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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES FILE DATA

PRIMARY NAME: CUNQUIEN

ALTERNATE NAMES:
COONCAN MINE

PIMA COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 80

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 16 S RANGE 4 E SECTION 18 QUARTER NE
LATITUDE: N 32DEG 02MIN 27SEC LONGITUDE: W 111DEG 57MIN 53SEC
TOPO MAP NAME: COMOBABI - 15 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: PAST PRODUCER

COMMODITY:
GOLD LODE
SILVER
COPPER
LEAD
ZINC

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ADMMR CUNQUIEN FILE

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
STATE OF ARIZONA
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Picacho Date Feb. 16, 1949
District Conobabi Engineer Ballam
Subject: Information on operations

The Picacho group of 36 patented mining claims is located on the east side of the Salls-Ajo highway across from the Picacho trading post, 74 miles west of Tucson. It is owned by O.W. Huish of Salls, at present operator of the trading post. The mine was a silver-lead producer, reportedly, in the latter part of the 19th century, but apparently no records of shipments are available. It is reported that the highly siliceous ore was in demand at that time for smelter flux. *Mr Huish bought*

for taxes in 1947.
No examination of the property was made at this time, owing to the absence of the engineer in charge, but the following information was furnished by Mr. Huish:

A group consisting of seven Los Angeles business men has taken a lease on the property, presumably on a royalty basis, to develop and to ship a siliceous silver ore. A meeting of all principals was scheduled in Tucson, Feb. 19, to determine future policies and operations of the company, which currently is known as the Picacho Mines Inc., incorporated in California and Arizona. M. W. Redhead, Salls, is resident engineer. Mr. Redhead was not present on the property at the time of visit.

Mr. Huish stated that the company is prepared to develop the property, on which is a 600 foot shaft and numerous shallower workings. At present four men are employed, the crew to be increased to 25 men in the near future. It has been planned to build a small mill to beneficiate these ores so that shipments may proceed at once, planning on increasing production to furnish the proposed Ajo smelter with a suitable product later.

The company has also made arrangements to acquire the Dunham group of one patented and 9 unpatented claims. This group lies to the west of the highway and is owned by Maurice Heddeman of Tucson, et al. This group, a gold-silver-lead producer, has been reported on by Miles Carpenter and others, and some of these reports are available in the office of the Department of Mineral Resources. No recent examinations have been made since that of Hubert d'Autremont of Tucson who at one time was interested in the property. This report can be obtained from Maurice d'Autremont of Tucson.

*George A. Ballam
Field Engineer*

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DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
STATE OF ARIZONA
OWNERS MINE REPORT

Date June 6, 1939

Mine Cunquien

District Cababi

Former name Cunquien

Owner Maurice Hedderman

Operator

President

Mine Supt.

Principal Metals Gold & Silver

Production Rate

Power: Amt. & Type

Operations: Present

Operations Planned

Number Claims, Title, etc.

L) 10 claims, main one, Cunquien, is patented

Description: Topog. & Geog. Vein average 4 ft. quartz fissure in porphory, probably rhyolitic, this determination may be incorrect as badly altered. Main visible for 1,500 feet. Strike easterly and westerly. Vein vertical at 175 ft. shaft to 75 ft. level, dipping 1. slightly north from 75' to 175', its present depth. Impossible to determine length of vein as it is covered to the east by an andesite flow to the west by wash material in low ground.

Mine Workings: Amt. & Condition Drifts driven app. 150' east and 145' west connecting 80' shaft at the 75' level of working shaft. About 300 tons of ore has been mined and shipped to smelter from ore shoot encountered at 75' level. Have assay reports (app. 100) from shafts-drifts-stopes.

Location 10 Miles W. of Sells, 1 1/2 miles West of Tucson-Ajo Highway

Address P. O. Box 201 Tucson, Arizona

Address*

Gen. Mgr.

Mill Supt.

Men Employed

Mill: Type & Cap.

CUNQUIEN			
Au, Ag			
Pima	10 - 5	T 14 S, R 4 E	
Maurice Hedderman, Dragoon			

'39

Geology & Mineralization General character of the ore, crushed quartz, cerusite, anglesite, small blotches of galena, and shows some molybdenum and vanadium.

Ore: Positive & Probable, Ore Dumps, Tailings

Mine, Mill Equipment & Flow Sheet Estimated approximately 6,000 tons of mill-grade ore available from the 75 ft. level to surface judging from samples taken to date should average better than \$10 not counting slip that should have additional 7,500 tons from 75' level up of ore of higher grade. 2,500 tons of ore of same grade on the dump. Another ore shoot starting at the 1,758 as blotches of galena visible in quartz. Just took top of two ore shoots out on 75' level.

Road Conditions, Route

Excellent - Mine is 75 miles west of Tucson, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Tucson-Ajo Highway - 40 miles of the 75 is paved and the other maintained by the County

Water Supply Unlimited domestic water supply

Brief History Property in hands of original locator for 60 years.

Special Problems, Reports Filed None

Remarks

If property for sale: Price, terms and address to negotiate.

\$35,000.00 - \$5,000 cash - balance to be worked out. The reason for the low figure of thirty-five thousand dollars is I want to retain 5% royalty interest.

Signed.....Maurice Hedderman.....

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