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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: CYPRESS GROUP

ALTERNATE NAMES:
MONTEZUMA

GILA COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 348A

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 7 N RANGE 9 E SECTION 15 QUARTER NE
LATITUDE: N 33DEG 56MIN 59SEC LONGITUDE: W 111DEG 24MIN 50SEC
TOPO MAP NAME: RENO PASS - 7.5 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: UNKNOWN

COMMODITY:
MERCURY

BIBLIOGRAPHY:
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CYPRESS GROUP

GILA COUNTY

Interview with Mr. Sammy Lewis, operator of Rye Store - reported that a Mr. Ralston is developing the mercury mine at Cane Springs west of the Bee Line Highway. Mr. W. E. Polk has been developing his Rye Creek group of claims west of Rye. CLH Payson trip 2-27-68

RCH Enterprises were trying to repair road to the Cypress mine, but too wet to work. Lee Hutchinson is Vice President, General Manager, Gene Reynolds, of Los Angeles is President. They have taken over Grimes furnace - 10 will be employed. FTJ WR 2-28-69

Bonanza Mining Co. has the lease on Rattlesnake Mill & Cypress mine. FTJ WR 6-27-69

Visited the Rattlesnake plant. Mr. Grimes preparing to mine and treat ore from Cypress mine. FTJ WR 2-27-70

Mr. McFarland stated that he had briefly looked the claims over and had seen two places that he would like to prospect. The claims, according to Mr. McFarland are now held by Gus Packard, Box 469, Mesa, Arizona.

Little is known about these claims as they apparently have had little work done on them, and they are covered to a large degree by detritus, soil, etc.

Interview with James McFarland at the Ord Mine. Memo LAS 2-27-63

Location: The Hardrock claims adjoin the Blue Bird Group on the east. The Cypress claims adjoin the Rattlesnake group on the south.

Owner: Gus Packard, P.O. Box 469, Mesa, Arizona

Optionee: Paul H. Bennett, 508 W. 17th Place, Tempe (967-5415)

Note: Efforts to contact Bennett have thus far failed, but we will try him in the evening.

According Erik Bruner, Bennett seems more favorable to the Cypress.

Conferences: C.O. Carlson, Sunflower & Erik Bruner, Western Equities, Inc., Box 95, Grand Canyon, Arizona - looked at Cypress claims. LAS 6-23-65

Mr. Bennett was finally contacted and reported that some bulldozer cutting had uncovered a 3 foot vein that assayed 0.85 to 1.11 percent Hg, and that there are some patches of ground that ran 1½ to 3 pounds to the ton, at or close to the surface. He is trying to finance further development work by core drilling with flat holes that would crosscut the nearly vertically dipping schists. LAS Memo 6-29-65

Gordon Grimes stated that Dan Rawlston and another man were sinking a 50-foot shaft on the Cypress group, for Dunhurlow, and are now down 40 feet in a sericite schist which carries some mercury. Grimes has an interest in these claims, which he is selling along with the mill. The mercury-bearing zone is said to have widened from 1 foot at the surface to 3 feet at 40 feet of depth. The grade is not yet known. Memo LAS 2-23-66

A week ago two miners were killed by lethal gases in the bottom of the Cypress 35-ft. shaft. Two others, who attempted to rescue them were also affected, one seriously. At no time was the shaft blown out by air prior to the accident and after blasting the day before. This could pose a serious suit threat due to careless supervision. It was variously reported that the compressor was not functioning properly but this is unproven. The Coroners jury convened 6-28-66 and rendered a verdict which stated that the men were killed by a lethal gas or gases which largely resulted from blasting. As a result of this the Cypress mine and Rattlesnake mill were closed by court order, pending a verdict from the Coroners jury.
LAS Memo 6-28-66

Conferences with Tom Bolich - Big Sam Mining Co. - & James Popovich
These men said that after the fatal accident last June, no more work had been done.
Memo LAS 10-25-66

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
STATE OF ARIZONA
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Various

Date October 3, 1975

District Sunflower

Engineer Ken A. Phillips

Subject: Claims held by American International Mining & Milling Corp.

Information from: James G. Duncan, President

Address: P.O. Box 15234, Phoenix, 85060; located Suite 10, 3530 East
Indian School Road

Mr. Duncan reported that his company owns or controls under leases and options the following claims in the Sunflower District:

Arizona Mercury (50 claims)
Sunflower Group
Red Rock (9 claims)
Golden Horn (10 claims) obtained from Ralph Pabst
Silver Bell (10 claims) " " " "
Cypres (11 claims) obtained from Carlson

Further, he reported they have a small mill on the East Fork of Sycamore Creek. The mill produces a concentrate containing 10-15 lbs. of mercury per ton (0.5-0.75 percent?). They are working on processes to recover the microscopic beads of native mercury combined with gold, silver and platinum contained in their ore.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

State of Arizona

MINE OWNER'S REPORT

Date November 14, 1958

1. Mine: "Cypress Group"
2. Location: Sec. 15 Twp. 7N Range 9E Nearest Town Payson Distance 23 miles
 Direction NE Nearest R.R. Mesa, Arizona Distance 56 miles
 Road Conditions Paved Bee Line Highway to within 1/8 mile of property
3. Mining District and County: Brown Mining District - Gila County
4. Former Name of Mine: "Montezuma"
5. Owner: Gus Packard (Inquire at Sunflower Store)
 Address: Sunflower, Arizona (P.O. Box 469, Mesa, Arizona)
6. Operator: Agent Don L. Walker (Phone W13-8390 - Leave Message)
 Address: 9828 N. 8th Dr. Phoenix, Arizona
7. Principal Minerals: Mercury - Cinnabar, Meta-Cinnabar
8. Number of Claims: Lode Eleven Patented Surveyed Unpatented
 Placer..... Patented..... Unpatented.....
9. Type of Surrounding Terrain: Located at the foot of Mount Ord, consisting of parallel canyons with steep slopes. Considerable brush.
10. Geology and Mineralization: Schist formation, numerous large and small dikes running NE by SW.

11. Dimension and Value of Ore Body: Four foot average vein width. Undetermined length and depth. Assay of 0.35%. This would yield approx. seven pounds of mercury per ton. Higher percentage possible on less vein width.

Please give as complete information as possible and attach copies of engineer's reports, shipment returns, maps, etc. if you wish to have them available in this Department's files for inspection by prospective lessors or buyers.

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For Inspection contact Owner or Agent.

12. Ore "Blocked Out" or "In Sight" *Approximately One thousand Tons* of ore "in sight" at present.

Ore Probable: *Extent and Value of ore body undetermined due to lack of development Capital.*

13. Mine Workings—Amount and Condition:

No.	Feet	Condition
Shafts		
Raises		
Tunnels <i>1</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>Old Working. Some ore visible.</i>
Crosscuts <i>6</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>New Surface Cut. basis of present. Assays</i>
Stopes		

14. Water Supply: *Water usually running in Slate Creek except during unusually dry periods. Inexpensive storage facilities could be constructed for rainy seasons.*

15. Brief History: *Two of the claims of the group are approx. 30 yrs. old. With the exception of the tunnel, very little development work had been done until recently. A three tube retort and utility shed are on the property.*

16. Remarks: *At this stage of development, this property should be considered a very good prospect rather than a producing mine and sales price and terms of lease or option have been figured accordingly. For inspection, the property is within easy walking distance of Buemont.*

17. If Property for Sale, List Approximate Price and Terms. *Cash sales price is \$8,000.00 lease or option \$1,000.00 dn. punit, \$300.00 per mo. Thereafter lease or option payments to be applied to purchase price.*

18. Signature: *Walter S. Walker - Agent for Owner.*