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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: MIDWEST

ALTERNATE NAMES:

MOLY MINE  
BLEVINS  
MOLY LEAD MINE

MOHAVE COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 450A

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 15 N RANGE 13 W SECTION 23 QUARTER  
LATITUDE: N 34DEG 37MIN 33SEC LONGITUDE: W 113DEG 35MIN 24SEC  
TOPO MAP NAME: WIKIEUP - 7.5 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: DEVEL DEPOSIT

COMMODITY:

LEAD SULFIDE  
LEAD  
MOLYBDENUM  
SILVER

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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MIDWEST

- *Moly-Lead*

MOHAVE COUNTY

No activity at Blevins Moly-lead, although Bagdad has not relinquished option, as they study drill results.

FTJ WR 9/10/65

Visited Emery Blevins and Mr. Bland in Wikieup. Bagdad still have Blevins under option but are not active.

FTJ WR 11/5/65

Bagdad is still holding lease and option on Blevins Moly-Lead near Wikieup.

FTJ WR 3/5/66

Boyles Bros. have one drill on the Wilson-Blevins Claims, but who has the option was not disclosed.

FTJ WR 6/24/66

Visited Arkla office - Arkla have taken an option on Blevins Moly-lead Group.

FTJ WR 11/10/67

Sampling of Blevins' Moly-Lead taking place. ~~Neaves Petroleum Developments are waiting for better weather to continue exploration of Blevins Benagus Claims.~~

FTJ WR 1/5/68

Arkla has dropped their option on the Moly-Lead Group.

FTJ WR 5/10/68

Visited Emery Blevins at his ranch - no activity at present.

FTJ WR 9/6/68

Interview with Emery Blevins who said his Moly-Lead Group was open for a deal.

FTJ WR 11/8/68

Visited Blevins ranch - he has optioned his Moly-Lead Group to Vernon Taylor, Sr., who also has the COD, ETC, Claims north of Kingman. They were grading road and preparing drill sites, plan to drill three holes 500' each. Mr. Cagle is geologist.

FTJ WR 7/11/70

KAP Memo: Netta Wood of the Arizona Bureau of Geology and Mineral Technology reported the Neaves Mine in Owens District, Mohave County, was listed on the U.S. Bureau of Mines Mineral Production Survey as having Ag, Cu, Pb production in 1979. The owner and/or operator of the mine was listed as Neaves Petroleum.

"Molly Lead"?

MIDWEST RESOURCES

MOHAVE COUNTY

OWENS DIST.

*Cedar Valley*

Visited Midwest Mines. A trucking contractor was dismantling & hauling out all the mill equipment. It is being delivered to a site on a manganese property near Cherry Creek in the Salt River Canyon area said to be under the same management as Midwest, i.e.: Wayne Johnson. Mr. Johnson was not available for accurate information.

TRAVIS P. LANE - WR - 1-30-59

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Interviewed Mrs. Wayne Johnson at the Midwest Resources camp near Wikieup. She is living alone at the property attempting to protect her interest. Since termination of work last Nov. - Dec. considerable controversy has developed among various shareholders, the owner, Blevins, and Wayne Johnson, Director and Promoter of the project. Joe Strutzel recently examined and reported on the property for Mrs. Johnson who is opposing her husband. Molybdenum Corp. of America apparently is keenly interested in the possibilities of the mine, and is attempting to get the dissenting factions together so as to negotiate a deal.

TRAVIS P. LANE - WR - 5-10-59  
7-11-59 Visited Midwest Resources, no activity.

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Visited the Midwest Resources Property, and interviewed Emery Blevins, the owner. He reported that he was disputing title matters with Mrs. Johnson, now of Kingman (divorced from Johnson), and that Johnson himself is another disputant. He said also that Molybdenum Corp. of America continues anxious to under take exploration when the title situation becomes clarified.

TRAVIS P. LANE - WR - 11-21-59

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June 20, 1962 - Visited Blevin's Midwest Resources property near Wikieup. No activity and the title is still in dispute.

TRAVIS P. LANE - Weekly Report - June 23, 1962

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A manganese mining and drilling operation employing Apache Indians at Gleason Flats near Globe, has been started by Louis Ellsworth Jr. of Globe on property leased from the Indian service.

Mid-West Resources, Inc., of Bismark, N.D. will work the property. Mid-West has moved \$240,000 worth of equipment to the site from Wikieup, where it has completed a molybdenum mining contract.

E. & M.J.- April, 1959, p 141.

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Visited Emery Blevins at Wikieup, Bagdad Copper Co. is drilling his copper prospect, Lead-Moly Group (Midwest)

FTJ WR 7/9/65

# DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA

## FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Midwest Resources

Date Dec. 22, 1958

District Owens, Mohave County

Engineer Travis P. Lane

Subject: Visit

The property was visited by Frank P. Knight and Travis Lane in the afternoon of Dec. 18th. The mine and mill were idle and only Elmer Blevins, the mine owner, was present.

The property was idle and according to Mr. Blevins the company has suspended indefinitely, and it is rumored that the mill may be moved to a manganese property in the Globe area. Mr. Wayne Johnson, the principal in the project, was not available for comment. This mill was completed several months ago and has never run. It replaced an earlier unsuccessful pneumatic plant.

MEMO

MIDWEST  
MOHAVE COUNTY  
OWENS DIST.

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Nov. 28, 1958

The mine and mill of Midwest Resources was visited on November 26. The property was idle and no one present. When last visited on Sept. 26, 1958 revamping of the mill was about completed and a start-up was expected early in October. At the time of the Nov. 26 visit there was no evidence that the mill actually started and ran. No information was available locally regarding future intentions of the company.

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# DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA

## FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Midwest (formerly filed as Moly Mine) Date September 26, 1958  
District *Cedar Valley Dist.* Owens Dist., Mohave County Engineer Travis P. Lane  
Subject: Visit to property

Owner: Emery Blevins  
Wikieup, Arizona

Operator: Midwest Resources, Inc.  
1505 N 15th Ave.  
Phoenix, Arizona

Wayne Johnson, 3029 Mariposa St., Phoenix, is the president of the corporation. The stockholders are principally South Dakota farmers.

The mine and plant were visited on June 19th of this year and again on September 23rd.

The property comprises 21 unpatented claims, located 4 to 5 miles south of Wikieup in low hill country on the west side of the Big Sandy. The mill is reached by traveling 3 miles south of Wikieup on Hwy. 93, thence west 1 mile over dirt road. The main mine workings are about 1 mile west from the mill.

The country rock is a granite gneiss with occasional areas of pegmatite. A large vein-dike (up to 30 ft. wide) crops prominently for a length of over a mile, striking approximately N 65° E. A number of similar but smaller parallel veins occur in close proximity to the main vein. The vein material is a breccia composed of crushed wall rock, some quartz and limestone and much "black" calcite (manganiferous). The ore minerals are principally galena and wulfenite and a small amount of cerrusite. The valuable metals are lead and molybdenum and some silver. Parts of the vein show a box pattern indicating the leaching out of sulphide crystals, probably pyrite.

The main workings are on the large vein and consist of an open cut in the vein on a steep hillside, and a 60 ft. shaft, partially covered. The shaft is collared immediately south of the cut and at slightly lower elevation.

The company constructed a dry concentrating plant during the early part of this year. The plant was a failure and in June it was decided to scrap it and build a conventional wet jig plant. At the time of the Sept. 23rd visit the new construction was nearing completion, and it was expected that the mill would be in production by the end of the month or early in October.

The open cut on the large vein is counted upon to furnish the first mill feed. A mill feed grade of about 5% Pb and 1% Mo with 1/4 to 1/2 oz. Ag is anticipated. The shaft is said to have shown a considerably better grade of ore at depth.

The mill flow sheet is as follows:

10 ton coarse Bin with 12" square grizzly  
14" to 20" Kue Ken Crusher  
3' x 7½' double deck vibrating screen (with 1/4" and 1/8" screens)  
18" Gyratory Crusher  
Davis Hammer Mill

Bucket elevator, screw dewaterer

50 ton fine ore bin

5 - 3 compartment 36" Davis Jigs

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Mr. Chester Knight is the Mill Supt. 4 men were employed on the mill construction.  
Mr. Blevins, the Mine Supt., was occupied grading roads.



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March 24, 1958

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MIDWEST MILL near Wikieup (See Moly-Lead Mine)  
is operating experimentally. Engr in chg is

✓  
Wayne Johnson, 3029 W. Mariposa, Phoenix.

6 men are presently employed. They expect a  
60% - 70% recovery of wulfenite and galena  
by a dry process, main equipment being 5 tables

LEE HAMMONS, Field Engr.

LEE HAMMONS reports -

1-17-58

✓ Moly-Lead Mine

MOHAVE COUNTY

✓ Midwest Resources, Inc.  
✓ Jake Rabinburg, Selby, So. Dakota  
✓ Wayne Johnson, Geologist,  
3029 Mariposa St.,  
Phoenix, Arizona AL 8-6401

Mining wulfenite 4 miles south of Wikieup,  
setting up dry process mill, expect to sell  
molybdenum in Germany. They also plan to mine  
beryl and concentrate it electrostatically.