224 New Customhouse
Denver, Colorado

June 18, 1951

Memorandum

To: Landon Strobel, Executive Secretary, Defense Minerals Administration

From: Executive Officer, DMA Field Team, Region IV

Subject: DMA Docket 361, Comstock Extension Mining Company
DMA 269, Banner Mining Co., Mineral Hill and Twin Buttes Mines

We are enclosing additional information on the original brochures of the above dockets which has been been received from our Tucson office. The final reports on these applications have been sent to Washington previously.

J. H. Hast, Jr.

Enclosures

MINING DIVISION
REGION IV

June 13, 1951

Memorandum REGISTER - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

To : Paul T. Allsman, Denver, Colorado,

From : Chief, Arizona-New Mexico Br., Mining Div., Region IV

Subject : Brochure for RMA Docket 364, Comstock Extension Mining Co., Gila County, Ariz.

In going through our RMA files I find that the above brochure never was returned to you. You will remember that Stewart sent you the rough draft of the report while I was out of town.

Enclosed is brochure material for RMA Docket 364.

Walter R. Storms

CC P. T. Allsman
C. A. Anderson
RMA 364
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JUN 13 1951

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S
OFFICE
REGION IV
JUN 18 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

Re: Docket DMA-364

Mr. Ted Robb, President
Comstock Extension Mining Company
Glendale, Arizona

Dear Mr. Robb:

The Lead-Zinc Branch of the Defense Minerals Administration has reviewed the report on your mining property prepared by the examining field team.

On the basis of this review, we must conclude that your property does not contain enough proven and indicated ore of commercial grade to justify an advance of Government funds to undertake a mining operation. The merit of further exploration at this property appears questionable in view of the depth to the sulfide zone, the number of holes already drilled, and the spotty occurrence of mineral that these holes reveal. Furthermore, the geologic occurrence is one that elsewhere in the district has been characterized by only weakly mineralized veins. We do not believe, therefore, that the expense of further exploration is justified.

We wish to thank you for bringing this property to our attention.

Very truly yours,
Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon, Director
Supply Division

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Copies to: J. H. East, Jr. Region IV (2)
Chief, Lead-Zinc Br.
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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S
OFFICE
JUN 18 1951
COLORADO

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Re: Docket DMA-364
Comstock Extension Mining Co.
Ted Robb, President
Glendale, Arizona
Zinc, lead (manganese)

Memorandum

To: Executive Secretary, D.M.A.

From: Chief, Lead-Zinc Branch, D.M.A.

Subject: Denial of application for Production Loan

The report from the field team shows that thw sulfide ore showings on this property are at a depth of 900 feet and the 10 drill holes that have explored this ore showing have been largely negative except for 2 holes, one of which intercepts about 11 feet of 17 per cent zinc. The drilling, however, shows that the mineral occurrences are lensy and discontinuous. The field team recommends that no loan be granted for development on this property as the mineral found in the 2 drill holes does not constitute more than an inferred ore reserve of about 15,000 tons. Considering the depth at which this lies it cannot be classified as economically mineable ore.

The joint recommendation of the geologist and engineer, constituting the examining team, does not mention an exploration loan and because of the spotty distribution of the mineral and its unfavorable geologic occurrence, it can be concluded that further exploration is not justified.

The Lead-Zinc Branch has studied the field team report and concurs in the conclusions expressed therein.

Returned herewith are 2 copies of the report from the field team with transmittal dated April 24. The original docket material consisting of 4 pages of technical information submitted as a carbon copy. A 7 page report by J.S. Coupal, with 2 attached affidavits by T.D. West and H. D. Fullwood. Also 3 assay sheets: the location of drill hole No. 5; 7 photostats of illustrations of mine workings. Three (3) black photostat sheets giving miscellaneous information.

Otto Herres, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch

Approved:

Tom Lyon

Director, Supply Division

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Arizona-New Mexico Branch
[redacted]
Box 4097
University Station

BUREAU OF MINES
MINING DIVISION
REGION IV

Tucson, Arizona

June 13, 1951

Memorandum

REGISTER - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

To : Paul T. Allsman, Denver, Colorado,

From : Chief, Arizona-New Mexico Br., Mining Div., Region IV

Subject : Brochure for DMA Docket 364, Comstock Extension Mining Co., Gila County, Ariz.

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Walter R. Storms

Walter R. Storms

CC P. T. Allsman
C. A. Anderson
DMA 364
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Air Mail

May 23, 1951

Memorandum

To: Otto Herres, Chief, Lead-Zinc Branch, Defense Minerals Administration

From: DMA Field Team, Region IV

Subject: DMA Docket 364, Comstock Extension Mining Company

Replying to your letter of May 21, we are enclosing original docket material on the above application.

J. H. East, Jr.
Executive Officer

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

May 21, 1951

Re: Docket DMA-364

Airmail

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S
OFFICE
REGION IV
MAY 22 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

Mr. J. H. East, Jr.
Bureau of Mines
224 New Customhouse
Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Mr. East:

The Comstock Extension Mining Company has inquired through one of their legislators as to the status of their application. The field team has recommended that the loan be denied, but has indicated approval of an exploration program if the applicant will participate. Before we can proceed further with the application, it is necessary that we have the original docket material sent to your office earlier. The information in these documents is necessary in order to arrive at a figure upon which an exploration project can be based.

It will be appreciated if the docket material is returned to us immediately.

Very truly yours,

Otto Herres, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch

Send them if we

May 21, 1951

Re: Docket DMA-364

Airmail

Mr. J. H. East, Jr.
Bureau of Mines
224 New Customhouse
Denver 2, Colorado

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It will be appreciated if the docket material is returned to us immediately.

Very truly yours,

R Billingsley

Otto Herres, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch

April 24, 1951

Memorandum

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

From: DMA Field Team, Region IV

Subject: DMA Docket 364, Comstock Extension Mining Company

We are attaching the original and two copies of the report on the Comstock Extension Mining Company, Gila County, Arizona, DMA Docket 364.

The Team concurs with the recommendations of the field man.

J. W. Allaman, Alternate

A. H. Koopmann

Attachments
One copy by air mail
Copies two copies by regular mail
DMA files
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Allaman
Chas. Anderson
W. R. Storms

Mining Division
Region IV

April 24, 1951

Memorandum

To: DMA Field Team, Region IV

From: Chief, Mining Division

Subject: DMA Docket 364, Comstock Extension Mining Company, Gila County, Arizona

It is noted that the writers recommend denial of the loan application but indicate that if the operator is willing and able financially a matching loan contract be entered into to conduct addition exploration with a view to delineating the ore discovered in drilling.

I concur with these recommendations.

F. T. Allsman

Attachments

Mining Division
Region IV

April 13, 1951

Memorandum

To: W. R. Storms

From: Chief, Mining Division, Region IV

Subject: DMA 364, Comstock Extension Mining Company

The Under Secretary, Searles, called this morning about the above investigation. Apparently Senator Hayden has made inquiry about its status. I have been told to tell you to expedite it.

P. T. Allsman

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cc:DMA files

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April 9, 1951

Re: DMA Docket 364
Comstock Extension Min. Co.
Gila County, Arizona

Mr. H. S. C. Abbott
Box 1629
Avondale, Arizona

My dear Mr. Abbott:

We received your maps this morning and many thanks for them. They will be returned to you when our engineers have finished with them.

Sincerely yours,

Walter R. Storms, Chief
Arizona-New Mexico Branch

CC P. T. Allsman
DMA 364
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Denver, Colorado

Mining Division
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BUREAU OF MINES
Denver, Colorado

April 13, 1951

Re: DMA Docket 364
Comstock Extension
Mining Co., Gila
Co., Ariz.

Mr. H. S. C. Abbott
Box 1629
Avondale, Arizona

My dear Mr. Abbott:

Under separate cover we are returning the tracings of the Comstock Extension mine workings which you loaned us several days ago.

We want to thank you very much for the use of these maps in making our report on your property for the Defense Minerals Administration.

Sincerely yours,

Walter R. Storms, Chief
Arizona-New Mexico Branch

CC: P. T. Allsman
DMA 364
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES

Region IV

April 4, 1951

Memorandum

To: W. R. Storms, Tucson, Arizona

From: Chief, Mining Division

Subject: DMA Docket 364, Comstock Extension Mining Company, Glendale, Arizona

Please note the copy of a memorandum from the DMA Field Team on the above docket.

From your recent report I gather the report will be forthcoming very soon. The Secretary has requested early action to take some heat off him. Senator Hayden is the source of the request.

P. T. Alisman

Attachment

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March 30, 1951

AIR MAIL

Re: DMA -364
Comstock Extension
Mining Co., Gila
Co., Ariz.

Mr. Ted Robb
Box 509
Phoenix, Ariz.

My dear Mr. Robb:

Mr. Grant R. Ruhly of the Bureau of Mines and Mr. Nels Peterson of the Geological Survey plan to visit your property near Globe on Monday afternoon, April 2, or Tuesday morning April 3.

I know this is a very short notice to give you, but we are trying to get in these Defense Minerals Administration examinations whenever we can do so.

I hope you or some of your representatives will be able to meet these men.

Sincerely yours,

Walter R. Storms, Chief
Arizona-New Mexico Branch

CC P. T. Allsman
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DMA364
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WALTER R STORMS, ATTENTION LIINCOLN STEWART

AIRMAIL IMMEDIATELY ROUGH DRAFT DMA 364 COMSTOCK EXTENSION MINING

COMPANY REPORT. WE WILL EDIT AND TYPE. FOLLOW WITH COPIES OF MAPS

REGULAR MAI XXXXX MAIL.

PAUL T ALLSMAN

THANKS END PLS ACK FTM

RECD OK TNX

March 6, 1951

Memorandum

To: P. T. Allsman (2)

Charles Anderson

From: Field Team, DMA, Region IV

Subject: Docket DMA 364, Comstock Extension Mining Company, Glendale, Arizona

We are attaching the application of the Comstock Extension Mining Company, Docket DMA 364, and a copy of the letter from the Operating Committee regarding this application. You will note in the last paragraph on page 1 of the letter of the Operating Committee that a very thorough investigation is requested of the geologic environment of the ore bodies. You will also note that a mining method is to be recommended to mine the reserves as estimated. Also, the manganese ore does not need to be considered.

Please make the necessary field examination and prepare a formal report as soon as possible.

The brochure is being sent to Mr. Storms, through Mr. Allsman.

J. H. East, Jr.

A. H. Koschmann

A. H. Koschmann

Attachment
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cc-DMA files
Koschmann
Storms

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

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
REGION IV
MAR 2 - 1951
BUREAU OF MINES
DENVER, COLORADO

February 26, 1951

DMA File
Attached

Memorandum

To: Executive Officer Field Team, Region IV
Through Operating Committee and Director,
Supply Division

From: Lead-Zinc Branch, DMA

Re: Docket DMA-364

Subject: Application of the
Comstock Extension Mining Company
Ted Robb, President
Glendale, Arizona

Commodity: Lead, zinc, copper
manganese

The application DMA-364 of the Comstock Extension Mining Company, as submitted by Ted Robb, President, has been reviewed by the Lead-Zinc Branch of the Defense Minerals Administration.

The request is made for a loan of $682,000 for exploration development, and plant expansion at the Company's properties in Gila County, Arizona. Production from the mines prior to 1931 has been 250,000 pounds of lead and 5,000 ounces of silver having a gross value of $15,000. Since 1947, four cars of lead carbonate ore has been shipped. During World War II, 140 cars of manganese ore, containing in excess of 35% Mn was shipped to the El Paso stockpile.

Recent diamond drilling by the company and other companies and by the R. F. C. has shown the existence of zinc sulphide well below the zone of oxidation. The drilling discloses in one hole, an ore zone 31' thick averaging 12.1% zinc and in another hole an ore thickness of 16' containing 10% zinc. The company plans to develop this indicated 45,000 tons ore with the loan sought, and in addition develop and mine 34,000 tons of zinc silicate ore and 100,000 tons of inferred zinc copper ore.

The amount of financial assistance requested is somewhat out of proportion to the known reserves of the mine and the past production record. It is, therefore, necessary that a thorough field investigation be made to determine the geologic environment of the ore bodies, the possible need for further exploration before developing these ore bodies

and the best mining methods to be employed if the reserve estimates are substantiated. The 100,000 tons of manganese ore need not be considered because the zinc content is too high to meet smelter requirements.

The Lead-Zinc Branch recommends that the application be referred to the field team for investigation.

Otto Herres

OTTO HERRES, Chief
Lead-Zinc Branch, DMA

Approved:
DMA Operating Committee

C. O. Mittendorf
Acting Chairman

Lowell B. Moon
~~J. H. Hedges~~

Olaf N. Rove
Olaf N. Rove

[illegible] Mr. Herres

Referral of Applications for [illegible]

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Commodity: copper, lead zinc and manganese

Name of Applicant: Comstock Extension Mining Company (Ted Robb, president)

Address of Applicant: Glendale, Arizona

Name of Property: Irene Mine, Little Doughboy Mine and Old Doughboy Mine

Location of Property: Gila County, Arizona

Nature of Application: Loan # ~~[illegible]~~ $682,000

Action Dates

Application:

Received: 1/ 5/51

Acknowledged:

Referred to NONFERROUS METALS Committee: 1/11/51

Mining Division
Region IV

October 26, 1950

Mr. Ted Robb
P. O. Box 509
Phoenix, Arizona

My dear Mr. Robb:

This is in further reference to W. R. Storms' letter, dated October 13, 1950, regarding information on mining loans.

The program for mining loans under the Defense Act of 1950 is still in the process of being developed in Washington. This involves considerable planning and agreements between various agencies concerned with the Act. In the meantime, we have prepared an informal form letter, copy enclosed, which gives you a list of the pertinent information we believe will be required in order to determine whether or not your property might qualify for a loan. Such information as you may be able to assemble along the lines indicated should be sent to Mr. J. H. East, Jr., Regional Director, Region IV, Bureau of Mines, 224 New Customhouse, Denver 2, Colorado. More specific information concerning these loans will be sent to you as soon as it is received from Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Paul T. Allsman
Chief, Mining Division

Enclosure 1

Copy to: W. R. Storms

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Mining Division
Date Rec'd.

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BUREAU OF MINES
Denver, Colorado

October 13, 1950

Mr. Ted Robb
P.O. Box 509
Phoenix, Arizona

My dear Mr. Robb:

Thank you for the Statement of Facts form, reports, and maps on your Comstock Extension Mining Company property (Irene, Doughboy, and Little Doughboy mines) near Globe, Arizona.

As I told you and Mr. Abbott when you were in the office a few days ago, we will send you more definite information about the new Defense Production Act when we receive it.

We will keep your reports until later, when they will be returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

Walter R. Storms, Chief
Arizona-New Mexico Branch
Mining Division, Region IV

CC P. T. Allsman
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES

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April 2, 1951

Memorandum

To: P. T. Allsman (2)

Charles Anderson (2)

From: Field Team, DMA, Region IV

Subject: DMA Docket 364, Comstock Extension Mining Company, Glendale, Arizona

The Secretary's Office has requested that we give early attention to the investigation of the application of the Comstock Extension Mining Company, DMA Docket 364.

Please place this application high in your priorities as we would like to have the report as early in April as possible.

J. H. East, Jr.

J. H. East, Jr.

A. H. Roschmann

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Mining Division
Region IV

March 9, 1951

Memorandum

To: W. R. Storms, Tucson

From: Chief, Mining Division, Region IV

Subject: DMA Docket 364, Comstock Extension Mining Company, Glendale, Arizona

Herewith is the brochure on the above docket referred to in the transmittal memorandum from the DMA Team. I believe the letter enclosed with the brochure clearly indicates the information required.

P. T. Allsman

Attachments
Field Team Memo, 3/6/51
Lead-Zinc Branch memo, 2/26/51
Comstock Extension Mining Co. brochure

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