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- [ ] Royalty Audits
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- [ ] Closing Letter
- [ ] Cost Audits
- [ ] Termination Notice or Agreement
- [ ] Recision Notice
- [ ] Assignment of Contract
- [ ] Contract Amendments
- [ ] 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
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- [ ] Operator's Final Report (Tab)
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- [ ] Operator's monthly reports and all attachments
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- [ ] Project Summary (Interim) by DMEA Engineers

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Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: Executive Officer, DMEA - Region V - Knoxville

Subject: DMEA-4782(mica). John L. Biggerstaff, Spruce Pine, N.C. Peterson Mine, Mitchell County, N.C.

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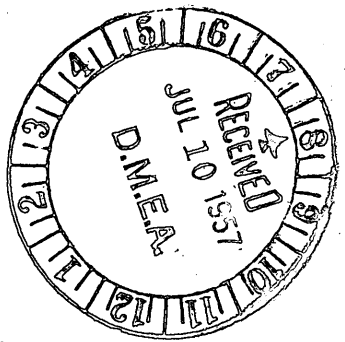

Lease returned 8-27-57

Attn. Mr. Robert A. Laurence

PLEASE RETURN THIS OR*IGINAL LEASE TO ADDRESSEE LISTED ABOVE

NOTE -- TRUE COPY OF LEASE NOT AVAILABLE

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To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: DMEA Field Team, Region V - Knoxville, Tennessee

Subject: Application from John Biggerstaff, Spruce Pine, N.C.
Peterson Mine, Mitchell County, N.C. (mica)

Transmitted is the original and two copies of the subject application received in this office today. There is enclosed in an envelope a copy of the lease which Mr. John Biggerstaff requests ~~that it~~ be returned to him. He also enclosed 11 settlement sheets for mica sold to the GSA Depot in Spruce Pine.

Robert A. Laurence
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Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region V

V. J. Lynch
V. J. Lynch, Member
Bureau of Mines

Form MF–103
Revised Feb. 1957

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Budget Bureau No. 42–R1035.3
Approval expires June 30, 1958

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT

PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER I, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

NAME OF APPLICANT (Full legal name and mailing address as it should appear on contract if one is executed)	APPLICANT NOT TO USE THIS BLOCK
John Lewis Biggerstaff Spruce Pine, North Carolina	Docket Number: 4782 Date Received: 7/10/57 Government Participation %: Region: V Division Code: 600

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BUSINESS ORGANIZATION (Check one)	LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE		
	Name	Address	Title
Individual [X] Corporation [ ] Partnership [ ] Other (Specify) [ ]			
State in which firm is organized: N. C.			

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Mineral(s) for which you wish to explore	LOCATION OF PROPERTY		
	Name	County	State
Mica and Feldspar	Peterson Mine	Mitchell	N. C.
Estimated Cost of Project: $ 8,775.00			

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out this application, please read DMEA Order–I, Amended, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects." 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 four 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 1, existing mine workings and geology in item 2, and the proposed exploration project in item 4. 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 2(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 Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest DMEA 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.

July 5, 1957
Dated

John Lewis Biggerstaff
BY *(Signature)*

Supervisor
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. *Applicant's Property Rights:*

(a) 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 land adjacent to the proposed project area which you own or control. Describe any part of the project land or workings which should not be subject to Government lien for royalty payments. If the land consists of unpatented claims, state the book and page number for each recorded location notice, including amended locations, and the place where recorded (courthouse, recorder's office, county, and state).

(b) State all the names by which you know the property.

(c) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise. If you are not the owner, submit with this application one exact copy of the lease, contract, or other document (with address of owner) under which you control the property.

(d) Describe all liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the property.

2. *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 lands, including existing mine workings. Describe all production facilities.

(b) State your interest, if any, in operations stated in 2*(a)*.

(c) State, as far as 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 on the property giving quantities and grades and sampling methods used, supporting 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 may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

3. *Accessibility of Project:*

(a) To aid DMEA representatives who may be required to examine the property, state the name and address of the person who will meet the DMEA representative; give directions for reaching the property; and describe accessibility of the property including the mine workings.

(b) Name the shipping and supply points and places where employees reside and state the distances between them and the property.

4. *The Exploration Project:*

(a) Describe fully the proposed exploration project giving individual footages and sizes of openings *for each item of work.* Use narrative, maps, plans, and longitudinal and cross sections as necessary. Show the 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 *property boundaries* or to the closest identifiable corner.

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

(c) In the event that an exploration contract with DMEA is executed, how soon will the work start and how many months will be required to complete it? State your anticipated average daily or monthly rate of progress for each type of work.

5. *Experience:*

State your operating experience and background with relation to your ability to carry out this exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

6. *Estimate of Costs:*

Furnish detailed estimates of the costs *for each item of the work proposed in 4(a)* under the headings listed below with a total for each heading and the estimated total cost of the project. Costs for any work to be performed by an independent contractor should be shown separately under category *(a)* below. Costs for any work that is not to be performed by an independent contractor should be given in detail under categories *(b)* through *(g)*.

(a) Independent contracts. State the cost of any proposed independent contract for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in units of work, such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, 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. For necessary supervision, engineering and geological services, and labor, include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes, rates of wages, salaries or fees, and periods of employment. State whether these technicians and employees are available.

(c) Operating materials and supplies. List items of material and supplies with their cost. 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 operating equipment to be used giving specifications and indicating how each item is to be acquired – i.e., rented, purchased, or provided by the applicant. If it is rented or purchased, state the estimated rental or purchase price. If it is to be furnished by the applicant, give its present fair market value.

(e) Initial rehabilitation and repairs. Describe the type and the cost of necessary *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 on the exploration project.

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

(g) Miscellaneous. For the operating equipment listed in 6*(d)*, describe the type and estimate the cost of repairs and maintenance expected during project operations. Do not repeat initial repairs listed in 6*(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 – No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

7. *(a)* State whether you are prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation stated in Sec. 7 of DMEA Order–I, Amended.

(b) Explain to what extent you propose to furnish your share of the costs by providing money, by use of equipment owned by you, or otherwise.

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INT.-DUP. SEC., WASH., D.C. 15539

1. (a) Pertaining to Peterson Mine :

----- a certain piece or parcel of land within the Town of Spruce Pine on the watershed of Canoe Branch in Grassy Creek Township, Mitchell County, North Carolina, containing what is commonly known as the Jess Carpenter, or Peterson Mine and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the mouth of a drain tunnel on the east bank of Canoe Branch and below said mine and running up and with Canoe Branch and lessors' outside line a northwest course with lessors' outside line 2000 feet to a stake in said line; thence a northeast course 2000 feet, more or less, crossing the ridge on which the Jess Carpenter Mine is located to a stake in the center of the hollow east of said ridge; thence a southeast course down the center of said hollow to a stake on the east bank of Canoe Branch; thence up and with Canoe Branch and lessors' outside line to the BEGINNING, and containing ten (10) acres, more or less.

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1. (b) Blalock Mine, Carpenter Mine, and Peterson Mine.

(c) Lessee of :

Dr. Charles R. Peterson Mine

Spruce Pine, N. C.

(d) None.

2. (a) The present Peterson Mine was formally founded by Jesse Blalock in the early nineteen hundreds (exact date unknown). It consisted of small bedded deposits of mica of large size and relatively good quality laying close to the surface of the ground. Prior to World War 1, Jesse Carpenter built a home adjacent to the Blalock workings and subsequently mined the Blalock Mine intermittenly until his death in the early thirties.

As nearly as can be determined by oral declarations, Mr. Carpenter's mining operations consisted of two (2) shafts of approximately thirty (30) feet in depth and a drain tunnel running in a Northeasterly direction approximately 180 feet from the entrance. According to declarations from Mr. Carpenter's sons, quite a large quantity of mica and feldspar were removed from both the shafts and also in the head of the drain tunnel. Pumps were not available at this time and water encountered was bucketed by hand. After Mr. Carpenter's death, the mine was mined by his sons - Linn, Walt, and Jack Carpenter.

After lying idle for somtime, the mine was reopened by three (3) partners (Joe Young, Vernon McKinney, and Tom Greene). These Partners obtained about five (5) or ten (10) tons of mica and then transferred their interests in the mine to Dick Washburn. Mr. Washburn then employed a bulldozer and opened a cut on the northern side of and parallelling the old drain tunnel. This cut was approximately two hundred (200) feet long and reached a depth of twenty five (25) to thirty (30) feet. Several tons of good mica was recovered, but green mica was not selling at this time on the government program. This mica was subsequently sold to the Whitehall Company as electric mica.

A lease was then obtained on the mine by Herbert Lee Medford who employed the Boyd Bros. Construction Company of Marion, N. C. to bulldoze and pan a cut approximately six hundred and fifty (650) feet long and running in a northeasterly direction (NE 35°). This cut was about twenty five (25) feet wide and twenty five to thirty (25 to 30) feet in depth.

I have been unable to obtain all of the sales settlements of mica obtained from this cut (and sold to the U. S. Gov't Depot at Spruce Pine) by Mr. Medford, But am enclosing a few of the principal ones.

(b) I am deeply interested in the lower and mid-section of the cut opened by Mr. Medford and indicated on enclosed sketch - particularly the mid-section where most of the salable mica was obtained by Mr. Medford in his mining operations.

(c) I have no way of determining the quantity of mica and feldspar obtained by Mr. Blalock, Mr. Carpenter, and Mr. Carpenter's sons. The three partners, Mr. Young, Mr. McKinney, and Mr. Greene state that they obtained from five to ten (5 to 10) tons of good mica. Mr. Washburn states that he obtained from ten to fifteen (10 to 15) tons and I am enclosing a partial list of settlement statements from Mr. Medford's files.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) The Peterson Mine lies on the western end of a mountainous range lying one-fourth(¼) mile North of the town of Spruce Pine, N. C. It is bordered on the northern and western sides by a small branch. On the eastern end is a steep mountainous slope and on the southern side is a gentle sloping ridge that drops into a deep ravine. Most of the mica and feldspar that were obtained prior to Medford's cut was encountered in beds. Medford's mica was obtained from a running vein tailing out high on the mountain on the eastern side of the mine. The lower section of the mine is and has been very soft to the various depths heretofore penetrated. The mid-section contains huge quantities of

flint and granite formations. The mica bearing pegmatite in Medford's cut appears to be running in an easterly to westerly direction and pitching deeply south toward the Blue Ridge Mountain Range. Several tons of the highest grade feldspar have been sold from the mine together with several tons of pure Kaolin. The kaolin was sold to the Harris Clay Company of Spruce Pine, N. C.

(f) In the mid-section of the enclosed sketch, mica was found by Mr. Medford in relatively large quantities. The cut was made, however, with little or no thought of proper bank sloping and banks were left in an almost perpendicular state. Consequently, the southern wall collapsed and almost pinoned two (2) men. Mr. Medford then abandoned the mid-section and ran his cut further southwestward. This cut was approximately thirty (30) feet deep and some mica of better quality was found but not enough to continue mining operations. Subsequently, Mr. Medford left for Georgia to reopen the Brown and Barren Mines for Southern Mining Company of which he was a stockholder.

From oral reports of all miners that worked for Mr. Medford, large quantities of good mica were left in the mid-section under the cave-in and deeper. Mining methods employed by Mr. Medford were not as such to produce effective results in mining operations - i. e. small gasoline pumps were used at an inclined shaft entrance to keep water down back in shaft ; muck was extracted by hand in buckets and barrels, etc.

(g) None.

3. (a) I will personally meet the DMEA representative on any set date in the town of Spruce Pine, N. C. I am presently running a small general store at Altapass, N. C. approximately three (3) miles south of Spruce Pine.

The mine lies one-fourth (¼) mile north of Spruce Pine. There is a good road graded into the mine.

(b) The miners that I will employ live within a radius of three (3) miles from the mine. The U. S. Gov't Depot lies within one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mile of the mine.

4. (a) I have two (2) exploration proposals to submit - the first being an open cut in the lower section as shown on enclosed sketch. This cut will be approximately three hundred (300) feet long, fifty (50) feet wide at the top, and approximately fifty (50) feet deep. The purpose of this cut is of course to cut the main vein and also to ascertain if other bedded mica bearing pegmatite exists in deeper levels than was previously mined.

The second proposal is to sink a shaft in the mid-section of Mr. Medford's cut. This shaft should be from fifty (50) to seventy five (75) feet deep. Drifting will run approximately thirty (30) to forty (40) feet southward until vein is cut.

(b) Not applicable

(c) The work on either proposal will begin immediately as soon as contract is executed.

If favorable working conditions exist, the first proposal on open cut should be completed in from three (3) to four (4) weeks.

The second proposal of shaft and drift w-ill take about three (3) months.

5. I am a civil engineer having taken my training at North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, Raleigh, N. C. and also at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Also I have successfully completed one (1) project wit h the DMEA: (of which I invite your reference)

Contract No. Idm - E831 (mica)

Docket No. DMEA - 3774 Dycus Mine

Rutherford County, North Carolina

6. (a) Should the first proposal be accepted, a bulldozer, pan, and pusher will have to be employed. Boyd Bros. Construction Company of Marion, N. C. have agreed to furnish both Dozers (D6's) and pan (9 cu. yd. cap.) at the rate of twenty two($22.00) dollars per hour. Another proposal by them is to move the dirt or aggregate at the rate of twenty cents (20¢) per yd.

20,000 cu. yds. @ 20¢ equals $4,000

Should the second proposal be accepted, I intend to use local labor and thereby contract nothing.

(b)	Supervisor (1)	@	$300.00 per mo.	$900.00
	Miners (3)	@	$1.25 per hr.	$1800.00
(c)	Electric Power	@	$15.00 per mo.	$45.00
	Gasoline	@	$20.00 per wk.	$240.00
	Picks and Shovels		(provided by applicant)	$50.00
	Dynamite	@	$13.50 per case	$135.00
	Fuses and Caps			$25.00
	Nails			$25.00
	Shaft Timbers		3000 ft. @ $65.00 per M.	$195.00
(d)	Hoist (rented)	@	$40.00 per mo.	$120.00
	Compressor (rented)	@	$100.00 per mo.	$300.00
	Pumps (2)(provided by applicant)	@	$170.00 ea.	$340.00 ?
	Mining Car (provided by applicant)			$150.00
	Suction and Discharge hose (provided by applicant)			$150.)00
(e)	Not applicable			
(f)	Tool House			$125.00
(g)	Hoist repairs			$50.00
	Compressor repairs			$75.00
	Pump repairs			$50.00
			Total	$4,775.00

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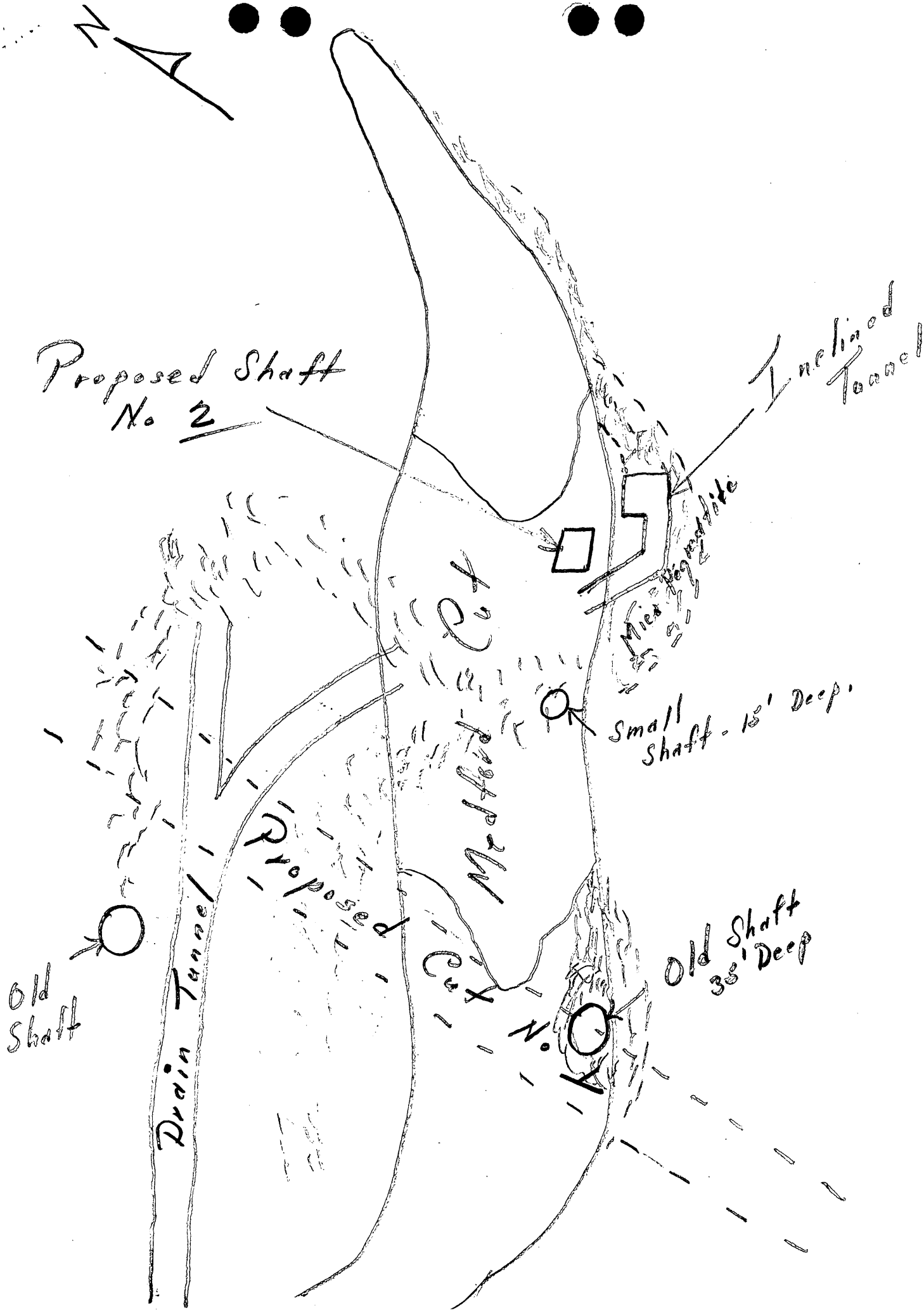
7. (a) I am prepared to furnish my share of project if accepted. As previously stated, I run a small general store with an estimated stock of $15,000. I am therefore prepared to furnish by money and indicated equipment my share of total expenses.

Very truly yours,

John L. Biggerstaff

John L. Biggerstaff

Spruce Pine, N. C.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Proposed Shaft
No 2
Inclined Tunnel
Mica Peridotite
Cut
Small Shaft - 15' Deep
Medford
Proposed Cut No 1
Drain Tunnel
Old Shaft
Old Shaft 35' Deep

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July 8, 1957

Mr. John Biggerstaff

Spruce Pine, N. C.

Dear Mr. Biggerstaff:

Your application for aid in exploration for strategic mica t the Peterson Mine, Mitchell County, N. C., has been forwarded to our Washington office in accordance with established procedure. You will be notified in advance if a field examination is to be made.

Your original lease will be returned to you as soon as possible.

In the case of leased property, it is necessary to have the land owners sign the Consent to Lien form (MF-205). Please the the owners sign six of the enclosed copies and return them to me as soon as possible. The seventh copy should be given to the owners.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Region V

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Mica Purchase Depot - Spruce Pine, N. C.

WARRANTY, ACCEPTANCE AND INVOICE - NONRUBY

DATE: 2-14-55

ACCEPTANCE NUMBER: A04-1015

ISSUED UNDER CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER	LOT NUMBER	RECEIPT AND WEIGHT TICKET NUMBER
PS-4-408A	SPA0-1015	

WARRANTY

The undersigned, a participant in the Mica Program, warrants that the mica included in this lot of mica is of domestic origin, is not material owned previously by the Government, was not purchased from others prior to December 14, 1951, and is owned by the person or firm whose name appears below (herein referred to as "Seller").

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER (Type or print)	SELLER OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS WARRANTY FOR SELLER
NAME: H. Lee Medford	SIGNATURE: H. Lee Medford
STREET ADDRESS:	NAME (Type or print): H. Lee Medford
CITY, ZONE AND STATE: Altapass, N. C.	TITLE (Type or print): Owner

EVALUATION AND SETTLEMENT DATA

PROGRAM A - BLOCK OR FILM MICA - NONRUBY

QUALITY	HALF TRIM			FULL TRIM		
	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT
GOOD STAINED AND BETTER						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER					$~~80~~.00	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5				.25	$~~40~~.00	10.00
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6				4.62	$~~15~~.00	69.30
STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 9.60			$14.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 4.00		.31	$ 6.40	1.98
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 2.40		5.01	$ 4.00	20.04
HEAVY STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 6.40			$10.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 3.20			$ 4.80	
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 1.60			$ 2.40	
TOTALS						
LOT TOTALS				10.19		101.32

PROGRAM B - HAND-COBBED MICA - NONRUBY

TOTALS					$ 0.24	

ACCEPTANCE

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Mica Regulation (Revision 2), dated July 22, 1953 (18 F.R. 4377), establishing the Government's Purchase Programs for Domestic Mica, the Government accepts the number of pounds of mica (as hereinabove identified), delivered by the Seller to the Government for which payment in the total amount set forth hereinabove will be made by the Government.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

BY (Type name)	SIGNATURE	TITLE
Wayne Buchanan	Wayne Buchanan	Buyer

INVOICE

TO: General Services Administration, Region IV

FOR: Mica delivered as indicated above — $ 101.32

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

SELLER (Type name)	DATE
H. Lee Medford (Peterson Mine)	2-14-55

BY (Signature)	NAME AND TITLE (Type)
H. Lee Medford	H. Lee Medford, Owner

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September 1953

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Mica Purchase Depot - Spruce Pine, N. C.

March 7, 1955

WARRANTY, ACCEPTANCE AND INVOICE - NONRUBY

ACCEPTANCE NUMBER: A04-1123

ISSUED UNDER CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER	LOT NUMBER	RECEIPT AND WEIGHT TICKET NUMBER
EPS-4-408A	SPAO-1123	

WARRANTY

The undersigned, a participant in the Mica Program, warrants that the mica included in this lot of mica is of domestic origin, is not material owned previously by the Government, was not purchased from others prior to December 14, 1951, and is owned by the person or firm whose name appears below (herein referred to as "Seller").

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER *(Type or print)*	SELLER OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS WARRANTY FOR SELLER
NAME: Lee Medford	SIGNATURE: [signature]
STREET ADDRESS:	NAME *(Type or print)*: Lee Medford
CITY, ZONE AND STATE: Altapass, N. C.	TITLE *(Type or print)*: Owner

EVALUATION AND SETTLEMENT DATA

PROGRAM A - BLOCK OR FILM MICA - NONRUBY

QUALITY	HALF TRIM			FULL TRIM		
	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT
GOOD STAINED AND BETTER						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER					$~~70~~.00	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5				1.40	$~~40~~.00	56.00
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6				10.52	$~~15~~.00	157.80
STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 9.60			$14.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 4.00		.54	$ 6.40	3.46
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 2.40		5.91	$ 4.00	23.64
HEAVY STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 6.40			$10.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 3.20			$ 4.80	
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 1.60			$ 2.40	
TOTALS						
LOT TOTALS				18.37		240.90

PROGRAM B - HAND-COBBED MICA - NONRUBY

TOTALS					$ 0.24	

ACCEPTANCE

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

BY *(Type name)*	SIGNATURE	TITLE
Ed S. Burleson	[signature]	Buyer

INVOICE

TO: General Services Administration, Region IV

FOR: Mica delivered as indicated above — $ 240.90

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

SELLER *(Type name)*	DATE
Lee Medford (Peterson Mine)	3-7-55
BY *(Signature)*: [signature]	NAME AND TITLE *(Type)*: Lee Medford, Owner

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GSA FORM 1136
September 1953

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Mica Purchase Depot - Spruce Pine, N. C.

WARRANTY, ACCEPTANCE AND INVOICE - NONRUBY

DATE: 3-14-55

ACCEPTANCE NUMBER: A04-1157

ISSUED UNDER CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER	LOT NUMBER	RECEIPT AND WEIGHT TICKET NUMBER
DPS-4-408A	SPAO-1157	

WARRANTY

The undersigned, a participant in the Mica Program, warrants that the mica included in this lot of mica is of domestic origin, is not material owned previously by the Government, was not purchased from others prior to December 14, 1951, and is owned by the person or firm whose name appears below (herein referred to as "Seller").

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER *(Type or print)*	SELLER OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS WARRANTY FOR SELLER
NAME: H. Lee Medford	SIGNATURE: [signature]
STREET ADDRESS:	NAME *(Type or print)*: H. Lee Medford
CITY, ZONE AND STATE: Altapass, N. C.	TITLE *(Type or print)*: Owner

EVALUATION AND SETTLEMENT DATA

PROGRAM A - BLOCK OR FILM MICA - NONRUBY

QUALITY	HALF TRIM			FULL TRIM		
	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT
GOOD STAINED AND BETTER						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER					$~~40~~.00	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5				2.09	$~~40~~.00	83.60
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6				9.80	$~~15~~.00	147.00
STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 9.60			$14.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 4.00		.66	$ 6.40	4.22
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 2.40		5.51	$ 4.00	22.04
HEAVY STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 6.40			$10.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 3.20			$ 4.80	
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 1.60			$ 2.40	
TOTALS						
LOT TOTALS				18.06		256.86

PROGRAM B - HAND-COBBED MICA - NONRUBY

TOTALS					$ 0.24	

ACCEPTANCE

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

BY *(Type name)*	SIGNATURE	TITLE
Ed S. Burleson	[signature]	Buyer

INVOICE

TO: General Services Administration, Region IV

FOR: Mica delivered as indicated above — $ 256.86

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

SELLER *(Type name)*	DATE
H. Lee Medford (Peterson Mine)	3-14-55
BY *(Signature)*: [signature]	NAME AND TITLE *(Type)*: H. Lee Medford, Owner

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Mica Purchase Depot - Spruce Pine, N. C.

WARRANTY, ACCEPTANCE AND INVOICE - NONRUBY

DATE: 3-21-56

ACCEPTANCE NUMBER: A04-1190

ISSUED UNDER CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER	LOT NUMBER	RECEIPT AND WEIGHT TICKET NUMBER
SPC-4-4085	SP4C-1190	

WARRANTY

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER *(Type or print)*	SELLER OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS WARRANTY FOR SELLER
NAME: H. Lee Hedford	SIGNATURE: [signature]
STREET ADDRESS:	NAME *(Type or print)*: H. Lee Hedford
CITY, ZONE AND STATE: Altapass, N. C.	TITLE *(Type or print)*: Owner

EVALUATION AND SETTLEMENT DATA

PROGRAM A - BLOCK OR FILM MICA - NONRUBY

QUALITY	HALF TRIM			FULL TRIM		
	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT
GOOD STAINED AND BETTER						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER				.69	$70.00	48.30
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5				1.40	$40.00	56.40
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6				8.58	$15.00	128.70
STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 9.60		.19	$14.40	2.69
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 4.00		.36	$ 6.40	2.30
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 2.40		6.74	$ 4.00	26.96
HEAVY STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 6.40			$10.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 3.20			$ 4.80	
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 1.60			$ 2.40	
TOTALS						
LOT TOTALS				16.01		267.25

PROGRAM B - HAND-COBBED MICA - NONRUBY

TOTALS					$ 0.24	

ACCEPTANCE

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

BY *(Type name)*	SIGNATURE	TITLE
Ed S. Burleson	[signature]	Buyer

INVOICE

TO: General Services Administration, Region IV

FOR: Mica delivered as indicated above — $ 267.25

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

SELLER *(Type name)*	DATE
H. Lee Hedford (Peterson Pine)	3-21-56

BY *(Signature)*	NAME AND TITLE *(Type)*
[signature]	H. Lee Hedford, Owner

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Mica Purchase Depot - Spruce Pine, N. C.

WARRANTY, ACCEPTANCE AND INVOICE - NONRUBY

DATE: 4-22-55

ACCEPTANCE NUMBER: A04-1354

ISSUED UNDER CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: EPS-4-408A

LOT NUMBER: SPAO-1354

RECEIPT AND WEIGHT TICKET NUMBER:

WARRANTY

The undersigned, a participant in the Mica Program, warrants that the mica included in this lot of mica is of domestic origin, is not material owned previously by the Government, was not purchased from others prior to December 14, 1951, and is owned by the person or firm whose name appears below (herein referred to as "Seller").

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER (*Type or print*)	SELLER OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS WARRANTY FOR SELLER
NAME: H. Lee Medford	SIGNATURE: H. Lee Medford
STREET ADDRESS:	NAME (*Type or print*): H. Lee Medford
CITY, ZONE AND STATE: Altapass, N. C.	TITLE (*Type or print*): Owner

EVALUATION AND SETTLEMENT DATA

PROGRAM A - BLOCK OR FILM MICA - NONRUBY

QUALITY	HALF TRIM			FULL TRIM		
	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT
GOOD STAINED AND BETTER						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER				1.87	$70.00	130.90
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5				10.17	$40.00	406.80
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6				22.69	$15.00	340.35
STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 9.60			$14.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 4.00		1.39	$ 6.40	8.90
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 2.40		7.16	$ 4.00	28.64
HEAVY STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 6.40			$10.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 3.20			$ 4.80	
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 1.60			$ 2.40	
TOTALS						
LOT TOTALS				43.28		915.59

PROGRAM B - HAND-COBBED MICA - NONRUBY

TOTALS		$ 0.24	

ACCEPTANCE

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

BY (*Type name*)	SIGNATURE	TITLE
Raleigh Young	Raleigh Young	Buyer

INVOICE

TO: General Services Administration, Region IV

FOR: Mica delivered as indicated above — $ 915.59

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

SELLER (*Type name*)	DATE
H. Lee Medford (Peterson Mine)	4-22-55
BY (*Signature*): H. Lee Medford	NAME AND TITLE (*Type*): H. Lee Medford, Owner

GSA-WASH DC 54-2285

GSA FORM 1136
September 1953

FORM APPROVED BY COMP. GEN., U.S. NOVEMBER 18, 1954

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

MICA PURCHASE DEPOT - Spruce Pine, N. C.

WARRANTY, ACCEPTANCE AND INVOICE - NONRUBY

DATE: 5-24-55

ACCEPTANCE NUMBER: 304-1469

ISSUED UNDER CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER	LOT NUMBER	RECEIPT AND WEIGHT TICKET NUMBER
SPC-4-408A	88A0-1469	

WARRANTY

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER *(Type or print)*	SELLER OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS WARRANTY FOR SELLER
NAME: H. Lee Medford	SIGNATURE:
STREET ADDRESS:	NAME *(Type or print)*: H. Lee Medford
CITY, ZONE AND STATE: Altapass, N. C.	TITLE *(Type or print)*: Owner

EVALUATION AND SETTLEMENT DATA

PROGRAM A - BLOCK OR FILM MICA - NONRUBY

QUALITY	HALF TRIM			FULL TRIM		
	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT
GOOD STAINED AND BETTER						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER					$70.00	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5				1.15	$40.00	46.00
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6				6.20	$15.00	93.00
STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 9.60			$14.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 4.00		.22	$ 6.40	1.41
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 2.40		2.92	$ 4.00	11.68
HEAVY STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 6.40			$10.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 3.20			$ 4.80	
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 1.60			$ 2.40	
TOTALS						
LOT TOTALS				10.49		152.09

PROGRAM B - HAND-COBBED MICA - NONRUBY

TOTALS					$ 0.27	

ACCEPTANCE

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION		
BY *(Type name)*: Wayne Buchanan	SIGNATURE:	TITLE: Buyer

INVOICE

TO: General Services Administration, Region IV

FOR	
Mica delivered as indicated above	$ 152.09

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

SELLER *(Type name)*	DATE
H. Lee Medford (Peterson Mine)	5-24-55
BY *(Signature)*	NAME AND TITLE *(Type)*: H. Lee Medford, Owner

GSA WASH DC 55-6704

GSA FORM 1136 JANUARY 1955

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Mica Purchase Depot - Spruce Pine, N. C.

WARRANTY, ACCEPTANCE AND INVOICE - NONRUBY

DATE: 6-7-55

ACCEPTANCE NUMBER: A04-1515

ISSUED UNDER CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: EPS-4-408A

LOT NUMBER: SPAO-1515

RECEIPT AND WEIGHT TICKET NUMBER:

WARRANTY

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER (Type or print)	SELLER OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS WARRANTY FOR SELLER
NAME: H. Lee Hedford	SIGNATURE: H. Lee Hedford
STREET ADDRESS:	NAME (Type or print): H. Lee Hedford
CITY, ZONE AND STATE: Altapass, N. C.	TITLE (Type or print): Owner

EVALUATION AND SETTLEMENT DATA

PROGRAM A - BLOCK OR FILM MICA - NONRUBY

QUALITY	HALF TRIM POUNDS	HALF TRIM PRICE PER LB.	HALF TRIM AMOUNT	FULL TRIM POUNDS	FULL TRIM PRICE PER LB.	FULL TRIM AMOUNT
GOOD STAINED AND BETTER						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER					$70.00	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5				.06	$40.00	2.40
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6				6.41	$15.00	96.15
STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 9.60			$14.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 4.00		.06	$ 6.40	.38
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 2.40		2.02	$ 4.00	8.08
HEAVY STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 6.40			$10.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 3.20			$ 4.80	
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 1.60			$ 2.40	
TOTALS						
LOT TOTALS				8.55		107.01

PROGRAM B - HAND-COBBED MICA - NONRUBY

TOTALS					$ 0.24	

ACCEPTANCE

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

BY (Type name)	SIGNATURE	TITLE
Raleigh Young	Raleigh Young	Buyer

INVOICE

TO: General Services Administration, Region IV

FOR: Mica delivered as indicated above — $ 107.01

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

SELLER (Type name)	DATE
H. Lee Hedford (Peterson Mine)	6-7-55

BY (Signature)	NAME AND TITLE (Type)
H. Lee Hedford	H. Lee Hedford, Owner

GSA-WASH DC 54-2285

GSA FORM 1136
September 1953

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Mica Purchase Depot - Spruce Pine, N. C.

WARRANTY, ACCEPTANCE AND INVOICE - NONRUBY

DATE	ACCEPTANCE NUMBER
6-7-55	A06-1515

ISSUED UNDER CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER	LOT NUMBER	RECEIPT AND WEIGHT TICKET NUMBER
105-6-4001	GSA0-1515	

WARRANTY

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER *(Type or print)*	SELLER OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS WARRANTY FOR SELLER
NAME: E. Lee Medford	SIGNATURE: [signature]
STREET ADDRESS:	NAME *(Type or print)*: E. Lee Medford
CITY, ZONE AND STATE: Altapass, N. C.	TITLE *(Type or print)*: Owner

EVALUATION AND SETTLEMENT DATA

PROGRAM A - BLOCK OR FILM MICA - NONRUBY

QUALITY	HALF TRIM			FULL TRIM		
	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT
GOOD STAINED AND BETTER						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER					$70.00	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5				.00	$40.00	2.40
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6				0.41	$15.00	00.15
STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 9.60			$14.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 4.00		.00	$ 6.40	.30
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 2.40		2.02	$ 4.00	0.08
HEAVY STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 6.40			$10.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 3.20			$ 4.80	
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 1.60			$ 2.40	
TOTALS						
LOT TOTALS				0.55		107.01

PROGRAM B - HAND-COBBED MICA - NONRUBY

TOTALS					$ 0.24	

ACCEPTANCE

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION		
BY *(Type name)*: Raleigh Tourr	SIGNATURE: [signature]	TITLE: Buyer

INVOICE

TO: General Services Administration, Region IV

FOR: Mica delivered as indicated above — $ 107.01

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SELLER *(Type name)*	DATE
E. Lee Medford (Peterson Mine)	6-7-55
BY *(Signature)*: [signature]	NAME AND TITLE *(Type)*: E. Lee Medford, Owner

GSA-WASH DC: 54-2285

GSA FORM 1136
September 1953

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

MICA PURCHASE DEPOT - Spruce Pine, N. C.

WARRANTY, ACCEPTANCE AND INVOICE - NONRUBY

7-10-55

ACCEPTANCE NUMBER

A06-63

ISSUED UNDER CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER	LOT NUMBER	RECEIPT AND WEIGHT TICKET NUMBER
DC-4-4080	SPM-65	

WARRANTY

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER *(Type or print)*	SELLER OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS WARRANTY FOR SELLER
NAME: H. Lee Medford	SIGNATURE:
STREET ADDRESS:	NAME *(Type or print)*: H. Lee Medford
CITY, ZONE AND STATE: Altapass, N. C.	TITLE *(Type or print)*: Owner

EVALUATION AND SETTLEMENT DATA

PROGRAM A - BLOCK OR FILM MICA - NONRUBY

QUALITY	HALF TRIM			FULL TRIM		
	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT
GOOD STAINED AND BETTER						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER					$70.00	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5				1.05	$40.00	42.00
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6				6.00	$15.00	90.00
STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 9.60			$14.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 4.00			$ 6.40	
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 2.40		3.56	$ 4.00	13.62
HEAVY STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 6.40			$10.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 3.20			$ 4.80	
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 1.60			$ 2.40	
TOTALS						
LOT TOTALS				10.43		145.62

PROGRAM B - HAND-COBBED MICA - NONRUBY

TOTALS		$ 0.27	

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

BY *(Type name)*	SIGNATURE	TITLE
Raleigh Young		Buyer

INVOICE

TO: General Services Administration, Region 7

FOR: Mica delivered as indicated above — $ 145.62

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

SELLER *(Type name)*	DATE
H. Lee Medford (Peterson Pine)	7-10-55
BY *(Signature)*	NAME AND TITLE *(Type)*: H. Lee Medford, Owner

GSA WASH DC 55-6704

GSA FORM 1136 JANUARY 1955

FORM APPROVED BY COMP. GEN., U.S. NOVEMBER 18, 1954

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

MICA PURCHASE DEPOT - Spruce Pine, N. C.

WARRANTY, ACCEPTANCE AND INVOICE - NONRUBY

DATE: 12-13-55

ACCEPTANCE NUMBER: A04-513

ISSUED UNDER CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER	LOT NUMBER	RECEIPT AND WEIGHT TICKET NUMBER
RPS-4-408A	SPA0-513	

WARRANTY

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NAME: H. Lee Medford	SIGNATURE:
STREET ADDRESS:	NAME *(Type or print)*: H. Lee Medford
CITY, ZONE AND STATE: Altapass, N. C.	TITLE *(Type or print)*: Owner

EVALUATION AND SETTLEMENT DATA

PROGRAM A - BLOCK OR FILM MICA - NONRUBY

QUALITY	HALF TRIM			FULL TRIM		
	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT
GOOD STAINED AND BETTER						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER					$70.00	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5				2.83	$40.00	113.20
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6				14.81	$15.00	222.15
STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 9.60			$14.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 4.00		.54	$ 6.40	3.46
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 2.40		2.82	$ 4.00	11.28
HEAVY STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 6.40			$10.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 3.20			$ 4.80	
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 1.60			$ 2.40	
TOTALS						
LOT TOTALS				21.00		350.09

PROGRAM B - HAND-COBBED MICA - NONRUBY

TOTALS					$ 0.27	

ACCEPTANCE

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

BY *(Type name)*	SIGNATURE	TITLE
Raleigh Young	[signature]	Buyer

INVOICE

TO: General Services Administration, Region IV

FOR: Mica delivered as indicated above — $ 350.09

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

SELLER *(Type name)*	DATE
H. Lee Medford (Peterson Mine)	12-13-55
BY *(Signature)*:	NAME AND TITLE *(Type)*: H. Lee Medford, Owner

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

MICA PURCHASE DEPOT - Spruce Pine, N. C.

WARRANTY, ACCEPTANCE AND INVOICE - NONRUBY

DATE: 12-13-55

ACCEPTANCE NUMBER: AC4-513

ISSUED UNDER CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION NUMBER	LOT NUMBER	RECEIPT AND WEIGHT TICKET NUMBER
DPS-4-408A	SPAO-513	

WARRANTY

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER *(Type or print)*	SELLER OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS WARRANTY FOR SELLER
NAME: H. Lee Medford	SIGNATURE:
STREET ADDRESS:	NAME *(Type or print)*: H. Lee Medford
CITY, ZONE AND STATE: Altapass, N. C.	TITLE *(Type or print)*: Owner

EVALUATION AND SETTLEMENT DATA

PROGRAM A - BLOCK OR FILM MICA - NONRUBY

QUALITY	HALF TRIM			FULL TRIM		
	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT	POUNDS	PRICE PER LB.	AMOUNT
GOOD STAINED AND BETTER						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER					$70.00	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5				2.83	$40.00	113.20
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6				14.81	$15.00	222.15
STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 9.60			$14.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 4.00		.54	$ 6.40	3.46
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 2.40		2.82	$ 4.00	11.28
HEAVY STAINED						
GRADES NO. 3 AND LARGER		$ 6.40			$10.40	
GRADES NO. 4 AND 5		$ 3.20			$ 4.80	
GRADES NO. 5½ AND 6		$ 1.60			$ 2.40	
TOTALS						
LOT TOTALS				21.00		350.09

PROGRAM B - HAND-COBBED MICA - NONRUBY

TOTALS					$ 0.27	

ACCEPTANCE

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

BY *(Type name)*	SIGNATURE	TITLE
Raleigh Young	Raleigh Young	Buyer

INVOICE

TO: General Services Administration, Region IV

FOR: Mica delivered as indicated above — $ 350.09

I certify that the above bill is correct and just and that payment therefor has not been received.

SELLER *(Type name)*	DATE
H. Lee Medford (Peterson Mine)	12-13-55
BY *(Signature)*	NAME AND TITLE *(Type)*: H. Lee Medford, Owner

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Date	Surname	Code
8/27	Anderson	600
8/27	Houk	600
8/28	Selfridge	130
8/28	Hayes	130
8/28	Kilsgaard	130
"	Johnson	110
"	Mittendorf	100
8/29	[illegible]	220
		225

600

AUG 28 1957

Mr. John Lewis Biggerstaff

Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4782-Mica
John Lewis Biggerstaff
Peterson Mine
Mitchell County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Biggerstaff:

Your application for aid for an exploration project and other reports available to us in Washington relating to the subject property have been reviewed.

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

Careful study of all our information indicates to us that the probability of disclosing significant reserves of mica 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. Your lease is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

E. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

Enclosure

WCAnderson:gad 8/27/57

Copy to: Admr. R. File
Operating Committee
Field Team, Region V
Mr. Kiilsgaard, 5222
Mr. Dietrich, 3061
Mr. Houk

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Date	Surname	Code
8/27	Anderson	600
9/27	Houk	600
		100
		220

600

August 27, 1957

Memorandum

To: Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Administrator

From: Lawrence G. Houk, Director, Division of Nonmetallic Minerals

Subject: Evaluation of application and field examination report.
Docket No. DMEA-4782-Mica
John Lewis Biggerstaff
Peterson Mine
Mitchell County, North Carolina

Denial of application is recommended.

Mica: Green in color, relatively free of mineral stain, some is of inferior quality, cracked, bent and flat "A".

Pegmatite: Several thin (½ to 2½ feet thick) pegmatites enclosed in alaskite. Consist of plagioclase, quartz, perthite, and muscovite. Contacts between pegmatites and alaskites tend to be gradational. All of the rock is semi-weathered.

Workings: Large open cut- 600 feet long by 30-35 feet wide by average of 25 feet deep. This cut has destroyed old underground workings. Mine has been worked intermittently since the early nineteen hundreds.

Past Production: No data available. It is known that some mica was sold to the Government during the year 1955.

Method of Exploring: Applicant submitted two proposals.

1. Open cut - 300 feet long by 50 feet wide by 50 feet deep, amounting to 20,000 Cu. yds. of excavation. Amount requested $4,000.00. This looks like mining.

2. Sink 50 to 75 feet of shaft and drive 30 to 40 feet of drifts. Amount requested - $4,775.00.

Comments: This mine was worked as late as 1955 and had some mica production. The examiners observed only thin pegmatites of limited extent which did not present a sufficient size target for an exploration project. It looks like whatever worthwhile pegmatite may have existed, has been worked out.

Recommendations: The Division of Nonmetallic Minerals and the Commodity Members of the Geological Survey and Bureau of Mines concur in the Field Team's recommendation to deny this application.

Walter C. Anderson

Walter C. Anderson
Division of Nonmetallic Minerals

WCAnderson:rsi 8/27/57
Copy to: Admr. R. File
Mr. Houk

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IN REPLY REF

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Memorandum

August 26, 1957

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: W. P. Williams, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of field examination report, DMEA 4782 (mica), J. L. Biggerstaff, Peterson mine, Spruce Pine, North Carolina

The examining team report that conditions on the applicant's property are not favorable for the presence of significant amounts of strategic mica.

The main unfavorable features are that the mica-bearing pegmatites on the property are thin and discontinuous, and the mica that is present is of inferior quality.

I agree with the recommendation of the examining team for denial of the application.

W. P. Williams

W. P. Williams

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8/26	A	600

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

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DATE	INITIALS	CODE
8/21		220
		600

August 20, 1957

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Donald R. Irving, Acting Chief, Branch of Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials

Subject: DMEA-4782 (mica)

Applicant: John Lewis Biggerstaff

Name and Location of Property: Peterson Mine, Mitchell County, N. C.

Date of Field Team Report: 8/13/57

Date Rec'd. by Br. of Ceramic & Fertilizer Materials: 8/19/57

Field Team Recommendation: Recommend that the application be denied.

Comments:

1. This prospect consists of several thin pegmatites 1/2 to 2 1/2 feet thick of limited extent.

2. The geologic target does not appear to be of sufficient extent or size for economic operation.

3. Sufficient work has been done to indicate the pegmatite is not suitable for producing large quantities of strategic mica.

Recommendation:

I concur with the recommendation of the field team for denial of application.

Donald R. Irving

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Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA, Washington, D. C.

From: Field Team, DMEA, Region V, Knoxville, Tennessee

Subject: Field Examination Report
DMEA-4782 - John Lewis Biggerstaff, Spruce Pine, N.C.
Peterson Mine (Mica), Mitchell County, North Carolina

Enclosed are the original and two copies of the subject examination.

It is recommended that the application for exploration assistance be denied.

Robert A. Laurence
Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer

V. J. Lynch
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Member, Bureau of Mines

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FIELD EXAMINATION REPORT, REGION V

On

DMEA-4782 (mica) PETERSON MINE
Mitchell County, North Carolina

By

L. E. Shirley and S. A. Feitler, Mining Engineers
U. S. Bureau of Mines

and

D. H. Amos, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

August 7, 1957

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FIELD EXAMINATION REPORT

On

DMEA-4782 (mica) PETERSON MINE

Applicant: John Lewis Biggerstaff, Spruce Pine, North Carolina

SUMMARY

Several thin pegmatites of limited extent enclosed in an alaskite body are exposed in a large cut at the Peterson Mine. Part of the mica is of inferior quality. It is recommended that the application for exploration assistance be denied because the thin pegmatites of limited extent do not present a geologic target of economic size or extent.

INTRODUCTION

Location

The Peterson Mine is on the west slope of Iowa Hill 0.55 airline miles N. 5° E. of Spruce Pine, North Carolina (Spruce Pine Quad., TVA, 1/24,000). Access is available to the mine by a jeep road which extends northward from a town street in the north end of Spruce Pine.

Examination

A field examination was conducted on August 7, 1957. Messrs. John Lewis Biggerstaff, Ben Biggerstaff and Dale Banner accompanied the examiners on the inspection which required about two hours.

Past Operations

The known history of operations at the mine is given in the application. No additional information is known to the examiners.

The only observable existing working is a large open cut. It trends in a N. 60° E. - S. 60° W. direction and is about 600 feet long by 30 - 35 feet wide and averages 25 feet deep. All old underground workings have either been destroyed by the cut or were subsequently filled and covered by debris washed into the floor of the cut by heavy rains.

Surface facilities consist of a hoist shed and part of an inclined track. Power is available at the mine.

GEOLOGY

Several thin pegmatites and quartz veins enclosed in alaskite are exposed in the walls of the cut. These bodies are $\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet thick and have limited strike and dip extent. They strike N. 20° E. to N. 20° W. and dip 50 - 70° to the southeast. Contacts between pegmatite and alaskite tend to be gradational. The pegmatites consist of plagioclase, quartz, perthite and muscovite. Some have a medial quartz or quartz-rich zone. Numerous mica gneiss and schist inclusions are enclosed in the alaskite. Mica-bearing pegmatitic material occurs around the periphery of some of the inclusions. All of the rock is semi-weathered.

The mica is green in color and relatively free of mineral stain. Some is cracked, bent and flat "A".

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the request for exploration assistance be denied because a geologic target of sufficient extent or size for economic operation is not observable nor can any be inferred.

August 7, 1957

L. E. Shirley and S. A. Feitler
Mining Engineers
U. S. Bureau of Mines

D. H. Amos, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

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Mr. John Lewis Biggerstaff

Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4782-Mich
John Lewis Biggerstaff
Peterson Mine
Mitchell County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Biggerstaff:

Your application for assistance in exploring the subject property has been reviewed by the Division of Nonmetallic Minerals of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration and has been referred to Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region V, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville 2, Tennessee, for further consideration and possibly a field examination.

Please be advised that the description of the property as submitted is not acceptable. We require a metes and bounds description, that is the length and bearing of each bounding line. In addition, we require the location of the proposed work in relation to the boundary line. Please furnish the bearing and distance of the proposed work to the nearest identifiable corner or property line. We understand that our Field Team has requested that you furnish executed copies of a Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement (MF-205). Upon receipt of the above requested data, we will return the original lease as you requested.

The Regional Office will contact you at an early date if an examination is to be made. Any assistance you may give the members of the Field Team during the examination will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

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

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4782-Mica
John Lewis Biggerstaff
Peterson Mine
Mitchell County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

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

Copies of memoranda dated July 10 and 22, 1957, by Mr. N. E. Nelson, USGS, and Mr. Donald R. Irving, USBM, respectively, relating to the project are enclosed. There is also enclosed a copy of the application for the use of the Field Team.

Sincerely yours,

W. S. Martin

ACTING Chairman, Operating Committee (24B)

Approved:

Horace T. Reno (24B)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (24B)
Member, Geological Survey

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Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Donald R. Irving, Acting Chief, Branch of Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials

Subject: DMEA-4782 (mica)

Applicant: John Biggerstaff

Name and Location of Property: Peterson Mine, Mitchell County, N. C.

Date Application Rec'd. by Br. of Ceramic & Fertilizer Materials: 7/10/57

Comments:

1. This is an old prospect having been worked by several different parties since the early 1900's.
2. Old workings consist of at least two 30-foot shafts, a 180-foot tunnel and extensive bulldozing.
3. According to applicant large quantities of mica and feldspar have been removed from the mine.
4. The applicant proposes to bulldoze a large cut and sink a shaft.
5. Part of the work is to uncover mica covered by collapsing wall of cut, which is development work.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the field team visit this mine when in that vicinity to ascertain if an exploration project is justified. If so, the field team and applicant should agree on a definite plan of exploration on a unit-cost basis.

Donald R. Irving

Donald R. Irving

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UNITED STATES
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July 10, 1957
Re: DMEA 4782
John Biggerstaff
Peterson Mine
Mitchell County, North Carolina
$8,775.00 - Mica

Memorandum

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: N. E. Nelson, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of application

The applicant requests assistance in exploring a pegmatite by (a) Open cut 20,000 yds at 20¢, $4,000, or (b) Shaft and drifts or crosscut, $4,775.00.

According to the applicant's narrative, quite a few tons of mica have been recovered from a large open cut and some from underground work.

Referral of the application to the Field Team is recommended.

N. E. Nelson

N. E. Nelson

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

July 10, 1957

Mr. John L. Biggerstaff
Spruce Pine
North Carolina

Subject: DMEA 4782

Dear Mr. Biggerstaff,

Your application for exploration assistance, dated July 5, 1957 submitted to our office at Knoxville, Tennessee has been assigned Docket Number 4782 and referred to the Nonmetallic Minerals Division in the Washington office. Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this Docket Number.

Sincerely yours,

Allen S. Dakan, Director
Operations Control and
Statistics Division

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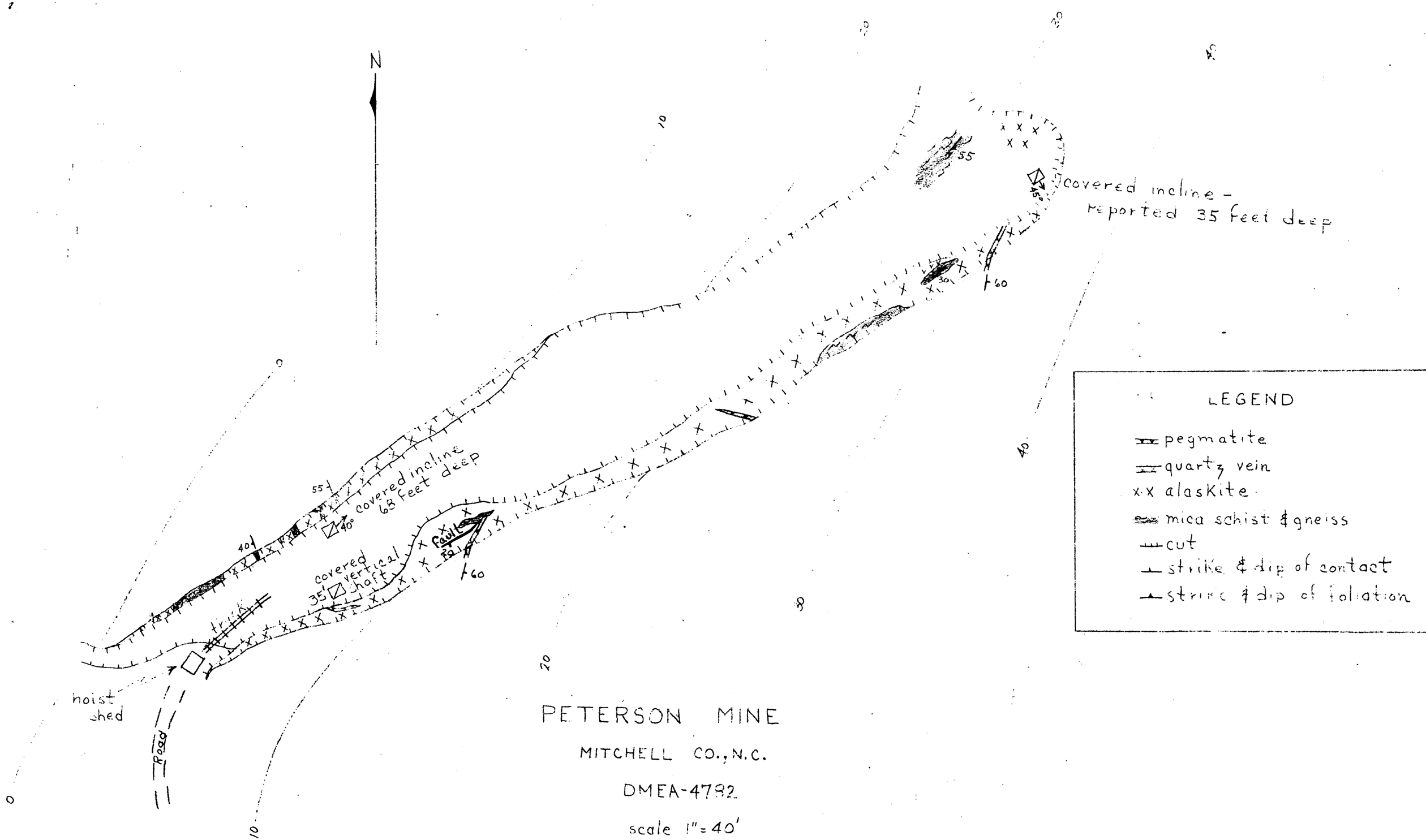

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Aug. 7, 1957