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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES FILE DATA

PRIMARY NAME: ARIZONA SPAR-BARITE

ALTERNATE NAMES:

MARICOPA COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 186

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 5 N RANGE 10 W SECTION 34 QUARTER S2 LATITUDE: N 33DEG 43MIN 03SEC LONGITUDE: W 113DEG 19MIN 13SEC TOPO MAP NAME: LONE MOUNTAIN - 15 MIN

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CURRENT STATUS: DEVEL DEPOSIT

COMMODITY:

BARIUM WITHERITE FLUORINE FLUORSPAR

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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ARIZONA SPAR-BARITE

MARICOPA Big Horn Dist.

KP/WR 1/16/80 - Mr. Victor Arnold, Sun Mining Co., reported they plan to mine barite from the Daniel Williams' property known as the Arizona Spar Barite Mine, Big Horn Dist., Maricopa County. They have received a contract from a firm known as Chemtek for 5,000 tons of crude barite. He also reported a firm known as Big Eye, "I"?) Barite may become involved.

CJH WR 8/22/80: Phone Call: Daniel Williams, 1919 W. 18th Place, Yuma, Arizona 85364, reported that a company has been formed to mine and process barite from the old Arizona Spar-Barite property in Maricopa County, south of Aguila (see mine file). The company is North American Mining and Engineering. It is New York based but incorporated in Arizona. President Arthur McConnell, VicePresident William McConnell (brothers), Secretary Dr. C.E. Anthony -- all of New York City. Daniel Williams is General Manager. \$500,000 will be deposited in a Phoenix bank for corporate use. Assets are estimated at \$3-5 Million. Mr. Williams is planing to move to Wickenburg. The first action to be taken is the drilling of a water well. The barite will be sold and shipped to the GeoTech or Drillchem Corporations of Houston, Texas (both are supposed to be the same company). A Mr. Dean Cameron is the company representative. Mr. Victor Arnold reportedly has abandoned the property.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: John H. Jett, Director
FROM: Mike Greeley, Field Engineer
SUBJECT: Arizona Spar-Barite prospect, Maricopa Co.
DATE: January 23, 1979

On January 4, 1979, I drove to Aguila, AZ, to visit the Arizona Spar-Barite prospect owned by Messrs. Daniel E. Williams (1919 W. 18th Pl., Yuma, AZ, Pb 783-2207, Andrew J. Johannsen (3380 S. 4th Ave., Yuma, AZ, Ph 726-8308), and E. H. Kreuger (2625 Ave "A", Yuma, AZ 85364). Mr. Williams' son, Daniel E. Williams II (1217 8th Ave., Yuma, Az, Ph 782-3150) is also involved either as an employee or as partner; he was my original contact.

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The prospect is covered by six lode claims. Five of the claims are contiguous and consist of the "Arizona Spar-Barite #1, #1A, #1B, #1C, and #1D". The sixth, separate claim is known as the "Arizona Spar-Barite #2". These claims are in Sections 34 & 35, T 5 N, R 10 W, and Section 4, T 4 N, R 10 W.

The area is in the Big Horn Mountains and is mapped on the Lone Mountain, 15 minute topographic quadrangle. Access to the property is gained by driving south from Aguila on the Eagle Eye Blvd., a dirt road well maintained by the County, 17.7 miles to a dirt road that trends easterly across Tiger Wash. This road has been "re-graded" beyond an adit to a point near a topographic saddle, above the adit. At the time of my visit, the upper portion of the road was essentially impassable and dangerous to drive on.

South of this road, on the Eagle Eye Rd., approximately 1/2 mile and 1 mile respectively are turn-offs to 2 other prospects, located east of Tiger Wash against the mountain front. These prospects, consisting of a nearly covered 40 ft. shaft and trenches, are marked on the Lone Mountain quadrangle by X's.

The Arizona Spar-Barite property consists of veins and stringers of light gray to white barite. Some of the barite is coarsely crystalline. Minor amounts of pale green fluorite and white quartz occur. The veins and stringers occur in a tough, fine to medium grained andesite.

The barite veins are seldom over 18 inches thick. Occasionally there are zones, commonly in volcanic breccia, that are 10 to 20 feet wide containing numerous thin stringers of barite. In general, however, the extent of the veins and stringer zones is unknown as to strike length and depth.

The owners are anxious to begin production and claim to have a "letter of irrevocable credit" from the buyers, a company known as Geo Teck(?). I understand their agreement calls for them to receive \$54.00 per ton of barite delivered. It is my understanding, however, that the "letter" will only pay for rail delivery and payment for the product is to be made only after receipt of the barite and after the barite has been tested for quality. Arizona Spar-Barite prospect, Maricopa Co. January 23, 1979

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It is my opinion that although much of the barite is of high quality, with a satisfactory specific gravity, the tonnage possibilities are limited based on known exposures. Their initial contract calls for up to 2,000 tons and I doubt they can ship that much without expending a great deal of effort and money. The profit would be marginal at best. I suspect they have spent \$10,000 to \$20,000 thus far without any real production.

The owners are not well prepared to mine the barite. Their earth moving equipment is old and oversized. They have no definite plan and no firm cost figures. They are reluctant to hire a qualified consultant or mine foreman although I recommended they do so.

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cc: Tucson office

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It property is leased to Beg ky Bank Co. They work out jon maclishell offer in guma, m malaskell is the accountant. 2450 Fourth and South 118 - Ul 726-0970

