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U. S. MINE (NAVY GROUP)

Owned by Wm. F. Burns and J. W. Hobbs of Prescott who gave lease and option on January 16th, 1942. to H. L. Williams (Hillside Mine) for \$15,000 payable \$7500 on January 17th, 1943 and \$75.00 on January 17th, 1944, with 10T royalty on shipments and minimum rental payment of \$200.00 per month from April 17th, 1942, to apply on purchase price. Williams assigned contract to Alvenslaben who called 3/20 and 3/21 1942.

Five unpatented Lode Claims

U. S. Lode

U. S. Lode Amended

U. S. Lode #1, 2, 3, & 4. Located on fair 40ad $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles north west from Skull Valley.

Note report by Hinds and comment by Norville.

Estimate made to Alvenslaben.

Ore, blocked out by shaft, etc. 48,800 tons at average value as per smelter returns on shipments of \$32.23 per ton (1927 prices) equals gross value of \$1,572,824. Less cost of mining, freight,etc. 390,400 Net profit on above \$1,182,424 Also ore on dump 10,000 tons at average value \$22.81 per ton

having gross value of	\$ 228,100
Less freight 🗯 treatment	30,000
NET PROFIT	198,100

Additional probable ore developed by adit tunnel which cuts 45 degrees inclined shaft at depth of 212' from collar or 106' vertical depth.

28000 tons with average grade about as per Pitkin assay noted

below.

There are 1600' of underground workings including 520' of inclined

shaft and drifts and crosscuts including the long adit.

Water now runs out of adit tunnel which is partly blocked by cave and which Alvenslaben expects to clean out for sampling at same time that he samples the dump and before unwatering the lower workings.

Ore along adit from portal to shaft is said to assay \$13.70 to \$60.00 per ton (1927 prices)

On 450' level a body of ore was developed of similar grade and Williams claims that there is a 3' vein of solid ore, very rich. ASSAYS OF ORE.

	Shipment #2 in 1928 5834 9 #. Smelter assay.	Pitkin assay of Engineer's sample.	Another Sample.
Au. oz.	0.20	0.01	0.02
Ag. oz.	6.47	21.10	20.90
Pb.%	35.3	52.14	18.0
Cu.	1.36	0.78	2.46
Zn.	12.0	5.51	21.0
Fe	10.3	19.0	13.0
S	20		25.
Insol.	17.1		9.6
Mn.	0.1		
CaO	1.4		4.2
As	Tr.		
Sb	Tr.		

(NOTE BY G. M. C.) Hinds and Norville are not engineers of any reputation and reports seem to be much exaggerated and are probably worthless. Williams is notheriously unreliable. Shipment no doubt represents sorted ore and samples were probably carefully selected speciments. Calculations of profits are absurd. Assays show very erratic quantities of the different metals and ore is evidently complex and occurrence probably very pockety.

Mine may have value if properly developed and location etc. are favorable. Water for a mill could probably be obtained from wells sunk in local gulches.

Examination of adit and upper workings would probably involve 2 days work on ground with Brunton survey and cutting perhaps 30-50 samples

HAUSSERMANN, DAVISON & SHATTUCK

Mr. George M. Colvocoresses

August 22, 1941

While I agree that it is impossible from our point of view that you would be entirely free from any obligation to Eagle Richer so that you may continue the account exclusively as our representative in all negotiations with that company, I have felt, nevertheless, that it would be improper to charge against the operating expenses such services of a strictly engineering nature as you might be called upon to render, provided, of course, that this was done with their full knowledge and consent. However, if there is any real hope that the income from rentals and other sources is likely to be sufficient to cover such expenses it will perhaps be better to handle it in that way in order to avoid any possible misunderstanding and to enable you to act with a completely free hand.

Yours sincerely,

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Name:

District:

Owners:

Visited:

U. S. Navy Mine.

Copper Basin - 14 miles S. W. of Prescott, and 5 miles east of Skull Valley Station.

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Verde Annex Mining Company, Providence, R. I.

Joe Hobbs, Superintendent.

July 24, 1929, by G. J. Harbauer. 2 men working at time of visit.

Geology:

Ore:

Country rock grano-diorite. Vein has an E. and W. strike, and a dip of about 30 degrees. Width up to 5'. Ore consists of lead, zinc, copper and iron sulphides in a quartz gangue. The general run of ore would assay as follows:

<u>Au.</u>	Ag.	<u>Cu.</u>	Pb.	Zn.
\$5.00	20-30 ozs.	2%	15%	5-6%

Development:

Equipment:

Mr. Hobbs estimates a developed ore reserve of 100,000 tons. There is an incline shaft 520' deep sunk on the vein and a long tunnel connects with the shaft at the 200' level. The mine was unwatered to the 350' level at date of visit. The hoist is operated by steam. The air compressor is a portable gasoline driven machine. There are camp buildings for a small crew of men at the shaft.

Several carloads of sorted ore have been shipped recently to Douglas and there are several hundred tons of second class ore on the dump that would make good milling ore. With additional development a maximum of 100 tons per day could be produced, according to Mr. Hobbs, and, no doubt, a production of at least 30 tons per day could be made without much more development.

Company is planning to build a mill to treat the mine run of ore. The lower levels contain more zinc than given in assays above. Ore is hauled to Skull Valley, a distance of five miles, over a good road on a down grade at a cost of \$2.00 per ton or less.

Property is a possible producer of lead-zinc ore or of lead-zinc concentrates in the near future.

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Mr. Kess informed me voluntarily that the ultimate price of the property to Mr. Shumate is \$10,000.00, payable in one year. In the meantime, Mr. Shumate is to work the property and provide a living for Mr. Kass. <u>THE UNITED STATES MINE</u> mited & Holend. Spit 1916.

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The portion operated is entirely in the oxidized ores in Gabarino Hill. Shipments to Clarkdale are about to be resumed. Mr. Peach, the superintendent, informed me that the grade now shipped is from 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ % copper, with no gold and that practically all of a 200 foot belt is being mined. At my former visit, about two years ago, when I went thru the workings, the richer "streaks" only were being mined, 8% ore being shipped to Douglas and 6% ore to Jerome at that time. I saw some very high grade red and black oxides of copper being mined, sometimes from fissures only a few inches wide. It was then being proposed to leach the low-grade ore remaining.

A two hundred foot shaft, not operated now, reached sulphides. Mr. Peach informed me that the sulphides were "badly broken up" and very disappointing in copper values. It is possible that there is an impoverished sulphide zone THE UNITED STATES MINE. (Copper Basin)

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GEOLOGY: The geological conditions are represented by eruptive dykes and stocks, dating back to the Pre-Cambrian; these in turn have been altered by regional and local earth movements of great violence, fracturing and crushing the original formations, creating layer at pressure fractures and shear zones favorable to the bedding and deposit of those magmatic solutions common to ore precipitation from eruptive magma or from lethal solutions rising from depth.

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> Very truly yours, Howard C. Norville Registered Engineer

Arizona Registration No. 602

March 21st, 1942

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Mr. Alven Von Alvenslaben Seattle Washington

_Re: U. S. Mine

Dear Sir:

Confirming verbal conversation of this morning should you decide to have me make an engineering examination of the U. S. Mine near Skull Valley after the adit level and upper workings are accessible for sampling I shall be glad to undertake this work and prepare an assay map and complete report insofar as conditions permit for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) which will include my professional fee and the expenses of the examination, including assaying of samples.

I should ask that Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) be paid in advance to cover expenses and the balance upon submission of my report.

Yours very truly,

CMC: DF

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