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WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

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Mr. Clatus H. Marion
137 N. Reed Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

Subject: Docket No. DMA-2678 - Asbestos
Marion Prospect
Page County, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

Reference is made to the subject application for exploration assistance on your property at Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia.

Your letter of January 28, 1953, has been received. The request to withdraw the above application has been granted and the file has been closed.

Your interest in the Exploration Program of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration and your willingness to participate therein are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (fw)

Administrator

J.N.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

February 10, 1953

Memorandum

To: Administrator

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Resume - Docket No. DMEA-2678 - Asbestos
Cletus H. Merica
137 W. Reed Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia
Merica Property
Page County, Virginia

Action recommended: Approval of letter confirming withdrawal by applicant.

Conclusion: Applicant is now convinced that there is no asbestos on his lots in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia. His letter of January 28, 1953 requests the withdrawal of his application.

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9/2/52	Letter from applicant containing more definite program. Applicant proposes trenching and a 90-foot shaft at a total cost of $1,624.00.
9/5/52	Received sample of chert from applicant - no asbestos.
9/9/52	Letter to applicant requesting a sample of the asbestos.
9/10/52	USBM memo - Recommends examination and sampling to determine the variety and quality of the asbestos.
9/19/52	Applicant visited office. It was suggested that he should submit samples of asbestos or withdraw the application.
11/10/52	Letter from applicant requesting more time to get samples.
1/28/53	Letter from applicant withdrawing application. Letter from College Park enclosed. The samples submitted to the laboratory there were chert and sandstone.

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Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Cletus H. Merica
137 W. Reed Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia
Merica Property
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Stanley A. Feitler
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

have had no report on them
about Dec. 22 I also sent a
number of samples to Eastern
Experiment station at U. of
Maryland and have had
no report from them.
So I guess there is nothing
for me to do but to withdraw
my application unless you can
get a favorable reply from
one of the places I sent
samples.
Thanking you for your interest

P.S. I just get
this report I
enclose.

I remain
Very truly yours
Cletus H. Mercier

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137 [redacted]. Reed ave.
Alexandria Va.

January 28. 1953

Defense Minerals Explor. admn.
Washington 25 D.C. D.E.M.A.-2678

Gentlemen.-

Early in Dec. 1952 I got a power shovel on my lots at Shenandoah Virginia and moved about 50 yds of soil while I found no samples that I felt was asbestos. I delivered in person to the State Lab. at U. of Va. at Charlottesville early in Dec. a lot of samples and to date

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND

January 27, 1953

DMEA 2678

Mr. C. H. Merica
137 W. Reed Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. Merica:

This is in reply to your request for an examination of several samples you sent to this Station.

The samples consist of chert and sandstone, stained with iron oxide. In our opinion this material is of no commercial value as an ore.

Very truly yours,

John E. Conley

JOHN E. CONLEY, Acting for
R. M. AMBROSE, Chief
Minerals-Technology Division
Region VIII

137 W. Reed ave.
Alexandria Va.
Nov. 7-1952.

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Washington 25 D.C.

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Gentlemen:

please hold up my applacation for gaverment assentance for another 60 days due to the fact that I have not been able to get the shovel to do the trenching I want to do.

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Very truly yours.

Cletus H. Meuice

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
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Mr. Cletus H. Merica
137 W. Reed Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2678 - Asbestos
Merica Prospect
Page County, Virginia

Dear Mr. Merica:

Reference is made to the subject application for exploration assistance on your lots in the Coverstone Addition, Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia, and to your discussion with Mr. Jasper T. Robertson in this office on September 18, 1952.

The samples submitted by you contain no asbestos. This office will be pleased to receive samples of asbestos from your prospect; however, if you are unable to supply samples within sixty days you should inform this office of your desire to withdraw your application.

We enclose a letter which you inadvertantly left in this office.

Thank you for your interest in the defense effort.

Sincerely yours,

Signed S.N. 9-26-52

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Enclosure

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Field Team, Region VIII
~~Mr. Dietrich, 3526~~ Dr Bowles, 3522
Mr. Norton, G-232 GSA Bldg.
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Alexandria, Virginia

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Comment	Referring to
Conference	Reply for signature of
Consideration	Rewriting
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Instructions	Suggestions
Investigation	Your information
Initials	
Mailing	
Previous correspondence	

REMARKS: Mr. Merica was in today. Explained to him that he should fund some asbestos samples to submit. If not suggested he withdraw his application within 60 days by letter.

Check (X) before the items needing attention.

J. J. R.
Initials of sender.

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He forgot to take his letter attached.

9/16/52

Telephoned - spoke to Mrs. Merica suggested that Mr. Merica come to office.
Wife said he might on day he has glasses adjusted.
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Tel. Temple 5384

137 W. Reed Ave.
Alexandria Va.
Sept 12 - 1952

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Defense Minerals Expl. adm.
Washington D.C. Temple 5384

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Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of Sept. 9 asking for a sample in which asbestos can be seen, due to change in ground levels and growth on the ground I cannot say just how soon I could obtain such a sample While I did see a letter stating that one sample did show asbestos it did not state what kind. Weather chrysotile or not.

if such proof is the only way I can get D.E.M.A. assistance of course the only thing I can do is to wait until I can obtain a satisfactory sample of asbestos or some other mineral covered by the DEMA.

I would appreciate your telling me just what kind of a rock and what if any minerals are in it that is the sample you now have.

Yours Very truly
Cletus H. Merica

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2678 - Asbestos

Cletus H Merica

Tel. Temple 5384 Alexandria, Va.

8/29/52 Telephoned for sample of rock containing asbestos

9/5/52 Received sample containing no asbestos Rock appears to be chert.

Showed sample to Mr Bowles 9/9/52.

JF

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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September 10, 1952

Mr Feitler

Memorandum

To: Lawrence G. Houk, Chief, Nonmetallic Minerals Division, DMEA

From: Oliver Bowles, Commodity Specialist

Subject: DMEA No. 2678
Cletus H. Merica, Alexandria, Virginia

The property in Page County, Virginia covered by this application is said to contain asbestos, but no information is supplied as to quality or type of fiber. Almost all of the asbestos deposits in southern States are of the amphibole variety, which is non-strategic, and of little commercial value. I would recommend:

(1) That the field team examine the deposit to determine its nature and extent.

(2) That samples be collected for determination of variety and quality.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver Bowles

Oliver Bowles, Commodity Specialist
Construction and Chemical Materials Branch

Attachment

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Mr. Cletus H. Merica
137 W. Reed Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

Subject: Docket No. DMA-2678 - Asbestos
Merica Prospect
Page County, Virginia

Dear Mr. Merica:

Reference is made to the subject application for exploration assistance on your lots in the Cowarstone Addition, Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia, and the rock sample and cost estimates subsequently submitted.

As only chrysotile asbestos is considered strategic, the first step in processing your application is to establish the fact that this mineral occurs on your property. Please submit a new sample in which the asbestos can be seen as the sample we now have contains no asbestos.

Thank you for your cooperation in the defense effort.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Mr. Cletus H. Merica
137 W. Reed Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

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Sincerely yours,

Signed
J. Robertson
for Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

J.H.
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Mr. Houk

130 W Reed ave.
Alexandria Va.
Sept 2 - 1952

Defense Minerals Explo. Adm

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find estimated certs of this exploration no doubt some certs would be higher and some lower as I want to follow any leads I may find.

I am sending under a separate cover a sample of the rock from the outcrop which was taken from the top of the ground about 100 ft from where the other samples were found that were said to contain

orchestra I could not
locate another at this
point at this time due
to changes in the
surface and summer
growth.
I would appreciate a
report on your survey
of this rock.

Very truly yours

Carter Harris

Estimated cost of Docket # DEMA-2678

Trenching 30" wide 14' deep 300 long	389.00
Shaftbox 5'X5' X 90 total all sides	275.00
Cribing if necessary	200.00
Building for tools E.T.C.	150.00
Tools small	40.00
Insurance and E.T.C.	200.00
Cover up Timber	72.00
Supervision	300.00
	1626.00

Cletus H. Inscoe
137 N. Rand ave.
Alexandria Va.

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Defense Threat Reduction Agency
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Estimated Cost of Docket # DEMA-5678

Trenching 30" wide 14' deep 300 long	389.00
Shafting 5'X5' X 90 total all holes	275.00
Ciling if necessary	200.00
Building for tools etc.	150.00
Tools small	40.00
Insurance and E.T.C.	200.00
Cover up timber	72.00
Superintendent	300.00
	1626.00

Cletus H. Smoot
137 ash Rock ave.
Alexandria Va.

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Estimated Cost of Docket # DEMA-2678

Trenching 30" wide 14' deep. 300' long	389.00
Shafting 5' X 5' X 90' total all holes	275.00
Cribbing if necessary	200.00
Building for small tools etc.	150.00
Tools small	40.00
Insurance and C.T.C.	200.00
Cutting up timber	75.00
Supervision	300.00
	1,426.00

Cletus H. Emerick
137 Reed ave
Alexandria Va

Estimated cost of Docket # DMEA-2678

Trenching 30" wide 14" deep 300' long	387.00
Shafting 5'X5'X70' total all holes	275.00
Cribbing if necessary	200.00
Building for small tools etc.	150.00
Tools small	40.00
Insurance and C.T.C.	200.00
Cutter of timber	72.00
Supervision	300.00
	1624.00

Cletus H Meuser
137 Reed ave
Alexandria Va

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

September 2, 1952

Memorandum

REVIEW OF APPLICATION DMEA-2678 (Asbestos)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: P. L. Weis, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant: Cletus H. Merica.
Name of property: Not listed.
Location of property: Page County, Virginia.
Estimated cost of project: Approximately $4,410.
Summary of applicant's proposal: Bulldozing and excavating a shaft or drift to explore the deposit.
Sources of information on applicant's property: None.
Comments: Only amphibole asbestos has been reported from Virginia occurrences thus far, although there is no record of any asbestos occurrences in Page County.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Request the applicant to submit a sample of the asbestos from his deposit. If it proves to be chrysotile asbestos:
2. Request an examination by the field team.

Paul L. Weis
Paul L. Weis

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cc: Director's reading file 4212
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DMEA
WEIS, G-230, USGS
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Form Approved.
Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.2.

APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. DMEA-2678
Metal or Mineral
Date Received 8-28-52
Estimated Cost
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Name of applicant.*—(*a*) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address: CLETUS H. MERICH
137 W. REED AVENUE,
ALEXANDRIA,
VIRGINIA.

(*b*) If other than an individual, add to your name above whether a corporation, partnership, etc., and the name of the State in which incorporated or otherwise organized.

(*c*) If a corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers.

(*d*) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners.

2. *General.*—Read DMEA Order 1, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects," before completing this application. Submit this application and all accompanying papers in quadruplicate (four copies), with your name and address on each sheet of the application and on all accompanying papers. Where sufficient space is not provided on the form for all required information, state it on an accompanying paper, with a reference in each case to the instruction to which it refers by number. Comply with all applicable instructions; or, if not applicable, so state. File the application with Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest field executive officer thereof.

3. *Applicant's property rights.*—(*a*) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract SHENANDOAH, PAGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.
COVERSTONE ADDITION BLOCK #13 LOTS # 1-2-3-4-5 AND 6
DEED ON RECORD IN COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE LURAY, VIRGINIA.

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known. NONE

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

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it NONE

(*f*) If the land consists of unpatented claims, add to the description above, the book and page numbers for each recorded location notice. NONE

4. *Physical description.*—(*a*) Describe in detail any mining or exploration operations which have been or now are being conducted upon the land, including existing mine workings and production facilities. State your interest, if any, in such operations. Also describe accessibility of mine workings for examination purposes.

(*b*) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades. NOT KNOWN.

(*c*) Describe the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.), and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Send with your application (but not necessarily as a part of it) any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points. TOWN STREET ON 2 SIDES 1-MILE TO SHIPPING PLACE.

(*e*) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

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5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) [redacted]e the mineral or minerals for which you w[redacted] to explore ASBESTOS

(*b*) Describe fully the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration work as related to such features as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc.

(*c*) The work will start within 30 days and be completed within 6 months from the date of an exploration project contract.

(*d*) State the operating experience and background of the applicant with relation to the ability to carry out such exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

6. *Estimate of costs.*—Furnish a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed work (you will have to use a separate sheet), under the following headings. Add the totals under all headings to give the estimated total cost of the project:

(*a*) *Independent contracts.*—(Note.—If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "none" after this item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract-work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

(*b*) *Labor, supervision, consultants.*—Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

(*c*) *Operating materials and supplies.*—Furnish an itemized list, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each, and power, water and fuel.

(*d*) *Operating equipment.*—Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

(*e*) *Rehabilitation and repairs.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

(*f*) *New buildings, improvements, installations.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

(*g*) *Miscellaneous.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of the Operator's equipment), analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

(*h*) *Contingencies.*—Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

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*) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)?

(*b*) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

☑ Money ☐ Use of equipment owned by you ☑ Other

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

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.

Dated August 27, 1952

Cletus H. Meuice
(Applicant)

By Cletus H. Meuice

Title 18, U. S. Code (Crimes), Section 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—66551-1

5B.

I would like to prospect on this land because a former owner collected samples that showed asbestos, I take the outcrop of rocks to be serpentine. I want to level off around this outcrop and dig or bulldoze at the foot of the hill where the samples were taken, following any leads I may find by shafting or trenching to the extent of 30 to 100 cubic yds.

Cletus H. Smerica
137 W. Reid Ave.
Alexandria Va

6A. I hope to hire a bulldozer and operator $9.00 per hour and only using it for 40 hours or less.

6B. I hope to get a contract for shafting trenching at per $3.50 Cubic yard Max. 100 yds if this is not possible I hope to get labor for $1.00 per hour and a superviser at $1.50 per hour

6C. 2 picks 2 shovels 1 block & fall 75' manila rope 5/8" 400 lin ft 2"X12" lumber or poles 1 tub.
6D None
6E None

Clifton H. Smerica
137 W Reed Ave.
Alexandria Va.

Experience Record

1914 1 year as general helper with mining Company mining mangeese at Elkton Va Which gave me a general idea as to shaft mining.

1931 Sinking a shaft on my own property at Elkton Va 5½ in dia. 47' deep here I gained considerable experience about curbing where the ground was of such a nature that it would not stand without some support.

1947 to 1950. about 60 days of general prospecting for gold or other metals found in Quality. this took place in prince William County Va

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APP. 3 FRONT OF LOTS.

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OWNED BY ME

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NOT OWNED BY ME

3rd STREET

OUT CROP OF ROCKS 50' LOWER THAN FRONT

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Alexandria Va

Mr. Cletus H. Merica
137 W. Reed Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

Subject: DMEA-2678
Re: Exploration Assistance
August 28, 1952

My dear Mr. Merica:

The receipt of your application dated August 27, 1952, for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-2678 and referred to the Non-Metallic Minerals Division.

Please submit to this office an estimated total cost of the operation.

Kindly refer to DMEA-2678 in any future correspondence relating to your application.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Wingfield Chamberlain
Acting Chief, Operation's
Control and Statistics Division

MF-103
(Revised April 1952)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Form Approved.
Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.2.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Administration
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APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. DMEA-2678
Metal or Mineral
Date Received 8-28-52
Estimated Cost
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Name of applicant.*—(*a*) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address: CLETUS H. MERICA
137 W. REED AVENUE
ALEXANDRIA
VIRGINIA.

(*b*) If other than an individual, add to your name above whether a corporation, partnership, etc., and the name of the State in which incorporated or otherwise organized.

(*c*) If a corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers.

(*d*) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners.

2. *General.*—Read DMEA Order 1, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects," before completing this application. Submit this application and all accompanying papers in quadruplicate (four copies), with your name and address on each sheet of the application and on all accompanying papers. Where sufficient space is not provided on the form for all required information, state it on an accompanying paper, with a reference in each case to the instruction to which it refers by number. Comply with all applicable instructions; or, if not applicable, so state. File the application with Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest field executive officer thereof.

3. *Applicant's property rights.*—(*a*) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract SHENANDOAH, PAGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.
COVERSTONE ADDITION BLOCK #13 LOTS #1-2-3-4-5 AND 6
DEED ON RECORD IN COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE LURAY, VIRGINIA.

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known. NONE

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

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it NONE

(*f*) If the land consists of unpatented claims, add to the description above, the book and page numbers for each recorded location notice. NONE.

4. *Physical description.*—(*a*) Describe in detail any mining or exploration operations which have been or now are being conducted upon the land, including existing mine workings and production facilities. State your interest, if any, in such operations. Also describe accessibility of mine workings for examination purposes.

(*b*) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades. NOT KNOWN

(*c*) Describe the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.), and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Send with your application (but not necessarily as a part of it) any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points. TOWN STREET ON 2 SIDES 1-MILE TO SHIPPING PLACE

(*e*) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

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5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) [redacted]te the mineral or minerals for which you wi[redacted]o explore ASBESTOS.

(*b*) Describe fully the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration work as related to such features as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc.

(*c*) The work will start within 30 days and be completed within 6 months from the date of an exploration project contract.

(*d*) State the operating experience and background of the applicant with relation to the ability to carry out such exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

6. *Estimate of costs.*—Furnish a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed work (you will have to use a separate sheet), under the following headings. Add the totals under all headings to give the estimated total cost of the project:

(*a*) *Independent contracts.*—(Note.—If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "none" after this item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract-work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

(*b*) *Labor, supervision, consultants.*—Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

(*c*) *Operating materials and supplies.*—Furnish an itemized list, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each, and power, water and fuel.

(*d*) *Operating equipment.*—Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

(*e*) *Rehabilitation and repairs.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

(*f*) *New buildings, improvements, installations.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

(*g*) *Miscellaneous.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of the Operator's equipment), analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

(*h*) *Contingencies.*—Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

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*) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)?

(*b*) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

☑ Money ☐ Use of equipment owned by you ☑ Other

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

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.

Dated August 27, 1952

Cletus H. Gnemica
(Applicant)

By Cletus H. Gnemica

Title 18, U. S. Code (Crimes), Section 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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53.

I would like to prospect on this land because a former owner collected samples that showed asbestos, and the outcrop of rocks I take to be serpentine. I want to level off this ground around this outcrop and dig or bulldoze at the foot of the hill where the samples were taken, following any leads I may find by shafting or trenching to the extent of 30 to 100 cubic yards.

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6-A. I hope to hire a bulldozer and operator $9.00 per hour and only using them for 40 hours or less.

6 B. I hope to get a contract for shafting trenching at $3.50 per cubic yard max. 100 yds. if this is not possible then I hope to get labor for $1.00 per hour and a superviser $1.50 per hr.

6 C. 2 picks 2 shovels 1 block & fall 75' manila rope 1 tub.

6. D none

6. E. none

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6 F. one building 6'x6' to keep tools and s.t.c. in est cost $160.00

6 G. estimated $200.00

6 H. Cribing in case the ground requires it $200.00 est.

7. A. Yes.

7 B. by working part and part in money.

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Experience Record

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