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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: WESTERN MINES GROUP

ALTERNATE NAMES:

COCHISE COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 133

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 23 S RANGE 20 E SECTION 29 QUARTER SE  
LATITUDE: N 31DEG 24MIN 25SEC LONGITUDE: W 110DEG 19MIN 28SEC  
TOPO MAP NAME: MILLER PEAK - 7.5 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: PAST PRODUCER

COMMODITY:

LEAD SULFIDE  
SILVER  
TUNGSTEN  
COPPER SULFIDE

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

KEITH, S.B., 1973, AZBM BULL. 187, P. 67  
USBM RI 5650, P 27  
WESTER PATENTED CLAIMS IN NW4 SEC 28  
ADMMR WESTERN MINES GROUP FILE

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine **Western Mines Group**

Date **May 3, 1956**

District **Hartford District, Cochise Co.**

Engineer **Axel L. Johnson**

Subject: **Present Status.**

Location 50 miles west of Douglas smelter.

Number of Claims 1 pat. claims -----4 unpatented claims.

Owners G. J. McCabe, c/o Mary McCabe, Tombstone, Ariz. -----1/2 interest.  
Mrs. Grace Lawmill, 905 E. Coronado Road, Phoenix, Ariz. -----1/2 interest.  
(acc. ~~nt~~ to information from Cochise County records as to ownership of the patented claim).

Principal Minerals Copper, Silver.

April 14, 1943

Mr. G. J. McCabe  
Box 613  
Tombstone, Arizona

Dear Mr. McCabe:

Thank you for your letter of April 13. I am indeed sorry to hear that the work of Mr. H. S. Neel on the Western claim has not turned out successfully. It has been sometime since I have seen Mr. Neel. If I do meet him or if you can suggest that he contact me here in this office, I will be very glad to see Mr. Gohring to find out what steps will be necessary to take in order to have Mr. Neel step out of the picture and permit you to go ahead with your new prospects.

I am very sorry that you were unable to attend the hearing before the Senators in Tucson. It was a very successful hearing and I am sure that if you had been present, you could have added materially to the evidence submitted to them. We also miss you at any of the regular hearings concerning small mine operations as you have been one of our most active supporters.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

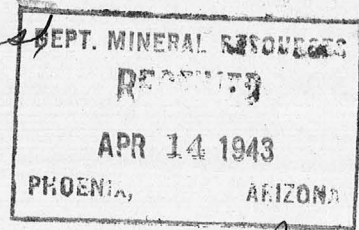
Very truly yours,

J. S. Coupal, Director

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Box 613  
Tombstone, Arizona.  
Apr. 13, 1943.

Mr. Sam Coupal,  
Dept. of Mineral Resources,  
Phoenix, Arizona.  
Dear Friend Coupal.



I see by the papers how very busy you are, but I am taking chances on writing you to take up a little of your time.

On Mar 1st I was subpoenaed to Bisbee for jury duty and on that date H. S. Neel who has our Western claim leased went into Phoenix, stopped at the house and told Mrs. McCabe that he had gone as far as he could and was going into Phoenix to see if he could get more money. Up to the present time I have not had any word from him and I have been wondering if he has called on you and if you know anything about him.

Neither Frank or I have been able to make the trip out to the Western but the information that I gather from other parties is - that the work has been a failure.

We would like to know his intentions if he is through and cannot go any farther. We would like to have him step aside as there is a young engineer who has been on the property and thinks he could raise a little something on a cash deal, so Frank and I would realize something out of it.

I am writing Neel on this mail but never mentioned that we had any other prospect.

I will greatly appreciate it if you see him that you would let me know what he is doing.

Yours Respectfully,  
G. J. McCabe.

P. S. I was very sorry that I could not get to Tucson to meet the Senators.  
G. J. McCabe

WESTERN MINES GROUP

September 22, 1942

Hereford Mining District

Earl F. Hastings

Reconstruction Finance Corporation  
Preliminary Development Loan

*Granted*

Docket No.	C-ND-7559 (11)
Date Application Received	August 6, 1942
Date of Field Examination	None
Date of Report	September 22, 1942

1. Name and address of applicant (correspondent):  
H. S. Neel, P. O. Box 4082, Phoenix, Arizona.
2. Character of project and estimated cost thereof:  
Road work, unwatering and repairing mine - \$5,000.
3. Location of Property:  
Hereford Mining District, Cochise County, Arizona.
4. Applicant's interest in or ownership of property:  
Applicant leases from recorded owners.
5. Loan requested:  
\$5,000.
6. Loan recommended:  
\$2,500.
7. Comments:
  - (A) Independent sampling by Jonathon Gordon indicates a fairly persistent and mineable width of copper-silver ore. While the tonnage to be anticipated would not be large in the immediate future, the copper content of the relatively high grade ore would be appreciable and added gold-silver values would contribute to repayment of the loan.
  - (B) The location of the mine is favorable in respect to marketing facilities, being about 50 miles from the Douglas smelter, but local road conditions are poor and the mine is at present accessible only by trail from a forest road. This condition would preclude the shipment of ore at the present time but, while making operations somewhat inconvenient, would not prohibit the unwatering and repairs needed to "prove" the property.
  - (C) Actual unwatering operations will not be expensive and the applicant has requested funds for roads and a camp. It is considered that those projects are of secondary importance at the present time and that no funds should be advanced for a road and only minimum temporary camp requirements installed. The expenditures under the type of operation should not exceed \$2,500.00. If the property is then found worthy, a mine access road can be built through utilization of federal funds allotted for such projects.

7. Comments (Cont'd.):

(D) Added to the docket is a report, assays and map of the Western Mine by Jonathen Gordon, compiled September 15, 1942.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

Earl F. Hastings, Assistant Director  
and Projects Engineer



Western Mines Group

Property owned by

J. G. McCabe & Frank Johnson  
Tombstone                  Bisbee

Operated under lease by

E. S. Neel and is for 3 yrs 1942 July  
and is cancellable if no work is performed  
within each 30 day period.

\$12,000 @ 15% Royalty.

1 Patented & 4 unpatented Claims -

Western Mine.

Mayer, Arizona.

September 16, 1942.

Mr. H. S. Neel,  
P. O. Box 4082,  
PHOENIX, Arizona.

My dear Bud:

Herewith find the report as promised. It is the best I can do. I am sorry that we lost the other samples as it would have looked better to have had more samples showing, but as this is a supplement to your statement I think it will do.

I have been working hard and have been short of tracing cloth, then paper, then ink and finally the writing machine was out of order and all these things upset my calculations.

Save one of these copies for me, I am sending them all for your use and benefit.

You will have to get the tracing printed which will only take a few minutes at the Blue Print place and will not cost much.

Best of luck and regards to you and Mr. Kitchen.

Very sincerely yours,

*Jonathan Gordon*  
Jonathan Gordon

September 11, 1942

*Neel Property*

Mr. H. S. Neel  
P. O. Box 4082  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Neel:

I am holding up your application for a preliminary development loan pending the report which you were to furnish and which is necessary in order to favorably comment on your application.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. S. Coupal,  
Director

JSC:hal

August 6, 1942

Mr. H. S. Neel  
P. O. Box 4082  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Neel:

Your application for a preliminary development loan has been submitted to this department for review before it is forwarded to Washington. This is on your property located in Cochise County near Hereford.

It appears to me from a hasty review of your application that you must have additional substantiating evidence from your own knowledge of the property which could be added to the application and thus present a much stronger case for you.

Will you please call at this office or advise me when you can come, so that I may talk this matter over with you and assist in presenting as complete a picture as possible?

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

J. S. Coupal, Director

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