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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION
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Memorandum

To: Reports and Records Unit, DMA

From: Chief, Industrial Minerals Branch, DMA

Subject: DMA-1465X, Asbestos Mines, Inc.
Nenno and Kadau Mining Property, Lincoln Co., N.M.
Commodities: Asbestos and other minerals
Amount of loan: $10,000 to $150,000

Denial recommended because:

1. Samples submitted were examined and found not to be of strategic grade.

2. No sound geologic basis presented to justify proposal.

Attached:

1. Form MP-103 in triplicate with add'l information.
2. Mining Report on property dated 10, 1949.
3. Additional information for form MP-100
4. Map - 2 copies
5. Letter from applicant dated July 7, 1951 with additional information and Assay Report.
6. Memo to Mr. Barr from Iron Ore Branch
7. Report from Region VIII, dated July 30, 1951.

SIGNED

James A. Barr, Sr.

Approved: Tom Lyon

Director, Supply Division

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Asbestos Mines, Inc.
1131 Valencia Street
Los Angeles 15, California

Ref: DMA-1065X
Asbestos, etc.

Gentlemen:

Your application for aid for an exploration project on asbestos and other minerals, deposits located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and docketed as DMA-1065X, has been reviewed by this office.

Projects approved by Defense Minerals Administration must, in its judgment, show definite promise of yielding material of acceptable grade, physical character and specifications, in quantities that will significantly improve the mineral supply position for National Defense.

A very careful study of your proposal revealed the following:

1. Asbestos samples submitted were determined to be anthophyllite which does not qualify as strategic material.

2. A sound geologic basis for expecting to find significant quantities of strategic materials in the deposits and hence justify the proposed exploration has not been presented.

Under these circumstances, your application for exploration aid to the extent of 90% of $10,000 to $150,000, is denied. Should additional information become available, we would be glad to have you resubmit your proposal for consideration.

Unless we receive a request within thirty days, we will consider the case closed.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon, Director
Supply Division

Attachments