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

MAR 2 - 1955

Mr. W. L. Selig
Berry Creek Land Co.
112 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3334 - Asbestos
W. L. Selig, Jr. R. Skidmore,
Charles Rihm, and F. W. Boyle
Property
Butte County, California

Dear Mr. Selig:

On October 18, 1954, we wrote you a letter requesting that you submit a definite work proposal, representative samples of chrysotile asbestos and reports on evaluation of asbestos to the Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region II, Bureau of Mines, 420 Custom House, 555 Battery Street, San Francisco 11, California.

Again on January 6, 1955, we wrote you a letter advising that if the needed data have not been received by February 10,1955, we would then consider the matter closed.

To date we have not had answers to above referenced letters and we assume that you no longer desire to proceed with the application. Accordingly we are removing the application from the active file and considering the matter closed.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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JAN - 6 1955

Mr. W. L. Selig
Berry Creek Land Co.
112 Market Street
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Re: Docket No. DMEA-3334 - Asbestos
W. L. Selig, J. R. Skidmore,
Charles Rihm, and F. W. Boyle
Property
Butte County, California

Dear Mr. Selig:

Reference is made to our letter of October 18, 1954, requesting you to submit a definite work proposal, representative samples of chrysotile asbestos, and reports on evaluation of asbestos to the Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III, U. S. Bureau of Mines, 420 Custom House, 555 Battery Street, San Francisco 11, California.

Considerable time has elapsed since our request and no information has been received. We wish to cooperate with you in the matter of allowing ample time but if the needed data have not been received by February 10, 1955, we will then consider the docket closed.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

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OCT 18 1954

Mr. W. L. Selig
Berry Creek Land Co.
112 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3334 - Asbestos
W. L. Selig, J. R. Skidmore,
Charles Hihm, and F. A. Boyle
Property
Butte County, California

Dear Mr. Selig:

Reference is made to your letter of October 6, 1954, stating you desire to proceed with processing your application for exploration assistance.

Please refer to our letter of May 7, 1954, requesting that you submit a definite work proposal and representative samples of asbestos to qualify for a field examination. A copy of the evaluation report by the asbestos companies should accompany the samples you submit to Mr. H. C. Miller, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region III, U. S. Bureau of Mines, 420 Custom House, 555 Battery Street, San Francisco 11, California.

When the above information is received we will resume processing your application.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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U. S. Dep't. of Interior,
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration,
Washington-25-D. C.

Re:- Docket #DMEA-3334 - Asbestos

Attention:- Frank E. Johnson.

Dear Sirs;

We were pleased to receive your letter of September 27th and if it is at all possible we would like to proceed with the application.

The second paragraph of your letter of May 7th referred to both prospecting and exploration and to tell the truth it rather mystified us. Here is the situation as it exists today. We have found asbestos talc on our property. We have found it over what we consider to be a considerable piece of terrain but we have not found it in any large quantities. We have had men on our payroll drilling holes here, there and everywhere and they get specimens quite often.

As a matter of fact we have been in correspondence with two asbestos companies and they have asked us to send samples. Samples have gone forward but not enough time has intervened to hear in reply.

I would say we are now in an exploratory phase of our operations, would'nt you? If you agree, please tell us how, if at all, we might expect help from any government program.

Meantime we will call on your local office as outlined in your letter and submit samples to them. If you have any suggestions please let us hear from you. I now note you made no mention in your latest letter of your local office and possibly we should wait till we hear from you in reply to this letter.

As you may have gathered, we do not wish you to remove our apllication from your active file.

Respectfully yours,

BERRY CREEK LAND CO.

W. L. Selig

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

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Berry Creek Land Co.
112 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3334 - Asbestos
W. L. Selig, J. R. Skidmore,
Charles Rihm, and F. W. Boyle
Property
Butte County, California

Gentlemen:

On May 7, 1954, we wrote you with regard to your application for assistance in exploring the subject property. To date we have not had an answer to our letter and we assume that you no longer desire to proceed with the application.

We wish to cooperate with you in the matter of allowing ample time but if the needed data have not been received by October 27, 1954, we will then remove the application from the active file and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson

Administrator

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Mr. Houk

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

July 2, 1954

Memorandum

To: Mr. Lawrence G. Houk, Chief, Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Commodity Specialist, Construction and Chemical
Materials Branch

Subject: Barry Creek Land Co., DMEA 3334, application
for assistance

As no description of the property nor samples of the asbestos are available, it would appear that no steps can be taken by DMEA until the company furnishes concrete data on which to base a decision.

Oliver Bowles

Oliver Bowles

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

MAY 7 - 1954

Berry Creek Land Co.
112 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3334 - Asbestos
W. L. Selig, J. R. Skidmore,
Charles Rihm, and F. W. Boyle
Property
Butte County, California

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your application for exploration assistance for asbestos in Butte County, California, submitted to obtain fullest advantage of any benefits under the Defense Minerals Exploration Program.

It is inferred from the letter accompanying your application that the nature of the work you desire to do is prospecting rather than exploration and as such does not qualify for exploration assistance.

Should you determine the location of the asbestos exposures and desire to participate in the DMEA Program you may by submission of a definite work proposal and representative samples of acceptable fiber, qualify for a field team examination. The Region III Office, 1012 Flood Building, 870 Market Street, San Francisco 2, California, would be pleased to help you. The samples of asbestos fiber must be acceptable for stockpiling.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Dr. Bowles, 3516
Mr. Larrabee, G-232 GSA Bldg.
Mr. Houk

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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May 5, 1954

Memorandum

REVIEW OF APPLICATION DMEA-3334 (asbestos)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: D. M. Larrabee, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant's name and address: Berry Creek Land Co., San Francisco and Oroville, California.
Name of property: None.
Location of property: Butte County, California.
Summary of applicant's proposal: None.
Sources of information on applicant's property: None.
Comments: First, the land must be prospected. Obviously we can't examine 4,000 acres of land with no lead.
RECOMMENDATION: That your office prepare suitable reply.

D. M. Larrabee

D. M. Larrabee

Berry Creek Land Co.
112 Market St.
San Francisco, Calif.

May 4, 1954
Subject: DMEA-3334
Re: Exploration Assistance

Gentlemen:

The receipt of your application dated April 27, 1954 for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-3334 and referred to the Non-Metallic Minerals Division.

Kindly refer to DMEA-3334 in any future correspondence relating to your application.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Adams
Chief, Operation's Control
and Statistics Division

MF-103
(Revised April 1952)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Form Approved.
Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.2.

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APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. 3334
Metal or Mineral Asbestos
Date Received
Estimated Cost Not given
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Name of applicant.*—(*a*) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address: Berry Creek Land Co - 112 Market St - San Francisco - California. a partnership, the names and the addresses of the partners being as follows: W.L.Selig - 112 Market St, San Francisco - J. R. Skidmore - 112 Market St, S. F. Chas. Rihm- 7th & California Sts, San Franisco- F. W. Boyle, Box #27, Oroville, Cal.

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

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

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

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

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

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known. None

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

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

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it None

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) State the mineral or minerals for which you wish to explore Asbestos

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[x] Money [ ] Use of equipment owned by you [ ] Other

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

CERTIFICATION

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

Dated April 27, 1954, 195...

Berry Creek Land Company
(Applicant)

By [signature]
Partner
Title

Title 18, U. S. Code (Crimes), Section 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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BERRY CREEK LAND COMPANY

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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April 27,1954

The Defense Minerals Exploration Administration,
Department of theInterior,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen;

We are attaching hereto Application for Aid in an Exploration Project, Form #MF-103, which we have filled out to the best of our ability in view of our knowledge of the exploration project which we have in mind.

The partners which comprise the Berry Creek Land Company are the owners of various sections of land located in Butte County, California, and which are described in detail in papers attached hereto.

In our opinion this land is rather rich in minerals but our concern at the moment is in regard to asbestos which we have reason to believe is present in rather large quantities.

We have no samples to present at the moment which might be studied for qualtity and desirability and the reason for this is that our knowledge of our asbestos holdings comes to us second hand.

We are constantly being informed by would be prospectors, who, unaware of ourownership of the land, are innocent trespassers, that they have located important asbestos findings which they will reveal to us at a price. Since we the partners a re all rather advanced in years, and since we own over 4000 acres of land in the area, we are at a disadvantage as to how to proceed to best protect our interests.

We have filed this application in the hope your department will arrange to have one or more of your field men meet with us on our property, inspect same, and advise us as to how best they think we should proceed to develop all possibilities and to take the fullest advantage of any benefits which might be ours under the Defense Minerals Exploration Program.

We shall be happy to co-operate to the fullest and await word from you as to how next to proceed.

Yours very truly,

BERRY CREEK LAND CO,

W. Kelly
Partner

BERRY CREEK LAND COMPANY

April 27,1954

The following is a description of the land owned by us in Butte County, California and to which we refer in our application of this date to the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration:

Description	Acreage
N 1/2 of NW 1/4 - SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 S 1/2 of SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 of Sec. 33 Twp. 21 N Rge 6E	360
All of Sec. 29 - Twp 21N - Rge 6E	640
NE 1/4 - N 1/2 of NW 1/4 - SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec 17 - Twp 21N - Rge 6E	280
W 1/2 of Sec. 7 - Twp 21N - Range 6E	324
All of Sec #3 - Twp 21N - Rge 6E	640
All except a strip of land 100 feet wide containing 14.90 acres conveyed to Truckee Lumber Co. deed dated 6-20-10 of Sec. #1 - Twp 21N - Rge 5E	625.66
SE 1/2 of NE 1/4 - S 1/2 of Sec. 13 Twp 21N Rge 5E	400
NE 1/4 and S 1/2 of Sec 15 - Twp 21N - Rge 5E	486.82