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Naco, Arizona,  
January 9 1939

Mr. Richard Kingdon,  
Cleator, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Kingdon:

I have your letter of December 29th.

My comments about the Copper Hill property and previous examinations of it were based upon news notes seen in the various mining magazines over the past two or three years. I fully appreciate that it would be impossible to begin mining on a large scale at the present time.

I had several conversations about the property with the late Mr. R. R. Leslie of Berkeley, California, and with Mr. V. D. Perry of Los Angeles who I believe once did some sampling there. From their comments I believe I have a fair idea of the geology and structure, and a general idea of the assay values. For this reason I do not believe that it would be necessary for me to visit the property until I have a very definite knowledge of the sort of agreement to purchase or lease that might be arranged with you. It would be useless for me to make a trip to the mine if there was scant chance that a deal could be arranged.

I appreciate that you would be interested in anything Mr. Reber might have in mind about a possible operation in the district, and it would be perhaps better for me to wait until you have some definite expression of his opinion from him. My present intention would be to install a small mill at the mine, which could gradually be expanded as the operation warranted. It is of course possible that you would not care to have such an operation started, though it appears to me that such an enterprise might have a very definite value to the property in showing what could be done.

I shall be glad to hear further from you. I would be glad to know what kind of a business deal could be worked up, and what equipment there is on the property at present; also what mineralization has been opened up on the lowest level.

Yours very truly,

Naco, Arizona,  
Feb. 22, 1939.

Mr. Richard Kingdon,  
Cleator, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Kingdon:

I have your letter of February 6th.

I appreciate your kindness in giving me first call on the property at Copper Basin. However, it will be impossible for me to make a trip to the property within the next two months, I believe. Therefore you must feel free to give all comers a chance at it.

I had hoped to be able to come up there this month, but one of my associates is at present in the State of Jalisco, Mexico on mine examination work and does not expect to return for six to eight weeks. As I had hoped to visit the property with him it will probably be impossible to do so within the next two months. Upon his return I will communicate with you again and if nothing has been done with the mine perhaps we can come up.

In one of my earlier letters to you I suggested that you give me an outline of the terms upon which you would sell or lease the property. I would be greatly pleased if you would give us some idea of the deal which would be satisfactory to you so that we can have some basis upon which to figure upon the possibilities of a small operation there.

Yours very truly,

Roland B. Mulchay,  
Naco, Arizona.

1/2/39

Cleator Arizona,  
Dec, r 29th 1938,

Mr Roland, B, Mulchay,  
Naco, Arizona.

Dear Mr Mulchay,

I have your letter of the 26th inst regarding the Copper Hill Molebydenum property and must say I have an option on it and have almost cleaned up the purchase price and its for sale if any one is interested in it,

Now as to several mining companies turning it down I dont know of such things but since I have had it under option there is twoparties done some sampling there and one party started out on a Diamong Drilling campaign and drilled the total amount of about 300 feet so it must be a very large mining company to do such amount of work as they done and the two of them has never hoisted a pound of muck, not even a thing but sample and I presume if I would have consented to feed them as well as carry the property for them they would still have been on my boarding house expense so if that is the kind of large mining companies that you mention I am not inviting any more of them to examine the property,

This property in my opinion has wonderful possibilities for making a Molebydenum ore body but its not in a large producing stage at the present time but it has a wide area of well mineralized ground besides some places of a very good grade that can be opened up but if any one want to begin mining on a large scale he cannot do so here at the present time,

A Mr Reber from the United Verde mine and Geologist for the company has spent several weeks in the district during the past few months and has spent considerable time in this property although he was in the district for his company examining the adjoining property so no doubt he has his opinion of the district although he has not completed his examination but is at Morenci at the present time,

If you should be interested in the property and would like to get underground the water is kept out most of the time so if you give us about two days notice we will see to it that you can get down on the 130 foot level which is as deep as we keep the mine dry as there is not much working below that level,

yours very T'uly,

*Richard Kingdon*

1/21/39

Cleator Arizona,  
Jan 18th 1939,

Mr R,B,Mulchay,  
Naco,Arizona.

Dear Mr Mulchay,

I have your letter of the 9th Inst as it has been astray besides I have been away from the mine for a few days,

I think your idea of trying to operate the property on a small scale to begin with is in my opinion the right way to open it up as there are some streaks there in sight now that is of a very good grade and should be developed but at the present time there is a party that is coming to examine it within the coming week and then if they dont take it over I will be very glad to talk business with you but really I think it would be wise for you to come up and go in the mine with some one that can show you the whole thing and I can assure you the way you intend going after ~~it~~ is in my opinion the only real way of doing things,

Mr Reber is not in the mine for any purpose as far as I know only to give him an idea of what he would expect in the Commercial or adjoining property owned by the P,D,Co,

Now as soon as I know something further of the party that is expected here in the very near future I will get in touch with you again and would very much like for you to come over and have a good look at it with a friend of mine who is a part owner in the property left to him through Mr Jacksons death and am sure we can come to some agreement on the price and terms if you think its worth the gamble of opening it up,

The equipment on the property is of very little value but we have a pump there and has been keeping the water down but its of very little value and we only keep it dry to the 130 foot level and to be frank with you I have never been below that level but the Arizona Molebydenum Corporation pumped it out to the bottom or 330 level and the man that was in charge here for that company was a Mr Straight who you may know and if you could get in touch with him he could give you a lot of valuable information if he would and anyway I will drop you a line again as soon as I have anything new to tell you,

Yours Very Truly,

*Richard Kingdon*

1/20/39

Cleator Arizona,  
Jan 37th 1939,

Mr Roland, B, Mulchay,  
Naco, Arizona.

Dear Mr Mulchay,

I have been away from the mine for several days and returned last evening but so far I have heard nothing definite from my party about the Molebydenum but feel sure I will hear from them again within the next few days and will drop you a line again and if he has not decided on anything I will give you chance to examine it as everything seem to go so slow those days for some reason and no doubt we know the reason for it,

The water is kept down to the 130 level all the time but some one must be there to take you down when you decide to examine it, so that may take a few days to get in touch with the party as he live there close and has an half interest with another man deeded to them in the will of the former owner after I had an option on it.

Will keep you posted.

Yours Very Truly.

*Richard Kingston*

2/9/39

Cleator Arizona,  
Feb 6th 1939,

Mr R,B,Mulchay,  
Naco,Arizona,

Dear Mr Mulchay,

Am writing you a few lines to say we have been in quite a storm up here and will not be able to get out for several days even if the storms are over as the roads in places are soft and pretty steep for the last mile and no doubt that the Copper basin road is fully as bad and especially from Prescott in there but by going by the way of Kirkland from the White Spar road any one may be able to get there any time now or go to Prescott and go down to Skull Valley by the Iron Springs road,

Now if you are still in the mind that you would like to see the property you can get in touch with Mr Fred,D,Schemmer at P,O,Box 772 Prescott and ask him to arrange to meet you some time that is convenient to you both and take a look at the property as Mr Schemmer know more about it than I do and he has maps and reports on it but of course he may be out in the hills but he live within a quarter of a mile from the mine but is most of his time away some place as he told me he would arrange to meet you at any time if he has a little notice of when you would be around,

Those other parties is so slow so I thought I would write and tell you to come and if you want it you come first and the others if they are second they can deal with you,

Yours Very Truly,

*Richard Kingdon*

3/12/39

Cleator, Arizona,  
March 10th 1939,

Mr R, B, Mulchay,  
Naco, Arizona.

Dear Mr Mulchay,

I have your letter of the 22nd ult but have been in snow ever since before Xmas and still have some but we have one road open now but the other is still too snowy and icy to get over it although we have had nice weather so far for March but some time through the night we had some very bad wind storms and must have blown some poles down some place so we are out of power this morning so we are about at a stanstill until they get it back again,

You asked for some kind of a proposition that I should put up to you regarding a Lease and Option and here is an outline of such,

A \$40000,00 purchase price, with \$150,00 to be paid monthly after you have had sufficient time to make an examination,

With a \$1000,00 payment at the end of Six months, and \$2000,00 at the end of one year, then \$3000,00 at the end of eighteen months and the balance to be paid at the rate of \$5000,00 per year,

Ten percent royalty to apply to all payments except the manthly payments of \$150,00 per month,

In case you should have a buyer in the meantime that would put up some real cash I could cut the price to you considerable so that you could make some money out of the deal,

In case any one should come along in the meantime that would be interested in the proposition I will get in touch with you immediately,

Yours Very Truly.

*Richard Kingdon*

# INTERNATIONAL SMELTING AND REFINING COMPANY

INSPIRATION, ARIZONA,

FILE NO. 101

September 19, 1939

Mr. R. B. Mulchay  
Cananea Consolidated Copper Company  
Cananea, Sonora, Mexico.

Dear Mulchay:

Referring to your letter of September 11th, it is true that for some time we have been receiving a silver bearing lime ore from the Raymert Mine near Superior.

This ore has the following approximate analysis:

<u>SiO<sub>2</sub></u>	<u>Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub></u>	<u>Fe</u>	<u>CaO</u>	<u>BaSO<sub>4</sub></u>
35.0%	0.2%	2.5%	22.0%	15.0%

There is a good deal of this ore in sight, and Perry is quite familiar with the property, as he has looked it over on several occasions. However, before you make any definite plans or approach on this property I would appreciate it if you would advise us first.

With best regards to you and all the family.

Yours very truly,

*P. D. I. Honeyman*  
P. D. I. Honeyman

Superintendent

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