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The records contained in this file are marked (x) and arranged in this order:

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- [ ] Royalty Audits
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- [ ] Cost Audits
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- [ ] Recision Notice
- [ ] Assignment of Contract
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- [ ] Contract with all exhibits and annexes
- [x] Owner's Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement
- [x] Application and attachments

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- [ ] Project summary (final)
- [ ] Work Completed analysis (final)

All other material filed in chronological order including the following reports if checked:

- [ ] Field Team Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project
- [ ] Final Field Team Report (Tab)
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- [ ] Operator's monthly reports and all attachments
- [ ] On-site Exam Report (Tab)
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- [ ] Project Summary (Interim) by DMEA Engineers

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- [ ] Field Team Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project
- [ ] Field Team Interim Reports
- [ ] Operator's Monthly Reports with transmittal, narrative and maps.

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BUREAU OF MINES
OFFICE OF
MINERALS EXPLORATION
REGION II

Westminister Calif.
6332 Navajo Rd.

August 4 1965

Bureau Of Mines
U.S. Department of Interior
9011 Federal Building
San Francisco, California.

In re: Application for Financial
Assistance in Minerals
Exploration
REX-MONTIS SILVER MINES
DOCKET Number O.M.E. -6483
Kearsarge Mining District,
Inyo County, California.

Gentelmen:

Enclosed please find, in duplicate, Claim maps and over-lays giving detailed data with respect to the application. Also enclosed are bids from two firms for diamond drilling on the property and bids for rentals of various equipement to be used in this program.

Your early attention will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours

Ray Bennett

Ray Bennett

# CONTINENTAL DRILLING COMPANY

DIAMOND DRILLING CONTRACTORS
2810 NORTH FIGUEROA
LOS ANGELES 65, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE CAPITAL 2-7146

EXPLORATION DRILLING
GROUT HOLE DRILLING
CEMENT GROUTING
CHEMICAL GROUTING

BRANCH OFFICE:
419 SO. 96TH STREET
SEATTLE 8, WASHINGTON
ROCKWELL 2-0366


August 4, 1965

Mr. Ray Bennett
6332 Navajo Road
Westminster, California

Dear Sir:

The following is our quotation for doing the proposed drilling on your property near Independence, California. Prices are based upon furnishing one machine one shift and that you will provide: roads, set-ups and water within 3,000 feet of the drill holes, all as per our discussions.

| | |
|---|---|
| Mobilization and Demobilization | $4,000.00 |
| Drilling from 0-600' depth BX Core | $ 11.50 lin.ft. |
| Reaming | $ 5.00 lin.ft. |
| Furnish and Install Temporary Casing | $ 5.00 lin.ft. |
| Cementing and Redrilling Cement | $ 6.00 lin.ft. |

Yours very truly,

CONTINENTAL DRILLING COMPANY

R. O. Thies

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TRUE COPY

MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 5549

TELEPHONE AREA CODE 213
NEwmark 1-9341
NEvada 6-9416

# CANNON DIAMOND DRILLING CO.

DRILLING AND GROUTING CONTRACTORS

1464 WEST COMPTON BLVD. COMPTON, CALIFORNIA

August 4, 1965

Ray Bennett
6332 Navajo Road
Westminster, California

Subject: Core Drilling Rex Monis Silver Mine

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The follwoing is our quotation for BX Core drilling on the property above:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Move in & Out | $ 2000.00 L.S. |
| 2. | BX Core Drilling | 9.50 per ft |
| 3. | Furnishing & Placing any collar casing | 11.00 per ft |
| 4. | Cementing & Redrill | 5.00 per ft |

These prices are based on your making the job site and water available to us at all times, regardless of weather.
In case the total amount of drilling is less than 5000 feet an additional $2000 is to be paid to contractor.
Three weeks notice shall be given to contractor, prior to starting drilling program.

Very truly yours,

CANNON DIAMOND DRILLING CO.,

F. G. Cannon,
President.

E. G. Piper Incorporated
USED MACHINERY

11225 RUSH STREET GI. 8-2627 — CU. 3-1984 SO. EL MONTE, CALIF.

Ray Bennett
6332 Navajo Rd.
Westminister,California

Aug.4,1965

Equipment Bid for Rex Montis Silver Mines

Hourly Bid on Operated and Maintained Equipment as follows

D-6 Caterpillar Tractor W/ Hyd Dozer----------$19.50 Hr.
D-7 Caterpillar Tractor W/ Hyd.Dozer----------$22.50 Hr.
600 CFM Rotary Compressor----------$18.75 Hr.
900 CFM Rotory Compressor----------$22.75 Hr.

E.G.Piper Inc.

GUPTILL EQUIPMENT CO.
SAN GABRIEL RIVER FREEWAY AT PECK ROAD
(2425 KELLA AVENUE) WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA
RAymond 3-9531 • OXford 9-0961

Ray Bennett
6332 Navajo Rd.
Westminister, California

Aug. 4, 1965

Equipment Bid for Rex Montis Silver Mines

Hourly Bid on Operated and Maintained Equipment as follows

D-6 Caterpillar Tractor W/ Hyd Dozer----------$20.00 Hr.
D--7Caterpillar Tractor W/ Hyd Dozer----------$23.50 Hr.
600 CFM Rotery Compressor----------$19.00 Hr.
900 CFM Rotery Compressor----------$24.00 Hr.

GUPTILL EQUIPMENT Co..

R V Guptill

R. V. Guptill, Gen. Mgr.

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AIR MAIL

Memorandum

To : Chief, Office of Minerals Exploration, Washington, D. C.

From : Acting Field Officer, OME, Region II

Subject: New Application (Silver)
Ray Bennett
Rex Montis Silver Mines
Inyo County, California

Enclosed herewith is an application for financial assistance submitted in our office this morning by Mr. Ray Bennett in the amount of $177,425.00.

The property is located in the Kearsarge District, approximately 10 miles west of Independence, California, an unsurveyed township, Inyo County, California.

In the applicant's report, exhibit No. 5, it is mentioned that a production of 12,333 ozs. of gold and silver bullion was produced from 1875 to 1877. The claims are above 10,000 feet and the topography is rough. The proposal is divided into seven phases consisting of road building, erecting a camp site, a diamond drill program at two different elevations, surface sampling, de-ice a tunnel and extending the Independence tunnel 1,000 feet which will depend on the favorable results of the diamond drill program above the tunnel several hundred feet and south. The applicant's objective is to intersect these veins (4 to 6) (not shown on the map) at lower elevations in the crosscut work.

The applicant was advised to submit a surface map showing the atitude of these veins and width, as well as the geology of the area. He was also instructed to submit bulldozer bids, drill bids, and the number of drill holes (surface) to be drilled from the upper and lower elevation drill sites. He was told that de-icing of a tunnel is not allowable in our OME program. Until we get the above information from the applicant, a field examination is not warranted at this time.

Paul V. Fillo

Paul V. Fillo

Enclosure

cc: Chief, OME, Wash., D. C.

Westminster, California
6332 Navajo Road

July 26th, 1965

Bureau Of Mines
U.S. Department Of Interior
9011 Federal Building
450 Golden Gate Ave.
San Francisco, California 94102

In re: Application for
Financial Assistance in
Minerals Exploration
REX MONTIS SILVER MINES
Kearsarge Mining District
Inyo County, California

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find, in duplicate, APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN MINERALS EXPLORATION for the REX MONTIS SILVER MINES located in the Kearsarge Mining District, Inyo County, California, together with explanatory material and exhibits.

Your early attention will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

RAY BENNETT

RB:jh
Encl.

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# APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN MINERALS EXPLORATION

Pursuant to Public Law 85-701 (72 Stat. 700; 30 U.S.C. 641)

NAME OF APPLICANT *(Full legal name and mailing address as they should appear on contract if one is executed.)*

RAY BENNETT
6332 Navajo Road
Westminister, California

APPLICANT DO NOT USE THIS BLOCK

DOCKET NUMBER: 6483

DATE RECEIVED: 7-28-65

REGION: 11

DIVISION CODE:

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION *(Check one)*

| | |
|---|---|
| INDIVIDUAL | X |
| CORPORATION | |
| PARTNERSHIP | |
| OTHER *(Specify)* | |

STATE IN WHICH FIRM IS ORGANIZED:

LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE

| NAME | ADDRESS | TITLE |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

MINERAL(S) FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO EXPLORE: Silver

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: $ 177,425.00

| PROPERTY NAME | LOCATION COUNTY | STATE |
|---|---|---|
| Rex Montis Silver Mines | Inyo | California |

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out this application, please read the *OME Regulations for Obtaining Federal Assistance in Financing Explorations for Mineral Reserves* (30 CFR Chap. III). To assure prompt action, your application must provide all applicable material and information specified on the back of this application form. Avoid unnecessary correspondence and delays by submitting complete and accurate information. *Please submit two copies of this application and all accompanying papers* except as otherwise noted. Place your name and address on each sheet. Each item of information, maps, and reports required as a part of this application is described on the back of this form. Identify each attached statement by the item number to which it applies. If an item does not apply to your application, show the item number on your statement and after it write "not applicable." Maps or sketches should be used to supplement narrative descriptions of the property location and boundaries in item 2, existing mine workings and geology in item 3, and the proposed exploration work in item 5. When this information is not too complex, all of it may be shown on one map or sketch. All documents and other attachments submitted as a part of this application, except those in item 3(g) which you mark to be returned, become the property of the Government and will not be returned to the applicant. Send true copies, *not originals*, of leases, contracts, and other documents which are an essential part of your business records. *File this application with the Office of Minerals Exploration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest OME Field Office.*

## 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, and that he would not ordinarily undertake the proposed exploration under current conditions and circumstances at his sole expense.

7/26/65
DATED

Ray Bennett
BY *(Signature)*

Lessee
TITLE

A wilfully false statement or certification to any Department or Agency of the United States Government is a criminal offense. U. S. Code, Title 18, Sec. 1001.

# INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION

## 1. Financial Eligibility:

(a) Submit evidence of efforts made within 90 days preceding the filing of this application to obtain credit from your bank of account and at least one other banking institution or other private source of credit. Such evidence shall include true copies of correspondence which show: (1) date of loan request, (2) amount and terms requested, (3) proposed use of loan funds, and (4) the replies from credit sources. If the loan was offered under terms which you consider unreasonable, state why you consider them so.

(b) List names and addresses of affiliated, parent, or controlling companies or organizations and state extent and nature of their interest.

(c) State how you propose to furnish your share of the cost of the exploration work.

## 2. Applicant's Rights in Land:

(a) State your interest in the land and mineral rights, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or other. If you are not the owner, submit one true copy of the lease, contract, or other document (with address of owner) under which you control the property. Describe all liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the land and state book and page number and official place where recorded.

(b) State the legal description (section, township, and range; metes and bounds; patent number of claims) of the land upon which you wish to explore and all adjacent land which you own or control. Describe any part of the land or workings which should not be subject to Government royalty and liens. If the land consists of unpatented claims, state book and page number for each recorded location notice, including amended locations, and official place where recorded. State all the names by which you know the property.

(c) For all land or mineral rights encumbered or not owned, submit five copies of Lien and Subordination Agreements on MME Form 52. If the agreements cannot be obtained, state reasons and provide copies of letters of refusal.

## 3. Physical Description:

(a) Describe in detail and illustrate with maps or sketches all mining or exploration operations which you know have been or are being conducted upon the land. Include existing mine workings and all production facilities.

(b) State your interest, if any, in operations described in (a).

(c) State, if you know, the past and current production, supporting your statement with copies of settlement sheets, mine records, or published data if available.

(d) Describe known ore reserves, giving quantities and grades and sampling methods used. Support your statement with copies of assay certificates and assay maps if available.

(e) Describe by narrative and maps or sketches the geologic features of the property, including ore minerals, geologic formations if known, and type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.).

(f) State your reasons for expecting to find ore, and if you have sampled the area you propose to explore, show where the samples were taken, describe sampling methods used, and provide copies of assay certificates.

(g) Send with your application at least *two* copies of all geologic or engineering reports, assay maps, or technologic information which you have, indicating whether you require their return.

## 4. Accessibility of Property:

(a) To aid the OME representative who may examine the property, state name and address of person who will meet him; give directions for reaching the property; and describe accessibility of property and of any mine workings.

(b) Name the shipping and supply points and state the distances to the property.

## 5. Exploration Work:

(a) Describe fully the proposed exploration work giving individual footages and sizes of openings *for each item of work.* Use narrative, maps, plans, and sections as necessary. Show location of the proposed work as related to geologic features such as veins, ore-bearing beds, contacts of rock formations, etc. Show also the relation of the proposed work to any existing mine workings and to *land boundaries* or to the closest identifiable corner.

(b) If an access road must be built, show the proposed location on the property map and state the length, type and construction methods proposed.

(c) If an OME contract is executed, state how soon thereafter work would be started and finished. State your anticipated average daily or monthly rate of progress for each type of work.

## 6. Experience:

State your operating experience and background to conduct this exploration work and also that of the person who will supervise the work.

## 7. Estimate of Costs:

Furnish detailed estimates of the necessary costs *for each item of the work proposed in 5(a)* under the headings listed below with a total for each heading and the estimated total cost of the work. Costs for any work to be performed by an independent contractor should be listed separately under category (a) below. Costs for any work that is not to be performed by an independent contractor should be listed under categories (b) through (g).

(a) Independent contracts. State the total cost of any proposed independent contract for all or any part of the work, and the number of units and the unit cost for each type of work, such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, or per cubic yard of material moved. Cost estimates should be supported by bids from three contractors if possible. (*Note*—If none of the work is to be contracted, write "none" after this item.)

(b) Personal services. The cost of supervision, engineering and geological services, outside consultants, and labor should be itemized by numbers and classes of employees; rates of wages, salaries or fees; and periods of employment. State whether these services are available.

(c) Operating materials and supplies. List items of material and supplies giving quantity and cost of each. Include under this heading power, water, and fuel, and units of equipment and tools costing less than $50 each.

(d) Operating equipment. List items of equipment and tools costing $50 or more per unit. Give specifications and indicate how each item is to be acquired—i.e., rented, purchased or provided by the applicant. If rented or purchased, state the estimated rental or purchase price. If furnished by the applicant, state condition and present fair market value.

(e) Initial rehabilitation and repairs. Describe the type and the cost of *initial* rehabilitation or repair of existing buildings, fixtures, installations (exclusive of mine workings), and movable operating equipment now owned by the applicant which will be used in the exploration work.

(f) New buildings, fixtures, installations. Describe each building, fixed improvement, and installation to be purchased, constructed, or installed for the exploration work, stating specifications and cost including labor, materials, and supervision.

(g) Miscellaneous. Describe the type and estimate the cost of repairs and maintenance of the operating equipment listed in 7(d). Do not repeat initial repairs listed in 7(e). Show also the costs of analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employees' liability insurance, payroll taxes, and other required costs that do not fall within the previous categories. [*Note*—The Government will not contribute to costs incurred before the date of the contract, or to costs of or incident to: (1) acquiring, using, or possessing land and any existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances, or the depreciation and depletion thereof; (2) general overhead, corporate management, interest and taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes); (3) insurance (other than employees' liability insurance); and (4) damages to persons or property (other than authorized repair to or replacement of equipment or other property used in the work).]

IN[illegible]UP. SEC., WASH., D.C

RAY BENNETT
6332 Navajo Road
Westminister, California

## INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION

**1. Financial Eligibility:**

(a) See EXHIBIT 9 - Copies of letters to Bank of America (Lone Pine, California) and Farmers & Merchants Trust & Savings (Long Beach, California), and replies thereto.

(b) None.

(c) By cash.

**2. Applicant's Rights in Land:**

(a) See EXHIBIT 2 - Lease of mining rights with option to purchase.

(b) See EXHIBIT 2

(c) No liens or other encumbrances. See EXHIBIT 10 - Form 52 Subordination Agreement of Lessors.

**3. Physical Description:**

(a) See EXHIBIT 8 - Contour Map with detailed data, location of veins, roads, etc.

(b) Lessee under Lease of mining rights, with option to purchase. See EXHIBIT 2

(c) See EXHIBIT 4 - 1878 report of Independence Tunnel & Mining Co; EXHIBIT 5 - State and Federal reports of geology and production for the years 1883, 1884, 1888, and 1938; and EXHIBIT - Old records of previous operation.

(d) 14 known veins of silver-gold ore outcropping on surface between 10,000 ft. and 12,500 ft. level. Sampling method was by typical grab samples from old dumps and outcrops. See EXHIBIT 6 - Assay reports. (There are no assay maps).

(e) See EXHIBITS 4 and 5

(f) I expect to find ore from the examination of the information contained in the old and existing records (EXHIBITS 3, 4, 5, 6 and from my personal inspection of the property, and from information gathered from other persons who have made inspection of the property.

(g) See EXHIBITS 3, 4, 5, 6 (Need not be returned.)

**4. Accessibility of Property:**

(a) Ray Bennett, 6332 Navajo Road, Westminister, California, will meet OME representative at Independence, California, by appointment, and will conduct him to property to be examined. From nearest access road, travel will be by horseback to property, if necessary.

(b) Southern Pacific Railroad at Lone Pine, California is rail shipping and supply point. It is 28 miles from the mine property - 22 miles of paved road to the access road.

**5. Exploration Work:**

(a) See EXHIBIT 8 - Contour Map; and see EXHIBIT 1 - State-

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6332 Navajo Road
Westminister, California

ment of Exploration Procedures.

(b) See EXHIBIT 8 - Contour Map; and see Phases 1 and 4 of Statement of Exploration Procedures (EXHIBIT 1

(c) We could begin work immediately after OME contract is executed. The anticipated average daily or monthly rate of progress for each type of work is contained in the Statement of Exploration Procedures (EXHIBIT 1), subject to weather conditions.

6. Experience:

I will personally supervise the work. I am a civil engineer and have had 15 years of mining experience, including gold mining in Mexico, lead and silver mining in Death Valley, exploration of uranium in Colorado and Utah, copper exploration in Arizona, and practical geologic experience in connection with oil and mining exploration and operation.

7. Estimate of Costs:

(a) to (g) All of this information is contained in EXHIBIT 1 - Statement of Exploration Procedures.

RAY BENNETT
6332 Navajo Road
Westminister, California

# EXPLORATION PROCEDURES

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PHASE V - 3 TWO MAN CREWS WITH DRILLS EXPOSING SURFACE OUTCROPS IN AS MANY LOCATIONS AS PRACTICAL; NOTE: THERE ARE 30 TO 40 SURFACE POTHOLES DUG ON THE MANY EXPOSED VEINS, WHICH SHOULD BE CLEANED UP AND SAMPLED. ?

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PHASE VII - COMMENCE WORKING INDEPENDENCE TUNNEL; RE-TIMBER PORTAL AND CLEAR OUT PRESENT TUNNEL; EVALUATE, USING CORE RESULTS AND PHASE V FINDINGS.

EXHIBIT "1"

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6332 Navajo Road
Westminister, California

## PHASE I

## EXPLORATION

ROAD COMPLETION TO INDEPENDENCE TUNNEL SITE.

Estimated time to complete from present road's end, 10 weeks. It is possible this work can be completed in 8 weeks, barring unforeseen underground rock, requiring blasting. The cost for this work which includes a D-6 Cat Tractor Hyd. Dozer, Compressor and Jack Leg Drills operated and maintained, per week, is 1760.00.

All work is contracted for including the engineer in charge.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Estimated costs to complete road with above equipment | | 17,600.00 |
| Powder caps, fuel and misc. | | 550.00 |
| Contingency Fund Breakdown | | |
| Final Survey and Mapping - 10 Man Days @ $50.00 each | 500.00 | |
| Supervision - Roadwork, 10 wks. | 1,500.00 | |
| Truck Expenses (2 Trucks) - Gas, Oil, Insurance, Misc., 10 weks. | 750.00 | |
| | | 2,750.00 |
| | | 20,900.00 |

## PHASE II

## PLACER EVALUATION

As the roadwork cuts this deposit, and using the D-4 now on the job to establish necessary sampling stations, this area should be sampled extensively (200 or more samples) in order to establish the more lucrative areas.

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 People and Tractor, 14 days @ $100 per day | 1,400.00 |
| Engineering - Mapping Sample Locations (200) | 275.00 |
| Taking Samples - Bags, Transportation, Assay | 1,100.00 |
| | 2,775.00 |

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6332 Navajo Road
Westminister, California

## PHASE III

### TEMPORARY CAMP AT TUNNEL SITE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| This requires leveling off area large enough to work from. | | |
| Leveling with D-6, 4 days @ $200 | | 800.00 |
| Until such time as exploration results warrant, personnel can travel in and out each day. | | |
| 1 - 20 x 40 Stran Steel (X-STG) Building erected on site, insulated, and with wooden floors. | | 5,500.00 |
| Beds, Stoves, Refrigeration, Tables, Chairs, and Kitchen Equipment | | 2,000.00 |
| | | 8,300.00 |

## PHASE IV

### CORE DRILLING PROGRAM

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commence drill program on lower level as soon as road reaches tunnel site. (See map for location.) | | |
| 4800 ft. comtemplated @ $6.00 per foot | | 28,800.00 |
| Continue Access Road to upper level, 3 wks. | | 5,500.00 |
| Commence upper level drilling program as soon as drill sites are available. | | |
| 4800 ft. contemplated @ $6.00 per foot | | 28,800.00 |
| Engineering, Mapping and Assaying | | |
| Road Engineering to each level, $650.00 ea. | 1,300.00 | |
| Supervision and Logging Core, 60 days | 3,000.00 | |
| Transporation Expenses | 750.00 | |
| Geological Mapping and Assaying | 1,550.00 | |
| | | 6,600.00 |
| | | 69,700.00 |

RAY BENNETT
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Westminister, California

## PHASE V

### OUTCROP SAMPLING

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Open up 30 potholes on various veins for surface sampling and location. | | |
| Contract work - 20 days, 6 men, @ $250 per day | | 5,500.00 |
| Engineering - Geological Mapping | 800.00 | |
| Assaying | 300.00 | |
| | | 1,100.00 |
| | | 6,600.00 |

## PHASE VI

### DE-ICE TUNNEL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| De-Ice lowest of Rex Montis Tunnels. | | |
| Complete road to tunnel from drill site road. | | 8,250.00 |
| Contract De-Icing | | |
| 350 ft. Long Tunnel and some Stopes, | | |
| 1 - 14 ft. Vein and 1 smaller Vein, 30 days | | 6,000.00 |
| Engineering | | |
| Roadwork to Tunnel | 400.00 | |
| Supervision - Tunnel De-Icing | 1,200.00 | |
| Misc. Timbering at or in old tunnel | 400.00 | |
| | | 2,000.00 |
| Company furnished 5 Ton Cap. Git Buggy for use in moving ice out of tunnel | | 2,750.00 |
| Ventilation Equipment | | 1,650.00 |
| | | 20,650.00 |

## PHASE VII

### INDEPENDENCE TUNNEL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Clean out and widen portal - Contract | | 1,400.00 |
| Re-Timber portal - Timbers only | | 2,200.00 |
| Drive 6½ x 7 tunnel (exploration) contract at $42.50 per ft., 1000 ft., 3 mos. time | | 42,500.00 |
| Engineering, Supervision, Misc. Supplies | | |
| Re-habilitate Tunnel Entrance | 400.00 | |
| Drive Tunnel | 1,200.00 | |
| Transportation - Assays | 800.00 | |
| | | 2,400.00 |
| | | 48,500.00 |

# A G R E E M E N T

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of April, 1965, by and between W. J. THOMPSON, E. L. THOMPSON, ROBERT LOUNDAGIN, AGNES LOUNDAGIN, A. J. MESMER, MAE MESMER, OMIE I. MAIRS and GLORIAN MAIRS, hereinafter designated as OWNERS, and RAY BENNETT, hereinafter designated as CONTRACTOR:

## W I T N E S S E T H :

For the considerations hereinafter set forth CONTRACTOR agrees to build a MINE road from a point on the "Onion Valley Road" known as the Feldman Property, to a point known as the Independence Tunnel Site which is situated in Sardine Canyon on a mining claim owned by Owners and known as the Independence No. 1 Lode Claim, upon the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

1. That construction of said road shall commence not later than the 1st day of May, 1965, and shall proceed diligently and continuously, subject only to delays or cessation of work caused by weather, Acts of God, accident, interference of the public agencies, or any cause weather similar or dissimilar beyond the control of CONTRACTOR; the road herein referred to is to be completed no later than the 1st day of October, 1965.

2. Said road shall be constructed in accordance with the rules, regulations and specifications required for a private Mine road by the United States Forest Service, or other public agencies having jurisdiction or authority pertaining thereto.

3. During the construction of said road, CONTRACTOR will maintain a policy of liability insurance in the principal sum of $100,000.00 for one accident to a person injured and $300,000.00 total coverage, to indemnify Owners against public liability; that said insurance policy shall also indemnify Owners against liability for property damage.



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4. That should the Contractor without good cause cease construction of said road for a period of 30 days before completion thereof, enumerated causes in paragraph 1 excepted, the Owners may take immediate possession thereof without liability to Contractor for labor, material or expenses thereon, to be retained by Owners as liquidated damages.

5. Upon completion of said road, and full performance of all other conditions and covenants herein set forth, the Owners, as consideration for full performance, will transfer to Contractor by deed, an undivided twenty percent (20%) interest to the mining claims hereinafter described:

Four (4) patented mining claims known as:

Rex Montis, Boomerang, Mt. View and Artic;

and

Five (5) unpatented mining claims known as:

Independence No. 1, Independence No. 2,
Independence No. 3, Independence No. 4,
Independence Placer

and

Mill sites appended thereto.

6. It is further agreed and understood that by virtue of the fulfillment of this agreement on the part of the Contractor that any new discoveries of mineral deposits shall be staked and filed upon in the accepted legal manner and shall become a part of this agreement without any further consideration, and all terms and conditions of this contract shall apply thereto.

7. It is further agreed and understood that mill sites, water rights and any other rights which are now owned or in possession of Owners or which might be acquired which would be of benefit to the successful operation of the property, shall be or will become when acquired, a part of this agreement without any further or additional consideration.

8. As further consideration for the promises and covenants of Contractor as hereinbefore set forth, Owners agree and they hereby execute and deliver to Contractor a lease and option to purchase all of the above described mining claims, mill sites and other rights, including any future or additional claims as set forth herein, and the terms of said lease and option to become effective only upon completion of said road in accordance with this agreement.

9. Lease and option to purchase is appended hereto.

WITNESS our hands the day and year first above written.

E. L. Thompson

W. J. Thompson

James Lowndagin

Robert Lowndagin

Pearl E. J. Miles

Glorian Mains

Max M. Mains

OWNERS

Ray Kennell

CONTRACTOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF INYO. } SS

On this 29 day of March, 1965, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County of Inyo, State of California, personally appeared W. J. THOMPSON and E. L. THOMPSON, husband and wife; ROBERT LOUNDAGIN and AGNES LOUNDAGIN, husband and wife, OMIE I. MAIRS and GLORIAN MAIRS, husband and wife, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and they and each of them acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

WILBUR F. LUTZOW
Notary Public - California
PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN
INYO COUNTY

Wilbur F. Lutzow
Notary Public

STATEOF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES } SS

On this _____ day of _____, 1965, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, personally appeared A. K. MESMER, and MAE MESMER, husband and wife, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and they and each of them acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Margaret Acquistapace
Notary Public

MARGARET ACQUISTAPACE
My Commission Expires Oct. 2, 1968

# LEASE OF MINING RIGHTS WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE

THIS AGREEMENT, made this _____ day of _____, 1965, by and between W. J. THOMPSON, E. L. THOMPSON, ROBERT LOUNDAGIN, AGNES LOUNDAGIN, OMIE I. MAIRS and GLORIAN MAIRS, all of Independence, California, and A. J. MESMER and MAE MESMER, of Los Angeles, California, hereinafter referred to as OWNERS, and RAY BENNETT, 6332 Navjo Road, Westminister, California, hereinafter referred to as LESSEE:

W I T N E S S E T H :

That the Owners are the legal owners of certain patented and unpatented mining claims and millsites situated in the Kearsarge Mining District, County of Inyo, State of California, and more particularly described as follows: to-wit:

Four (4) patented mining claims known as: Rex Montis, Boomerang, Mt. View and Artic;

and

Five (5) unpatented mining claims known as: Independence No. 1, Independence No. 2, Independence No. 3, Independence No. 4 and Independence Placer Claim;

and

Millsites appended thereto.

That the Lessee is desirous of leasing to explore, develop, mine and/or extract minerals of any and all nature encountered within the property and to process the same:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and considerations herein contained, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

1. The Owners do hereby lease, demise and let unto the Lessee, and the Lessee takes from the Owners the sole and exclusive right to mine the property above described

for any and all minerals found therein.

2. The term of this lease shall be for the life of the property or 25 years, whichever is sooner, for so long as mineral substance shall be extracted or the conditions of this lease and option to purchase hereinafter stated are met, or if option to purchase is exercised. There is hereby granted an option to renew this agreement for the additional term of 25 years upon the successful performance and completion of the term herein granted.

3. The word "royalty" when used herein shall mean the amount to be paid by Lessee to Owners as set forth in the following paragraphs, to-wit:

a. On all ore of every description, and on all other products of the leased property which may be produced and sold to a purchaser, the royalty to be paid shall be ten percent (10%) of the gross value of the ores severed from said property of the value of $100.00 per ton or less; 12% of the gross value of ores severed therefrom of a value of more than $100.00 and less than $150.00 per ton; 15% of the gross value of all ores severed therefrom of a value of more than $150.00 and less than $200.00 per ton; 20% of the gross value of all ores severed from said property of a value of more than $200.00 per ton; all of the above subject only to the pro-rata smelter costs.

b. The Lessee shall pay as minimum royalty or rental to the Owners an annual payment, beginning one year after the effective date of this lease, the sum of Six Thousand Dollars ($6,000.00), payable in monthly installments of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00); and an annual payment of Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000.00) per year each year thereafter, beginning two years after the effective date of this lease, payable in monthly installments of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00).

c. All royalties shall be paid on or before the 15th day of the calendar month following the calendar month in which payment for ore or products is received by the Lessee, and shall be based solely on smelter or mill returns.

d. Lessee agrees to order a copy of all smelter returns mailed directly to Owners by the smelter.

4. Owners do hereby grant to Lessee the option to purchase the above described mining claims, millsites or any other rights which are now owned or in possession of said Owners or which might be acquired which would be of benefit to the successful operation of the property; at any time within two (2) years after the effective date of this lease and option for the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000.00) cash.

5. Owners do hereby grant to Lessee a further option in the event that the option granted under paragraph 4 is not exercised, to purchase the said property for the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,500,000.00).

6. It is further agreed that all rentals and/or royalties paid by Lessee to Owners shall apply to the purchase price stipulated in the option clauses of this agreement.

7. It is further agreed to by Owners that Lessee shall have the right to assign this lease and option to purchase agreement.

8. Any work and/or improvements made by the Lessee to the mine by virtue of work performed, shall be a part of the consideration to Owners for entering into this lease and option to purchase.

9. It is further agreed to by Owners that at any time during the term of this lease and for sixty (60) days thereafter, provided that Lessee is not in default in any obligation to Owners for rentals, royalties or other moneys

due and unpaid, Lessee may remove any equipment and machinery, situated on or affixed to the property herein leased, by Lessee, but Lessee shall not remove from said property buildings, bins, bunkers, mine tracks or plumbing facilities affixed thereto.

10. It is further agreed by and between Owners and Lessee that any claims or land necessary to cover the strike and/or continuation of present known ore bodies or subsequently discovered ore bodies shall be staked out and filed upon in the accepted legal manner and all such land shall become a part of this leased property whether contiguous or not and without any further or additional consideration.

11. It is further agreed that millsites, water rights, and any other rights which might be acquired which would be of benefit shall be acquired for Owners and Lessee alike without any further or additional consideration and shall become a part of the said properties under lease.

12. Lessee stipulates and agrees to record yearly assessment work notices in favor of Owners, and further agrees to notify Owners of any intention of not completing assessment work sixty (60) days prior to the end of any assessment work year.

13. Lessee further stipulates and agrees to maintain a policy of liability insurance in the principal sum of $100,000.00 for one accident to a person injured and $300,000.00 total coverage, to indemnify Owners as well as Lessee against public liability and property damage. Lessee further agrees to cover all operations with workmans' compensation insurance as required by law.

14. Owners or their duly appointed agents may at all times, when they can do so without hindering or interfering with operations of Lessee, go upon the leased land for the purpose of inspection or any other legitimate cause so

stipulated in this lease.

15. Owners or their duly appointed agents, at any reasonable time upon notice in writing, shall have the right to make an inspection of the records of Lessee showing all shipments of productss produced from the property and receipts therefrom which may be required in order to compute the royalty provided under this lease.

16. Lessee further agrees that all work done and all improvements made during the term of this lease shall be done in a minerlike and proper manner to enable said property and all thereof to be carefully operated, and so that the minerals contained therein may be extracted in an economical and minerlike fashion.

17. It is stipulated and agreed by Owners that if the performance of any of the obligations of Lessee may be delayed or suspended at any time while Lessee is hindered or prevented from performance by Act of God, adverse weather conditions, accident, strike, lockout, operation by law, or any cause, whether similar or dissimilar, beyond the reasonable control of Lessee, then this lease and option to purchase shall not expire or be terminated in whole or in part; nor shall Lessee be deemed to be in default in the performance of any of his obligations hereunder as a result of any failure of Lessee to conduct operations on the leased land while such operations would be violative or in conflict with any order, rule, or regulation of any civil or military agency or authority made in the interest of national defense or in aid aof war effort, and Lessee is excused from payment of any royalties or rentals and shall have a reasonable time after such action, order, rule or regulation terminates within which to commence or resume operations.

18. Lessee shall have the right and option, at any time, to terminate this agreement and end the same by depositing in the United States mail in a sealed envelope

addressed to Owners, postage prepaid and registered, a quitclaim deed duly executed by Lessee quitclaiming to Owners all right, title and interest of Lessee acquired by virtue of this lease to and in the leased land. Said termination shall be mailed thirty (30) days before Lessee abandons the property.

19. This lease shall be terminated sixty (60) days after notice of default served upon Lessee by Owners by registered mail, unless such default as set forth in said notice shall be removed by Lessee. Should Lessee contest the grounds upon which a claim of default is founded, he shall serve upon Owners within thirty (30) days after service of notice of default his objections to claim of default which may be adjudicated by judicial process by either party to this agreement.

20. This lease agreement shall not become effective until the execution and performance of that certain agreement entitled "AGREEMENT", a copy of which is appended hereto and incorporated herein by reference thereto as though fully set forth herein.

21. The Owners agree that should Lessee desire to take advantage of Government exploration assistance they will execute the necessary agreement; provided, however, that Owners reserve the right to not consent to any agreement that will jeopardize royalties as set forth hereinbefore, or create liens or encumbrances against Owners' interest in the property.

22. This agreement and each and every clause and covenant thereof shall be binding upon and enforceable by the respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of the parties hereto.

WITNESS our hands the day and year first above written.

E. L. Thompson
W. J. Thompson
Agnes Loundagin
Robert Loundagin
Omie I. Mairs
Glorian Mairs
Mae M. Missimer
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OWNERS

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LESSEE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF INYO. } SS

On this 29 day of March, 1965, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County of Inyo, State of California, personally appeared W. J. THOMPSON and E. L. THOMPSON, husband and wife: ROBERT LOUNDAGIN and AGNES LOUNDAGIN, husband and wife, OMIE I. MAIRS and GLORIAN MAIRS, husband and wife, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and they and each of them acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Wilbur F. Lutzow
Notary Public

WILBUR F. LUTZOW
Notary Public - California
PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN
INYO COUNTY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES } SS

On this 6th day of April, 1965, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, personally appeared A. J. MESMER and MAE MESMER, husband and wife, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and they and each of them acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Margaret Acquistapace
Notary Public

MARGARET ACQUISTAPACE
My Commission Expires Oct. 2, 1966

RAY BENNETT
6332 Navajo Road
Westminister, California

# THE REX-MONTIS GROUP OF MINES
## KEARSARGE DISTRICT
## INYO COUNTY
## CALIFORNIA

The Rex-Montis group of mines consists of four patented claims, four locations and two millsites. In 1860 to 1872, these claims were known as the Rex-Montis, Shawmut, Roanoke, Boomerang, Mountain View and Potosi 1 to 10. There may have been others within the present group, their names having been lost in antiquity. However, it will suffice to say that the present group will cover all possible areas wherein minerals may be reasonably expected.

The original Rex-Montis group was at elevations of 12,000 ft. down to 11,000 ft. The Potosi group went down to the 10,000 ft. level. There are no records as to the exact elevation of the mills, but mention has been made in some of the accounts of the area that a two mile tram was constructed to bring the ore down to the head of a wagon road for transport to the mills. On the south side of the mountain are other known deposits of the same lodes, outcropping down to the 9,000 ft. level. These veins were mined through adits, started well below this elevation giving an indication of the depth that these veins now under consideration may go.

Very little is known of the early development of these mines. After their discovery in 1860, mining was carried on by the individual owners in the crude methods available to them. All supplies and equipment had to be packed in on burrows and mules. The ore removed was treated by roasting and crushed in hand mortars, then panned for the concentrate. All ore had to be packed down from the mine to lower elevations to water and fuel.

The first record of authenticity was one written in 1888 from notes taken in 1870 by Mr. W. A. Goodyear, the State Mineralogist. In these notes, he states very briefly that these lodes were very rich in silver and gold, running to $900.00 per ton. That there were three stamp mills working the ore from the Kearsarge Mountain mines, one of ten stamps, one of five, and one of four stamps. That custom milling was charged for at the rate of $50.00 per ton. Just how much of this report was predicated on the 1870 notes, and what was inserted from new knowledge, one has to surmise in view of the authenticated data which is available up to 1878, and another report from the United States bulletin of production of gold, by Burchard, in 1883. The Burchard report gives a great deal of information with respect to the mines, but does not state the time specifically except to refer to a proposed tunnel which was started in 1878. This, then, would indicate that this writing was composed from notes made by the author at an earlier trip to the property when he must have stayed some time to have compiled the information contained in this report. (Burchard's report is attached hereto in its entirety, as photostatted from the original.)

In view of Mr. W. A. Goodyear's report in 1870, there apparently was an organized effort to mine the properties even though adverse location was against the operation. There is hardly any doubt as to the mines having been in operation as of March 26, 1872, the time of the Owens Valley earthquake. It is known that the mines were damaged on the surface workings and that mills and buildings were all destroyed. This is the earthquake which has gone down in history as the most severe one ever to happen in the United States since the discovery of the continent. After this catastrophy, it was some time before anyone had the courage to try and raise money to continue the



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operations. The report from the Pacific Coast Annual Mining Review of October 1878, (hereto attached), in paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9, gives data which was accomplished prior to August, 1878, while the balance of the report explains the proposal for the future and the author's comments of the property as a whole. This report actually indicates that at this time, the only veins mined were the Rex-Montis, on which four tunnels had been driven at different elevations to cut this vein at several levels.

There is grave doubt with respect to this assumption as there are known to have been three different mills working in the canyon. Also, the town of Kearsarge with 3000 inhabitants thrived in the canyon below the mines. The three mills would definitely indicate at least three properties were in production at this time, and others as well must have been working also for the price for custom milling of ore has been mentioned several times in the old reports.

It was at the time in 1878-79 when the Independence Tunnel Company was trying to finance the new tunnel and the Rex-Montis Corporation had indicated its intention to start work again on the property by driving tunnel #5 that a cloud burst and subsequent flood washed out the mills and town which had been rebuilt after the earthquake. This flood probably had more to do with the cessation of all major operations here than any other factor. There is a prevalent story that the office building with its safe containing $40,000.00 in bullion was washed down the canyon and covered with debris and was never found.

It might be well to consider the type of engineers that have made the comments and reports of the mines of this era. First and most important, we must consider that at this time of the 19th century the only metals of great importance in the entire west were gold and silver. The prospectors and mining operators were not interested in much of anything which was not connected with these two metals. Mercury was important for it was the means of saving the gold. Lead had some importance. Hence, the engineers of the time, in the west particularly, became unqualified experts on gold and silver deposits. For this reason, a great deal of credence is given to these early opinions. It is for this reason, after considering all the available information, that this writer has given time, energy and money to aid and assist in the consolidation of the present group of claims now held under one ownership, and to see that clear title is available so that interested capital could safely explore and develop the mines to a successful end.

The above mentioned patented claims have been held by the Mears family for many years and interests became many and small by reason of inheritance, so that in 1959 a group of mining men from Independence, California, headed by Mr. John Thompson, a well known mining engineer of Independence, started to assemble the title into one head, though it seemed almost an impossible job. Aided by the then district attorney and another mining enginner from Los Angeles, they were able to complete the task after many months.

Many trips were made that first year to the property by horseback, and new claims were added to the original group. The location work was completed, and the added property surveyed and tied into the old. Engineering work was done, the results of which are stated later in this report. A road was surveyed to the tunnel site and permits secured from the U. S. Forrestry Service for its building. This road had to be maintained at a minimum of 11.5% grade, and was accomplished; no mean feat on this precipitous mountain.

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The engineering work completed on these claims and adjoining areas has consisted of geological examination, sampling, assaying and the examination of the old workings which are mentioned in the various reports hereto attached.

Ore samples taken were, for the most part, grab samples, for each and every one of the old workings are either filled with ice or are caved; at least at their entrances and so prohibiting cutting samples on any exposed vein face. These grab samples consisted of ore from the remnants of the old dumps with the obvious high grades eliminated. This sampling procedure was used throughout the entire area, and although some of the recorded tunnels are completely lost to view and their dumps washed away, it was believed that a fairly accurate result was achieved. The assay values of these samples ran from $50.00 to $500.00 per ton. There are places where grab samples can be taken around the old millsites which will yield to $3000.00 per ton. Almost any of the old dump sites will yield ore samples in the $700.00 to $800.00 range. In most cases the values will be in percentages of 70% silver and 30% gold. The fact that thehigh grade samples can still be found indicates the type of ore which was packed off the mountain to the mills. Ore had to be good to stand the $50.00 to $60.00 milling costs assessed for custom ore. In all, over 100 samples have been assayed.

In 1948 one of the Mears clan negotiated with an eastern syndicate for a lease on the property, and at that time they ran an average dump assay of $90.00. These people, toward the end of their stay, contacted a local mining man and contractor as to the feasability of deiving a tunnel from the 7000 ft. level. This will give an inkling as to other mining men's thinking regarding the depth to which these ores will go. After these people had made their evaluation, they tried to complete a lease and to their dismay discovered the tangled title problem which has confronted everyone until now, and walked away from the deal.

In summary, may I say that in my opinion, from the various reports, records and research, this mountain from its 13,500 ft. summit to at least the 8000 ft. level should virtually be a maze of silver-gold veins; that to the 14 early known veins have been added 5 or 6 more and that further to the east and south are other outcroppings which have values on the surface. The geologic formations and potential ore producing possibilities are far better pictured for the reader in the attached early reports, than I might make and certainly carry as much or more weight. Suffice it to say that calculations of the recoverable ore as shown by these same reports are of fantastic proportions and run into the tens of millions of dollars in values.

One other aspect of this property, and which has not been covered by early engineers, is the placer deposit which lies in a natural trap just below the outcropped vein structures. This area covers the largest part of 20 acres and the surface samples will average $2.00 plus or minus to the yard. The bedrock, where exposed, will assay in the low thirties. There is an area of this placer which lies near the tunnel site that has averaged near $20.00 per yard. In this particular area, it is estimated that there is over 1,000,000 yards. The values were arrived at from screenings of 1/4" and minus. Throughout the placer area are high grade ore pieces ranging from walnut size to boulders. It is planned to work the placer with screens. The exact area to work first can be determined when the road is built as the road will cut the placer in several switch backs giving the opportunity to sample a large area of the ground at depth.

INDEPENDENCE TUNNEL AND MINING COMPANY, KEARSARGE MOUNTAIN, INYO, COUNTY, CALIFORNIA From - Pacific Coast Annual Mining Review and Stock Ledger of October 1878, Page 206 Book R 622; 05-13.

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This a California Incorporation, organized to explore and work the series of parallel lodes owned by them in the Kearsarge District, Inyo County, by means of a deep lying tunnel.

The property of this company aside from improvements made, consists of the Independence Tunnel site and the parallel lodes lying near each other, and named respectively the Potosi #1 - 2 - 3 - 4.

The object of this tunnel is to open up and render available by the most economical plan, the ore contained in the Company's own mines. And, also, afford a means whereby other mines in the vicinity can be drained and worked through drifts connected with the main adit, this being the only manner in which such mines can be worked to good advantages.

The location of this tunnel is such that, when driven, will not only develop the Company's mines to a great depth, but also several other valuable lodes lying in its path; and as these latter will, without question, be worked through it. A considerable revenue to the Company must accrue from this source.

The development of the mines owned by the Company will however, constituted the main object of construction of this adit, on which the work already commenced will be driven ahead vigorously, and without cessation until completed.

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In its course, this tunnel will intersect the several lodes that cross its path, in the following order and at the depths and distances in from its mouth herein mentioned, viz: Potosi lode #4 - 700 ft in, at a depth of 415 ft. Potosi #3 - 1,100 ft in at a depth of 650 ft. Potosi #2 - 1350 ft. in, at a depth of 850 ft. Potosi #1 - 1650 ft in, at a depth of 1000 ft. Boomrang 1775 ft. in at a depth of 1150 ft. Rex Montis, 2036 ft. in at a depth of 1320 ft., and the Mountain View at 3035 ft. in a depth of 1716 ft., and the last 3 lodes mentioned belong to the Rex Montis Company.

As will be seen from this showing, the facilities for tunneling are here very great, a little over 3000 ft. of adit establishing a backing of more than 1700 ft.

The lodes of these companies have been examined by several competent experts, all of whom pronounce them to be strong, well marked fissure veins, rich in precious metals.

Potosi #4, the lowest in the group of veins belong to the Independence Company, has a width of about 12 ft., on the surface, #3 being 16 ft., while #1 and #2 are each about 6 ft. wide.

These, in common with most of the veins here, have a northwesterly strike, and occur in a formation composed of a diorite, porphyry and granite, corresponding with the country in the neighborhood of the Comstock Lode.

This is undoubtedly a formation most favorable for deep fissured and permanent veins, the talc slate that here follows the ore belt, being another feature pointing strongly to persistence and fertility.

In the development of large quantities of high grade ore in these mines, the above favorable geological indications receive further and ample verifications.

On Potosi #4, an open cut has been made for a distance of about 100 ft., all in first class ore. On #3, a drift has been run 40 ft. disclosing a stratum of good ore 3 ft., thick. #2 shows a 6 ft., vein, all composed of a fine quality of ore, the showing on #1 being also most encouraging.

The mass of workable ore from these mines will, it is calculated, mill about $200.00 per ton. They carry 12 per cent gold, and 80 per cent silver, and are so little contaminated by base metals that they can be worked up to 85 per cent of their assay value by the simplest mill process, giving bullion 900 fine. The ore is a clear, lively quartz, carrying horn silver and sulphurets of silver.

The veins here all produce ore of an excellent quality from the surface, the developments made establishing that it improved with depth, both as regards bulk and purity, the results reached in the Rox Montis mine, opened to a depth of 500 ft. being quite conclusive on that point.

The Independence Company has already a good deal of rich ore on their dump, which quantity will be steadily added to in the future, the ore accummulating at the same time that the tunnel is being run.

Assays of ore from these veins as well as the Rex Montis, run up into very high figures, many of the samples assayed being as rich as any ever taken from the Comstock mines.

Pieces of minerals taken out here have, in fact, come so near being pure silver that they might be called metal rather than ore, 36 pounds of this material has been known to produce as much as 32 pounds of silver, besides some gold.

One of the original locators of these lodes, being without means, managed to support himself and defray all expenses while prospecting them, by the proceeds of the ore which he first rendered friable by roasing on a pile of wood, after which it was crushed in a hand mortar. And the metalic portions being washed out, were melted into a bar in crucibles. Even by this crude method of reductions fair wages could be made.

The Tunnel Right secured by this Company constitutes, under the circumstances, a very valuable franchise, inasmuch as the altitude of these mines, varying from 10,000 to 12,000 ft., precludes surface working advantageously prosecuted during the winter.

But aided by this tunnel, which enters the mountain at an elevation of 11,000 ft., 2,000 ft., below its summit, mining operations can be carried on uninterruptedly all seasons of the year.

This Right was located in August 1877, under Congressional Law giving locators of tunnel claims ownership to all blind lodes encountered throughout a distance of 3,000 ft., and extending 750 ft., on each side of the tunnel, or 1500 ft., on either side, as the owner may elect.

The first section of this work to be built will be 5 ft. by 7 ft. a size sufficient for laying down a single track. After lode #4 is reached, it will, however, be so enlarged as to accommodate a double track. Through the employment of Burleigh drills the work will be pushed forward very rapidly as well as cheaply, the ground to be penetrated being so firm that it will stand without timbering.

This plan of the Independence Company for exploring the entire band of mineral bearing lodes that here traverses the northerly slope of the Kearsarge Mountain, is so manifestly the proper one to be adopted that it has met with the unqualified approval of every mining engineer who has examined the property, or had his attention called to the subject.

REX MONTIS MINING COMPANY KEARSARGE MOUNTAIN, INYO COUNTY, CALIF.

FROM

PACIFIC COAST ANNUAL MINING REVIEW AND STOCK LEDGER OF OCTOBER 1878,

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The Rex Montis mines, situated on the Northly side of Kearsarge Mountain in Inyo County, California, consist of a series of gold and silver ore bearing veins called the Rex Montis, Boomrang, Artic and Potosi #7 and 8.

The original Corporation was formed August 1878, at San Francisco, California, and the first ore was taken out September 1878.

The present workings are located at an altitude of 12,500 feet, for the purpose of demonstrating the value of the property, which is being done by a series of tunnels driven into the side of the mountain one below the other.

It has always been the intention when the value of the property has been demonstrated to develop the mine by driving tunnels at a lower depth which can be done, without sinking shafts, to a point 3000 feet, lower than where work is now going on.

By this manner of development no pumping or hoisting machinery will be required, as the ore will be taken from the tunnels, which will afford ventilation and drainage.

Up to August 1878, about $140.000 had been expended on the property and in the business, of which about $63,000 had been furnished by bullion,

$58,000 by assessments and the balance representing the indebtedness of the Company. This amount of $140,000 includes the cost of purchase of property and a 10 stamp mill. But little has been done on Boomrang, or Artic and nothing on Potosi #7 and #8 at this time.

Up to the present time, 4 tunnels have entered the mountain on the Rex Montis claim, running Southerly; the highest #1 has been driven only 30 ft., and is in ore, #2 - 178 ft., from which considerable ore has been taken, yielding on an average, by milling $120.00 per ton; and #3 tunnel 77 ft., from the face a winze has been sunk 119 ft., most of the way in rich ore. #4 tunnel has been driven from the face of the mountain 306 ft., and connected therewith, furnishing good ventilation and drainage.

This tunnel is being continued southerly from the winze and is in good ore. The lode is here 8 ft., wide, between regular walls of granite formation, and is below the point of disturbance. Against the hanging wall lies a thick seam of yellow clay.

In the tunnels above, the vein, was narrow but very rich, but pinched in and widened out, showing the lode to have been broken and disturbed; but in #4 tunnel the walls are regular and the presence of the clay indicated permanency.

The Company now propose to drive #5 tunnel below #4 and so located as to cut all the veins mentioned above.

The ore in #1-2-3 Tunnels was milled by wet crushing to a percentage of 80 of the pulp assay, but below #3 it has somewhat changed in character, containing antomony and gelena and requiring a furnace for chloridizing.

This district, and particularly the Kearsarge Mountain, was known in the early days to be very rich in minerals, and in 1860 was examined by experts, who, however reported against the advisibility of working it at that time on account of its enaccessibility both from its distance from San Francisco and its altitude.

A tramway to be worked by gravity, will bring ore from the mines to a point two miles of the mill, from whence a good wagon road will be constructed, so the ore can be delivered at the mill at an expense of not over $2.50 per ton.

Considering the fact that the mines in consequence of their situation can be worked by a series of tunnels, furnishing ventilation and drainage for a depth of 3000 ft., without sinking a shaft, and thereby doing away with the cost of expensive hoisting and pumping machinery; it will be seen that while a tramway will be needed to transport the ores, the location has great advantages.

The Independence Tunnel Company are driving a tunnel which will cut all these veins at a depth of some 2000 ft., and while developing other veins, is of great importance and value to the Rex Montis property.

It has been demonstrated that the property is a valuable one, consisting of lodes of true fissure veins in a regular and permanent formation, and that the judicious expenditure of capital in driving tunnels at a lower depth will develop deposits, of rich ore that will pay very largely.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD AND SILVER IN THE UNITED STATES 1883
(Burchard) T 28-7

Report of the Director of the Mint upon the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States (California State Library #58204)

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KEARSARGE DISTRICT is situated on the easterly flank of the Sierra Nevada Range, the summit being the dividing line between Fresno and Tulare Counties. The district is west of Owens River Valley, and 8 miles from Independence. The metalliferous portion of the district lies at an altitude of from 10,000 to 14,000 feet. The mountain range here is bold, craggy, and precipitous. Formation, granitic copper. The district has a frontage on the valley of about 35 miles. The principal stream is the Little Pine Creek, which takes its rise near the summit. Its source is in a series of small mountain lakes. The creek is precipitous in its descent, affording every 300 feet for a distance of 5 miles water-power for innumerable mills. At its lowest stage it carries 150 inches of water, miners' measurement. This great altitude seems to be suggestive of the Potosi and Cerro Paso mines of Peru and Bolivia, that produced their hundred of millions of silver at about this altitude.

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Second. In depth and below the water-line the ores contain sulphuret arsenic, with some copper, a polybassite containing 75 per cent. of silver; also ores containing a small quantity of lead as a sulphide from 65 to 75 per cent. of silver, the latter requiring roasting to be successfully treated.

Of the several groups the Rex Montis is the most important of the Potosi series. They are situated at an altitude of about 12,000 feet, and consist of fourteen locations, being the Potosi from No. 1 to No. 10, inclusive, and the Rex Montis, Shawmut, and Roanoke.

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EXHIBIT "5"

Calif. Mineralogist report

v.34, 1938

p.415-6

Rex Montis Mine consisting of 4 patented claims is on the north slope of Kearsarge Mountain about 9 miles northwest of Independence, elevation 12,000 ft, owner Howard Meers, Independence, Calif., and M.E. Conklin Co. San Francisco, Calif.

This is an old property which, from best information obtainable was last worked from 1875 to 1883. In 1877 Rex Montis Mining Co. produced 12,333 oz. of gold and silver bullion. In 1935 an attempt was made to cut the ice out of the tunnels but weather conditions prevented completion of this work.

It is reported that three quartz veins occur between granit walls. The average width of vein is said to be 3½ ft. The vein quartz carries both native gold and silver. The ore is reputed to have been high grade.

The property was developed by three tunnels, supposedly driven on seperate veins. The upper and lower tunnels at 12000 and 10500 ft. elevation, respectively, are partially caved and filled with ice. In the summer of 1935, ice was cut from the middle tunnel for a distance of 260 ft. This work exposed stopes on three ore shoots. These stopes are 60, 20, and 35 ft. long and have an average width of 3½ ft. At an elevation of about 10,500 ft. a shaft was sunk on a wide vein to an unknown depth. Some stopeing was done in the shaft as the stopes were holed thru to the surface. These workings are now caved.

Idle.

Charges for milling ore

$6.00 per ton plus 20% of the ore.

Picture of Kearsarge Peak on page 255.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT UPON PRODUCTION OF PRECIOUS METALS IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE CALENDER YEAR 1883.

Washington: Government Printing Office, 1884.

Executive Document No. 177, Volume 31, 8 ages 157-158.

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The Kearsarge Company own a series of veins situated at an altitude of 9,000 feet, and in connection have a 10-stamp mill. These veins vary from 3 to 5 feet in thickness. The Cliff and Virginia are the best of the series. For the former an adit level has been driven that will, when the veins are reached, give extensive backs and drainage. The works for the above reason are idle at present.

The Silver Sprout Company own a series of sixteen veins, varying from a small streak to 16 feet in width, all within a width, at right angles, of 516 feet, and are situated at an altitude of 11,000 feet.

In addition to the mines enumerated, there are a large number of locations owned by private individuals, who firmly believe in the future of these mines and work on them in developing as their limited means will permit.

California. State Mining Bureau. Eighth annual report of the State Mineralogist. Sacramento, 1888.

p.232-233 Cal HR4.1: 1888 Long Beach Public Library
W. A. Strodyer Gift.

Kearsarge Mine

On July 31, 1888, the writer went with John Welch, as guide, to his camp in the Old Kearsarge Mining District, on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, about eight miles from the town of Independence, and at an altitude some five thousand feet higher, or a little over than thousand feet above the sea. The Kearsarge District is now almost utterly abandoned, and Mr. Welch's business up there at this time of the year consisted in the packing of consolidated snow from old banks, which remain to a greater or less extent all summer long around some of the higher peaks in this vicinity, down to the town of Independence. He takes five pack mules at a time, and loads them with about two hundred pounds each, so that on each round trip, of which he makes three per week, he brings into town about half a ton of this snow.

The country about Kearsarge is almost exclusively granite, and the granitic sand is everywhere full of magnetic iron. The granite varies largely in character; some of it is syenitic, while some of it is very feldspathic, and occasionally it graduates into a "blocky" felsite. It generally contains some magnetic iron, as well as hornblende, and epidote is not uncommon. The Kearsarge Mountain, though not so high as many other peaks in the region, is, nevertheless, a very high mountain. It stands in the very eastern edge of the great mass of the Sierra, looking directly down upon Owens Valley, from the western edge of which it rises very abruptly some nine thousand feet or more, its summit being not far from thirteen thousnad feet above the sea. A number of quartz veins run through various parts of this mountain, generally striking from N.10 degrees El, to N.20 degrees E., magnetic, and dipping very steeply to the west, being sometimes almost vertical.

In the early days of the mines here, some of these veins yielded considerable quantities of ore, which was very rich in both gold and silver. One lot of ten tons of ore is said to have yielded $ 900 per ton. There was also for some years quite a busy town here, and at various points along the creek three quartz mills were running—one with ten stamps, one with five, and one with four. But the town has now entirely disappeared, and but little is left of any of the mills; while the mines are all of them abandoned and idle, with the single exception that one man, a Mr. Ward, is still working alone at a mine owned by him on the eastern slope of the mountain, where the aneroid barometer reads about ten thousand feet above the sea. Most of the ores from here contained but little sulphurets, and were worked in the mills near by; the charges for custom milling at that time being $ 50 per ton. Occasionally, however, some very rich silver-lead ores were found, which were shipped away.

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LOS ANGELES 15


October 10, 1963

Mr. RAY Bennett
6332 Navojo Road
Westminster, California

## A S S A Y S

| Sample No. | Gold Ounces | Gold Value | Silver Ounces | Silver Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0.20 | $7.00 | 45.6 | $57.00 |
| 2 | Trace | None | 0.8 | 1.00 |
| 3 | 0.01 | 0.35 | 7.9 | 9.87 |
| 4 | Trace | None | 0.3 | 0.37 |
| 5 | 0.09 | 3.15 | 19.3 | 24.12 |
| 6 | 0.06 | 2.10 | 11.0 | 13.75 |
| 7 | 0.12 | 4.20 | 34.0 | 42.50 |

* Gold @ $35.00 per ounce
Silver @ 1.25 " "
Charges $21.00

Harley A. Sill
Consulting Engineer

Identity of ore samples and values in Gold & Silver.

| | Gold | | Silver | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| #1 | 7.00 | .20 | 45 oz | 57.00 | $64.00 | 2.10 | 11 oz | 13.75 | #6 15.85 |
| #2 | | TR | .80 | 1.00 | | 4.20 | 34 oz | 42.50 | #7 46.70 |
| #3 | 0.35 | | 7.9 | 9.87 | $10.22 | | | | |
| #4 | | TR | .30 | .37 | | | | | |
| #5 | 3.15 .09 | | 19 oz | 24.12 | $27.27 | | | | |

#1 DUMP ORE TAKE AT 1ST & 2ND DUMPS ABOVE MIDDLE ICED TUNNEL - R/M #3 & 4

#2 HANGING WALL SIDE FOR 2 FT. OF VEIN PASSING THRU SADDLE THAT MAIN TRAIL COMES THRU ONTO R/M WORKING AREA.

#3 STRINGER OUTCROP WEST OF ICED UPPER TUNNEL - SMALL AMOUNT WORK DONE HERE.

#4 COUNTRY ROCK FOOTWALL SIDE AT LOCATION OF #2 ABOVE.

#5 SACKED ORE AT UPPER ICED TUNNEL.

#6 FINES WITH SACKED ORE AT #5 ABOVE

See book 7 ORE FROM CAMPSITE DUMP - AT MIDDLE ICED TUNNEL.

RI 92793

EXHIBIT "6"

THE EISENAUER LABORATORIES
[illegible]
Los Angeles, California

# ASSAY CERTIFICATE

Los Angeles, Calif. Aug 2 1916

This is to certify that the samples described below, received from

A. J. Messner

assay as follows:

| Marks | Gold Ozs. per ton | Gold Value per ton | Silver Ozs. per ton | Silver Value per ton | Total Value per ton | Percentage Copper | Percentage Lead | Percentage Zinc |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | 3.60 | $ 126.00 | 390.40 | $ 51.36 | $ 177.36 | | | |
| [illegible] | .06 | $ 2.10 | 2.44 | $ 2.20 | $ 4.30 | | | |
| [illegible] | .34 | $ 11.90 | 31.85 | $ 28.67 | $ 40.57 | | | |
| [illegible] | trace | | .48 | $ .43 | $ .43 | | | |

Gold Ozs. 35 min oz
Silver Ozs. 90 min oz
Lead
Copper

Charges 14.00

Eisenauer 1916

THE EISENHAUER LABORATORIES
315-322 South San Pedro Street
Los Angeles 13, California

# ASSAY CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that the samples described below, received from Max Brewer

Los Angeles, Calif. July 27/60 19

assay as follows:

| Owner's Mark and Sample | GOLD Ozs. per Ton | GOLD Value per Ton | SILVER Ozs. per Ton | SILVER Value per Ton | Total Value per Ton | Percentage Copper | Percentage Lead | Percentage Zinc |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | | | |

Gold [illegible]
Silver [illegible]
Lead [illegible]
Copper [illegible]

Charges [illegible]

Established 1918

Paid 7/26/60

Assayer

# ASSAY CERTIFICATE

Los Angeles, Calif. July 27/60 19

I hereby Certify that the samples described below, sampled from

Prevor

Owner's Name and Address

| | GOLD | | SILVER | | | | PERCENTAGE OF | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | OZS. PER TON | VALUE PER TON | OZS. PER TON | VALUE PER TON | TOTAL VALUE PER TON | COPPER | LEAD | ZINC |
| | [illegible] | 6.75 | 57.47 | 51.72 | 60.47 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | 125.42 | 112.71 | 243.32 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | .97 | 1.97 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 21.15 | [illegible] | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 5.63 | 7.68 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | | | |
| #10 surface | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 1.09 | 2.09 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 35.14 | | | |
| tailings tunnel | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 55.7 | 67.47 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 9.02 | 15.32 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 1.12 | 3.12 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 16.12 | 27.87 | | | |

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# ASSAY CERTIFICATE

Los Angeles, Calif. July 27/70 19

I hereby Certify that the samples described below, received from Dick Brewer

Assay as follows:

| Owner's Marks or Samples | GOLD Oz. per Ton | GOLD Value per Ton | SILVER Oz. per Ton | SILVER Value per Ton | Total Value per Ton | Percentage of Copper | Percentage of Lead | Percentage of Zinc |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | 57.[illegible] | 51.72 | $ 60.47 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | 125.[illegible] | 112.[illegible] | $ 43.31 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | .37 | $ 1.37 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 28.15 | $ 30.55 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 9.63 | $ 7.63 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | | | |
| #10 surface | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 2.02 | | | |
| tailings tunnel | [illegible] | [illegible] | 33.[illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | 125.[illegible] | [illegible] | $ 17.31 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | 56.[illegible] | [illegible] | $ 07.47 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | 9.[illegible] | [illegible] | $ 19.32 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | 1.[illegible] | [illegible] | 9.12 | | | |
| | [illegible] | [illegible] | 16.[illegible] | [illegible] | $ 27.37 | | | |
| 90 | | | | | | | | |

ASSAYER

[illegible] LABORATORIES
[illegible] South San Pedro Street
Los Angeles 15, California

# ASSAY CERTIFICATE

[illegible] Calif. [illegible] 19[illegible]

I hereby Certify that the samples [illegible] below, [illegible] follows:

| Owner's Mark and Sample | GOLD Ounces per Ton | GOLD Value per Ton | GOLD Per Ton | SILVER Ounces per Ton | SILVER Per Ton | TOTAL VALUE PER TON | PERCENTAGE Copper | PERCENTAGE Lead | PERCENTAGE Zinc |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Right Lode Vein | 1.08 | $ 65.80 | 363.74 | 327.36 | 383.16 | | | | |
| | | | | 422.29 | 488.09 | SILVER @ $1.29 | | | |

GOLD @ $ 35 PER OZ.
SILVER @ $ 90 PER OZ.
LEAD @ ___ c.
COPPER @ ___ c.

[illegible]

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# Twining Laboratories of Southern California, Inc.

Inspection and Testing Engineers • Soil Foundation Analysis • Chemical Analysis

Examination CH65-30

January 20, 1965

Mr. Bennett
6332 Navajo Road
Westminister, California

SUBJECT: The testing of a high grade ore sample for lead and zinc content. Sample delivered to Twining Laboratories of Southern California, Inc. on November 11, 1964.

## TEST RESULTS

| Sample | % Lead | % Zinc | % Gold | % Silver |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rex Montis Dump Ore | 40.46% | 3.45% | .2 | 7.8 oz. |
| Same as High Grade on 12/18/64 assay | $121.35 | $9.66 | $7.00 | $9.98 |

$147.89 TOTAL.

TWINING LABORATORIES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, INC.

T. M. Dunkle

T. M. Dunkle
Chief Chemist

TMD:vb

cc: 3

NOTE. THIS ORE TAKE ON EXTENSION OF R.M. VEIN STRUCTURE 1½ MILES EASTERLY AND AT APPROX. 7500' ELEV.

THIS SAMPLE WAS RUN TO GIVE INDICATION OF CHARACTER OF ORES AT DEPTH IN THESE VEINS.

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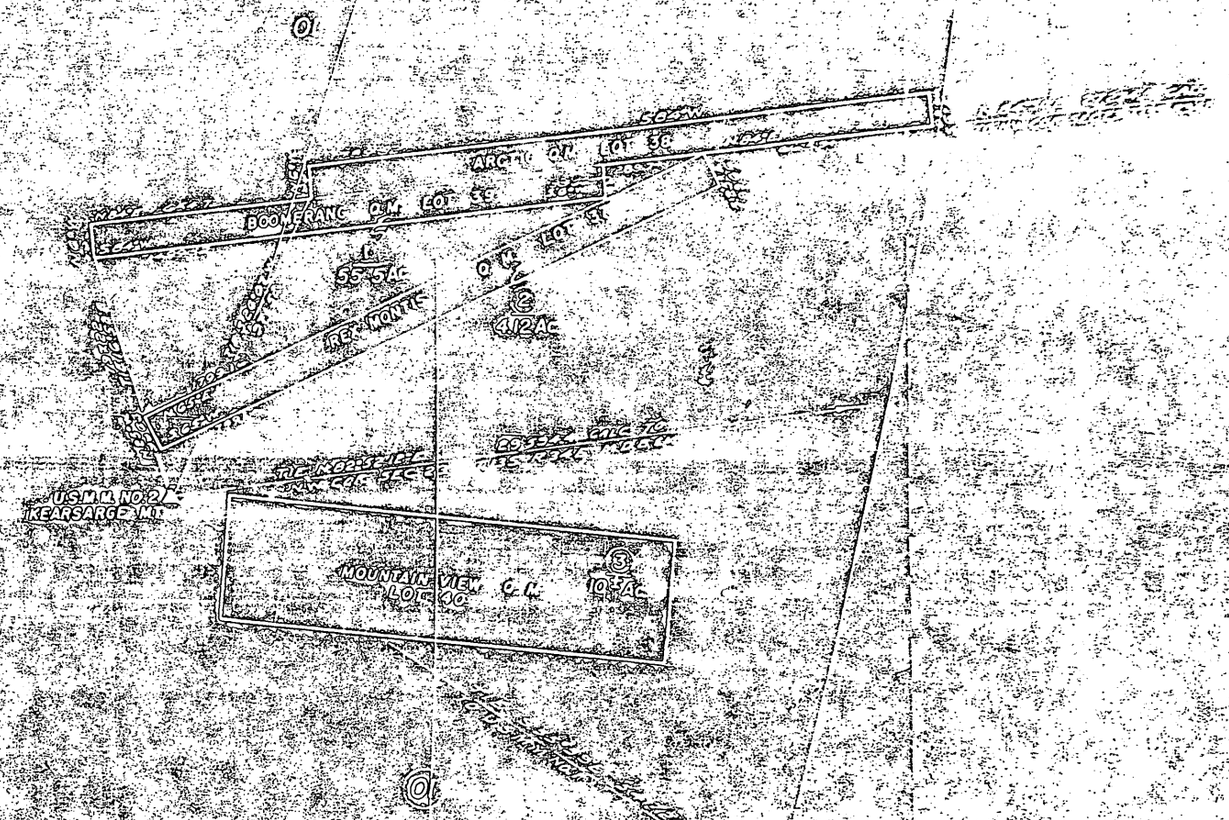


Assessor's Map Bk. 22 Pg. 02
County of Inyo, Calif.
1950

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EXHIBIT "7"

RAY BENNETT
6332 Navajo Rd.
Westminister, California

July 12, 1965

Farmers & Merchants Trust and Savings
Third & Pine Avenue
Long Beach, California

Attention: Mr. Gus Walker

Dear Mr. Walker:

I am the Lessee of the Rex-Montis silver mining properties, which property lies in the Kearsarge Mining District in the State of California, more specifically some eight miles due west of the County seat of Inyo County, Independence. The series of silver and gold veins lie at an elevation of from 10,500 ft. to 12,600 ft., and our main road will terminate at the 10,500 ft. level.

I am in need of financial assistance in the exploration phases of this project and am submitting this letter in an endeavor to secure this assistance. I am able to assign a 5% over-riding royalty in the production as security for such assistance. A total of $177,425.00 is the estimated cost of the various phases of exploration, of which I am able to contribute $44,375.00; the balance of $133,030.00 is the amount I will need in financial assistance under the terms set forth above.

Documents and reports pertinent to the property, of course, are available, and I will be pleased to bring all data, at your convenience, to your office for a conference.

Would you kindly advise if your bank is in a position to furnish this financing?

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Ray Bennett

EXHIBIT "9"

# FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK

COMMERCIAL OF LONG BEACH SAVINGS

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

LONG BEACH 12, CALIFORNIA

July 14, 1965

Ray Bennett
6332 Navajo Road
Westminster, California

Dear Mr. Bennett,

Thank you for your letter of July 12.

Banking laws do not permit banks or bank officers to invest or loan on shares of mining stock.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

G A Walker

President

GAW:bc

EXHIBIT "9"

RAY DENNETT
2000 NAVAJO RD.
VENTURA, CALIF.

Bank of America
Ventura, Branch
Ventura, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I am the lessee of the Ben-Hanks silver mining properties. These properties lie in the Mesquite Mining District in the State of California, more specifically zone eight (8) also the west of the county seat of Inyo County, Independence. The series of silver and gold veins lie at an elevation of from 10,000 ft. to 12,000 ft. and our main road will terminate at the 10,000 ft. level.

I am in need of financial assistance in the exploration phase of this project and am contacting this lender in an endeavor to secure this assistance. I am able to assign a 5% over-riding royalty in the production as security for such assistance. A total of $197,000.00 in the estimated costs of the various phases of exploration, of which I am able to contribute $4,970.00; the balance of $193,030.00 in the amount I will need in financial assistance under the terms set forth above.

Resumes and reports pertinent to the property are available and I will be pleased to bring all data at your convience to your office for conference.

Could you kindly advise if your bank is in a position to furnish this financing?

Thank you.

Yours truly

Ray Dennett

EXHIBIT "9"

Cable Address—BANKAMERICA

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NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION

WESTMINSTER BRANCH • 6951 WESTMINSTER AVENUE • WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA

July 26, 1965

Mr. Ray Bennett
6332 Navajo Road
Westminster, California

Dear Mr. Bennett:

We are not in a position to furnish you the type of financing you require in connection with your request for $133,030.00 for mining exploration.

Yours truly,

A. J. Schukar

A. J. Schukar
Manager

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EXHIBIT 9

# U. S. Government Messenger Envelope

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UNITED STATES
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OFFICE OF MINERALS EXPLORATION

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| Operator |
| Docket No. OME – |
| Contract No. 14-23-090– |
| Contract Date |

LIEN AND SUBORDINATION AGREEMENTS[1]

To the United States of America:

That certain land in the County of Inyo, State of California,

described as follows:[2] Kearsarge Mining District - Four (4) patented mining claims known as Rex Montis, Boomerang, Mt. View and Artic; and Five (5) unpatented mining claims known as Independence No. 1, Independence No. 2, Independence No. 3, Independence No. 4, and Independence Placer Claim; and Millsites appended thereto.

hereinafter called the "land", is the subject of a proposed exploration contract, hereinafter called the "Contract", between the United States of America, hereinafter called the "Government" and

Ray Bennett [3]

hereinafter called the "Operator". In consideration for and as an inducement to the Government executing the Contract, the undersigned:

1. (a) Being the owner of an interest in the land, hereby grants to the Government a lien upon all of his right, title, and interest in the land and upon any production of minerals therefrom to secure the payment to the Government of the royalty on production provided for by the Contract, and agrees if the Operator's interest should be surrendered or terminated at any time prior to the expiration of the rights of the United States under said Contract to pay royalty to the Government according to the terms of said Contract; or

(b) Being the holder of a claim, lien, or encumbrance against the land, hereby subordinates his claim, lien, or encumbrance in or against the land and in any production therefrom to the rights of the Government under the Contract with respect to royalty on production and liens to secure same.[4]

2. Undertakes and agrees that property in which the Government may acquire an interest or equity under the Contract may be dismantled, severed from the land, and removed as may be provided in the Contract; and the Government's interest and equity in such property shall be prior and superior to any adverse right or claim of the undersigned.

3. Represents and undertakes that there is no claim, lien, or encumbrance upon the undersigned's right, title, claim, or interest in or against the land other than the following: (If "none" insert the word "none". Do not leave blank.)

None

1/ Production from the land is not required, and in the absence of production there is no obligation to pay royalty to the Government.

2/ Either (a) insert the legal description of the land, or (b) strike out the words "as follows" and insert "in a lease /or contract, deed, or other document/ dated_____, and recorded in Book_____, Page____, official records of said county". If (b) is used, the book and page of recordation must be inserted above. If the space provided is insufficient, use an Annex and refer to the Annex in the space.

3/ Insert name exactly as it appears in the Application MME Form 40.

4/ Subparagraph 1(a) does not apply to the holder of a claim, lien, or encumbrance.

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4. Undertakes and agrees (a) neither to commit any act nor assert any claim in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement; and (b) to give advance notice of the Government's rights under this agreement to any subsequent transferee, mortgagee, encumbrancer, or lessee of any of the undersigned's right, title, claim, or interest in or against the land or any production therefrom, furnishing the Government with two true copies of such notice; and

5. Consents to all amendments (including an agreement of termination) and assignments of the Contract without notice thereof, and undertakes and agrees that this agreement shall extend and apply thereto.

6. Added provisions None (State "None" or "See Annex No. ____".)

Dated this ____ day of July, 1965.

W. J. Thompson (Street) (City & State)
W. J. Thompson

E. L. Thompson (Seal) (Street) (City & State)
E. L. Thompson

Robert Lourdagin (Seal) (Street) (City & State)
Robert Lourdagin

Agnes Lourdagin (Seal) (Street) (City & State)
Agnes Lourdagin

Omie I. Mairs (Seal) (Street) (City & State)
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Glorian Mairs (Seal) (Street) (City & State)
Glorian Mairs

A. J. Mesmer (Street) (City & State)
A. J. Mesmer

Mae Mesmer (Seal)
Mae Mesmer

I, _____ (Name), certify that I am the _____ (Title—Secretary, etc.) of the corporation named herein; that _____ (Name), who signed this agreement was then _____ (Title—Pres., Vice-Pres., etc.) of said corporation; that said agreement was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and was within the scope of its corporate powers.

_____ (Corporate Seal)

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Mr. Kirkemo, OME
8/20 and 27, 1965

Hon. George Murphy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

OCT 26 1965

Re: OME-6483 (Silver)
Ray Bennett
Rex Montis Silver Mines
Inyo County, California

Dear Senator Murphy:

This is in reply to your inquiry of October 12, 1965, on behalf of your constituent concerning the Rex Montis Silver Mines in Inyo County, and an application for assistance under the Office of Minerals Exploration (OME) program.

Applications received in this office are given preliminary review to determine whether the proposal qualifies for aid under the rules and regulations of the program. A copy of these regulations is enclosed for your information. If additional information is required, we request that it be submitted. If the proposed work does not qualify for aid, we advise the Applicant that the application is denied. If the application is complete and the requirements of the program are satisfied, the application is referred to one of our field offices for review, possible on-site examination, report, and recommendations.

Rex Montis Silver Mines submitted an application that included work items which are not eligible for assistance under present regulations. Nearly 30 percent of the project funds was included in these items. The Applicant was informed by letter dated August 20, 1965, that the Government could not participate in the proposed exploration. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

In response to a telephone call on August 26 from Mr. Ray Bennett, representing the Applicant, we sent an acknowledging letter the next day wherein reasons for denying the application were restated as the enclosed copy shows. We pointed out to Mr. Bennett the specific information required for the application to comply with OME regulations.

We will be pleased to consider Rex Montis Silver Mines' application upon receipt of a revised proposal as outlined in our letter of August 27.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur A. Baker

Director

Enclosures

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Dear Senator Murphy:

I am acknowledging your letter of October 12 with reference to an application for a mineral exploration loan submitted by the Rex-Montis Silver Mines.

This program is now under the jurisdiction of our Geological Survey and I am asking officials of the Survey to look into this matter and to write you further.

Sincerely yours,

Stewart L. Udall

Secretary of the Interior

Hon. George Murphy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Refer To 1653
Ack'd 10-15-65

October 13, 1965

The Honorable Stewart Udall
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have recently received an inquiry from a constituent concerning the Rex-Montis Silver Mines in Inyo County which I understand are in the initial stages of development. My constituent states in part:

"An application for assistance under the Office of Mineral Exploration program (OME - 6483 file) has been filed, but Chief, Mr. Frank Johnson, has thus far refused to send examiner to the property. No action can be taken on the request for assistance until an examination of the property has been made by an examiner from the O.M.E."

I would appreciate it greatly if you would furnish me information on the matter so that I may reply to my constituent.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

George Murphy

George Murphy

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AUG 27 1965

Mr. Ray Bennett
6332 Navajo Road
Westminister, California

Re: OMM-6483 (Silver)
Ray Bennett
Rex Montis Silver Mines
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Bennett:

This is with reference to your telephone call to me yesterday, concerning the subject application and our letter to you of August 20, 1965.

As I explained to you, most of the proposed work, comprising mainly road construction, de-icing tunnels, rehabilitation of caved workings, and prospecting for favorable targets, would not qualify for exploration assistance. However, if you would select target areas which you believe have the most potential, and submit geological and assay data to support your selection, consideration would be given to a revised proposal. A breakdown of cost estimates should be included.

Old reports indicate that a zone of secondary enrichment of gold and silver mineralization occurs to a depth of about 400 feet, below which the mineralization appears to be principally copper and lead. As the base metals are not eligible for exploration assistance, information should be submitted to show that the predominant value of the mineralization expected in the target area would be in gold and silver.

The information submitted indicates that the mine workings, surface cuts, and pits are caved. The relevant mine workings should be made accessible for an examination. Your claim map should show the surface indications of veins to be explored at depth and the assays of representative samples taken from exposures of such veins.

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We note in Paragraph 3 on Page 1 of the Agreement (Exhibit 2) that ". . . the road herein referred to is to be completed no later than the first day of October 1965." We understand that if this requirement is not fulfilled, the lease and option agreement will not become effective. In this event, you would have to make a new agreement with the owners for a right to the land.

Submittal of this information should not be construed as a commitment by the Government to grant an exploration contract.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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AUG 20 1965

Mr. Ray Bennett
6332 Navajo Road
Westminister, California

Re: OME-6483 (Silver)
Ray Bennett
Rex Montis Silver Mines
Inyo County, California

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Preliminary review of your application indicates that portions of the proposed program do not qualify for assistance under OME regulations. The OME program, unlike the DMEA program, cannot reimburse you for road construction outside the land involved in the proposed project. This precludes assisting you in building theroad from Little Onion Valley. The expense of de-icing tunnels and rehabilitating many feet of caved workings to make an on-site examination possible also would have to be done at your own expense.

It is important from the Government's viewpoint for the examining engineer or geologist to be able to examine and sample, if necessary, all surface and underground evidence pertaining to the proposed exploration targets. The extensive work necessary for you to prepare the property for examination cannot be made a part of a contract.

We regret that we cannot participate with you in the proposed program, and therefore we must deny your application. Unfortunately, the preparatory work required before allowable exploration phases can be started is not eligible for Government assistance under present regulations.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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August 18, 1965

Memorandum

To: The File

From: Harold Kirkemo, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: OME-6483 (Silver)
Ray Bennett
Rex Montis Silver Mines
Inyo County, California

Justification for Denial

The Applicant proposed a program costing $177,425 which would consist of the following phases:

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| 1 - 8 to 10 weeks of road construction, mainly off the subject property, to cost | $20,900 |
| 2 - Placer deposit evaluation costing | 2,775 |
| 3 - Camp construction | 8,300 |
| 4 - Core drilling program, 9,600 ft. | 69,700 |
| 5 - Outcrop sampling | 6,600 |
| 6 - De-ice tunnel | 20,650 |
| 7 - Rehabilitate tunnel and extend 1,000 ft. | 48,500 |
| Total | $177,425 |

The Rex Montis mine was one of the most important gold-silver producers in the Kearsarge district in the 1870-1880's; 12,333 oz. of gold and silver bullion was produced in 1877. It is located on the north slope of Kearsarge Peak at 11,600 feet above sea level and 8,000 feet above Owens Valley. Though only about 9 miles due west of Independence, California, six miles of road must be built to provide truck access to the property.

The deposits consist of 6 or more quartz veins in quartz monzonite in proximity to a belt of schist. The Applicant's maps indicate

strike lengths of several hundred feet. The average width of the veins is 3½ feet with a maximum of 14 feet reported on one vein. The gangue is milk white quartz. Old reports suggest a zone of secondary enrichment containing native gold and silver and secondary minerals. Below this zone are copper, lead, silver, and arsenic sulfides. A depth of 400 feet is mentioned where these minerals are present.

Difficulty of access, beneficiation problems associated with the ores and processes of the period, and inadequate financing led to abandonment of operations in the 1880's.

The Applicant has a lease and option agreement with the owners that is contingent on completion of a truck access road to the property by October 1, 1965. The length of road to be completed is unstated, but 8 to 10 weeks of construction time is estimated. This is the first phase of the proposed project. Most of this road work would be outside the subject claims, and therefore not eligible for OME assistance. If the road is not completed by October 1, the Applicant has no rights to the property.

Extensive de-icing of tunnels, rehabilitation of caved workings, and clean-up of filled surface pits are necessary to provide access for examination and possible sampling by an engineer or geologist. The estimated cost for this pre-examination work exceeds $25,000. This phase of the proposed project is not eligible for OME assistance because it is the Applicant's responsibility to have the property prepared for examination.

It is recommended that the application be denied because nearly 30 percent of the funds requested would be spent for work not eligible for OME assistance. However, this work is essential to make the property accessible and to prepare it for examination of possible exploration targets.

Harold Kirkemo

Harold Kirkemo

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Memorandum

To : Chief, Office of Minerals Exploration, Washington, D. C.

From : Acting Field Officer, OME, Region II

Subject: OME-6483 (Silver)
Ray Bennett
Rex Montis Silver Mines
Inyo County, California

Enclosed are copies of diamond drilling and bulldozer bids received from the subject applicant to be used in processing his application.

Also enclosed is a set of maps (3), a claim map, a surface map with some geology, and a diamond drilling exploration map; this completes his application for Government review.

Paul V. Fillo

Paul V. Fillo

Enclosures

cc:
Chief, OME, Wash., D. C.

July 29, 1965

Mr. Ray Bennett
6332 Navajo Road
Westminster, California

Subject: OME-6483

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Your application for exploration assistance, dated July 26, 1965, submitted to our office at San Francisco, California, has been assigned Docket Number OME - 6483.

Please identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this docket number.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

Copy to Region II

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# ASSAY CERTIFICATE

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This is to certify that the samples described below, received from

Mr. [illegible]

have yielded the following:

| Description | Gold | | Silver | | Total Value | Percentage | | |
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| | Oz. per ton | Value per ton | Oz. per ton | Value per ton | Per ton | Copper | Lead | Zinc |
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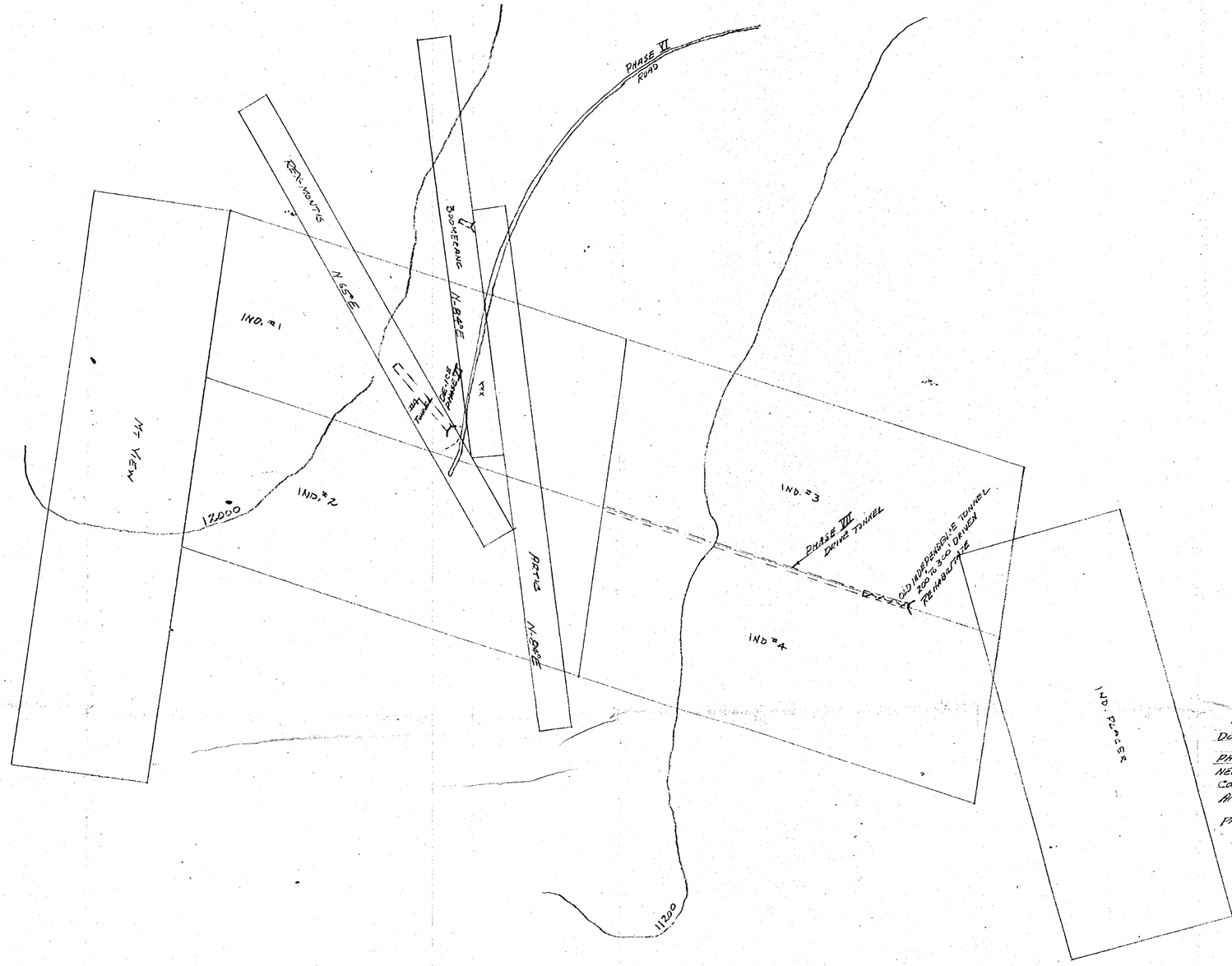
Exhibit 1010

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PHASE VI WILL GIVE THE EXPLORATORY INFORMATION NEEDED TO EVALUATE FUTHER UPPER LEVEL WORK. CORE DRILL LOCATIONS CAN BE ESTABLISHED AND FUTHER DRILLING CONDUCTED IF WARRANTED

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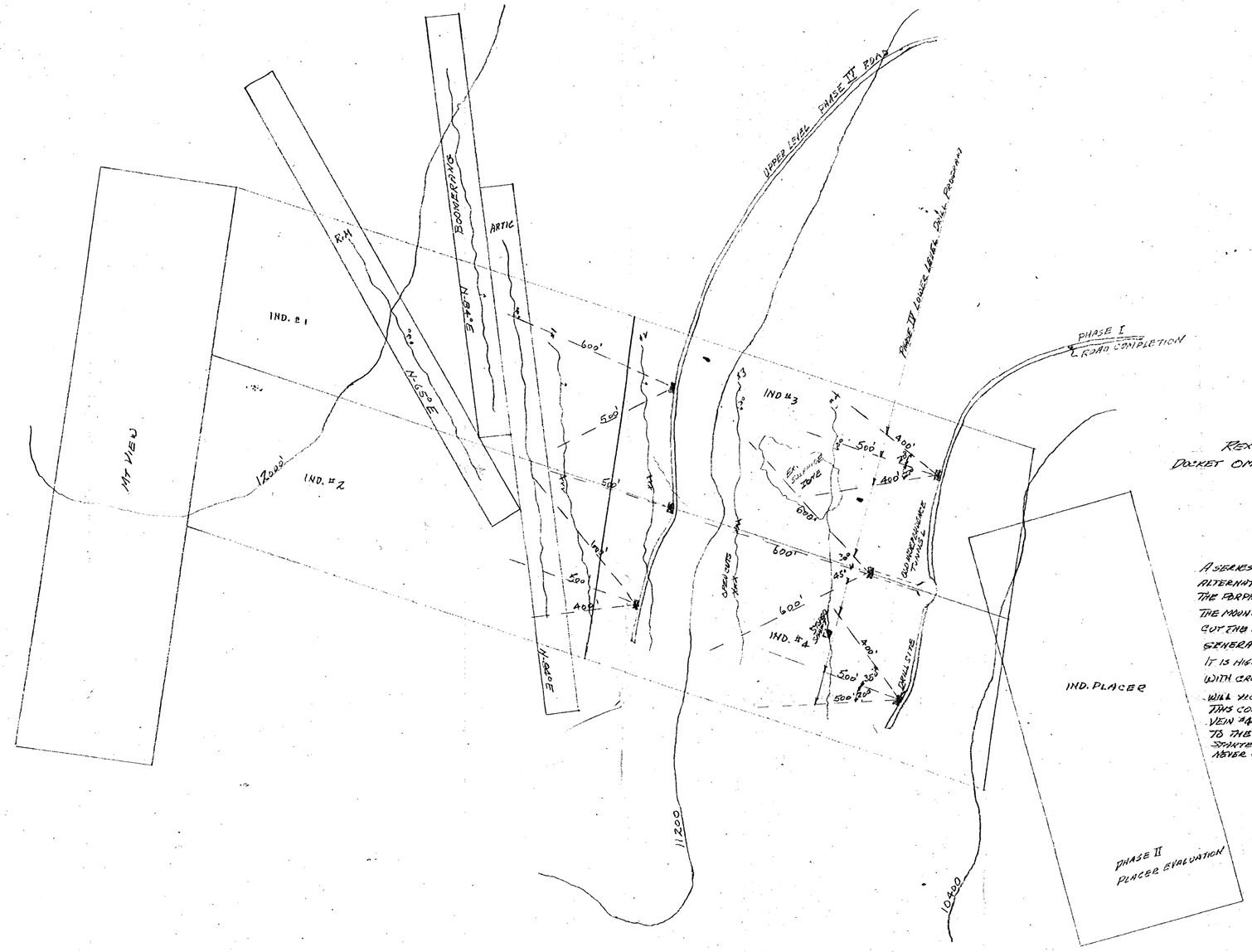


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REX MONTIS SILVER MINES
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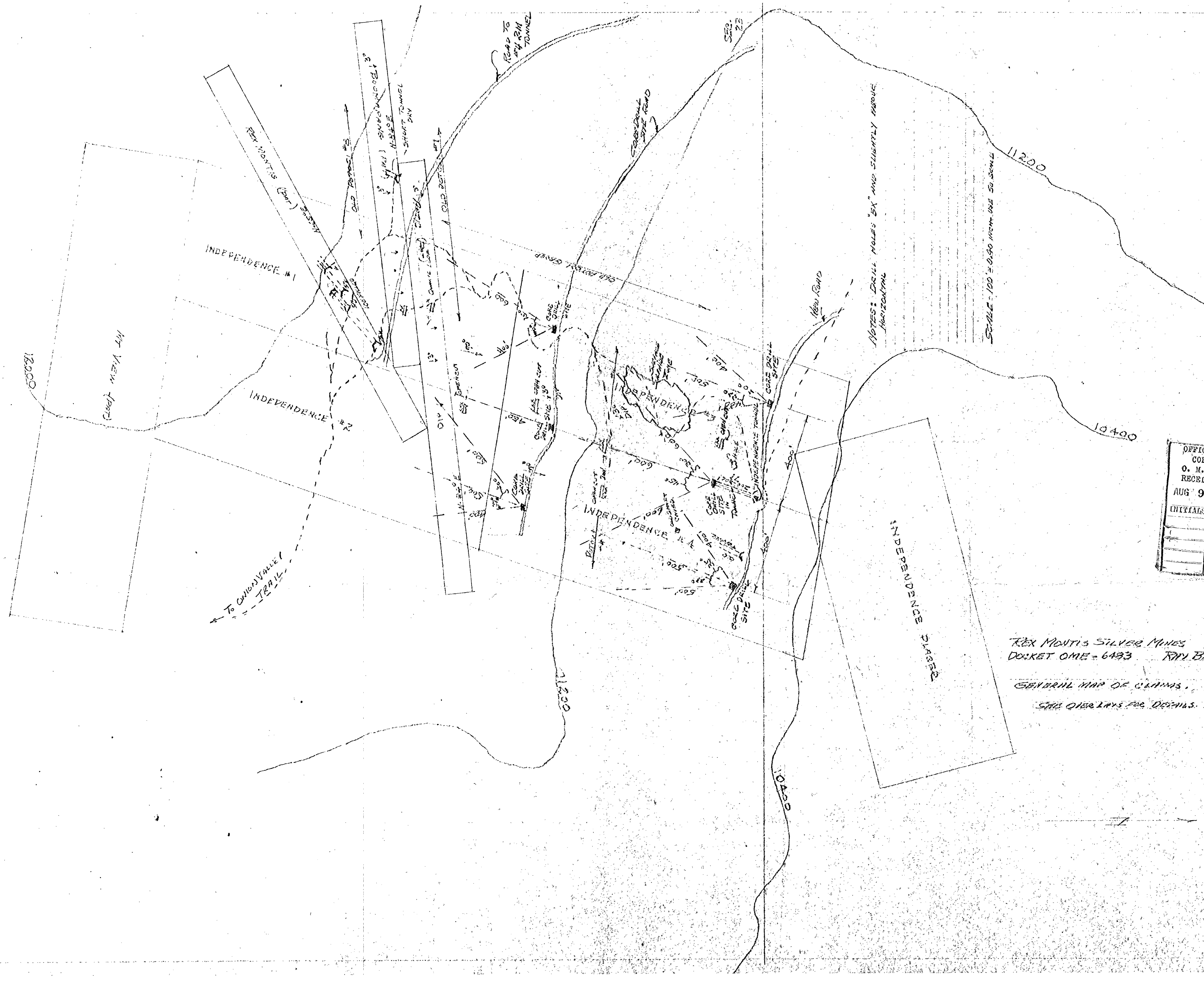
GENERAL GEOLOGY

A SERIES OF SILVER-GOLD BEARING VEINS WITH ALTERNATE DIKES OF PORPHYRY AND TRAP IN GRANITE THE PORPHYRY AND TRAP COURSING WITH THE TREND OF THE MOUNTAIN RANGE, THE ORE BEARING VEINS OF QUARTZ CUT THE FORMATION AT SMALL AND VARYING ANGLES GENERALLY STANDING VERTICAL.

IT IS HIGHLY CONCIEVABLE THAT THESE VEINS ARE INTERLACED WITH CROSS FISSURE VEINS WHICH AT THEIR INTERSECTION WILL YIELD SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF GOLD ORE. THIS CONDITION IS EVIDENT ON THE EASTERLY END OF VEIN #4 WHERE A SHAFT WAS SUNK AND TAKEN STOPED TO THE SURFACE. SUBSEQUENTLY A TUNNEL WAS SPONTED LOWER DOWN TO INTERSECT THIS ZONE BUT NEVER COMPLETED.

MAP OF CLAIMS SHOWING PROPOSED CORE DRILLING PROGRAM PHASE IV OF APPLICATION FOR O.M.E. CONTRACT. HOLES SLIGHTLY ABOVE HORIZONTAL.

NOTE! THE SERIES OF VEINS INDICATED AS #1-2-3-4 WERE NO DOUBT THE ROTOS 1-1-2-3-4 REFERED TO IN THE OLD REPORTS OF 1979. THE STANDOUT AND ROANOKE REFERED TO IN BURCHARDS REPORT OF 1883 APPARENTLY WERE CONTIGEOUS TO THE REX MONTIS ON THE SOUTH AND EAST AND WOULD HAVE COVERED THE AREA BETWEEN IT AND THE MT. VIEW. IT IS CONCIEVABLE TO ASSUME THAT THE APEX LAW WOULD HAVE SUFFICED TO PROTECT THE VEINS IN DEPTH.




REX MONTIS SILVER MINES
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GENERAL MAP OF CLAIMS.

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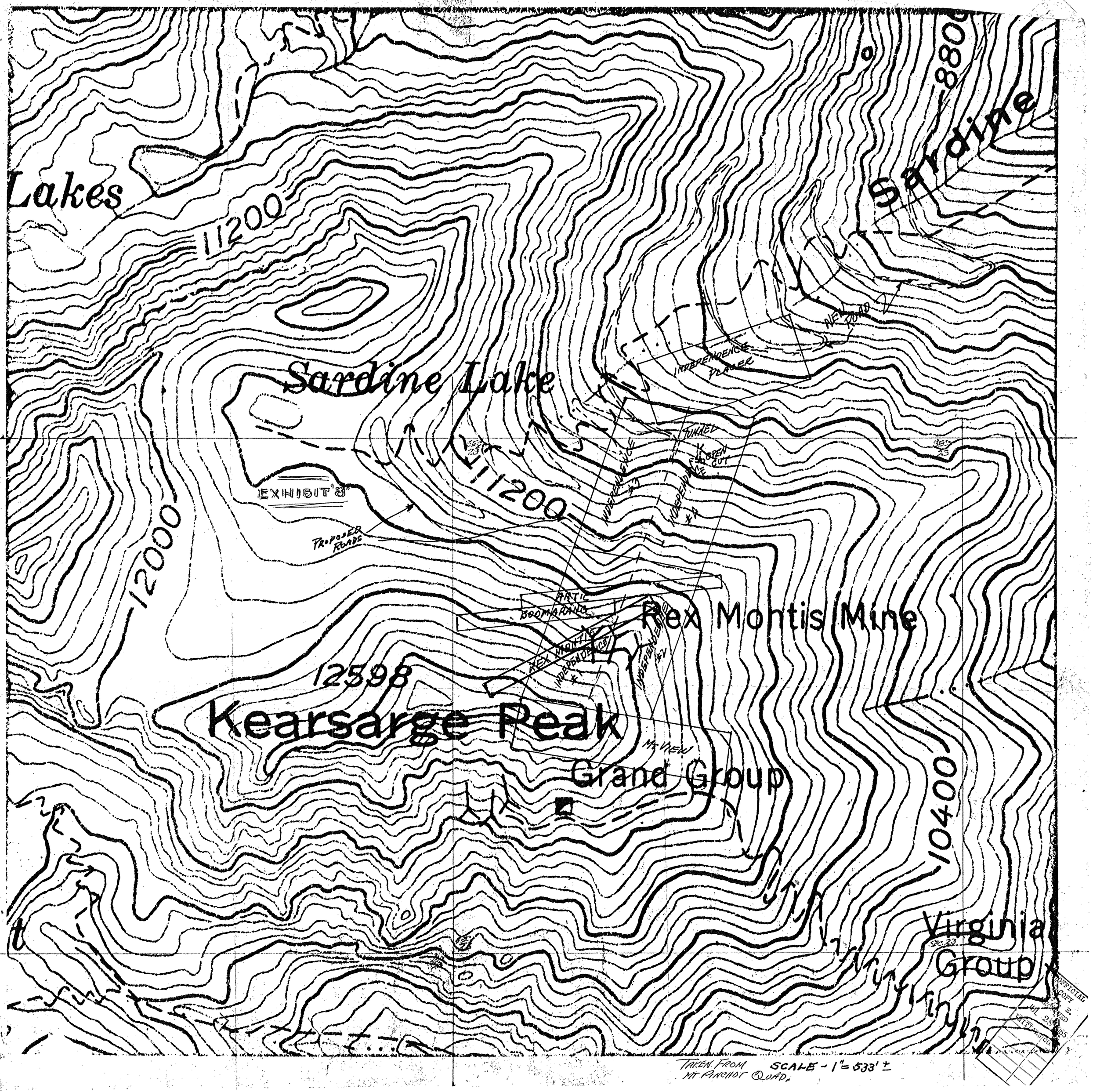


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