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

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Mining Division
Date Rec'd.
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BUREAU OF MINES
Denver, Colorado

Mr. Henry F. Ehrlinger
Bonita Mining & Developing Co.
Box 186
Silverton, Colorado

Re: Docket No. [illegible]-28OX (Lead-Zinc)
Minnehaha and Minnehaha No. 2
Claims
San Juan County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Ehrlinger:

I regret to advise you that the subject application, which has been held inactive for several months, has been denied.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON

ACTING Administrator

HFKeller/bjl (written 12/2/52)

Copy to: Docket
Admr. F. File
Op. Committee
H. F. Keller (2)
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Kinkle
Reg. IV (2)
Chron.

224 New Customhouse
Denver 2, Colorado

November 19, 1952

Memorandum

To: Frank E. Johnson, Chairman, Operating Committee

From: Executive Officer, Field Team, Region IV

Subject: Henry P. Ehrlinger Contracts and Applications

This is in reply to your letter dated November 17, 1952, regarding the contracts and applications of Mr. Ehrlinger.

We recommend that Docket DMA 280X and Docket DMA 1279 be cancelled. Your attention is called to the Judgment and Order of Probation of the United States District Court, three copies of which were sent to Mr. Mittendorf, regarding the case of the United States of America versus Henry P. Ehrlinger, Defendant.

Regarding Docket DMA 434X, Contract I-DMA-E15, Lead Carbonate Mines, Inc., we sent Mr. Mittendorf a memorandum on October 28, 1952, to which was attached a copy of a mining subcontract between the Bonita Mining and Developing Company and the Cement Creek Lease. A copy of our letter dated October 24 to Mr. Ehrlinger was also attached to this memorandum. At that time we requested a legal opinion regarding the title of the Lead Carbonate Mine. The question of title was later clarified in a letter from Mr. Ehrlinger dated October 27, 1952, copies of which were sent to Mr. Mittendorf on October 30. We requested the Washington office to review this subcontract and return it to this office with their recommendations.

On October 28 we also requested a legal opinion regarding the rights of the Government to all ore shipped from the Lead Carbonate Mine inasmuch as all the underground workings were made accessible by the expenditure of $4,000 in project funds in rehabilitating the portal of the tunnel.

We received a letter from Mr. Ehrlinger dated November 5 regarding rewriting the subcontract which had been sent to the Washington office previously. Copies of this letter, with our reply to Mr. Ehrlinger, were sent to the Washington office on November 12.

We are enclosing a copy of a subcontract between the Lead Carbonate Mines, Inc. and Glenn E. Rhodes for performing certain work under the terms of Exploration Project Contract I-DMA-E15. We would like a legal opinion as to the acceptability of this subcontract

which is similar to the one sent to the Washington office on October 28, 1952, and which we requested be returned to this office. We believe that this subcontract conflicts with Article 15 of Form MF-200 (April 1951) which states as follows: "Without the written consent of the Government the operator shall not assign or otherwise transfer or hypothecate this contract or any rights thereunder". Article 8 of the enclosed subcontract gives a distribution of the proceeds from ores shipped from the present workings of the mine. This distribution does not provide for any Government royalty. If we are correct in our assumption that the Government is entitled to royalty from all ores produced from this mine after a Certification of Discovery has been made and that the operator is liable for the repayment of royalties on any ore shipped from the mine after the date of the contract, the Government royalties should be included in Article 8 of this subcontract.

We question the acceptability of a subcontract as complicated as this one. We doubt if it would be possible to administer the Exploration Project Contract if this subcontract were approved. We believe that the only type of subcontract that the operator could enter into would be for the performance of work stipulated under the Exploration Project Contract at an agreed rate per units of work performed. The enclosed subcontract makes commitments regarding track and pipe and supplies which might conflict with the DMEA contract.

Please review the correspondence referred to above, along with the enclosed subcontract, and expedite a reply because any further payments to the operator will have to be held up in this office pending approval of the enclosed subcontract.

for John F. Shaw
W. H. King

Enclosure

JFS:jp
cc Subject
Chron
WMTraver
AHKoschmann (2)

[redacted]

[redacted] New Customhouse
Denver 2, Colorado

January 23, 1952

Memorandum

To: D. H. Moulton, Acting Chief, Base Metals Division, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Executive Officer, Field Team, Region IV

Subject: Docket DMA [redacted], Santa Mining & Development Company, Silverton, Colorado

This will acknowledge your letter dated January 7, 1952, which was received in this office while I was in Washington, requesting the above docket. This application was one of E. F. Harlinger's with whom we have had previous experience on Dockets DMA [redacted], Pride of Denver, DMA [redacted] Lead Customer Mines, Inc.; DMA 473, Bear-Oregon-Helena, and DMA [redacted], Cornish Creek Leasing Company. This is the operator that made fraudulent claims on two of the contracts and collected payment of the claims. We subsequently gave us checks to cover fraudulent payments to him.

We are now attempting to have this case prosecuted by the Justice Department and this is the reason that we have recommended that no further action be taken on Mr. Harlinger's application, DMA [redacted].

We will appreciate receiving notice of your action on this application.

J. H. EAST, JR.

J. H. East, Jr.

JHE:jh

cc: DMA [redacted], [redacted], 434, 473, [redacted]
Chron.
Reference

Form 6-95

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES

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DATE 1-10-52

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1. J. H. East, Jr.
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REMARKS: Hope this reaches you in time so you can clear this matter up while you are in the Washington office.

Check (X) before the items needing attention.

W. H. King
Initials of sender.

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UNITED STATES
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DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
REGION IV
JAN 9 1952
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

JAN 7 1952

Mr. J. H. East, Jr.
Executive Officer, Region IV
DMEA Field Team
224 New Customhouse Building
Denver 2, Colorado

Re: Docket No. DMEA 280X
Bonita Mining & Development Co.
Silverton, Colorado

Dear Mr. East:

Review of the subject docket indicates that on July 31, 1951 the applicant was requested by Tom Lyon to submit six copies of lease and six copies of MF-202. Also, on July 27, 1951 your office was requested to supply omitted information asked for in memo of February 6, 1951, signed by Otto Herres. We have no record of receipt of this information.

It is our understanding that you have recommended in previous correspondence, withdrawal of all contracts and applications in the name of Bonita Mining & Development Company. To clarify the situation, we will appreciate your advising if the applicant has requested withdrawal of this application; if such action is recommended by your office and the applicant has been advised; or, if the application is still open for future action.

We are attempting to close some of the applications which are indicated as pending in our files.

Sincerely yours,

D E Moulds

D. E. Moulds, Acting Chief
Base Metals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration
Administration

224 New Customhouse
Denver 2, Colorado

January 23, 1952

Memorandum

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J. H. East, Jr.

JHE:bd

cc: DMA 22, 280, 434, 473, 1180
Chron.
Readahead

Form 6-95

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES

REFERENCE SLIP

DATE 1/9/52

REFERRED TO:

1. King W.H.K.
2. J.H.C.
3.
4.

This has been held for you as I believe you may wish to say things to straight not consider advisable for me to say. W.H.K.

For:

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REMARKS: Letter from D. E. Moulds, Re: DMEA 280X, Bonita Mining & Development Co., silverton, Colo.,---inquiring if applicant wishes to withdraw application.

Check (X) before the items needing attention.

Arg. submitted to Court in D.C. adm. - S.D. 1-10-52

Initials of sender.

GPO 16—51162-1

JAN 7 1952
OFFICE
REGION IV
JAN 9 1952

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Base Metals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration
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cc to: Adm. R. File
Mails & Files
Mr. Mittendorf
Mr. Moulds
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Mote
Region IV
Docket

224 New Customhouse
Denver, Colorado

June 13, 1951

Memorandum

To: Coordinating Committee, Defense Minerals Administration

From: DMA Field Team, Region IV

Subject: DMA Docket 280, Minnehaha mine, Bonita Mining and Developing Company, Inc., H. P. Ahrlinger, applicant

Under date of February 6, 1951 the above docket was submitted to the field to determine whether the proposed work could be classed as exploration. The snow was finally removed and an examination limited by caving in the adit was made. The enclosed memorandum report from W. E. Traver, Jr. indicates that the work can be classed as exploration.

In reviewing the original brochure and the analyses by Wilbur Burbank, it appears that all of the information required to complete a contract is available. The applicant has indicated previously his willingness to participate on a matching basis to the extent of 50 percent.

We recommend that the application be approved.

The original brochure is being returned.

P. T. Allsman, Alternate

A. H. Koschmann

A. H. Koschmann

Attachments

PTA/cl
cc-DMA files
Traver
Koschmann

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Building 2-A, Denver Federal Center

TO : Chief, Mining Division, Region IV DATE: June 12, 1951

FROM : W. M. Traver, Jr.

SUBJECT: Docket DMA-280, Minnehaha mine, Bonita Mining and Developing Company, Inc., H. P. Ehrlinger, applicant.

Please find enclosed, in accordance with your telephone instructions of today, the above brochure and W. S. Burbank's memorandum on the property.

W. M. Traver, Jr.

W. M. Traver, Jr.

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WMT/dd

Building 2-A, Denver Federal Center

Chief, Mining Division, Region IV

June 12, 1951

W. M. Traver, Jr.

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cc PTAllsman
DMA 280
DMA Chron.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Building 2-A, Denver Federal Center

TO : Chief, Mining Division, Region IV JUN 4 1951 DATE: June 4, 1951

FROM : W. M. Traver, Jr.

BUREAU OF MINES
Denver, Colorado

SUBJECT: DMA Docket 280, Bonita Mining and Developing Company (Minnehaha)

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The project proposed by the applicant for the Minnehaha mine, if approved, can be completed without the reopening of this adit as it calls for driving a new number 3 adit level about 70 feet lower in elevation than the number 2 level with the objective of exploring the vein in this lower level and mining the ore developed in the block between the number 2 and number 3 levels as well as that remaining above the number 2 level.

The applicant's samples, confirmed by those mentioned in W. S. Burbank's memorandum report under date of January 17, 1951, indicates the possibility of developing a sizable body of ore by the exploration.

My observation on the ground and a study of Burbank's report leads me to believe that the proposed application can definitely be classed as exploration.

It would appear that this docket could be approved for a $19,780.00 participating fifty-fifty loan without field examination as readily as the one on Docket 473, Emma-Oregon-Galena mine.

W. M. Traver, Jr.

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Mining Division
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JUN 4 1951
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Building 2-A, Denver Federal Center

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cc PTAllsman
Field Team
DMA 280
DMA Chron.

WMT/dd

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
REGION IV
JUN 4 - 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

Building 2-A, Denver Federal Center

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Field Team
DMA 280
DMA Chron.

Mining Division
Region IV

April 25, 1951

Memorandum

To: DMA Field Team, Region IV

From: Chief, Mining Division

Subject: DMA Dockets 22, 434, 280. Bonita Mining and Development Company

I have been informed that E. P. Ehrlinger has replied to the Lead-Zinc Committee that his company is willing and financially able to enter into a contract on a matching fund basis.

The docket DMA 280, Minnehaha mine, Silverton, Colorado, will be examined to determine whether the proposed work may be considered as exploration. It is noted that the other applications, DMA 22 and 434, are being recommended for approval without being referred to the field. Therefore, DMA 280 is the only one involved.

P. T. Allsman

Copy to
W. M. Traver
Kaechmann
Allsman
PTA/al

280

April 5, 1951

Memorandum

To: Landon S. Strobel, Executive Secretary, Defense Minerals Administration

From: DMA Field Team, Region IV

Subject: DMA Docket 22, Benita Mining & Developing Company

In your letter dated February 20 addressed to Henry P. Khulinger, Manager, Benita Mining and Developing Company, Silverton, Colorado, you mention that Docket DMA 22 might be considered for an exploration project. By covering letter dated February 6, you forwarded us DMA 280 for the Minnehaha mine of the Benita Mining and Developing Company, and since the two dockets are for mines in virtually the same area, when we send engineers in we would like to investigate both properties at the same time.

We do not have the docket for DMA 22 and will appreciate being informed by air mail of the status of the docket.

Also, in a letter received from Henry P. Khulinger, he mentions his application for the Lead Carbonate mine, which is another mine of the same group as DMA 22 and DMA 280. If the report on the Lead Carbonate mine is pending, we will appreciate being advised regarding that application.

J. H. East, Jr.

J. H. East, Jr.

JHE/cl
cc-DMA files (22 & 280)
Koschmann

A. H. Koschmann

A. H. Koschmann

Mining Division
Region IV

April 2, 1951

Memorandum

To: W. M.Traver, Jr.

From: Chief, Mining Division, Region IV

Subject: Docket DMA 280, Bonita Mining & Development Co., Minnehaha mine, Silverton, Colorado

Attached is the brochure on Docket DMA 280, which was previously referred to Mr. Koschmann, as indicated in my memorandum to you of March 23.

P. T. Allsman

Attachments

McMillan to Allsman, March 13
Field Team to Allsman and Koschmann, March 6
Lead Zinc Branch memo to Executive Officer, February 16
Memo from W. S. Burbank to E. T. McKnight, January 17, 1951
Lead-Zinc Branch memo to Executive Officer, Field Team, Februafy 6
Bonita Mining to Bureau of Mines, Denver, November 4, with attachments
NSRB 146
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cc-Allsman
DMA files

Mining Division
Region IV

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE REGION IV MAR 13 1951 BUREAU OF MINES DENVER COLORADO

March 13, 1951

Memorandum

To: Paul T. Allsman

From: W. D. McMillan

Subject: DMA 22 and 280, Bonita Mining and Development Company

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Erlinger called East yesterday and referred again to his offer to clear roads.

Brochures on these dockets were sent to Mr. Koschmann on March 6. Suggest that arrangements be made for a joint preliminary examination in the near future.

W. D. McMillan

WDM/cl
cc-DMA files (280)
Mr East

Denver:-

DMA 22 and 280 Bonita Mining and Development Co. Silverton Colo.

Please find attached a copy from the DMA Team Region IV concerning the above. As indicated the brochure has been submitted to Mr. Roschmann.

I believe you already have some information on ~~the~~ these properties which may serve as a basis for your DMA report.

Mr Erlinger has offered to open the roads to the mines at our request. Please arrange with the geologist assigned by Roschmann and contact Erlinger for road opening and proceed with the examination and report at your earliest convenience.

P.T.G.

280

SO Bin DMA 22

March 21, 1951

Memorandum

To: A. H. Koschmann

P. T. Allsman

From: Field Team, DMA, Region IV

Subject: DMA 22 and 280, Bonita Mining and Development Company

The brochures for these applications were sent to Mr. Koschmann on March 6 with the suggestion that they be held in abeyance until weather conditions permit examination.

Please arrange to have inspection made and a report submitted at your early convenience.

J. H. East, Jr.

J. H. East, Jr.

A. H. Koschmann

A. H. Koschmann

JHE/el
cc-DMA files
Allsman (2)

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES

224 NEW CUSTOMHOUSE
DENVER 2, COLORADO

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
REGION IV
MAR 21 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

March 21, 1951

Memorandum

To: Field Team, Region IV

From: Chief, Mining Division, Region IV

Subject: DMA 22 and 280, Bonita Mining and Development Company

It is recommended that brochures be distributed and Traver can arrange with Ehrlinger to have road opened when engineer and geologist are available.

Paul T. Allsman

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Mining Division
Region IV

March 13, 1951

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WDM/cl
cc-DMA files (2)
Mr East

March 6, 1951

Memorandum

To: P. T. Allaman

A. H. Koschmann

From: Field Team, DMA, Region IV

Subject: Docket DMA 280, Bonita Mining & Development Co.
Minnehaha Mine, Silverton, Colorado

We are forwarding additional documents to be made a part of the application of the Bonita Mining and Development Company, Docket DMA 280.

The brochure was sent to Mr. Koschmann on February 20 and these additional documents are also being sent to him.

J. H. East, Jr.

J. H. East, Jr.

A. H. Koschmann

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Attachment

cc-Allaman
Koschmann
DMA files

February 20, 1951

Mr. Henry P. Ehrlinger
General Manager
Bonita Mining & Developing Co., Inc.
Box 186
Silverton, Colorado

Dear Mr. Ehrlinger:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 14 in reference to your applications Dockets DMA 22 and 230, with the Defense Minerals Administration.

We have received instructions to investigate your property and prefer to make a preliminary investigation in this office prior to any field work. We will advise you in advance of our plans to make a field investigation.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. East, Jr.

J. H. East, Jr.
Regional Director

JHE/cl
cc-DMA files
Allsman

F. C. BRIGHTLY, JR., President
H. P. EHRLINGER, Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.
A. COHN, Vice President
V. C. RINN, Secretary
H. P. EHRLINGER, Treasurer

BONITA MINING & DEVELOPING CO., INC.
BOX 186
SILVERTON, COLORADO

OPERATIONS
PRIDE OF BONITA MINE
LAST HOPE MINE
EMMA-GALENA MINE
MINNEHAHA MINE
LEAD CARBONATE MINE
LEAD CARBONATE MILL

February 14, 1951

The United States Bureau of Mines,
Denver Federal Center,
Denver, Colorado.

Attention: Mr. John H. East, Manager.

Gentlemen:

We have entered requests for Development Loans on the Pride of Bonita, Minnehaha, Emma-Oregon-Galena and Lead Carbonate properties and have received information ~~from the~~ Defense Minerals Administration in Washington that the Pride of Bonita request is coded Docket DMA-22 and the others, or some of them Docket DMA-280. We have also are informed by letter dated February 6, 1951 that additional information is desired on these properties and that the application has been referred to their field office. I presume that this is the Denver office.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that in the case of the Pride of Bonita and the Minnehaha we have not been operating since the late fall and the roads are covered with snow but that if you will advise us about a week in advance of the arrival of your party we will have them plowed out so that the mines can be inspected and the required added information furnished the DMA in Washington.

We are especially interested in getting something going right away on the Lead Carbonate property and we are operating it every day so that your men can gain access to it whenever they want to do so. This request is for shaft sinking and we should get on with that at an early date. I would very much appreciate it if this could be done in the very near future so that we may know what to expect in the possibility of a loan for this work. I presume that your field parties have work up to their ears right now on this program and we do not want to get any special attention but we do want to get started on this as soon as we can and will co-operate with your men all possible.

Please advise us when we can expect your field men and if they want the roads plowed out to the Pride of Bonita and Minnehaha mines.

Very truly yours,

HENRY P. EHRLINGER
General Manager

HPE:m

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Denver, Colorado

Mining Division
Date Rec'd
FEB 8 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
Denver, Colorado

TO : P. T. Allsman DATE: Feb. 1, 1951

FROM : DMA Letter from H. P. Ehrlinger

SUBJECT: W. M. Traver, Jr.

Please find enclosed Mr. H. P. Ehrlinger's letter of January 25, 1951 regarding DMA and long hole drill steel, which you will probably want for your file.

W. M. Traver, Jr.

W. M. Traver, Jr.

Encl.

F. C. BRIGHTLY, JR., President
H. P. EHRLINGER, Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.
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PRIDE OF BONITA MINE
LAST HOPE MINE
EMMA-GALENA MINE
MINNEHAHA MINE
LEAD CARBONATE MINE
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January 25, 1951

Mining Division
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BUREAU OF MINES
Denver, Colorado

The United States Bureau of Mines,
Denver Federal Center,
Denver 14, Colorado.

Attention: Mr. W. M. Traver, Jr.

Dear Bill:

I have been a bit remise' in replying to your letter of December 5, 1950 on the steel for long hole drilling. We have been driving a drift on the No. 2 level the past six weeks and have opened up such a good orebody there that I have not had the time, or inclination, to do any prospecting work on the other end.

Art Walker has this steel in his barn and we will, no doubt, want to do this exploratory work a little later on. Right now, with no Government assistance in the offing, we are having to develop and produce at the same time and you well know that this takes a lot of planning and also conservation of funds.

I hope that on your next trip down this way that you will have time to look over our Lead Carbonate property and see what we have been, and are planning, for the development program. We had hoped that the DMA would get into high gear so that we would be sinking during the winter months but altho we have filed all of the reports we haven't heard a word from them on them or any information thru the papers that would indicate that there are to be loans made.

Please keep us advised on what you hear on the loan status so that we may plan accordingly.

Best personal regards,

HENRY P. EHRLINGER
General Manager

HPE:m

February 20, 1951

Memorandum

To: A. H. Koschmann, USGS

P. T. Allsman, Chief, Mining Division

From: Field Team, DMA, Region IV

Subject: Docket DMA 280, Bonita Mining and Development Company, Inc., Minnehaha and Minnehaha No. 2

We are forwarding the brochure of the Bonita Mining and Developing Company, Docket DMA 280, for investigation and report. You will note in the last paragraph of the first page of the Lead-Zinc Branch memorandum of February 6 that pertinent information is needed regarding the latter part of the "Cutline for Report and Recommendation of Commodity Committee on Application for Government Assistance".

This brochure (Lead-Zinc Branch memorandum of February 6; DMA Referral of Applications for Government Aid Form with Bonita Mining & Developing Co, Inc. letter of November 4, 1950; memorandum from W. S. Burbank to E. T. McKnight, dated January 17) is being sent to Mr. Koschmann with the request that after his study is completed, it be forwarded to Mr. Allsman.

J. H. East, Jr.

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cc-Allsman (2)
Koschmann (original)
DMA files

A. H. Koschmann

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Attachment

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

DMA File attached cy

February 16, 1951

Re: Docket DMA-280

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE REGION IV
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BUREAU OF MINES DENVER, COLORADO

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer of Field Team, Region IV

From: Lead-Zinc Branch, DMA

Subject: Docket DMA-280
Bonita Mining & Developing Co., Inc.
(Minnehaha Mine)
Box 186
Silverton, Colorado

The attached documents should be made a part of the original application referred to the field team.

Otto Herres

OTTO HERRES, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch, DMA

Approved:
DMA Operating Committee

C O Mittendorf
Acting Chairman

Lowell B. Moon

~~J. H. Hodges~~

Olaf N. Rove

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DENVER, COLORADO

February 6, 1951

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer of Field Team, Region IV

From: Lead-Zinc Branch, DMA

Re: Docket DMA-280

Subject: Docket DMA-280
Bonita Mining and Development Company, Inc.
Henry P. Ehrlinger, Manager
Minnehaha and Minnehaha No. 2
Silverton, Colorado

Review of the subject docket by the Lead-Zinc Branch with the assistance of W. S. Burbank reveals the following pertinent facts:

Applicant proposes to drive a crosscut 590 feet to intersect the vein 70 feet lower than existing exposures in a crooked tunnel, at a cost of $19,780. After this development is made, he proposes to mine the ore at a rate of 50-75 tons per day, and truck it to the Shenandoah-Dives mill for beneficiation. His request is for a Government loan of the amount stated, to finance the crosscutting. Applicant is experienced and capable, and has already constructed an access road.

The reserve figures stated by the applicant are believed by Burbank to be conservative. The ore should run 2% lead, 4% zinc, 0.5% copper, with some silver. On the basis of the reserve estimate, we believe that the project should be considered for encouragement of exploration when this program has been worked out. Before a recommendation can be made, additional information is needed on certain engineering phases of the proposed operation, including mining methods and costs, milling practice and costs, marketing, equipment and facilities already installed, new equipment and facilities needed, adequacy of requested amount to do the job proposed, etc. The information needed is outlined in the latter part of the "Outline for Report and Recommendation of Commodity Committee on Application for Government Assistance," copy of which, dated January 26, has been previously sent you. Most of the information from G 3 to the end of the outline will have to be furnished by the field team, although some of this information is given in the original application and in Burbank's comments, which are enclosed.

In addition to filling in information indicated in the outline, the overall recommendation of the field team will be welcome.

Edwin T. McKnight
for OTTO HERRES, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch, DMA

Approved:
DMA Operating Committee

C O Mittendorf
Acting Chairman

J. H. Hedges
J. H. Hedges

T. P. Thayer for O. N. Rove
Olaf N. Rove

February 6, 1951

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer of Field Team, Region IV

From: Lead-Zinc Branch, DMA

Re: Docket DMA-280

Subject: Docket DMA-280
Sonita Mining and Development Company, Inc.
Henry [illegible] Ehrlinger, Manager
Minnehaha and Minnehaha No. 2
Silverton, Colorado

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OTTO MARRIN, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch, DMA

Approved:
The Operating Committee

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Geological Survey - McKnight
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DIRECTOR'S
OFFICE
REGION IV
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February 6, 1951

Re: Docket DMA-280

Mr. Henry F. Ehrlinger, Manager
Benita Mining and Development Company, Inc.
Box 184
Silverton, Colorado

Dear Mr. Ehrlinger:

Your application (Docket DMA-280) for a Government loan under the provisions of the Defense Production Act of 1950 has been reviewed by the Lead-Zinc Branch of the Defense Minerals Administration. Before final decision can be taken on your request it will be necessary to obtain additional information on your property. Your application, therefore, has been referred to the appropriate field office with the request that the needed information be supplied to us.

Yours very truly,

S. W. Williston, Director
Supply Division
Defense Minerals Administration

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Box 186
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January 5, 1951

Mr. H. F. Ehrlinger

Silverton, Colorado

Dear Mr. Ehrlinger:

In compliance with your telephone request of January 2, 1951 to Mr. Traver, we are enclosing 15 copies of Form NSRB-146, Application for Government Loan under Section 302 of the Defense Production Act of 1950. We are also enclosing an outline indicating the type of information you should furnish with the application.

You should forward four copies of the application for each of your three properties to this office or you may forward the applications directly to Dr. James Boyd, Administrator, Defense Minerals Administration, Interior Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Very truly yours,

J. H. East, Jr.

J. H. East, Jr.
Regional Director

Enclosures 16

CC: WM Traver
PT Allsman

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
REGION IV

OFFICE OF
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

224 NEW CUSTOMHOUSE
DENVER 2, COLORADO

December 20, 1950

Mr. Henry P. Ehrlinger, Manager
Donita Mining & Developing Co., Inc.
Box 106
Silverton, Colorado

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Dear Mr. Ehrlinger:

This will acknowledge receipt of your report dated November 4, 1950, and received in this office today, subject: "Development Loan for the Minnehaha Mine, San Juan County, Eureka Mining District, Colorado."

Your report will be forwarded to the Defense Minerals Administration, Interior Building, Washington, D. C., for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. East, Jr.
Regional Director

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cc: C Allman

Form 6-98

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