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P. O. Box 1884

Tucson,
Ariz

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Prince Court.

N.E. corner of Mountain
ave and Prince Road

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December 11th, 1935

Mr. Herbert Salinger
Ore, Metal & Engineering Corporation
112 Market Street
San Francisco, California

RE: TUNGSTEN:

Dear Salinger:

Your letter of December 9th is received and contents noted with interest.

While I do not know Lyel Park nor the mining claims which he holds under option I gather that these must be in the vicinity of the properties which I investigated last October. They are located in the Eureka District and lie north of Hillside and south of Camp Wood, largely in the vicinity of Boulder Creek and Cypress Mountain.

The mine to which you refer as being operating^{ed} by a woman is the Lawler-Wood Mine which produced a considerable quantity of ore during the war. Recently it has been worked under lease by Mrs. Sterling Ellis, who is a hard-boiled person and evidently quite a character. She turns over the mine to sub-lessees who take out the ore which she herself cobbles by hand, then the cobbled material is shipped to Homer Wood, in Prescott, who in turn resells it to various buyers. I believe that a fair profit is being made both by Mrs. Ellis and Homer Wood, but the miners who are operating are not making beans and there is quite a turnover.

As you say very little development work has been done on this property, where there is a strong quartz vein in which pockets of wolframite occur at irregular intervals, but with such frequency to permit a fairly steady production. All the work has been done near the surface and in my judgment this property will justify some scientific development, but the owner is holding it at a ridiculous figure and Mrs. Ellis also wants a tidy bit of money in exchange for her lease.

As to the showings in this vicinity there is one open cut from which about \$1800.00 worth of tungsten was taken during the war. Aside from this there are a number of surface showings where hematite and wolframite are found in small pockets, but none of those which I visited or concerning which I could obtain any reliable information seemed to have the makings of an ore body.

2- Herbert Salinger

However, the entire district has only been prospected in a very desultory manner and mostly by ranchers and others who have had little mining experience and if any one were disposed to organize an exploration syndicate I think that they could secure under option a considerable area of promising ground and it is quite possible that something worthwhile might be developed. The district is at present rather inaccessible and such a procedure would involve very considerable expense and I am in no position to undertake such a program myself and therefore would not care to follow the matter further unless in association with other people.

I will be glad to talk to Park if he comes to the office or if I have an opportunity to meet him in Tucson, but I feel very certain that his claims, on which he has an option, must either be some of those which I visited or in that immediate vicinity and I doubt if I can do anything to be of assistance unless the entire proposition would be of interest to you or other parties who are ready and willing to spend some money in finding out just what the prospects may amount to.

With personal regards and all greetings of the approaching Christmas season.

Sincerely,

J. W. C.

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Dec. 9, 1935.

Mr. George M. Colvocoresses,
Luhrs Tower,
Phoenix,
Ariz.

Dear Colvo:-

A tungsten prospect has been brought to our attention which seems to have more than ordinary interest.

It is situated about 40 miles from Hillside and from what I have heard there seems to be a very good showing of wolframite in a few pits the deepest of which is only 10 ft. There is a woman mining some tungsten on an adjoining group of claims and she has shipped about \$6000 worth of stuff simply by hand cobbing and from a comparatively small amount of development work.

It seems to be rather hard to get all the details as the man who has the option on the ground is not a mining man and seems very suspicious about letting anybody know about the ground. He is a man named Lyel Park and lives in Tucson and I have asked some people here to have him get in touch with you about the claims. I hear that he has an option only till the end of this month and possibly this has something to do with his reticence. At any rate, I heard of some excellent finds of wolfram when I was in Tucson as coming from this section (Eureka Dist. Yavapai Co.) and a party came to our place in Tucson with quite a load of ore from somewhere in that locality but would not say from exactly where.

If Park gets in touch with you, would you kindly try to get the low-down. Possibly if it sounds good enough it might pay to take off a day or so as it is not far from Phoenix and see what there is to be seen. Please let me know if you hear from Park.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Herbert Salinger
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To our mining people 12/9/35

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bunches at irregular intervals and is usually associated with mica and quartz. Apparently small pockets containing values in tungsten are found every 40' or 50' along the vein, the balance of which is entirely worthless.

The top of the vein has been trenched for about half a mile along the crest of the hill and on the south side of the hill several tunnels have been run in at lower elevations, but none of them is more than 200' below the apex and they do not appear to improve with depth.

There are a number of feeder veins with very little quartz, but showing some tungsten ore and a filling which resembles fine grain granite of which there are bands associated with pegmatite.

This property consists of 17 claims some of which are patented and it lies approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles south 35 degrees east from the Joe Strotjust Ranch. About a mile West of the working is a very pretty flat in which the camp buildings are located and where there is good water. Southwest of the Mine and on the Strotjust property there is a cut in the hillside from which it is said that about \$1800 worth of tungsten ore was taken during the war.

At the present time a trail from the main tunnel of the Lawler Mine leads for close to three miles to the Strotjust Ranch Road from where ore can be trucked over the very bad road to Camp Wood and on into Prescott. This involves altogether a pack trip of three miles and a truck haul of 55 miles to the railroad. To build a good road to the property would cost a lot of money.

There is practically no developed ore and the operations of the leasers do not appear to yield day wages, although Mrs. Lawler and Homer Wood derive some small income from the royalty.

From the standpoint of future operations the property is a raw prospect, but in view of its past record it might pay to take a chance and run a long tunnel below the present workings. From a geological standpoint there is every reason to believe that the ore will go down to a considerable depth and if the price of tungsten increases some profit might be obtained, particularly if

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