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NOTE RE MANGANESE MINE

(Twin Buttes Manganese Prospect)

2/9/40

Presented by Billy Harkness who will be taken care of by the owner L. V. Foglesong of Glendale. Harkness had brought in some samples which appeared to be high grade Psilomelane ( $MnO_2$ ) and on the occasion of this visit was accompanied by Fogelsong and Daly.

The prospect is located about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles by road from Buckeye and on the other side of the Gila River. The road will require some minor repairs.

Only one claim The Twin Buttes is now held but 4 others should be staked in its immediate vicinity.

Country is granite or granitic rocks with layers or bands of quartzite and perhaps some dikes of igneous intrusives.

Ore occurs in patches on and near the surface and so far has only been developed by a few shallow pits and trenches from which about 100 tons has been or could be mined. Samples sent away in the past have indicated that the ore should average better than 50% Mn. but the quantity is very uncertain and could only be ascertained by spending quite a bit of money on development.

No definite vein or deposit of ore has yet been outlined but Harkness and Daly think that an expenditure of \$1500 should serve to prove or disprove the probable value of the property and mine has been examined in the past by Dwight L. Woodbridge who did not express an opinion, also by DeLisle

and Jerry Elliot whose opinions would be worthless.

Owner is a plasterer by trade and no miner but seems honest and reasonable.

Address: L. V. Fogle song  
120 W. Glendale Ave.  
Glendale, Arizona

(note copies of Option Contract)

February 21st, 1940

Mr. William Harkness  
Route 9; Box 4  
Phoenix, Arizona

Re: Twin Buttes Manganese Mine

Dear Billy:

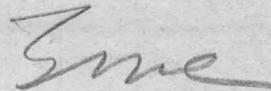
Mr. Stohl took the option agreement on this property with him to California and has only recently returned. Yesterday he showed me a letter from the mining people to whom he had presented the property in which they said that they or some associates had already examined the Twin Butte near Buckeye and concluded that surface showings did not justify any further development. They added that they were informed that an examination had also been made by another concern who were actively seeking to secure a manganese mine and that these people had reached a similar conclusion.

Since I understood that this mine had not been examined by engineers representing any companies or purchasers, I am wondering if by chance they were mistaken in these assertions and had in mind some other manganese prospect possibly also located in the vicinity of Buckeye.

Of course, Mr. Stohl is anxious to get this matter straightened out and I suggest that if possible either you or Mr. Voglesong, to whom I am sending carbon of this letter, should get in touch with me on Friday of this week or Thursday, if I am in the office, and explain the situation in accordance with the facts.

Of course, your prospect might still be attractive to other parties even though Stohl's friends were not interested but it would be rather difficult to follow the matter up if it has actually been examined by engineers representing two different concerns and turned down by both of them.

Sincerely,



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## OPTION AGREEMENT

In consideration of the sum of \$1.00 paid by First Party to Second Party receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and other good and valuable considerations as hereinafter specified, this agreement is entered into between DAVID O. STOHL of Phoenix, First Party, and L. V. FOGLESONG of Glendale, Arizona, Second Party.

WHEREAS, Second Party is the owner of the unpatented mining claim known as the Twin Buttes near Buckeye, Arizona on which manganese ore has been discovered and is willing to permit First Party, or his assign, to examine and develop the said mining claim and to purchase same on terms hereinafter specified and First Party is disposed to deal accordingly.

THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH:

### Article I

<sup>For</sup>  
~~By~~ a period of ninety (90) days from date, First Party shall have the exclusive option to purchase the said property and to develop the ores found thereon as may seem adviseable.

### Article II

On or before the expiration of said 90 day period, First Party shall notify Second Party of his firm intention to ~~either~~ decline to proceed further in this matter and should decide to proceed no further, he / ~~it~~ he shall have the right, if he so desires, to ship the manganese ore now developed or to be developed from the said claim and to retain the proceeds of such shipment less a 10% royalty payable to Second Party. All other obligations under this agreement shall then cease and determine.

Article III

Should First Party decide to exercise this option he shall within fifteen (15) days thereafter pay to Second Party the sum of \$2500.00 as full purchase price for the said mining claim and any adjacent claims that may have been staked in this vicinity by First Party or Second Party and Second Party shall deliver to First Party in exchange for this payment, a good and valid conveyance to all his right, title and interest in the aforementioned property, subject to the paramount title of the United States.

Article IV

It is understood and agreed that during the period of this option, Second Party will at the request of First Party properly locate at least four additional mining claims in the vicinity of the said Twin Butte claim, expenses of such locating and location work shall be paid by First Party.

This agreement is binding upon the parties hereto and all successors, heirs and assigns.

Dated at Phoenix, Arizona this 9th day of February, 1940.

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First Party

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First Party

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WITNESS

*Fogleson*  
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Second Party