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DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES STATE OF ARIZONA FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

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Mine	SIDEWHEEL, Pb., Ag.	Date	December 23,	1943
District	Tombstone	Engi	neer Earl F. Hasti	ngs
Subject:	Reconstruction Finance (Mine Loan	lorporation		
Date	ket No. S Application Received s of Field Examination s of Report	(A. Macfarlane)	Phx C-264 December 20, December 14, December 23,	1943
1.	Name and address of applic W. E. Holt and John F. Ros	cant (correspondent) ss, Box 644, Tombston	ie, Arizona.	
2.	Character of project and a Pb., Ag. Extend cross on vein approximately 100 fea adit level. \$4,750.00.	it 75 feet to interco	ept downward extens	tion of No. 3 d stope above
3.	Location of property: Tombstone Mining District	, Tombstone, Cochise	County, Arizona.	
4.	Applicant's interest in or Applicants are owner of pa by location.	r ownership of prope atented claims by ta:	rty: r deed, and unpaten	ted claims
5.	Loan requested: \$4,750.00.			
6.	Loan recommended: \$4,750.00.			
7.	Comments: (A) Previous application under Docket No. Phx C-17		operty by the same	applicants
	This application was revi The character of the proj- manganese workings at a de foot adit extension.	ect at that time, ho	wever, was to explo	re shallow
	(B) The current proposal a stope 150' x 50' x 5' w lead-silver ore. The late	hich has heretofore	produced some 2,000) tons of

lead-silver ore. The lateral faces are in ore, and there is 5 feet of ore exposed at the level above the proposed adit extension. There are 1,000 estimated tons of ore remaining within the confines of the present development and an equal or greater amount above the adit level which can be considered probable.

In addition small tonnages are exposed on veins No. 1 and No. 2 which can easily be extracted.

SIDEWHEEL

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(C) The lead-silver ore is comparatively low grade for a direct shipping ore. Both transportation and anticipated production costs being reasonable, however, it is the opinion of our Field Engineer that balanced economics can be achieved on the completion of the proposed work without special price above the "A" premium.

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(D) While the project is marginal, it is considered that a sufficient quantity of lead-silver ore is in evidence, and is indicated, to warrant the proposed development. J. S. Coupal, Director, Department of Mineral Resources, who has examined the faces, is likewise of the opinion that the property has merit as a prospective small lead-silver producer.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

Earl F. Hastings, Projects Engineer

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES STATE OF ARIZONA FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine SIDEMHEEL, Manganese

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Date April 11, 1943

District Tombstone

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Engineer Earl F. Hastings

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Subject: Reconstruction Finance Corporation Mining Loan

Docket No. Date Application Received Date of Report

Phoenix C-177 April 8, 1943 April 10, 1943

1. Name and address of applicant (correspondent): W. E. Holt and John F. Ross, Box 644, Tombstone, Arizona.

- 2. Character of project and estimated cost thereof: 'Mangenese. Extend 550 crosscut to 750 ft. to reach anticipated ore zone. \$5,000.00.
- 3. Location of property: Tombstone Mining District, Tembstone, Cochise County, Arizona.
- 4. Applicant's interest in or ownership of property: Applicants are owners by location and patent.
- 5. Loan requested: \$5,000.00.
- 6. Loan recommended: None.
- 7. Comments:

(A) The property is developed to a maximum depth of 30 ft. On shipment of 47% manganese was made by the applicant from an unknown location or locations, an ore assay of 43.4% manganese, likewise from an unknown location, is submitted as evidence of commercial mineralization.

(B) The applicant proposes to crosscut the anticipated downward extension of the scattered surface croppings, driving the face of the existing 550 ft. adit an additional 200 ft. to reach a point 350 feet below the surface croppings.

In view of the limited and shallow workings in which ore is claimed to be exposed, the proposed work is considered to be of an exploratory nature and of an extremely dangerous kind from the point of risk involved. There is an absence of data of any kind in the docket which would indicate the wisdom of such work.

(C) Upon further examination at some convenient time, and if the property shows any production possibilities, the applicant will be advised by this Department to file a new application with an acceptable working program.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

Earl F. Hastings Projects Engineer.

RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION 325 Heard Building Phoenix, Arizona

- LIQUIDATION REPORT -

Dorrower: John Fe Ross and Wm. E. Holt Docket No. : ND-8608 - ND-6015 Date of Report: April 18, 1946

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

John F. Ross and Wm. E. Holt Tombstone, Arizona

2. LOCATION OF PROJECT:

In Secs. 25 and 26, T. 20 S., R. 22 E in the Tombstone Mining District, Cochise County, Arizona.

S. ALCOURT OF LOAN AND DATE OF AUTHORIZATION:

A loan of \$4,750 was approved to Borrower on January 7, 1944.

4. PURPOSES FOR WEICH LOAN WAS EXPENDED:

To extend adit to intersect downward extension of ore body. Borrower extended adit 140 feet, raised 100 feet and bough a compressor and jack hammer.

5. EQUI PMENT:

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1 -	Schramm Fortable Air Compressor on Steel Wheels	
	105 cu. ft. capacity	
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	Length air hose 50 feet with fittings)
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000		Undan.
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(. b) List and salvage value of equipment and location

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 Schramm Portable Air Compressor on steel wheels 105 cu. ft. capacity SOO ft 1-1/4" Pipe 	400.00	
l Length Air hose 60 feet with fittings	10.00	

c) Disposition of equipment not presently on hand

No equipment has been disposed of.

d) Stops taken to liquidate equipment

Numerous letters have been sent Eorrower regarding liquidation of equipment. Answers have always been that they intend to spend some money of their own to find extension of the ore. Equipment is stored at property and probably will not be taken away by Borrowere

Liquidation Report

6. PROPERTY:

Borrower is the owner of four patented and two unpatented lode mining claims known as the Side Wheel Mine.

7. COMMENTS:

Borrower ceased operating under loan funds some time in May or June, 1944. Since that time Borrower tried twice to obtain additional funds. On November 17, 1944, Borrower returned \$100 in the account and it was sent to the Federal Reserve Bank to be applied on the loan. There are no gasoline tax or other refunds that can be collected except the salvage value of the remaining equipment store at the property. I last visited the property in May 1945. Borrower has done some work on his own since my last examination but was not successful in locating any more

8. CONCLUSIONS:

The proposed project failed to develop any material quantity of ore, and with the exception of the remaining equipment worth salvaging, the property is believed to be of no value. Consequently, except for the salvage value of equipment, the loan should be considered a loss.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this account be closed when the remaining equipment acquired, in whole or in part, with lean funds which is considered worth salvaging has been liquidated and proceeds applying on Borrower's indebtedness.

> CUARLES A RASOR Supervising Engineer

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325 Heard Building Phoenix, Arizona February 9, 1945

TULLY - Asst. Chief - Mining Section, RFC - Washington 25, DC Re: John F. Ross and William E. Holt - Docket No. ND-6059

I enclose my report in duplicate on the above-captioned applicant along with the duplicate application. As I have not recommended an additional loan because of the scarcity of lead in the property, it would be appropriate to suggest to the Borrower that he liquidate the equipment.

> CHARLES A. RASOR Supervising Engineer

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RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION MINING DIVISION REPORT OF SUPERVISING ENGINEER

Docket No.	ND-6059
Date Application Received:	1-29-45
Date of Examination:	2- 2-45
Date of Report:	2- 9-45

1. Name and Address of Applicant:

John F. Ross and William E. Holt Tombstone, Arizona

Correspondent:

John F. Ross P. O. Box 38 Bisbee, Arizona

2. Character of Project:

To crosscut from top of raise to surface incline shaft and to drift from crosscut on vein.

3. Location of Mine:

In Sections 25 and 26, T. 20 S., R. 22 E., Tombstone Mining District, Cochise County, Arizona. The property is about three miles from Tombstone, Arizona, the nearest railroad shipping point.

4. Applicant:

Mr. John F. Ross, a man about 70 years old, is County Attorney for Cochise County, and has been a partner of Mr. Holt's on this project for some time. Mr. Holt is a mining man about 65 years old and not in good health. From past experience he would not be capable of handling the project.

5. Loan Requested:

\$9,500.00.

None recommended.

6. Description of Project:

On January 7, 1944, a loan of \$4,750.00 was approved to the captioned Borrower in order that it might, by means of a small additional amount of development, make accessible for mining lead ores which had been revealed on Borrower's property (see Docket No. ND-8608). After loan funds were exhausted applicant applied for

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6. Description of Project: (Cont)

additional money to complete the original project. That request was not recommended. This report considers Borrower's request for an additional loan to cover Borrower's second request, which was turned down plus development work from a crosscut in the long tunnel. This crosscut was noted when original survey was made, but since no work was proposed in there it was not necessary to map. Now, Borrower wants to drift from vein which is supposed to be present in end of crosscut. To make certain that nothing was overlooked, I took some samples at the bottom of the inclined shaft as well as other places which the Borrower proposed to work.

Apparently, at an earlier date, the crosscut under consideration was run to get under the vein in the incline shaft. As seen on the map, the crosscut did get under the vein, but little was found. My sampling has confirmed my earlier impression that if samples had been taken before the loan was granted, the grade would have been too low for consideration.

Sample data:

Sample No. 1 taken in crosscut where vein is supposed to be assayed across 8 inches of oxidized material, .2 ounces of silver and .08% Pb.

Sample No. 2 taken in crosscut near a mineralized bed assayed across 2h inches of oxidized material, 2.h ounces of silver and .20% lead.

Sample No. 3 taken at bottom of incline shaft across 24 inches of vein material assayed 5.0 ounces of silver and .41% lead.

Sample No. 4 taken in a small stope off the inclined shaft assayed across 8 inches of oxidized material 45.8 ounces silver and .72% Pb.

Samples 5 and 6 taken other places in same stope assayed as follows:

No.	5	12"	7.2	ounces	silver	.41%	Pb	
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Thus the samples indicate little justification for this property being considered a lead property and I do not recommend an additional loan to the applicant.

> CHARLES A. RASOR Supervising Engineer

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Attachments: Map Assay certificate No. 257 Ra

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This Certifies That samples submitted for assay by

Mr. C.A. Rasor.

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P. O. Box 1148 contain as follows per ton of 2000 lbs. Avoir.

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RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION MINING DIVISION REPORT OF SUPERVISING ENGINEER

Docke	t	No.	ND-860	08				
Date	of	' Exa	mination	n	July	12,	1944	
Date	oí	' Rep	ort		July	20,	1944	-

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT

John F. Ross and William E. Holt Tombstone, Arizona

Correspondent: John F. Ross P. O. Box 38 Bisbee, Arizona

2. CHARACTER OF PROJECT

To continue raise to intersect incline shaft, prepare ore sheets and mine ore.

3. LOCATION OF MINE

In Sections 25 and 26, T2OS, R22E, Tombstone Mining District, Cochise County, Arizona. The property is about three miles from Tombstone, Arizona, the nearest railroad shipping point.

4. APPLICANT

Mr. John F. Ross is an attorney in Bisbee, Arizona, and has been a partner of Mr. Holt's on this project. Mr. William E. Holt is 65 years old, and tries to impress one with his knowledge of mining and how well he has spent the money on this project. Mr. Holt is not in good health and is unable to climb the raise. He has good intentions.

5. LOAN REQUESTED

An additional \$1250 to make the total loan \$6,000. Not recommended.

6. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The applicant, after a second try, was successful in obtaining a loan of \$4750 to extend an adit approximately 75 feet to intersect the downward extension of a low grade lead vein. If an adequate map had been prepared by the Field Engineer of the Arizona Department of Mineral Resources, it would have revealed that the proposed extension of the adit would have been approximately 280 feet, in place of approximately 75 feet.

This difference was pointed out to Mr. Holt when I made an examination on March 28, 1944 to note the progress. At that time Mr. Holt was insistent that I was wrong in my survey, because he could hear the men working when he was down in the incline shaft.

I found on this examination that Mr. Holt had turned the adit very little toward the north, and in addition, has raised 65 feet to intersect the incline shaft. The raise is sufficiently high to intersect the bottom of the incline, but about 90 feet south. He said he raised, because the distance to intersect the downward extension was too far.

With loan funds the applicant has extended the adit 140 feet and raised 65 feet. In addition \$1000 worth of equipment was purchased.

I did not sample any faces in the incline shaft, and as there was no sign of mineralization in the adit or raise, samples were not taken. Examination of the inclined shaft indicated that if samples had been taken before the loan was granted, the grade would have been too low for consideration. An old timer in the district by the name of Joe McCabe mined ore from this incline, but as the map indicates, most of the ore was taken out near the surface and was restricted to a narrow bed dipping to the northeast. The mineralization did not extend into the walls of the incline, otherwise the ore would have been mined. This property is on the extreme southern end of the Tombstone district and in an area where little ore has been mined. This occurrence is the result of a N75°E fissure intersecting a favorable limestone bed, but the strength of the mineralizing solutions was so weak as to extend laterally little more than the width of the incline shaft.

Although the applicant was sincere in his efforts to prove this mine, under the circumstances it appears a waste of money to allow the applicant any more to do the work proposed. In the first place, continuation of the raise will not intersect the incline shaft, and in the second place, preparing the ore for mining is wishful thinking.

> CHARLES A. RASOR Supervising Engineer

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Attachment - 1 map

RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION MINING DIVISION MEMORANDUM REPORT OF SUPERVISING ENGINEER

Docket No. ND-8608 Ross and Holt Date of Examination - March 28, 1944 Date of Report- - - May 5, 1944

During my recent trip to the Southeastern part of Arizona, I visited the project operating under the above docket. Mr. Holt was in charge and there were four men working in addition to himself.

The compressor which they purchased with loan funds has been removed for repairs, but Mr. Holt stated that it would be back in a week. Driving of the tunnel had continued on with hand steel. The applicants have a preliminary loan of \$1750.00 for driving a tunnel to get under a lead stope. In the application it was stated that the tunnel would be extended 75 feet to intercept the downward extension of No. 3 vein. Since the applicant had withdrawn \$3250.00 it was considered that some sort of survey should be made to see how the work was progressing. A tape and compass survey was made into the face of the tunnel, to the portal of the incline shaft and down the shaft.

The attached map shows how far off the applicant was from his intended point. Mr. Holt was inclined to not believe my survey as he knew from the sound of the blasts that they were close to the incline shaft. Mr. Holt considered me a "young whippersnapper", but after replotting the survey on large scale and comparing it with his map he agreed that the survey was correct. The person who originally made the survey for Mr. Holt showed the incline shaft as far south of east as I show north of east.

Mr. Holt was much upset because he felt that I would ask him to discontinue the work. He believes that he can yet accomplish the power of the loan. There is a much greater distance to go now and it is up to him to prove that he can accomplish the work.

I did not give much attention to the geology or the occurence of ore if any. Apparently the stope which Mr. Holt hopes to intersect on its downward course to the tunnel level was found at the intersection of a steeply dipping N 75° E fissure and a favorable bed in the Devonian limestone formation. The incline shaft followed the fissure down the dip of the bed. Manganese ore occured at the surface and changed to silver lead lower down.

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Attachment Map

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