited immediately and that his invoices be processed for final payment as quickly as possible inasmuch as all contract requirements have either been met or are hereby waived.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Reissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

cc: DMEA (2)
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Con. Adm. & Acct. Div., Wash., D. C.
Puffett
Auditor

Operator's final report waived

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TELEGRAM

OCTOBER 20, 1953

OLE OAKLAND, SECRETARY
MT. RAINIER MINING CO.
1627 - 15TH AVE.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

DMEA EXAMINING TEAM WILL BE AT MAIN DIVIDE CAMP ON/BEFORE 7:00 AM. OCTOBER 23, 1953.

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CHARGE TO U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
SO. 157 HOWARD
SPOKANE 4, WASHINGTON
GOVERNMENT RATES

J. QUINLAN
ACTING LEADER
DMEA FIELD TEAM

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DMEA FIELD TEAM REGION 2 SOUTH 157 HOWARD ST
SPOKANE WASH-

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OLE OAKLAND SECRETARY MT RAINIER MINING CO-

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

September 23, 1953

Mr. Ole Oakland, Secretary
Mt. Rainier Mining Company, Inc.
1627 - 15th Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMEA-1608
(Copper - molybdenum)
Contract No. Idm-E383
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
Pierce County, Washington

Dear Mr. Oakland:

I wish to direct your attention to the examination of your property on September 2, 1953, by Messrs. Willard Puffett and Webb Anderson of the DMEA Field Team. This examination was in response to a telegram and also a telephone call from you, received at this office on August 31, 1953, in which you requested that we immediately send an examining party to your property inasmuch as you had made the mine accessible for examination.

Our field examiners report that upon arriving at your property they found a small portable air compressor designed for use in spraying paint and which was inadequate to properly ventilate the mine workings. They state that they attempted to examine your mine but that a candle would not burn at a distance in from the portal and that the mine contained so much bad air that examination was considered too hazardous to undertake.

This is the third time we have sent examining parties to your property to conduct a mine examination, each time upon request from you or your associates, and each time on the assumption that the mine was accessible. On all three of these occasions our field men have found that a flame would not burn in the mine workings and that the supply of oxygen was insufficient and that any stay in the mine by the examiners would have been extremely dangerous.

We must now inform you that unless you make the No. 3 tunnel on your property accessible to examination within 30 days of the date of this letter, the Government will be forced to terminate your contract because of your failure to do the work pursuant to the terms of the contract. In our definition of accessible, we mean that you deliver enough compressed air into the tunnel so that a candle will burn freely at all points within the tunnel.

Sincerely yours,

Thor M. Kiilagaard
Acting Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II

cc: USBM (2)
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Mr. A. [illegible] Weinmeistern
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 1, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMA-3608
(Copper - Molybdenum)
Contract No. [illegible]
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
Pierce County, Washington

Dear Mr. Weinmeisterns

Reference is made to your letter of September 4, 1953, regarding failure of the Operator to make the mine accessible for examination and sampling and your request for permission to terminate the subject contract, the termination to be based on the inability of the Operator to conduct operations pursuant to contract terms.

The record of this operation certainly justifies termination and you are hereby authorized to terminate the contract as requested. However, your attention is called to Memorandum No. 4, dated April 18, 1952, which provides that if the Field Team believes that the contract should be terminated they should first warn the Operator, in writing, that unless conditions are corrected promptly the contract will be terminated.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee

Attest:

J. H. Hedges

Director, Bureau of Mines

A. R. Kinkel, Jr.

Director, Geological Survey

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cc to: Adm. Reading File
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Messrs: C. W. Johnson, Rm. 3621
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September 4, 1953

Mr. Ernest W. Ellis, Acting Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-1608 (copper-molybdenum)
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
Pierce County, Washington
Contract No. Idm-E383

Dear Mr. Ellis:

On August 31, 1953, we were advised by telephone and telegram from the Operator that the Mt. Rainier mining property was accessible for examination and sampling. The Operator stated that he had a compressor on the property and that he had been completely through the mine. We expressly questioned the latter statement as we had previously been informed the mine was open and had field men to make the examination only to find that such was not the case. We were advised, however, that the mine could be examined immediately and that the Operator was desirous of having the examination made as he had the compressor and the men on the property, whom he did not wish to retain any longer than was necessary. The Operator was advised that we would have men there as quickly as possible to make the examination.

On September 3, 1953, Mr. Willard Puffett, U. S. Geological Survey, and Webb Anderson, U. S. Bureau of Mines, went to the property to conduct the examination. They found the compressor to consist of a paint spraying compressor of very small size and that the mine was being ventilated by a very small house fan. They attempted to map and sample the mine workings but found the air in from the portal to be so bad that a match could not be lit nor would a candle burn. After a few moments in the mine they became dizzy and were forced to go outside.

This field examination marks the third time we have been advised by the Operator that the mine was open and the third time we have sent men there to conduct the necessary examination. Each time we have been ill-advised and each time it has resulted in a costly and unnecessary trip to our field men. We have time and again tried to explain to the Operator what is needed and how he should go about making the mine accessible. We have granted an extension of the time limit to the Operator to allow him to do the necessary work. Despite this advice and assistance, the Operator continues to blunder and we are, therefore, forced to conclude that he probably will never make this mine accessible for project work.

We request permission to terminate the subject contract, the termination to be based on the inability of the Operator to conduct operations pursuant to contract terms.

By DMEA Field Team, Region II

A. E. Weissenborn, Executive Officer
(U. S. Geological Survey)

M. E. Volin, Member
(U. S. Bureau of Mines)

cc: USBM (2)
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

August 13, 1953

Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket No. DMEA-1608 (Copper)
Mount Rainier Mining Company
Pierce County, Washington
Contract No. Idm-8383

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

Attached are the original and two signed copies of Amendment No. 2 to the subject contract, with attached justification.

Distribution of this amendment is being made in the usual manner.

Sincerely yours,

Thor H. Kiilsgaard
Acting Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II

Attachment

cc: Finance Officer w/encl.
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Duffett

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

So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

August 7, 1953

Mr. Ole Oakland, President
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
1627 - 15th Avenue
Seattle 22, Washington

Re: Docket No. DMEA-1608 (copper)
Pierce County, Washington
Contract No. Idm-E383

Dear Mr. Oakland:

Enclosed are 7 copies of Amendment 2 which extends the expiration date of your contract 4 months, or for a total of 16 months from the date of the contract. This amendment has been prepared in response to your letter of July 28 in which you ask for a 90-day extension period to allow you to complete your contract work.

We hope that with this extension of time you will be able to resume contract work and to complete your project as quickly as possible. Although there is not too much work remaining to be done, the season is growing late and therefore work should be pushed as rapidly as possible in order to complete it before the winter season commences.

Very truly yours,

Thor H. Kiilsgaard
For: A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

Enclosure as above

cc: DMEA (2) w/cy incoming ltr
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington
July 30, 1953

MEMORANDUM

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: E. A. Magill, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Mount Rainier Mining Co., Pierce County, Washington
Contract 1dm-R383
Docket No. DMEA 1606 (copper and molybdenum)

Mr. Thor Oakland, son of Ole Oakland, secretary-treasurer of the Mount Rainier Mining Company, was contacted by phone in Seattle on July 27, 1953.

Mr. Oakland stated that they intended to complete the exploration contract. Due to the unusually late melting of the snows in the area it had been impossible to carry out any work so far this season. However, they intended to walk into the property within the next few days and determine the work necessary to complete the program.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the exploration project contract expires on August 4, 1953, and that it would be necessary to secure an amendment to the contract for work after that date.

E. A. Magill

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~~WASHINGTON 25, D. C.~~
1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington

June 25, 1953

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To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: [illegible] Nagill, Mining Engineer, U. S. Bureau of Mines

Subject: Mt. Rainier Mining Co., Pierce County, Washington, Contract [illegible], Docket No. DMEA 1108A (copper and molybdenum)

An unsuccessful attempt was made to contact Mr. Ole Oakland, Secretary of the Mount Rainier Mining Co. on June 22, 1953. Mr. Oakland is on a business trip to North Dakota and is expected back in about two weeks.

The relative of Mr. Oakland's whom I talked to said that he thought the Mount Rainier Mining Co. intended to complete the work called for under their DMEA contract this summer.

[illegible] A. Nagill

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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January 16, 1953

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Mr. George Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket DMEA-1608X (Copper)
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
Contract Idm-2303

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

Attached are the original and two signed copies of Amendment No. 1 to the subject contract.

Copies of the amendment have been retained by the Operator, the Finance Officer, and the Field Team office.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

Attachment

cc: USBM (2)
Puffett

DEC 30 1952

Mr. . . . eisenborn
xecutive officer
RFA Field Team, Region II
outh 157 Howard Street
pokane 8, ashington

Re: Docket No. MA-1608 (Copper)
Contract No. Idm-3383
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
Pierce County, ashington

Dear Mr. eisenborn:

Enclosed are the original and five copies of Amendment No. 1 to the subject contract, which have been signed by the Government. When the original and all copies have been signed by the Operator, all copies are to be disposed of according to the usual practice.

This amendment has been written in accordance with the request of the Field Team, dated December , 1952, and permits payment separately for the clearing of each of the tunnels. It is understood that Tunnel No. 2 has been cleared.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson

Chairman, Operating Committee

J. H. Hedges

Member, Bureau of Mines

A. R. Kinkel, Jr.

Member, Geological Survey

Enclosures (6)

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UNITED STATES
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1201 North Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington

December 8, 1952

MEMORANDUM

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: E. A. Nagill, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Assays, Mt. Rainier Mining Co., Pierce County, Washington, Contract Idm-F383, Docket No. DMEA 1603 (copper & molybdenum)

Assay results have been received on all samples which have been taken at the subject property. Inasmuch as the project is closed down for the winter due to weather, this memo is prepared so that all assay information may be consolidated.

Samples from Tunnel No. 2

Sample No.	Width	Type	Percent Cu	Ounces per Ton Au	Ounces per Ton Ag	Location
EAM 345*		Grab	0.0	Tr.	0.1	Dump
EAM 340*	0.4'	Channel	11.84	0.07	3.9	Stope
EAM 341*	3.0'	"	0.50	0.0	0.1	Stope
EAM 342*	1.0'	"	0.15	0.01	0.6	Stope
EAM 343*	0.4'	"	2.02	0.02	1.5	Stope
EAM 344*	1.5'	"	10.12	0.06	2.0	W Crosscut
EAM 31-0**	1.5'	"	0.39	0.04	2.48	" "

* Assays Union Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.
**Assays USBM, Albany, Oregon

The above samples are all from Tunnel No. 2 and except for sample EAM 31-0, the locations are shown on the map which accompanies Mr. Puffett's (USGS) progress report of October 14, 1952. Sample EAM 31-0 is a check sample taken in the west crosscut across the mineralized pod 1.0' above sample EAM 344. The difference in grade between these two samples illustrates how localized the values are in the deposit.

Samples from Tunnel No. 3

Sample No.	Width	Type	Percent Cu	Ounces per Ton Au	Ag	Location
EAM 31-220**	0.2'	Channel	13.3	0.01	3.28	First stope
EAM 31-221**	0.7'	Channel	8.75	N.D.	2.40	First stope
EAM 31-222**	---	Grab	0.15	N.D.	0.34	Dump

**Assays SBM, Albany, Oregon

Sample EAM 31-220 was taken from the first stope in No. 3 Tunnel. In back 10 feet above track level. Channel sample across vein 0.2' wide. Brecciated vein material containing chalcopyrite, pyrite and tourmaline.

Sample EAM 31-221 was taken from the first stope in the middle back of the second set 13 feet above the track. Channel sample across vein 0.7 feet wide. Gouge and bleached breccia, some chalcopyrite.

Sample EAM 31-222 was taken from end of No. 3 tunnel dump. Grab sample of muck removed while cleaning up the cave 76 to 89 feet from the portal. Country rock with chalcopyrite in fractures.

The above sample results and observations at the property indicate that the copper mineralization in the No. 2 tunnel is largely localized. The only ore shoot exposed is about 75 feet in length with a maximum width of up to perhaps 3 feet in part of the stoped area, narrowing down to less than 0.5 feet on either end and in the back, 28 feet above track level. The vein structure has been drifted on a little over 250 feet. Where it can be observed outside the stope area, the structure is tight and very sparsely mineralized. No ore reserves are indicated in tunnel No. 2.

Unfortunately, due to the bad air condition, it was not possible to map or sample the No. 3 tunnel but from what could be observed, it appears that conditions are similar to those in tunnel No. 2 with the same ore shoot being exposed. Apparently it is also mined out above the No. 3 level. However, inasmuch as it was impossible to examine the No. 3 level carefully, ore exposures may have been overlooked.

E. A. Magill

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Memorandum

To: Chairman, DMEA Operating Committee

From: DMEA Field Team, Region II

Subject: Docket DMEA 1608X (Copper & Molybdenum), Mt. Rainier Mining Company, Pierce County, Washington, Contract Idm-E383.

The Mt. Rainier Mining Company has requested a partial payment for work completed under the subject contract (see copy of letter attached). We are referring this request to you for a decision, inasmuch as a letter from your office to Mr. A. E. Weissenborn, Executive Officer, Region II, dated August 4, 1952, states "There will be no payments or accounting other than for the completed job of clearing the tunnels."

Work accomplished to date is summarized below:

An exploration project contract was entered into with the Mt. Rainier Mining Company on August 4, 1952, in the total amount of $3,000.00 with a completion period of 6 months. This contract provided for opening No. 2 and No. 3 tunnels to the extent necessary to make them accessible for examination and sampling, ("the tunnels must be made safe from caving ground, bad air and other hazards"). The Operator cleaned out the portal of No. 2 adit and it was sampled and mapped by E. A. Magill, U. S. Bureau of Mines, and Willard P. Puffett, U. S. Geological Survey, on September 8, 1952. The examination of the adit disclosed no ore reserves. An ore shoot about 75 feet in length had been stoped out to a maximum height of 28 feet above the sill. This ore shoot pinched down to less than 6 inches at both ends and in the back of the stope. It is estimated that direct cost of opening the No. 2 adit portal should not have exceeded $100. No work was done in the adit other than digging out the portal. However, the work was sufficient for examination and mapping.

Two more visits were made to the property at the request of the Operator to examine the No. 3 adit; the first visit on October 2, 1952, by Magill and Puffett revealed that the Operators had done a very poor job of catching up a cave about 76 feet in from the portal. The air past the cave was deficient in oxygen and, therefore, the workings beyond the cave could not be examined or sampled. The property was visited again on October 25, 1952, after the Operator had assured the examining team that the workings were open for examination. This visit disclosed that the original timbering job, 76 feet from the portal, had

caved and the Operators had again retimbered it. However, this timbering job was no better than the original one. The air past the cave was still deficient in oxygen despite attempts of the Operators to help the situation by the use of an "ozone machine". It was also learned that the Operators themselves had not been in the workings farther than a few feet past the caved area. Mr. Puffett and Mr. Magill were able to make a hasty trip through the workings but were unable to sample or map them. This hasty examination disclosed a stoped area which was believed to be a downward continuation of the stoped area in the No. 2 adit. From what could be seen the vein on this level (No. 3) appeared to be narrow with the mineralization localized to the stoped area

The present status of the project is that one adit (No. 2) has been opened for examination, and the other adit (No. 3) is still inaccessible due to bad air. The Operator has undoubtedly expended over $3,000 on the project including the cost ($1800) of construction of 3½ miles of road to the property. It is evident that a portion of this money has been poorly spent, primarily because inexperienced workmen were employed to do the rehabilitation work. Operations have now been shut down for the winter and if the contract is to be completed it will be necessary to extend the completion date. It is hoped that by having the workings open this winter there will be sufficient natural circulation to clear the bad air in the No. 3 adit. Otherwise, artificial ventilation will have to be introduced.

In view of the fact that the Operator has made an honest, although in part a poorly managed, attempt to rehabilitate the mine workings and since he has undoubtedly expended a substantial amount of money, it is recommended that he be paid at least a part of the Government's share of the accrued costs. He most certainly should be paid for rehabilitation of No. 2 adit; in other words, paid half of the money involved in the Contract (Government's share $750.00) inasmuch as he has completed this part of the project. We wish to stress the need for partial payment because we have been informed that the Operator is in financial stress and needs money to meet current obligations. Inasmuch as he has already expended practically all of his available funds, he will undoubtedly need partial reimbursement by the Government to finance the remainder of the rehabilitation work.

We will appreciate your views on this matter.

By DMEA Field Team, Region II

Thor H. Kiilsgaard
For: A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
(U. S. Geological Survey)

cc: USBM (2)
Puffett

T. E. Howard
For: M. E. Volin, Member
(U. S. Bureau of Mines)

C O P Y

Seattle, Washington
November 23, 1932

Mr. Weissenborn
Executive Officer
157 S. Howard Street
Spokane, Washington

Re: Docket No. 16344

Dear Sir:

Just a line to let you know that Mr. Magill did not approve of oxygen tanks and mask to enter tunnel No. 3. We then secured an air compressor and 520 feet of hose. Took it up on November 11, but snow and ice was on the upper part of road and more at tunnel. My helpers refused to carry the outfit up--too dangerous as it meant some more and we returned outfit and contacted Mr. Magill who said he was going to Spokane and it is best I think therefore to have him and you go over the problem first he knows the circumstances also tunnel he had been clear to fall but he is correct in that air is needed to do work and examine more thoroughly the 50 x 40 rocks and veins. However, I must get money to pay taxes on the operation $600 to 700 is badly needed so will cooperate to get a real test on values. The assays taken to Mr. Willis Ott assayer, I believe I wrote you: only show 2.65 % copper, .03 Mo--zero silver and gold values--this is where the cave-in is. There is higher values in the first stope where some timbers are stored. This did not extend up only a few feet above ceiling.

The main high grade is where the 4½ foot raise is, Mr. Magill can give you better information on this, he has been clear in.

My reason for writing this is we need the money to pay withholding tax and insurance. The tunnels are open and we need extention to explore more thoroughly. The 3 claims, at least one tunnel cannot determine values on the whole project. Located as it is (3 claims). Of course it's not only the Mt. Ruth group alone but there the place at present. Extend further exploration for 1933 and show us our portion for 1932 any more examinations you think of value in No. 3. We will cooperate with you. The Mt. Rainier Mining Company wants to know too what to expect.

Respectfully,

Mount Rainier Mining Company, Inc.

/s/ Ole Oakland, Sec.-Treas.
1427 - 16 Ave.
Seattle

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
~~WASHINGTON 25, D. C.~~
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

November 3, 1952

Mr. Ole Oakland, Secretary
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
1627 - 15th Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Re: Docket DMEA 1608x--Copper, Molybdenum
Mt. Rainier Mining Company
Pierce County, Washington
Contract Idm-E383

Dear Mr. Oakland:

Your letter requesting advice concerning your problems in rehabilitating Tunnels Nos. 2 and 3, was received this morning.

As it is relatively late in the working season with the threat of snow imminent, it seems a risky venture to plan installation of a blower and vent pipe in the lower tunnel this year. Although by such a method the tunnel could be ventilated in two or three days sufficiently well to allow inspection and sampling of the workings, a heavy snowfall could render the road impassable and it might be necessary to wait until spring before access could be gained to the workings in order to make the required inspection.

It is suggested that you clear the muck pile near the lower portal to the best of your ability and then timber the tunnel with sufficiently strong timbers to hold it until the property can be revisited next spring. It is hoped that by so doing, sufficient natural ventilation will have taken place to allow men to remain in the workings long enough to map and sample them. If it is found that even after this period of natural ventilation the air is not good, it will probably be necessary for you to arrange to either rent or buy sufficient vent pipe and a fan to supply circulation to "clear" the air.

It is recognized that you are experiencing financial difficulties. That is one of the reasons it is strongly suggested you attempt to allow natural ventilation to clear the air in the lower tunnel. Unfortunately, authority is not granted in the contract for any payment to be made until the tunnels are cleared to the satisfaction of the DMEA Field Team. If it is found by next spring that the bad air still remains in the lower tunnel and that vent pipe will have to be installed, notify this office and at that time an attempt will be made to obtain approval for an amendment to the present contract to allow partial payment, at least in sufficient amount to allow the project to be completed.

Yours very truly,

A. E. Weissenborn, Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region II

cc: USBM(2)
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~~WASHINGTON 25, D. C.~~
1201 North Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington

October 20, 1952

MEMORANDUM

To: DMEA Field Team, Region II

From: E. A. Magill, Mining Engineer, Bureau of Mines

Subject: Mt. Rainier Mining Co., Pierce County, Washington, Contract Idm-E383, Docket No. DMEA 1608X (copper & molybdenum)

Mr. Ole Oakland, secretary of the Mt. Rainier Mining Co., was contacted by phone in Seattle on October 16, 1952. He stated that they had enlarged the opening in the cave in No. 3 adit. An electric generator with an "ozone" machine is being used to clear the air in the adit past the cave.

Mr. Oakland was advised that as soon as the workings were safe for examination to inform this office by phone and arrangements would be made for an examination.

E. A. Magill

E. A. Magill

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1201 N. Division St.
Spokane 2, Washington
September 23, 1952

DMEA-1608

Mr. Ole Oakland
Mount Rainier Mining Co.
1627 - 15th Avenue
Seattle 22, Wash.

Subject: Report forms MF-104 and 104A
~~DMEA-253~~

Dear Mr. Oakland:

Enclosed are the subject forms requested in your letter of September 18. Five copies each of Form MF-104 and 104A must be submitted each month, together with 5 copies of a narrative and maps.

It is emphasized again that no payment can be made until the work of clearing the tunnels is completed to the satisfaction of the Government. Please inform us as soon as the rehabilitation is finished so that an engineer can be assigned to inspect the project.

Sincerely yours,

M. E. Volin, Member
DMEA Field Team
Region II

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So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

August 28, 1952

Mr. Frank E. Johnson
Chairman, Operating Committee
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Docket DMEA-1608X-Copper-Molybdenum
Mt. Rainier Mining Co.
Pierce Co., Washington
Contract Idm-E383

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed is the original and three copies (Government, Division, and Docket) of subject contract executed by the operator, Mr. Ole Oakland.

By copy of this letter, the copy for the Regional Finance Officer is distributed.

Very truly yours,

Thor H. Kiilsgaard
Acting Member, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

Enclosure 1 (in. trip.)

cc: USBM (1) w/o encl.
Reg. Fiscal Officer, Albany w/encl.

AIR MAIL

Mr. A. I. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, Region II
DMA Field Team
South 157 Howard Street
Spokane 8, Washington

Re: Docket No. MA-1608
(Copper and Molybdenum)
Mount Rainier Mining Co., Inc.
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

Enclosed are the original and five copies of the above captioned contract which has been signed by the Government. When the original and all copies have been signed, the copy marked "Operator's Copy" is to be given to the operator and the copy marked "Field Team's Copy" is to be retained in your office, and the copy marked "Finance Officer's Copy" is to be given to the Regional Finance Officer, pursuant to new instructions now being prepared by the Washington office. The original and two copies are to be returned to Washington.

This contract has been written in accordance with your letter of July 2, 1952, and our telephone conversation of July 10, 1952. You will note that the job of clearing the two tunnels is one unit, and the cost of doing this work does not include the cost of any sampling or assaying. There will be no payments or accounting other than for the completed job of clearing the tunnels.

Any sampling data you get cannot be given to the operator who is free to do his own sampling and assaying. It will be noted that the answer to one of your telephone questions is given in the contract Article 6 (e) that the work can be terminated if in the opinion of the Government, operations have not indicated the probability of making any worthwhile discovery. The contract Article 7 stipulates that the work shall be subject to the approval of the Government. This safeguards your control over any useless expenditure of money for opening such lengths of tunnel as you consider useless.

The period of time within which work shall commence (Article 3 of the contract) is to be filled in when signed by the operators.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON

Chairman, Working Committee

Enclosure

Approved: J. H. Hedges

Member, Bureau of Mines

D. M. Lemmon

Member, Geological Survey

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cc to: Adm. Reading File Docket
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Allis Schmidt Opr. Com.
Field Team, Region II

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

July 24, 1952

Memorandum

To: Acting Administrator

Through: E. W. Ellis

From: Acting Chief Counsel

Subject: Contract Docket No. DMEA 1608, Mt. Rainier Mining Company

There is attached, in satisfactory legal form for execution, a contract covering the subject project, provided that the map (Exhibit B) is attached to the contract prior to execution.

A. E. Kane
Acting Chief Counsel

Attachment

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July 14, 1952

Dmea - 1608

Mr. Ole Oakland, Sec. & Treas.
Mount Rainier Mining Co., Inc.
1627 Fifteenth Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Oakland:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 8. All the information concerning the Mount Rainier Mining Co. application has been sent to Washington, D. C. I had a recent telephone conversation with the Copper Branch in Washington and have been informed that they are now drawing up a contract. I cannot predict how long it may take to clear the contract in Washington, but it ought not to take very long.

Regarding the question of the docket number, the original docket number was 1608x. I presume that because the application was dormant for some time this number was withdrawn and when the application was revived it was given the new number. In any event, I do not think this detail will cause you any particular concern.

We will inform you as soon as the contract is received here.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

cc: DMEA (2)
USBM, Spokane

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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So. 157 Howard Street
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June 25, 1952

Dear Bill

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Mr. Bill Oakland, Secretary & Treasurer
Mount Rainier Mining Company, Inc.
1027 15th Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Dmea 1608

Dear Mr. Oakland:

You have a just complaint concerning our slowness in getting in touch with you in regard to the application for the Mount Rainier Mining Company. All I can say is that we are so seriously understaffed for the job we are trying to do that we have been literally snowed under.

You will recall that when you first formally brought the property to the attention of the DMA in the spring of 1951, I told you frankly that I was not very favorably impressed with what I had seen when I had visited the property the previous fall, but I suggested that if you would clean out the No. 2 and No. 3 tunnels so that we could see what was inside we would be glad to re-examine the property. You replied submitting an exploration application calling for an expenditure of $25,000.00. This was forwarded to the DMA in Washington and after considerable delay we received a reply stating that the DMA would favorably consider an exploration contract calling for an expenditure of $3,000 to clean out and sample No. 2 and No. 3 tunnels. Of this sum, $2,000 was to be spent for labor and $1,000 for supplies and sampling. In the event the sampling of the two tunnels proved encouraging a more extensive exploration program might be considered, otherwise the project would be discontinued. You replied on November 24 accepting this offer but requesting that the project be held in abeyance because of the late season.

In February 1952 you wrote again requesting application blanks which we sent you, and which you filled out and returned to us late in April. These were forwarded to our Washington office. The new proposal submitted by you called for an expenditure of $6,000 which apparently misunderstanding of our letter of November 6 in which it was stated that the DMA "would favor a contract of $3,000 to be spent in cleaning out and sampling Nos. 2 and 3 workings." The DMA meant that this was the total cost of the contract whereas you took this to mean the Government's share of the contract.

Meanwhile, with the reorganization of the DMA into the Defense Materials Procurement Agency and the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, the policy of the DMEA has changed and we are no longer permitted to enter into a contract merely to open up, map, and sample an old mine working. However, after discussions with Washington, it was decided that because of the previous commitment made to the Mount Rainier Mining Company an exception would be made in your case and the DMEA would be prepared to enter into an exploration contract with you to clean out and sample the two tunnels but only to the extent of a total cost of the $3,000 mentioned in our letter of November 14. If this is acceptable to you, please let us know and we will immediately contact our Washington office and request that a contract be drawn up on this basis.

You will doubtless feel that this is a very small amount to devote to mine exploration and I will agree that it is. On the basis of present knowledge of the property we are unable to plan a more extensive exploration program, and the purpose of this small amount is merely to open the two tunnels in the cheapest possible manner and with the least possible equipment and make a thorough examination. We estimate that this could be done for around $3,000. It should then be possible to determine once and for all whether further work is justified or not. It is possible that because of the small amount involved you may wish to undertake this preliminary work yourself. This might be the better way as it would give you greater freedom of action and would allow you to do the work in your own time and in your own way. If you should decide on this course, we would be glad to inspect the tunnels after they are opened and advise you on what your next step should be. We cannot guarantee that we would make a favorable recommendation, but we would make a prompt examination. We would make an impartial study of your property and if, in our opinion, the circumstances warranted, we would be glad to assist you in working out a program of further exploration. This last would, of course, depend wholly on the value of the showings in the two tunnels, and unless the showings justified more work we would not recommend additional exploration.

Please advise of which course you wish to follow. If you decide to continue with the proposal involving a total expenditure of $3,000 ($1,500 for your share and $1,500 as the Government's share), we will attempt to work out a contract in the shortest possible time.

Sincerely,

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region II

cc: USGS
DMEA

May 23, 1952

MEMORANDUM

To: Messrs. C. H. Johnson, Bureau of Mines
Ned Nelson, Geological Survey

From: Ernest Wm. Ellis, Chief
Rare and Miscellaneous Metals Division

Subject: Mt. Rainier Mining Company
Mount Ruth Group, Glacier Basin,
Mt. Rainier National Park
Docket Nos. DMA-1608 and DMA-2531

Reference is made to MT-183 application dated April 15, 1952, received through the DMEA Executive Officer of Region II, which was docketed under number DMA-2531.

Attached are copies of memorandum transmitting the subject application, together with explanatory memorandum written by Mr. Eisenhorn on May 6, 1952, for your information.

Ernest Wm. Ellis

MFSchmidt/jem
cc to: Adm. Reading File
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