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TO Paul I. Eimon LOCATION Tucson, Arizona

FROM E. Grover Heinrichs LOCATION " "

SUBJ. Vekol Hills Mining Co. DATE June 20, 1973

COPY TO H. Lanier

Confidential conversations with Addison Smith, Mining Director of the Papago Tribe, and his father Vernon Smith, former Mining Director of the Papago Tribe, reveal the following:

Negotiations between Newmont and the Papago Tribe have been underway for the past 3-4 weeks and Newmont has made an offer (substantial, maybe $1,000,000?) for a 10 year renewal of their contract which expires at the end of 1974 (1½ years from now. The Tribe is currently considering the offer.

If the Tribe accepts the Newmont offer some legal authorities (and some do not) believe, that it will require a special act of Congress to permit Newmont to proceed. The present law requires that within 10 years Newmont, or the leasee be producing and marketing. Also the Secretary of Interior may require an "Environmental Impact Study" - this would be the first E.I.S. made on an open pit and may present some problems.

It is suggested that we make serious overtures on our desire to participate with Newmont, obtain the current factual data from Newmont on the property and evaluate it. We will then be in a better posture to joint venture with Newmont or if the Tribe or Congress reject the Newmont offer and open the property for bidding, Essex will have the factual data necessary to submit a realistic bid with or without joint venture partners.

The factual data consists of complete engineering feasibility studies, including cross sections geologic and drill holes with assays, etc., pit plans, etc.

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Howard Lanier

Vekol Hills Project

April 11, 1973

P. O'Malley
P. Eimon ✓

Talked with Jack Thompson again yesterday regarding the Vekol Hills Project. He had a meeting last week with superior and introduced the subject of Essex joint venturing. Although not final, he believes that superior is interested in proceeding.

There is a meeting with the Papago Indians on April 19th to discuss renewal of their contract.

We now plan to meet during the first part of May.

Dece. 8, 1970

TO: H. Lanier

FROM: E. G. Heinrichs

SUBJECT: Vekol Hill Deposit Joint Venture
Newmont (51%) and Superior (49%)

It has come to my attention that it may be possible to negotiate with Newmont and Superior for about 200 T/day of 28% to 30% Cu concentrate and 40,000,000 T of copper oxide from the Vekol property.

At the moment the concentrates are not committed to any smelter.

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