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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: GILA VALLEY BLOCK CO.

ALTERNATE NAMES:  
PUMICE NO. 2

GRAHAM COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 79

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 6 S RANGE 29 E SECTION 28 QUARTER SW  
LATITUDE: N 32DEG 52MIN 41SEC LONGITUDE: W 109DEG 23MIN 03SEC  
TOPO MAP NAME: GUTHRIE - 15 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: UNKNOWN

COMMODITY:  
PUMICE CINDERS  
PERLITE

BIBLIOGRAPHY:  
ADMMR GILA VALLEY BLOCK CO. FILE  
SEE ADMMR HAIGLER PUMICE FILE  
BLM AMC FILE 20489  
CLAIMS EXTEND INTO SEC. 27, 29, 30, 32, 33,  
34 AND SEC. 7 IN T7S-R29E AND SEC. 30,  
T6S-R28E



Sida Valley Block Co  
T65 ROAD Use of 28 2/17

Zorilla Tank  
BM 4533

Safford 15'

GILA VALLEY BLOCK CO.

See: MINING WORLD MAY 1963, p38

MILS Graham County Index #79

AKA: Pumice #2

See: Map I-1310-B p. 5; Mineral Deposit Map of the  
Silver City 1<sup>0</sup> x 2<sup>0</sup> Quad.,  
NM & AZ

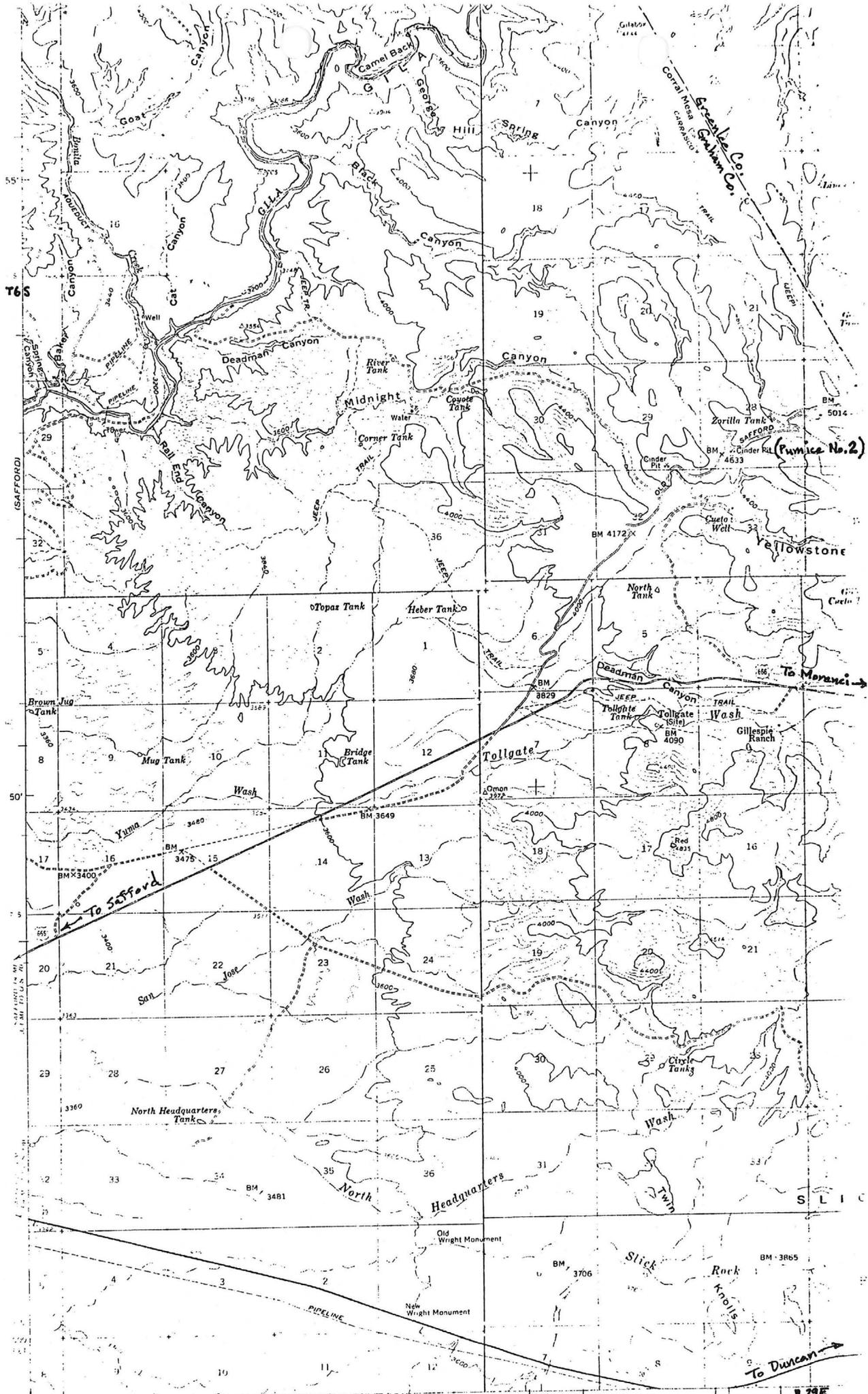
Safford 15' map (included in file)

GRAHAM COUNTY



*Mineral location  
1965*

GRAHAM COUNTY  
GILA RIVER DISTRICT  
T6S R29E Sec. 28 SW $\frac{1}{4}$



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FIELD INTERVIEW with Bill Maher of Gila Valley Block Company. He was interested in buying some pumice claims near his volcanic cinder quarry. The pumice covers the volcanic cinders.

GWI WR 2/4/66

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Field Interview with Bill Maher of the Gila Valley Block Plant - Interested in buying pumice claims near his cinder pit. Has doubts about status with BLM even though they are pre 1955.

GWI WR 4/9/66

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Mine visit at the Gila Valley Block Plant. Bill Maher, the manager, reports that they mine approximately 40 yards of cinders per day. (1800 pounds per yard). He has recently staked lode claims over his original placer claims as mineral exploration companies have staked claims all around his cinder operations, which are located in the Peloncillo mining district as the Pumice 1,2,3,5, and the Blue Bird and the Triangle. The pit is along the old Safford Clifton road on the west side of the Pelloncillo's. GWI WR 10/23/73

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On mine visit to Gila Valley Block Plant, Wm. Maker, manager, talked of patenting of their pumice claims in the Peloncilla Mts. and their possible use of perlite. GWI WR 6/19/75

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Visited the Gila Valley Block plant; answered a question regarding a claim problem with the BLM at their cinder pit in the Pelloncillo Mountains. Gila Valley Block is owned by Catalina General Corp., P.O. Box 49043, Tucson, 85719, Frank Soloman, president; plant manager - Bill Maher, Safford. They have a problem with the BLM on a claim fraction on their cinder mine. It appears that it can be solved in their favor and so advised them. GWI WR 10/13/76

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NJN WR 9/23/83: Steve Matter, Vice President Gila Valley Block Company reports that currently mine only part-time at the Pumice #2 but that they haul from the mine to Safford on a daily basis. Products from the mine are cinder and pumice. From these they produce lightweight masonry block, use the pumice for insulation and the cinders in landscaping.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA  
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine ' Gila Cinder

Date May 6, 1960

District Gila River District, Graham Co.

Engineer Axel L. Johnson

Subject: Field Engineers Report - Information from Bill Maher.

Location: Approximately 25 miles NE of Safford on the old Safford-Clifton road, 1½ miles south of the Greenlee-Graham County line on east side of the road.

Number of Claims: 9 unpatented placer claims (180 acres) on Federal land (unsurveyed) purchased some time ago from A. G. Haigler & associates.

Owners: \ Gila Cinder Co.,  
Mrs. Doris Maher  
1316 - 1st Ave., Safford, Arizona

Users: \ Gila Valley Block Co.  
P.O. Box 465  
Safford, Arizona  
Bill Maher, Mgr.

Principal Minerals: \ Pumice, Cinder & Scoria

Uses:

- (1) Making pumice blocks, containing 20% pumice and 80% cinders and required amount of cement and coloring.
- (2) Making cinder blocks of 100% cinders with required amount of cement and coloring.

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See: "MEMO" by Lewis A. Smith, dated 12-28-61  
in HAIGLER PUMICE (file)

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STATE OF ARIZONA

FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Gila Valley Block Co. Cinder  
(formerly Gila Cinder)  
District Gila River District, Graham Co.

Date June 6, 1963  
Engineer Axel L. Johnson

Subject: Field Engineers Report. Information from Bill Maher, Manager

References: Report of Feb. 6, 1963 and previous.

Present Activity: Production of the cinder, scoria and pumice has increased recently and now averages about 30 yards per day, or from 8,000 to 9,000 yards per year.

The mining is done under contract to a rancher, who blasts the cinder and scoria and pushes it into piles for easy loading into trucks with an end loader. Only a small amount of blasting is required.

The hauling from the pit to the block company plant in Safford is done with the block company's own trucks. Two 16 yard loads are generally hauled each day.

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STATE OF ARIZONA

FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Gila Valley Block Co. Cinder Date Feb. 6, 1963  
(formerly Gila Cinder)  
District Gila River District, Graham Co. Engineer Axel L. Johnson  
Subject: Field Engineers Report. Information from Bill Maher, Manager

References Report of Feb. 8, 1962

Location See report of Feb. 8, 1962

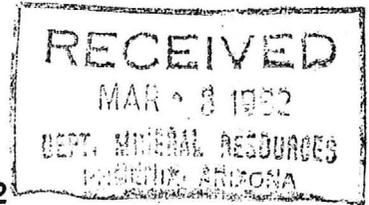
Number of Claims See report of Feb. 8, 1962.

Owners Gila Valley Block Co., P. O. Box 465, Safford, Ariz. are now sole owners.  
(Gila Valley Block Co. purchased the remaining 9 claims from Mrs. Doris Maher the  
past year).

Operators Gila Valley Block Co., P. O. Box 465, Safford, Ariz. Bill Maher, Mgr.  
The open pit is operated intermittently as the demands for the product requires.  
The hauling from the pit to the block company plant in Safford is now done with the  
company's own trucks. The production is about 5,000 yards per year, about 10 % of  
this being pumice and the remainder cinders and scoria.

Users & Uses Gila Valley Block Co. in their block plant, for the manufacture of  
cinder blocks and pumice blocks. Same as Feb. 8, 1962 report.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT



Mine Gila Cinder

Date Feb. 8, 1962

District Gila River District, Graham Co.

Engineer Axel L. Johnson

Subject: Field Engineers Report. Information from Bill Maher and Leon Atwater.

References Report of May 6, 1960.

Location About 25 miles NE of Safford on the old Safford-Clifton road, 1 1/2 miles south of the Greenlee-Graham county line on the east side of the road.

Number of Claims 17 unpatented claims (340 acres) purchased from A. G. Haigler & Assos. These are on Federal land (unsurveyed)

Owners Mrs. Doris Maher, Gila Cinder Co. owns 9 claims purchased prior to 1960. Gila Valley Block Co. owns 8 claims purchased after 1960.

Operators Gila Valley Block Co., P. O. Box 465, Safford, Ariz. The open pit is operated intermittently, as demands for the product requires. The hauling to the block company plant at Safford is contracted to Mike Grauer. Production is about 4,500 yards per year, 10 % of this being pumice, and about 90 % cinders and scoria.

Users Gila Valley Block Co. The product is used in their plant at Safford in the manufacture of cinder blocks and pumice blocks. Two kinds of blocks are manufactured.  
(1) Pumice blocks, containing 20 % pumice and 80 % cinders, with the required amount of cement and coloring.  
(2) Cinder blocks, using all cinders, with cement and coloring.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES  
Mineral Building, Fairgrounds  
Phoenix, Arizona

1. Information from: mine visit (no one present)  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mine: PUMICE #2 3. No. of Claims - Patented \_\_\_\_\_  
(Graham Co. - Guthrie 15' Quad.) Unpatented \_\_\_\_\_
4. Location: East from Safford on Highway 666; take Old Safford dirt road about 4.2  
\_\_\_\_\_ miles to second quarry.
5. Sec SW $\frac{1}{4}$  28 Tp 6S Range 29E 6. Mining District Gila River
7. Owner: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Operating Co.: Gila Valley Block, Inc.
10. Address: P.O. Box 465, Safford, AZ 85546
11. President: \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Gen. Mgr.: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Principal Metals: Pumice & Cinders 14. No. Employed: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Mill, Type & Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Present Operations: (a) Down  (b) Assessment work  (c) Exploration   
(d) Production  (e) Rate \_\_\_\_\_ tpd.
17. New Work Planned: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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18. Misc. Notes: Production is obviously intermittent - probably on demand.  
There are two relatively distinct layers that are mined. One is a  
reddish brown cinder bed and the other is a light to medium gray pumice. The  
layering dips slightly to the northwest(?).  
Equipment includes a hopper with screen, two short belts, a crusher,  
front end loader, and generator set. There is a pumice stockpile and a cinder  
stockpile; material is generally  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or less.  
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Date: November 2, 1984

(Signature)

Michael N. Goodley  
(Field Engineer)

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For sale list

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES

VERBAL INFORMATION SUMMARY (SHORT FORM)

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1. Information from: Randy Blendu (manager)

Address: P.O. Box 121 - Fort Thomas, AZ 85536

2. Phone: 485-9434 (home)

3. Mine: Gila Valley Block Co. (Pumice #2)

4. ADMMR Mine File: yes

5. County: Graham

6. MILS Number 79

7. Operational Status: On Standby

8. Summary of information received, comments, etc.:

The quarry and block plant in Safford are both for sale. The plant is  
now selling off the light weight block inventory and is not in production.  
Asking price for both is \$500,000. The quarry has produced cinders and  
block pumice. Some zones in the ash may be partially zeolitized and  
therefore suitable for specialty absorbants. Equipment includes a 15 ton/hr  
cedar rapids portable crusher w/power plant and a 4 yd loader. The single-  
line block plant is automatic with a 10,000 block/day capacity. The build-  
ing w/a 3 bay shop is on ground leased from the city of Safford. Two diesel  
delivery trucks, 2 dump trucks, 4 forklifts and 2 tractor loaders are in-  
cluded in the price.

Date: October 12, 1988 H.E. Mats