December 18, 1953

Memorandum

To: Administrator

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: A withdrawal of exploration assistance and closing review.
Docket No. DMMA-3107 - Mica
Property: Lutz Mine
Located about 3 miles north of Shelby,
Cleveland County, North Carolina
Operator's property rights - Lease for ten years
Applicants: C. F. Shytle, Jack Sisk, Grady Morley, and Mack Snyder, a partnership.
Contract No. Idm-2600: Not executed, application withdrawn.
Amount of contract: $7,625.00

Docket Summary

7/1/53 Received application, Form MM-103.

7/8/53 Memo from D. M. Larrabee, USGS, recommending field team referral.

7/9/53 Memo from W. F. Dietrich, USBM, recommending field team visit the property when in that vicinity.

7/15/53 Referral letter to field.

7/15/53 Letter to applicant advising of field referral.

8/10/53 Received Report of Examination by Field Team, Region VII, by Kefton H. Teague, Geologist, USGS, and Lawrence D. Shirley, Mining Engineer, USBM. Field team recommended a contract in the amount of $7,625.00.

8/11/53 Memo from D. M. Larrabee, USGS, concurring in field team's recommendation.

8/25/53 Memo from Donald R. Irving, USBM, concurring in field team's recommendation.

9/17/53 Transmitted original and five copies of a contract to Region VII for approval and signatures by applicants.

12/7/53 Received letter from the field returning copies of the contract with only two of the required four signatures.

12/8/53 Memo to Robert H. Adams, Chief, Operation, Control and Statistics Division, advising that the application may be withdrawn from the pending category and placed in the withdrawn.

DMEA-3107 Mica Region VII	C. T. SMYTLE, JACK SISKI, GRADY EARLY, AND MACK SNYDER, d/b/a S AND S MICA COMPANY, RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA. Lutz Mine, Cleveland County, North Carolina. 268 9/16/53 Letter to the Field forwarding a contract, signed by the Acting Administrator, for execution. Also forwarded to the Field were copies of memoranda from the Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey. Approved for referral.
DMEA-3107 Mica Region VII	S. and S. MICA COMPANY, RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA. Lutz Mine, Cleveland County, North Carolina. 8-14-53 #255 Field Report recommending approval. The report was referred to the Commodity Group.
DMEA-3107 Mica Region VII	S AND S MICA COMPANY, RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA. Lutz Mine, Cleveland County, North Carolina. 7-15-53 #242 Letter to the Field requesting a review of the application, a field examination if necessary, and report and enclosing copies of memoranda from the Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey. Letter to the Applicants.

Reason:

Two of the four partners signed the contract. One is deceased and the other has located in Florida and wants to sell his interest in the lease. Therefore, the field returned all copies of the contract, and the application for exploration assistance has been withdrawn.

Comments:

The field reports that the Lutz Mine is worth exploring, and would recommend approval of a similar contract with any competant applicant who acquires the lease.

Walter C. Anderson
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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December 11, 1953

Mr. C. T. Shytle
215 Meridian St.,
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Re: DMEA-3107 (Mica) Lutz Mine
S. & S. Mica Company

Dear Mr. Shytle:

Will you please reutrn to me, at your earliest convenience, the copy of the subject exploration contract which you have. The contract has been withdrawn, and it is necessary that I return the copy to our Washington Office.

There is no objection to making a copy of the work plan, agreed cost schedule, and map if you want to pass that information on to the prespective assignee of the lease to use in his application.

Very Truly yours,

Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer
DMEA- Region VII

December 8, 1953

Memorandum

To: Mr. Robert E. Adams

From: Lawrence G. Houk

Subject: Contract No. Idu-[illegible]
Docket No. DMEA-3107 - Mica
S and S Mica Company
Lute Mine
Cleveland County, North Carolina

The subject contract has been returned to this office un-executed, due to the death of one of the partners.

Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region VII, is being forwarded a copy of this memorandum so that he may recover the Operator's copy of the un-executed contract.

The subject application may be withdrawn from the pending category and placed in the withdrawn.

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Mr. Houk

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Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region VII
Room 13, Post Office Bldg.
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-3107 - Mica
S and S Mica Company
Lutz Mine
Cleveland County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Please find herewith the original and five copies of a contract covering the subject exploration project which have been signed by the Government with register number and effective date as shown.

If the contract meets with your approval present it to the Operator for approval and signature. Please explain to the Operator that the contract, when executed, is a firm commitment under the terms of which it is obligated to complete the work outlined at the agreed unit cost. If any part of this contract does not have either your approval or that of the Operator and cannot be amended within your delegated authority, then the original and all copies of the contract are to be returned to this office, together with the proposed changes for consideration.

After execution of the contract, the copies are to be distributed in the usual manner.

Copies of memoranda from the Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee

Approved:

J. H. Hedges

Member, Bureau of Mines

A. R. Kinkel, Jr.

Member, Geological Survey

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Mr. Larrabee, G-232 GSA Bldg.
Mr. Houk

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Mr. C. T. Shytle
S & S Mica Company
215 Meridian Street
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. [illegible]-5177 - Mica
Lutz Mine
Cleveland County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Shytle:

Reference is made to your application for exploration assistance on the subject property.

A copy of the lease sent to this office does not contain the signatures of all the partners, namely: C. T. Shytle, Jack Tick, [illegible] and Jack Taylor. It is assumed that all the partners have signed, however, kindly indicate to us if such is the case.

Processing of your application will be resumed upon receipt of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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August 25, 1953

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Acting Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-3107, Mica, Lutz Mine, S & S Mica Company, Cleveland County, North Carolina

I concur in the field team's recommendation for an exploration program in the amount of $7,625.

Donald R. Irving

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 11, 1953

Memorandum

REVIEW OF FIELD TEAM REPORT ON APPLICATION DMEA-3107 (mica)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: D. M. Larrabee, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant: S & S Mica Company, Rutherfordton, North Carolina.
Name of property: Lutz mine, Cleveland County, North Carolina.
Location of property: 3 miles North of Shelby, North Carolina.
Date of field team report: August 4, 1953.
Authorship of field team report: K. H. Teague and L. E. Shirley.
Field team's recommendation:

65'x5'x7' shaft	$3,250
125' crosscut and drift	4,375
Total	$7,625

Mine has produced $9,800 worth of mica in last year, at an equal cost.

ACTION SUGGESTED:
Follow field team's recommendation.

D. M. Larrabee

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8/11/53
cc: Director's reading 4212
Branch reading 4212
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Mr. Robert J. Lawrence
Executive Officer, GSA
Field Team, Region VII
Room 13, Post Office Bldg.
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. [illegible]-3107 - Lien
[illegible] and [illegible] Glen Company
Lulu Mine
Cleveland County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Please review the subject application and arrange for a field examination if you deem it advisable.

Copies of memoranda from the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines are enclosed for your information.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee

Approved:

J. H. Hodges

Member, Bureau of Mines

A. R. Kinkel, Jr.

Member, Geological Survey

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Mr. Houk

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Mr. L. J. Smyth
[illegible] Company
[illegible] Street
[illegible], North Carolina

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[illegible]
Cleveland County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Smyth:

[illegible] for [illegible] the subject [illegible] the [illegible] Lands Division in the [illegible] [illegible] has been referred to [illegible], Executive Director, [illegible], Legal [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

The Regional Office will conduct [illegible] early date. It is our [illegible] to be [illegible] [illegible] the number of the [illegible] [illegible] will be [illegible].

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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July 9, 1953

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-3107, Mica, Lutz Mine
Cleveland County, North Carolina

No data are available in this office on subject property. It is suggested that the field team visit this property when a member of the field team is in that vicinity to ascertain if an exploration program is justified.

Signed

W. F. Dietrich

IN REPLY REFER TO:

G-MD-CNM

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July 8, 1953

Memorandum

REVIEW OF APPLICATION DMEA-3107 (Mica)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: D. M. Larrabee, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant's name and address: S & S Mica Company, 215 Meridian St., Rutherfordton, North Carolina.
Name of property: Luts Mine
Location of property: #6 Township, Cleveland County, North Carolina.
Summary of applicant's proposal: Remove overburden and sink a 50-foot "pit."
Sources of information on applicant's property: None.
Comments: None.
RECOMMENDATION: Refer to field team.

D. M. Larrabee

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cc: Director's reading 4212
Branch reading 4212
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