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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES FILE DATA

PRIMARY NAME: PONCHO MINE

ALTERNATE NAMES:

PIMA COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 403

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 16 S RANGE 4 E SECTION 17 QUARTER NE
LATITUDE: N 32DEG 02MIN 55SEC LONGITUDE: W 111DEG 55MIN 33SEC
TOPO MAP NAME: COMOBABI - 15 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: UNKNOWN

COMMODITY:

SILVER
COPPER
LEAD
GOLD

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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PONCHO GROUP

PIMA COUNTY

NJN WR 3/18/83: Cleveland Nelson of St. Petersburg, Fla. brought in a certificate from the C.I.L. Mining Corporation purchased in the late 1940's. C.I.L. was active at the Poncho Mine in Pima County during that period. A copy of the certificate was added to the file.

Owned and operated by
C.I.L. MINING CORPORATION
214 W. Turney Ave.
Phoenix, Arizona

file

CLAIMS:

The Poncho group of mining claims consists of four unpatented lode mining claims, situate in the Cobabi Mining District, Pima County, Arizona.

ACCESSIBILITY:

The mine is reached over a good desert road only a short distance off the main highway from Ajo to Tucson. While it is what is known as a dirt road, the desert character affords a good hard usable road the year around.

TIMBER:

There is no growing timber upon the mines, however the nature of the ground is such that very little timber is required. Workings in nearby mines have stood for many years without timber.

WATER:

Water can be developed in one of the gulches upon the property by the sinking of wells. At a level of 125 feet water will be developed in the workings. This water is pure and palatable.

VEINS:

So far as worked the one vein opened appears to be a fissure vein in the andesite, near the center of the mine this is cut by an intrusive rhyolite felsite dyke which has displaced the vein a few feet, however, it shows beyond the rhyolite felsite dyke same as on the side the workings are on, the movement has been about 75 feet.

The vein so far as opened average about thirty inches with quartz lenses and limonite filling. Chief values are found in the oxides, chlorides, carbonates, and sulphides, silver predominating, with small gold and copper showings which will probable increase with depth. The strike of the vein is North twenty five degrees West, with a dip to the North of forty five degrees.

VALUES:

A sample cut with intention to give a fair average of the ore showing gave a return of 19.9 oz. ag. 1.4 Au. and 2.16% cu. Dump sample of what is termed low grade gave a combined value of \$16.00 per ton.

NEIGHBORING MINES:

In the near vicinity is found the old Picacho, to the West, with same formation. To the South $\frac{1}{2}$ mile the old Wayne mine. To the North 1 mile the Silver Queen, while the Stepp mine is three miles away, all producers of high grade sil-ores in substantial quantities.

The general geological formation of the area is much the same, however, some of the veins are fissures, and some contract, but all produced the same general character of silver ores, ranging from the carbonates and oxides to the sulphides.

Sulphides are found with depth, the level at which sulphides come in varying from a few feet to approximately 300 feet.

DEVELOPMENT:

The deepest working on this property is about fifteen feet. A shaft slightly larger than the usual location hole, a number of shallow open cuts and pits along with the location holes on each claim. In every hole has been found merchantable ore.

STATEMENT OF B.H. CALLAHAN, VICE PRESIDENT AND MINING ENGINEER

C.I.L. MINING CORPORATION
214 W. Turney Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

Based upon my experience as a miner and upon the facts of the geological conditions as expensed in adjoining mines, coupled with minerals deposits found in said mines, it would be my advice to at once sink the present shaft, upon the vein to a depth of 300 feet with proper lateral workings upon the vein. Water may be expected at about 100 feet vertical depth, this based upon the water level in the deeper mines in the area. Ore of shipping grade is now present in the shaft and from all indications it will continue on down and with levels at proper distances should provide some very good stoping ground. The hanging wall is quite hard and smooth and will, no doubt, stand without timbering.

Water at present is hauled $\frac{1}{2}$ mile for camp purposes, however, water can be developed upon the property and should be of sufficient quantities to supply all mining and camp needs.

A new smelter is being installed at Ajo where the higher grade ores can be disposed of, also, considering that there are indications of good gold value in quartz that is highly silicious it is possible that a grade of ore can be produced that will be attractive to the smelter from a standpoint of silicia which would carry a premium rather than a charge for smelting.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) B.H. Callahan
Vice President

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A STATEMENT BY H. W. LONG, PRESIDENT

C.I.L. MINING CORPORATION
214 W. Turney Ave.
Phoenix, Arizona

On July 23, 1948, the C.I.L. Mining Corporation was organized for the purpose of mining and marketing minerals in the state of Arizona. The first property acquired by this corporation was the property known as the Poncho Mining Claims.

- From the date of acquisition of this property until October 10, 1948 a great amount of expense and labor was involved procuring geological and mineralogical information on these properties. Considerable machinery was acquired and numerous records were compiled before the organizers felt certain that the property was suitable for our type of organization.

On October 14, 1948 the C.I.L. Mining Corporation was granted permission by the Arizona Corporation Commission to sell 50,000 shares at \$1.00 per value stock. The C.I.L. Mining Corporation intending to sell as small amount of stock as possible, plans have been made for all stock monies to be used in direct mining operations only.

The executives and officers of this corporation receive no salaries, wages, or compensations, as officers until the mine is on a paying basis.

In our commitment to the Corporation Commission, the C.I.L. Mining Corporation has stated, and is on record, that our stock holders purchasing stock are to be refunded their purchase price before a dividend is to be paid any stock holder.

The C.I.L. Mining Corporation is founded on integrity and dignity, with the aim of many future years of business in this state in mind. The officers and the actions of the company will at all times be an asset to the state of Arizona, and to the corporation investors.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) H. W. Long
President

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NOTICE: THE SIGNATURE OF THIS ASSIGNMENT
MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON THE
FACE OF THE CERTIFICATE. IN EVERY PARTICULAR, WITHOUT
ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT OR ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER.

For Value Received hereby sell, assign, and transfer
Shares
of the Capital Stock represented by the within
certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
corporation with full power of substitution in the premises,
Dated _____ *19* _____ *in presence of*

BERNARD

FOR
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SHARES

OF THE
Capital Stock

of the
**C. I. L. MINING
CORPORATION**

ISSUED TO

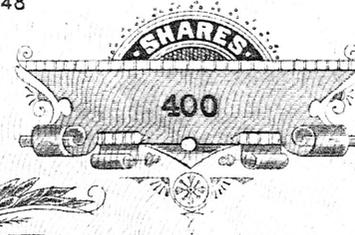
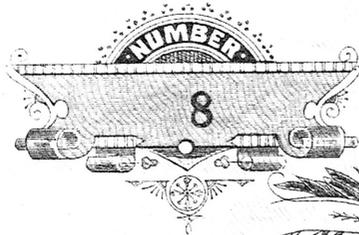
**CLEVELAND C. NELSON
OR LUCILLE L. NELSON**

PAID

AUGUST 27, 1948

ISSUED AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA, 1948



C. I. L. Mining Corporation

CAPITAL STOCK \$650,000.00

THIS CERTIFIES THAT CLEVELAND C. NELSON or LUCILLE L. NELSON is the owner of
FOUR HUNDRED - - - - - Shares of the Capital Stock of

C. I. L. MINING CORPORATION, fully paid and non-assessable, and transferable only on the books of the Corporation by the holder hereof in person or by Attorney upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

In Witness Whereof, the said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and to be sealed with the Seal of the Corporation

this 27th day of AUGUST 1948

[Signature]
Secretary

[Signature]
President



Shares PAR VALUE \$1.00 Each.

DIRECTIONS FOR REACHING THE PONCHO MINE

- 1- Proceed from Phoenix, to Casa Grande.
- 2- Entering Casa Grande, follow the main highway through town.
- 3- After passing through the main street, turn right at the first cross street past the Casa Grande Railroad Station.
- 4- This cross road is paved for a few blocks, but comes into a dirt road at the edge of the city limits.
- 5- For a certain check you will find that a school is located on the right hand side of the dirt road immediately after leaving the pavement.
- 6- This dirt road is rather rough for the first mile or two.
- 7- There are several dips in the road which sometimes have water in them. The bottoms are hard gravel however, so there is no chance of becoming stuck. One should watch for oversize boulders though which might damage the car.
- 8- Upon reaching the PAPAGO Indian Reservation boundary line the road becomes very good and smooth. This point is about five miles from Casa Grande.
- 9- Follow this highway through, and pass through Santa Rosa, Then twenty miles further on you will reach another indian village which is situated at a fork in the road, or where the Casa Grande highway intercepts the Tucson, Ajo highway.
- 10- At this intersection turn left and head across the desert.
- 11- Follow this highway until you come to a trading post on the right hand side of the road.
- 12- There is a large sign painted on the front of this trading post which reads PICACHO TRADING POST. The peak which is directly across the road from the trading post is Picacho Peak.
- 13- Directly across the road from the trading post and a little north of Picacho Peak is a road which leaves the highway in an easterly direction.
- 14- Follow this road and proceed past the small cluster of buildings on your left, and continue on through the flat section until you reach a windmill, which will appear ahead and to your left.
- 15- The main road will turn left at this point. Follow it.
- 16- A short distance further on the main road will turn right.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE VISITOR

- 17- At this point look directly ahead and you will observe a lesser traveled road going straight ahead.
- 18- On the right hand side of this road will be a small sign which reads SPIKE CALLAHAN.
- 19- Follow this road, and you will arrive directly at the camp headquarters of the C.I.L. Corporation.
- 20- There will be a couple of buildings and quite a bit of equipment around the area to further identify the camp.

For a certain check you will find that a road is located on the right hand side of the dirt road immediately after leaving the pavement.

This dirt road is rather rough for the first mile or two.

There are several signs in the road which sometimes have water in them. The bottoms are hard gravel however, so there is no chance of becoming stuck. One should watch for oversize boulders which might damage the car.

Upon reaching the TAIACO Indian Reservation boundary line the road becomes very good and smooth. This point is about five miles from Gadsden.

Follow this highway through Gadsden and pass through Gadsden. Upon twenty miles further on you will reach another Indian village which is situated at a fork in the road, or where the highway intersects the Indian highway.

At this intersection turn left and head across the desert.

Follow this highway until you come to a trading post on the right hand side of the road.

There is a large sign located on the front of the trading post which reads "TRADING POST". The peak which is directly across the road from the trading post is located.

Directly across the road from the trading post and a little north of the peak is a road which leaves the highway in an easterly direction.

Follow this road and proceed past the small cluster of buildings on your left, and continue on through the flat section until you reach a windmill, which will appear ahead and on your left.

The main road will turn left at this point. Follow it.