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July 28, 1960

Memorandum

To: L. G. Houk, Acting Field Officer, Region IV, OME

From: Robert A. Laurence

Subject: Inquiry by Panther Mountain Corporation

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An inquiry was received today from Mrs. J. M. Sullins, representing the Panther Mountain Corp., of Knoxville, concerning the possibility of OME aid in drilling three or four holes at the Panther Mountain prospect in Macon County, North Carolina. Discussion brought out the fact that apparently no new work has been done since the denial of DMEA-3585 and DMEA-4060 on this same prospect. Forms and literature were given to Mrs. Sullins and she was advised to support her application with new data if she decides to apply.

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

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Panther Mountain Corporation
719 - 13th Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4060 (Copper-Zinc)
(Formerly Docket No. DMEA-3585)
Panther Mountain Corporation
Panther Mountain Mine
Macon County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Your application for aid for an exploration project and other reports available to us in Washington concerning your application have been reviewed.

Upon the receipt of the requested information and the Field Team report pertaining to your property, your application was reactivated and was assigned a new docket number which is Docket No. DMEA-4060.

Projects approved by the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration must, in its judgment, show definite promise of yielding materials of acceptable grade in quantites that will significantly improve the mineral supply position for the National Defense Program.

Careful study of all our information, although noting a small amount of copper-zinc mineralization on the cited property, indicates to us that the probability of disclosing minable ore reserves by your proposed program is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. We regret to advise you, under these circumstances, that your application for exploration assistance is denied.

We wish to thank you for your interest in the Defense Minerals Program and for bringing your property to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson

ACTING Administrator

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR 500
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 17, 1955

Memorandum

To: Administrator

From: Chief, Base Metals Division

Subject: Denial of application, Docket No. DMEA-4060 (formerly Docket No. DMEA-3585), (Copper-Zinc), Panther Mountain Corporation, Panther Mountain Mine, Macon County, North Carolina

The cited application, dated November 12, 1954, was received by this office on November 30. The application was referred to the Field Team for an examination on December 14, 1954.

The Applicant proposed a two-stage drilling program for a total of 1400 feet of diamond drilling at an estimated cost of $9,355.00.

On December 29, 1954, members of the Field Team met with officials of the corporation and requested additional information from them, which they agreed to supply.

As of July 21, 1955, the corporation had not supplied the requested information and on August 4, we wrote to inform them that if the information was not received within thirty days that their application would be placed in our inactive files. We did not hear from the Applicant, and on September 7 again wrote advising that the application had been placed in our inactive files. On September 9, we received a telegram from the Applicant requesting that we reconsider our action. On September 13, we wrote to it stating that the application would be held in our inactive files until the requested information had been supplied.

On October 26, 1955, we received the Field Team examination report and the Applicant's geologic report.

Upon the receipt of the requested information and the Field Team report pertaining to the property, the application was reactivated and was assigned a new docket number which is Docket No. DMEA-4060.

The Field Team states: "Considering the generally unfavorable results of prospecting as reported at the other Jackson and Macon County copper prospects, a strong recommendation cannot be made for the Panther Mountain Prospect. However, based upon the continuity of the shear zones as shown on Mr. Swingle's map, and the thick gossan zone exposed in pit No. 2, we advance a cautious recommendation for a few drill holes."

On the strength of the Field Team's recommendation and the poor results obtained on other properties on the same formation, we concur with the recommendation of the Commodity member of the USBM that this application be denied.

for J. W. Alt
W. R. Griswold

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
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November 15, 1955

Memorandum

To: Chief, Operations Control and Statistics Division

From: Chief, Base Metals Division

Subject: Withdrawal of Panther Mountain Corporation's application, Docket No. DMEA-3585 (Copper-Zinc), Panther Mountain Mine, Macon County, North Carolina.

Will you please transfer the cited application from the inactive files and assign it a new docket number.

After the application was placed in the inactive files and the Applicant notified of this action, they requested that we reconsider our action and later submitted to the Field Team the information that had been requested pertaining to the property.

J. W. Alt
for W. R. Griswold

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Panther Mountain Corporation
719 - 13th Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3585 (Copper-Zinc)
Panther Mountain Corporation
Panther Mountain Mine
Macon County, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

This is with reference to the cited application for Government exploration assistance. As you have not replied to our letter of August 4, we assume that you do not wish to pursue the matter of your application for exploration assistance. Therefore, we are placing it in our inactive files.

We regret the necessity of this; however, it is done without prejudice to your property.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

September 7, 1955

Memorandum

To: Chief, Operations Control and Statistics Division

From: Chief, Base Metals Division

Subject: Withdrawal of application — Docket No. DMEA-3585 (Copper-Zinc), Panther Mountain Corporation, Panther Mountain Mine, Macon County, North Carolina

Will you please withdraw the cited application from the active files. The Applicant has not replied to our letter of August 4, in which we requested the information which was requested by the Field Team on December 29, 1954.

W. R. Griswold

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