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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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DEFENSE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF EXAMINATION BY FIELD TEAM
REGION V

DMA-18106

Sky Lode, Custer District

Custer County, South Dakota

Glen Walker, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

J. A. Redden, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

July 30, 1951

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Report of Field Examination

by

Glen Walker, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines
J. A. Redden, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

Docket No.: DMA-1810X
Property: Sky Lode
Applicant: I. H. DeVault and F. F. Baldwin
Commodity: Beryl, columbium-tantalum, mica

Conclusions and Recommendations

Preliminary inquiry regarding the Sky Lode prior to field examination showed that one of the applicants, I. H. DeVault, had contacted Lewis Collingwood of Custer, South Dakota, and had tentatively agreed to form a partnership consisting of Collingwood and DeVault.

Collingwood obtained an option to purchase on the Sky Lode for two weeks from the owners, Mrs. Gladys Wells and Ed Gray of Custer, at the direction of DeVault. A deed was prepared and deposited in the Custer State Bank in escrow by the owners. Collingwood also prepared an application for an exploration loan stating they were the owners of the property, assuming the option to purchase would be exercised, and transmitted it to DeVault for signature.

Collingwood has in his possession correspondence from DeVault directing him to perform certain functions and a copy of the application for the exploration loan which he prepared and transmitted to DeVault.

After approximately two weeks, Collingwood received a letter from DeVault stating that he could not proceed with the arrangement and to cancel the option. Collingwood so informed Mrs. Wells and the deed was withdrawn from the bank.

The copy of the application DMA-1810X submitted by the B & D Mining Co. shows that Collingwood's name has been eradicated and that of the B & D Mining Company and F. P. Baldwin inserted. The date was changed from June 7 to June 28 and Collingwood's signature has been covered. The estimated cost remained the same, $84,743.00, but the exhibits increased this to $124,135.00.

Mrs. Gladys Wells was questioned and she stated that she and Ed Gray were owners of the property and that there was at the present time no valid option to purchase. She had heard of I. H. DeVault through Collingwood, but had not met him. She knew nothing of F. P. Baldwin.

In view of the foregoing facts, it would appear that Title 18, U. S. Code (Crimes) section 1001 has been violated and it is recommended that steps be taken to eliminate practices of this sort. The applicants are indebted to Lewis Collingwood for the sum of approximately $200.00, which he does not expect to get, and his correspondence with the applicants would undoubtedly be available if prosecution were undertaken.

The property was not examined.

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Memorandum

To: Reports and Records Unit, DMA

From: Industrial Minerals Branch, DMA

Subject: DMA-1810X, B & D Mining Company
Commodity: Mica, Beryl, Talc
Amount of Loan: $134,135

Denial recommended because:

1. Applicants do not own nor have a valid lease on the property.

Attached:

1. Review of application for exploration assistance.

2. Form MF-103 in duplicate with attachments.

3. Field Report, Region V.

SIGNED

James A. Barr, Sr.

Approval:

Tom Lyon

Director, Supply Division

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Messrs. F. P. Baldwin and I. H. De Vault
B & D Mining Company
5800 West Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois

Re: DMA-1810X
Mica, Beryl, Talc

Gentlemen:

Your application for aid for an exploration project on Beryl, columbe-tantalite and mica deposits located near Custer, South Dakota, and docketed as DMA-1810X, has been reviewed by this office.

Projects approved by the 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.

Applicant's property rights through ownership or a valid lease must be shown.

A very careful study of your proposal, including referral to DMA Field Team, revealed the following:

1. Applicants have not demonstrated ownership of or a valid lease covering deposit.

Under these circumstances, your application for exploration aid to the extent of 90% of $134,135.00, 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

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August 6, 1951

Memorandum

To: Tom Lyon, Chairman, Coordinating Committee, Defense Minerals Administration, Interior Building, Washington 25, D. C.

From: Executive Officer - DMA Field Team, Region V

Subject: DMA Docket 1266-X - L. A. Sears, Keystone, South Dakota
DMA Docket 1810-X - B & D Mining Company, Custer, S. Dakota

Returned herewith are the subject docket applications and four copies of the field team reports.

DMA Docket 1810-X was not examined because of a breach of faith of one of the original applicants, and the fact that the owners of the property in question to be explored have not granted an option on the property to proposed applicants.

DMA Docket 1266-X was not examined either because the owner refused to issue a landlord's subordination agreement to the applicant. Field report states the reason.

Enclosures:
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A. B. Needham

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BUREAU OF MINES
Rapid City Field Office
School of Mines Campus
Rapid City, South Dakota

August 1, 1951

Memorandum

To: A. B. Needham, Executive Officer, DMA Field Team, Region V

From: Glen Walker, Mining Engineer

Subject: DMA Docket 1266X, Big Chief, and 1810X, Sky Lode

Enclosed are six copies of reports on the subject applications, together with the applications and supporting papers.

/s/ Glen Walker
Glen Walker

cc: Reg.Director, Reg.V
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2908 Calfax Avenue South
Minneapolis 8, Minnesota

July 23, 1951

Memorandum

To: D. H. Mullen, Supervising Engineer, U. S. Bureau of Mines, School of Mines Campus, Rapid City, South Dakota

From: Executive Officer - DMA Field Team, Region V

Subject: DMA Docket 1810-X - B & D Mining Company
DMA Docket 1812-X - Carl L. Wiebe and R. A. Cira

Will you please have a Field Team make investigations concerning the subject dockets.

L. J. Martin
for A. B. Needham

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Mr. A. B. Needham
2908 Colfax Ave. So.
Minneapolis 8
Minnesota

Dear Sir:

We attach "Review of Application for Exploration Assistance" on:

Applicant B&D Mining Co., F.P. Baldwn&I.H. DeVault, 5800 W. HuronS Chicago, Ill

Docket No. 1810-X

Commodity Mica, beryl, talc

Amount $ 134,135

Please expedite the consideration of this application with particular reference to the points raised in the attached "Review".

Very truly yours,

Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon, Chairman
Coordinating Committee

Lowell B. Moon
For Bureau of Mines

Alex L. Ross
For Geological Survey

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