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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: VENTURA GROUP

ALTERNATE NAMES:

GEORGE MORRIS
LA ESPERANZA
MORRIS GROUP

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 1C

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 23 S RANGE 15 E SECTION 1 QUARTER SE
LATITUDE: N 31DEG 27MIN 28SEC LONGITUDE: W 110DEG 45MIN 54SEC
TOPO MAP NAME: NOGALES - 15 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: PAST PRODUCER

COMMODITY:

COPPER SULFIDE
SILVER
LEAD SULFIDE
ZINC SULFIDE
GOLD
MANGANESE

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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VENTURA MINE

MARICOPA COUNTY

Metal Mining and Processing Feb. 1965 p. 38

E&MJ Vol 166 No. 10 Oct. 1965 p. 134

Skillings Mining Review, October 20, 1973, p. 19

October 2, 1942

Colonel Roscoe
Circle Z Ranch
Patagonia, Arizona

Dear Colonel Roscoe:

We are compiling a list of the potential copper producers in the state of Arizona at the request of the Army and Navy Munitions Board, which compilation will be used in formulating a policy to speed up production and probably a plan to render federal assistance where necessary.

I am enclosing a Mine Owner's Report form and we would like to have in our files a report on the Ventura Mine's holdings with detailed highlights regarding the property. In addition we would like an added paragraph on the problems connected with your property and under this heading we would like to know why the property is not producing, what production and what grade of ore could be obtained, how long it would take to get this production and how much money would be involved, as well as any other problems regarding difficulties in getting this production.

I would appreciate having this information for our files so that we might promptly finish our report.

Yours very truly,

J. S. Coupal, Director

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Enc.

Ventura mine

Veterans Hospital
Tucson, Ariz. Oct 30/31 1942

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OCT 31 1942
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Dear Mr. Corpal.

Your letter enquiring about my intentions regarding my mine near Patagonia, reached me a day or so after I sustained a compound fracture of my left leg (five fractures below knee) and I have been flat of my back ever since. Am glad to say however, that I am progressing satisfactorily and hope to have the leg out of the cast in about ten days or two weeks.

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I will inform you when there is something more definite to report.

In the meantime, my best regards and my apologies for so long delaying this reply to your valued letter.

Sincerely yours
David L. Roseve.

P.S.

I won the suit to quiet title and now have a deed to the property, having bought it a few days after title was cleared (at my expense)

DLR

J.S.

November 25, 1942

Colonel David L. Roscoe
Veterans Administration Hospital
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Colonel Roscoe:

I have just had a very pleasant visit with Mr. Victor Verity and I am very sorry to hear that you are to be confined at the Hospital for a longer time in order that the break may properly heal.

Mr. Verity seems very well pleased with the showing at the Ventura Mine, and I know you are anxious to be out and at it, particularly at this time when production is so needed. It is hard to be reconciled to being in, particularly where action is so necessary, but I hope that you will take it easy and be with us again in good shape.

If we can be of any service while you are out of commission, please advise and we will do our best.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

J. S. Coupal
Director

JSC:kk

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NOV 27 1942
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Veterans Administration
Tucson, Ariz. Nov. 26/42

Dear Mr. Campbell -

Many thanks for your letter of the 25th and for your very kind offer of assistance.

We have been at work since the 16th inst. on the Ventura - repairing roads and cleaning out and re-timbering the principal tunnel. This should be completed by Dec. 15th, at which time some Texas Capitalists (in association with a mining engineer) will make a test of the fact of the tunnel. If this test measures up to samples taken for me by Mr. N'Arcy and by messrs Holt and Maillot, these men will immediately proceed with work on the mine under a lease from me, (I now own the mine) under terms already made.

I have great confidence in this little property and hope it will soon be doing its bit to help lick our enemies.

I expect - or rather hope to be out of the hospital at least, by Jan. 1st and will remain either at Tombstone or Patagonia for the winter.

I therefore hope I shall see you ere long.

I like Verity. He seems like an able and, what is more important, a very sincere young man.

With kind regards, I am

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Col. U.S. Army, Ret.

What chance is there for an advance in price of metals?

December 4, 1942

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Colonel David L. Roscoe
U. S. Army, Retired
Veterans Administration
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Colonel Roscoe:

I was very glad to get your letter of November 26 and hope that before long you will be able to be in the field and getting production on the Ventura.

I am unable to say officially that there will be any advance in the price of metals; however, at the meeting of the American Mining Congress in Salt Lake City on November 16 and 17, it was very evident that the Metals Reserve and the Office of Price Administration were very favorably considering an increased price on the critical metals, which will include copper, lead, and zinc. Their inference was that before many weeks, we should be advised of an increase in price and it does look very promising.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

State of Arizona

MINE OWNER'S REPORT

Date August 12, 1946

1. Mine: VENTURA
2. Location: Sec..... Twp..... Range..... Nearest Town Patagonia
Distance 10 miles Direction N.W. Road Condition 5 Mi. paved, 3 mi fair, 2 good.
3. Mining District & County: Palmetto
4. Former Name of Mine: Ventura
5. Owner: David L. Roscoe
Address: Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades, Calif.
6. Operator: Idle
Address:
7. Principal Minerals: Copper, silver, gold, lead and zinc.
8. Number of Claims: 10 Lode ~~Placer~~
~~Patented~~ Unpatented
9. Type of Surrounding Terrain: Monzonite, shear zone. Parallel veins run thru hill.
In one tunnel 152 feet from entrance, on the southwest side of the hill, the ore was 3 ft wide and assayed 20% zinc & 20% lead. This is believed to be a parallel vein to the one on the northeast side of the hill from which some 19% copper was shipped by Geo. Morris. Veins were lost by poor mining.
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i.e., as the Worlds Fair, 3-R (of which it is probably a southwesterly extension).
11. Dimension & Value of Ore Body: Unknown but excellent prospect.

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13. Mine Workings—Amount and Condition: 9% copper, \$3.50 gold. May be top of chute.

No.	Feet	Condition
Shafts..... 1	plus or minus 125 ft. 1 copper (24%) was mined by Gray brothers near gulch on N.E. end of property.	Open, no ladder. High grade
Raises..... 1	in No. 2 tunnel N.E. side of hill. Ore shipped.	
Tunnels..... 6	xxxxxxx One, 600 ft,	Four from 150 to 300 ft N.E. side of hill and one 250 ft on S.W. side of hill. The larger tunnel was an intended X-cut, never finished.
Crosscuts..... None		
Stopes..... 1 in tunnel No. 2.		See George Morris, former owner, residing on the Camp Site Claim.

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16. Signature: *David L. Rose*

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Mine visit to Ventura property of the Iso Mines Limited and Noranda. Building a drill road and had one drill operating. GWI WR 1-10-66

Telephone call from Frank Metler of Metler Bros. Drilling Co. - reported that they were moving off of Ventura near Patagonia. GWI WR 1-17-66

33 holes for a total of 34,805 feet

The ore reserves above 2000 feet below the surface are:

6,300,000 tons of ore

.26 Copper

.287 MoS₂

There is another possible 6,000,000 tons.

The central core of this deposit is 500' long, 30 to 200' wide (average 60') has a dip of 70 degrees. For the first 1500' down the dip this central core contains about 3,650,000 tons that runs:

2.5 Copper

4.02 MoS₂

GWI 9-16-66

Active Mine List April 1967 - Exploration

Active Mine List Nov. 1967 - Exploration

Noranda has an office in Nogales and is reported to be doing some work at the Ventura. GWI QR 4-1-70

Mine visit - Ventura mine - signs of considerable travel - no one around.
GWI WR 1-11-71

MG/WR 11/21/79 - Mr. Robert Crist of ASARCO reports that ASARCO has an "agreement" with Noranda Mines Ltd. concerning the Ventura and Four Metals properties in Santa Cruz Co. Noranda is the owner of these properties.

MG WR 3/12/82: The Ventura Mine, Santa Cruz County owned by Noranda Mines Ltd. is within the West claim group.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
STATE OF ARIZONA
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Ventura Mine Date November 5, 1964
District Palmetto District, Santa Cruz Co. Engineer Axel L. Johnson
Subject: Field Engineers Report. Information from Art Robinson.

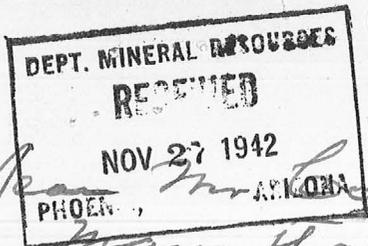
Location: Approx. Sec. 35, T. 22 S., R. 15 E. From $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ air line miles west of the Three R. Mine.

Owners & Operators: West Range Co., subsidiary of Noranda Mines.
C.P. Jenney, Mgr., 400 Golf View Drive, Route #6, Tucson, Arizona.
William Lundby, Project Geologist

Number of Claims: 11 unpatented claims.

Principal Minerals: Copper ores

Present Mining Activity: Diamond drilling on contract to Metler Bros. Drilling Co.
1 drill rig, 1 shift. Drilling second hole now at angle of 35 degrees with horizontal.
First hole was drilled at an angle of 67 degrees, a distance of 485 ft.



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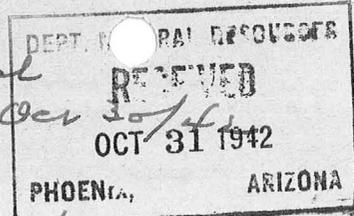
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