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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES FILE DATA

PRIMARY NAME: APACHE MINE

ALTERNATE NAMES:

SUCCESS
GOODENOUGH
COPPEROPOLIS
NEWMONT GROUP

LA PAZ COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 302

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 3 N RANGE 18 W SECTION 12 QUARTER NE
LATITUDE: N 33DEG 37MIN 22SEC LONGITUDE: W 114DEG 03MIN 46SEC
TOPO MAP NAME: QUARTZSITE - 15 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: PAST PRODUCER

COMMODITY:

COPPER
SILVER
GOLD
IRON
LEAD
ZINC

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DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA

FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

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Mine Apache Mine

Date January 10, 1958

District Plomosa Dist. - Yuma County

Engineer Lewis A. Smith

Subject: Visit to Gossan by L. A. Smith /
Data on area, as reported by F. Fickel

Location: Sec. 36, T4N, R18W, South and west of the Poorman Mine, due east of
the Humdinger Mine.

Owners Ownership now unknown. No work done for some time.

Claims: Approximately 6 (from old monuments)

Metals: ✓
Copper, gold and iron.

Development: Several partly filled location pits and one shaft.

Geology: Strong iron gossan 15-30 feet wide and several hundred feet long.
This lies in a strong shear zone. Fickel had samples, on the
gossan which ran about 50-56% Fe, 3% S_1O_2 , 4% Al_2O_3 0.3% copper
and 0.15 oz. of gold, but states that so far he has no information
on the depth, or volume of iron-ore. He is planning to relocate
the claims and do more work.

Narrow veins in the gossan show fair gold and copper (oxidized).

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA

FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Apache Mine

Date January 8, 1960

District Plomosa Mtn. Dist., Yuma County

Engineer Lewis A. Smith

Subject: Brief visit by Lewis A. Smith and interview with Robert Lambeth, Sr.

Owner: Robert Lambeth, Jr., Box 10, Quartzsite, and Burt Stanford of Mayer, Arizona.

Location: T. 4 N., R. 18 W., Sec. 36 (approximately)

Work: Work consists of 3 tunnels, the deepest of which is reported to be 600' long, and these are interconnected by raises. Some stoping of higher grade lenses along the tunnels, short pits and cuts comprise the remainder of the work.

Minerals: Gold, silver and copper.

Geology: The mineralization consists of a shear zone, the component members of which are occupied by veins and lenses of quartz. The shear appears to parallel the NE shears of the Coiner, Splicer and Humdinger mines to the west. It may easily be part of the same general shear system. Locally transverse fractures cross the shear, but from what could be seen in a brief visit, these do not have large throws. The copper minerals are mainly chrysocolla, brochantite and chalco pyrite with very local chalcocite. Lesser malachite was seen. Some of the chrysocolla has been mined for gem material. The quartz in places is stained by limonite which shows a few chalco-pyrite boxworks. Mr. Lambeth, Sr. reported that the better ore occurs in lenses and pockets but that there is considerable lower grade material. Some small shipments are reported to have contained considerable silver and some gold.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA

FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Apache Mine

Date September 8, 1960

District Plomosa District, Yuma Co.

Engineer Lewis A. Smith

Subject: Interview with Wm. Kaiser, Quartzsite

Mr. Kaiser stated that the Apache mine lies in a shear zone cutting schists and an intrusive gneissic granitic rock. The mineralization is in shears and lenses in the schists near the intrusive contact. The general geology of the area consists of gneiss intruded into schists and crystalline limestone, both of which are locally capped by basalt. The granitic gneiss is exposed along a deep N-S trending draw. The basalt flows dip 5° to the south and strike nearly E-W, and locally cap the older formations in an ^{erosional} unusual unconformity. The shear strikes NW-SE and dips north. The granitic intrusion here may be in the form of a hoist. The ore occurs in pods or lenses along the shear zone and the ore minerals consist of malachite, brochantite, tetrahedrite, chalcopyrite and chrysocolla (some of gem variety). Considerable work was done in the past. (see report of ~~9-5-59~~⁴⁻⁸⁻⁵⁹). Kaiser said 5 holes, up to 600 feet deep were drilled some years ago, but the results were spotty and generally considered to be unsatisfactory. During the early days, around 10 cars of sorted ore are reported to have been shipped. This ore was reported to contain up to 60% copper and to also carry 60 ounces of silver. Kaiser said that the mine has thus far shown little milling ore.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Apache Mine

Date May 3, 1962

District Plomosa Mountains District, Yuma County Engineer Lewis A. Smith

Subject: Interview with Howard Surr^{wk}es, 3063 Sunset Drive, San Diego 16, California and Robert Lambeth, of Quartzsite, 5-3-62.

Property: 6 claims

Owners: (1) Robert Lambeth, Quartzsite.
(2) S. B. Neff, 3273 Carthay Circle, Spring Valley, near San Diego, California
(3) Howard Surr^{wk}es, 3063 Suncrest Drive, San Diego 16, California
(4) E. W. Covert, 3843 Riviera Drive, San Diego 9, California

Location: 3-1/2 miles south of 60-70 Highway in the Central Plomosa Mountains. The mine road takes off 12 miles east of Quartzsite and is in good condition (approx. S36, T4N, R18W). Map showed Sec. 7, 3N, 17W. *02 - Sec. 12, T3N, R18W*

Work: The mine-workings consist of 3 adits:

- (1) Upper cross cut adit, 20-30 feet long
- (2) Middle " " " , 150 feet long
- (3) Lower drift-adit of unknown length along the main vein.

A drift, 250 feet long, follows the main vein eastward from the middle adit. This starts near the end of the adit which is 40 feet above the lower adit. Small stopes extend upwards from this drift for 25-40 feet. These range from 1-5 feet in width and were reported to run up to \$50. in copper and some gold and silver. The copper minerals are largely chrysocolla and malachite with relict ~~at~~ bunches of chalcopyrite and bornite.

Geology: The principal vein trends NE-SW, cross-cuts the schistosity, and diorite dikes also cut the schists. Granite, which locally, shows a gneissic structure, shows up in places. The older complex is capped to the southeast by thin limestone beds, and volcanics of the Black Mesa Series, composed of limestone, ~~of~~ andesites, rhyolites, lake beds and basalt.

According to Surr^{wk}es, the vein varies from 18 inches to 3 feet wide and a test lot of better ore from this vein was sent to the Inspiration Smelter. This ran 26 ounces silver and 9 percent copper and probably is better than the grade of the overall reserves which at present are not large. The vein contains considerable quartz, chlorite and iron oxides in addition to the valuable minerals. Samples from the dumps assayed \$18.00. The present work is confined to assessment requirements.

Bill Kaiser, of Quartzsite, who worked at the Apache, many years ago, said the ore shoots were relatively small and lenticular, but were sometimes of good grade, especially in silver. Bill said the lime content of most of the ores in the area is relatively high.

Quartzsite Arizona.
Sept. 27 1945

Mr. C. H. Dunning's
Director of Mineral Resources.
Phoenix Arizona

Dear Mr. Dunning:

In explanation I would say,
Mr. George S. Page and myself have
taken over Mr. A. S. Aplington's lease on
the Apache mining property about ten
miles from Quartzsite, and at Mr. Apling-
ton's suggestion, I feel you can help
us to get or establish a zero quota of
the premium price on copper ore.

Is it necessary that we come
over there to make the arrangements
or can this be done by mail?

We thank you in advance
and remain

Very Obliging
James A. Ellis
George S. Page.
Quartzsite Arizona
Box 18

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Quartzsite Arizona
Nov. 30 1945

M. C. Dunning
Director Mineral Resources
Phoenix Arizona

Dear Mr Dunning,

I was informed from the Phoenix Mining Journal that you may know of a way to sell a working interest in the Apache Mine. We have not been able to get men in the past two months.

I have a five year lease on the Property with an option to buy for \$35,000.

If you know of an interested party, I would appreciate hearing from you immediately.

I would like very much to start work in earnest by the first of the year

P.S. I've never heard from Washington, concerning my quote on Copper for the Apache.

Obligingly
James A. Ellis
Quartzsite Ariz
Box 18

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DEPT. MINERAL RESOURCES
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 OCT 18 1945
 Mr. W. Dinning

Quartzsite Ariz.
 October 17 1945

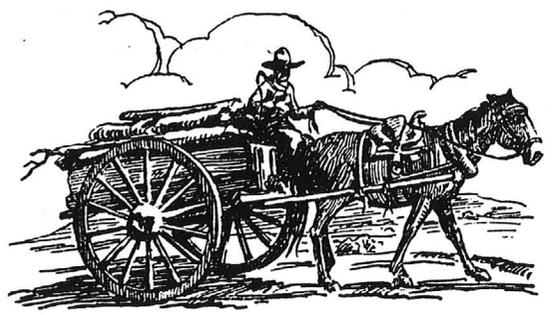
According to your letter of Oct 1st,
 your Mr Nebecke would be in Quartzsite
 on the 14th. We went there on that
 date and were informed that he had
 already been there on the 10th of this
 month.

The reason we were interested
 in getting our Quots as soon as possible
 was the fact that we are shipping
 Ore this week and did want the
 premium on this first ore.

We have an abundance of ore that
 will pay to ship if we do get the Quots
 but not otherwise.

If there is any way we can work
 this out by mail, would you please
 advise us by return?

Obliginglly
 James A. Ellis



MEXICAN WOOD CART

NAME OF MINE: ✓ APACHE
OWNER:

COUNTY: Yuma
DISTRICT:
METALS: ✓ Cu

OPERATOR AND ADDRESS		MINE STATUS	
Date:		Date:	
5/45	✓ A.L. Aplington, Quartzsite	5/45	Developing
10/45	✓ Jas. A. Ellis & Geo. R. Page, Box 18, Quartzsite	1/46	Idle

See Copper Handbook P 231 Vol XI
Successory Co.

APACHE MINE

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COUNTY

Robert Lambeth, Jr. is no longer connected with Apache Mine. LAS 6-10-64

Conference with Neel Walker, at the Gold Nugget Mine

Walker said that Robert Beale, who had been placer mining at the Gold Nugget, had become caretaker at the Apache Mine. He will get a small salary. LAS Memo 6-9-65

H. W. Swires, National City (2700 National Ave., Space 103) near San Diego, Calif. co-owner with E. W. Covert, 3843 Riviera Drive, San Diego, of the Apache Mine, Plomosa Mountains. Swires said that they hoped to leach the oxide copper material. The main shaft is said to be over 200 feet deep and now has 125 feet of water. One drill hole shows 2-6 feet of ore at 100 feet down. Dumps in places, showed \$46.00 in values. LAS WR 11-5-65

Interview with Bob Beal and Neel Walker at the mine

Beal has been sorting dumps and had several carbide cans of ore. He is watching the property but was not paid recently and so soon may move off. The ore in the cans did not look too good. LAS Memo 2-9-66

USBM List 1968 - Apache Chief Mining Co., H.W. Swires, Box 10, Quartzsite. Apache Chief - Yuma

Howard Swires and his wife are screening the mine dumps at the Apache Chief mine upgrading to 80,000/ton. FTJ WR 6-13-69

Went on up to the old Apache Chief which was also idle and no one in camp. GW WR 11/9/72

Ben Scott reported that Mr. Swires may start the Apache Chief after the holidays. GW WR 12/14/72

Went on to Apache Chief of Mr. Swires but there had been no activity since the last visit. GW WR 1/11/73

There is no activity at the Apache Chief. GW WR 3/14/73

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Skoglund, Montrose, Colorado, came in to discuss the Apache Chief mine southwest of the Gold Nugget 8 miles east of Quartzsite. They have the property consisting of 6 unpatented claims leased from Mr. Swires of Wickenburg. They are contemplating the purchase of an IMMCD mill which they saw demonstrated at Good Springs, Nevada, recently. Mr. Nels Skoglund called to say the IMMCO makes the mill he is going to buy for his Apache Chief property. GW WR 4/14,15/75

There is no activity at the Apache Chief mine. GW WR 10/1/75

APACHE MINE

See: Arizona Mining Journal, December 15, 1922, p. 23

APACHE MINE

~~YUMA~~
LA PAZ COUNTY

Went into the Apache Chief; there is no activity. GW WR 1/27/76

There is no activity at the Apache Chief. GW WR 5/12/76

Mr. Skoglund, Montrose, Colorado, came in to discuss the possibilities of upgrading manganese ore in Yuma County. A brief resume' of the history of manganese mining was given, but he wasn't convinced that by handling 500 tons/day a profit couldn't be made. Mr. Skoglund is a retired mill man from Fairplay, Colorado; he has the Apache Chief mine leased, and last year he said he was going to build a small mill on it. When questioned about that he said he had learned that the values were very erratic. GW WR 9/27/76

RRB WR 8/21/81: Visited the Apache Chief Mine, Sec. 12, T3N R18W, Quartzsite quad. No sign of recent activity was visible.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
STATE OF ARIZONA
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Apache Mine

Date January 10, 1958

District Plomosa Dist.

Engineer Lewis A. Smith

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*Apache Mtns
T.3 N. R.18 W. Sec. 15*

Quartz site 15

HOPE (ARIZ.) 7.5
WICKSBURG 7.5 MI.
WICKSBURG

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STATE OF ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
MINERAL BUILDING, FAIRGROUNDS
PHOENIX 7, ARIZONA



November 22, 1963

Mr. Howard Swires
Box 10
Quartzsite, Arizona

Dear Mr. Swires:

Last week you called me relative to the Apache Chief mine, Plomosa Mountains, but I was unable to find much on it in our files. We have second hand reports of small, high grade copper pocket mining in the early days. However, William Kaiser, who once worked at the Apache, stated that some drill holes (6) did not produce satisfactory results and ore encountered was spotty. He also stated that he had been informed that several cars of sorted ore shipped in the early days, ran as much as 60% copper and 60 ounces silver. This ore was oxidized. Our information showed that A.L. Aplington, James A. Ellis and George R. Page were doing some development work in early 1945, but that it was idle late in the year. Ellis apparently applied for government aid, prior to this, but we have evidence that he got the loan. Aplington lives in Quartzsite and might be able to supplement this information. F. Fickel found iron showings on the Apache claims which he said ran 50-56 Fe. He did not know how extensive it was.

Hoping that this meager summary will help, I remain

Sincerely,

LEWIS A. SMITH
Field Engineer

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March 12, 1946

Mr. C. U. Rechsteiner
Supervising Engineer
RFC Loan Agency
316 Pacific Mutual Bldg.
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Mr. Rechsteiner:

Mr. Gohring has forwarded to us your inquiry about the Apache Copper Mine near Quartzsite.

A recent attempt was made by a Mr. James A. Ellis to operate this mine but the attempt was abandoned.

We know nothing of the past history of the mine nor do we have any technical information regarding it.

You might write to Mr. Ellis or to Mr. E. B. Hart at Quartzsite.

Yours very truly,

Chas. H. Dunning
Director

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LOAN AGENCY
OF THE
RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

Los Angeles Cal.,
March 8th 1946.

Mr. Wm Gohring, Engineer
R.F.C. Mining Section,
#325 Hurd Building,
Phoenix, Ariz.,

Dear Sir:-

Apache Copper Mine.
Quartzite, Ariz.

I am writing you endeavoring to secure information on the above captioned mine located about 16 miles Southeast of Quartzite Ariz., I have a log of the six diamond drill holes, but do not have any information as to what the assays were on the veins encountered. In conversation with Mr. Rockwood he felt that you might have this information. If so will you kindly forward it to me together with any engineers reports or other data that you might have available. However if you do not have this information can you advise me where I might obtain it.

Thanking you for giving this matter your prompt attention.

Kindly address your reply to the attention of the
writer.

Yours very truly,
C. U. Rechsteiner
C. U. Rechsteiner,
Supervising Engineer.

SUCCESS MINE

Quartzite, A.T.

Owned by Mr. Charles Eichelberger,

This property is at present bonded to Mr. Felix J. Woodward,
527 Exchange Building, Denver, Colo. and associates.

I understand in conversation with Mr. Woodward that he will start
work on this property in September as the weather at present is too
hot to permit of anything being done. They have a very good
grade of glance ore in lime and I will take the matter up again
with him at the first opportunity.

Apache

December 1, 1945

Mr. James A. Ellis
Box 18
Quartzsite, Arizona

Dear Mr. Ellis:

We are surprised to learn that you have not yet received your Zero Quota from Washington.

Mr. Nebeker will be in Quartzsite again on December 12 and we suggest you get hold of him. If he will be able to make a brief examination and report on your property, it would help in getting someone interested. He could also help about the quota in case you do not have it by that time.

Nebeker's schedule calls for a meeting at Parker on Monday, the 10th; Bouse on Tuesday; Quartzsite on Wednesday; Aguila on Thursday; and Salome on Friday; so if you can't catch him in one place you can try another. I am sure I have his schedule right this time.

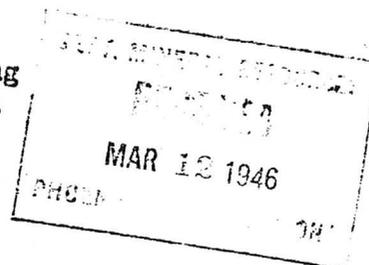
Yours very truly,

Chas. H. Dunning
Director

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CC: A. C. Nebeker

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
325 Heard Building
Phoenix, Arizona
March 11, 1946



Mr. C. U. Rechsteiner
Supervising Engineer
RFC Loan Agency
316 Pacific Mutual Bldg.
Los Angeles 14, California

Re: Apache Copper Mine
Quartzsite, Arizona

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry, but I cannot identify any such mine as the Apache Copper Mine about which you asked me in your letter of March 8. I simply don't know anything about it, nor do we have anything in our files on it. It may be possible that the State Department of Mineral Resources can give you information, and I am, therefore, sending your letter to them. I am sure Mr. Dunning, the engineer in charge of that office, will be very glad to tell you what he can.

Yours very truly,

W. B. GOHRING
Supervising Engineer

WBG:gmk

✓ cc: Mr. C. H. Dunning, Director
State Dept. of Mineral Resources
Arizona Title Building
Phoenix, Arizona

Note to Mr. Dunning:

Dear Chuck:

The writer of the letter must be a Supervising Engineer in the Surplus Property Division, for I never heard of him as in the Mine Loan Division.

Regards.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W.B.G.", written in dark ink.

W.B.G.

Encs

October 20, 1945

Mr. James A. Ellis
Quartzsite, Arizona

Dear Mr. Ellis:

We made a mistake here on Nebeker's schedule and got the dates mixed.

The thing for you to do is write immediately to:

Mr. Landon F. Strobel
Executive Secretary, Quota Committee
War Production Board
Room 3526, Railroad Retirement Bldg.
Washington 25, D. C.

Tell him the story, and tell him that you are starting to ship from a new mine and want a zero quota on copper and, as you will be shipping before the quota is granted, you would like to have it retroactive to October 1, 1945.

It may take a couple of weeks to get this through, but you are entitled to the zero quota (which means a 5-cent premium) to the first of the month preceding your application.

There is no use applying for an extra premium. They are outlawed for new shippers now.

If you have any trouble let us know and we will follow up.

Yours very truly,

Chas. H. Dunning
Director

CHD:LP

Apache

October 1, 1945

Mr. James A. Ellis
Box 18
Quartzsite, Arizona

Dear Mr. Ellis:

In regard to your inquiry of the 27th, any new mine is still entitled to a zero quota but those quotas and/or premiums are designated to be withdrawn on July 1, 1946.

Our guess is not worth more than anyone's else as to what will happen to the market price of copper after that time, but we would bet it will be a little more than the present 12 cents.

Our Mr. A. C. Nebeker will be in your district on the dates outlined below and if you will contact him at one of the meetings, you will find him fully informed on further details.

Yours sincerely,

Chas. E. Dunning
Director

CED:LP

cc/ Mr. A. C. Nebeker

Nebeker's Schedule - November

12	Parker
13	Bouse
14	Quartzsite
15	Agulla
16	Salome-Wenden