

HALLOCK, DONALD & BANTA
Suite 201 Sommer Building
Baker, Oregon

January 17, 1941

"Messrs. Edward T. Knight and J. B. Porter,
"Baker, Oregon.

Re: Golconda Mine.

Gentlemen:

"We are addressing you a separate letter covering the Golconda Mine and its status in connection with your proposed operations on the Bourne Group, as it is held under separate ownership, and occupies a different status than the remaining properties in the Bourne Group.

"The Golconda Mine consists of the Golconda, Wide West, Centure, Charleston and Telephone patented lode mining claims, comprising approximately 85 acres. We have not done any detailed title work in connection with this property and are not so familiar with the titles that we can give you the detailed data that we have in connection with the main Bourne Group.

"The property is now owned, however, according to our understanding, by Sam Jackson, Jr., he having acquired it through the estate of his father. These are the Jacksons who are interested in the Oregon Journal and from the character of the people involved, I would anticipate that the title situation was regular and no substantial difficulties will be encountered as regards title matters, although we have not, as stated, ever examined the title to this property.

"Any deal for the leasing or sale of this property would have to be made with and, of course, the terms approved by the owner, but we have been entrusted by Mr. Jackson informally with the handling of this mine and know generally what his ideas and terms would be. He would enter into a lease and option covering the property for a purchase price of around \$30,000, with a ten percent royalty to apply, and the usual provisions either for actual production and payment of royalties, on ore taken from his property, after a reasonable examination period, or in lieu thereof the making of minimum payments to be treated as advance royalties after the expiration of a stated period.

"With regard to other minor terms, we believe that you will find Mr. Jackson very reasonable and easy to deal with, and he will, generally speaking, follow our recommendations in the matter.

"The Golconda Mine is of course largely a collateral matter and would presumably have value only in connection with an operation of the main Bourne Group, and you would desire to complete your deal upon that group before considering a contract on the Golconda.

"The same situation to a considerable extent exists with regard to the Climax Mine, which is also adjacent to the Bourne Group. This property is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Carr of San Francisco. We have had contacts with these people for some years and believe that they will follow our recommendations in a general way on the matter of a deal. I do not know exactly what their terms or purchase price would be but believe it would be rather higher than in the case of the Golconda, possibly as high as around \$100,000. I think, however, that they would accept a royalty of ten percent payable over a period of years to apply against the purchase price.

"The Climax Mine consists of several patented claims and some unpatented locations. I am not sure, however, that the work has been kept up on the unpatented claims. Rather extensive work was done upon this property by Mr. Grayson W. Hinckley some two or three years ago. I believe he assembled some maps and considerable engineering data during that time. He spent several thousand dollars of his own money in the venture and was obliged to discontinue work on account of lack of finances. He insisted, however, that the property contains great promise and it might be worth while to take a contract on it, if one could be secured that would allow ample time for sampling, etc., in connection with the main property. That is of course if you should feel it desirable to branch out and include that large an operation.

"Yours very truly
"HALLOCK, DONALD & BANTA

"(Signed) by HAROLD BANTA."

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WAR PRODUCTION BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 27, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Serial Number Unit
Resources Section
1416 Temporary "R"

REGISTERED

Ellis Mining Company
Baker, Oregon

Gentlemen:

Serial Number 33-84-T assigned to your Bourne Mines located at Sumpter, Oregon has been cancelled for the reasons checked below:

1. () On recommendation of the Section.
2. (X) In accordance with advice from the Regional Technical Adviser for your area.
3. () In accordance with advice from your State Coordinator of Mines.
4. () In accordance with advice contained in your letter of
5. () A serial number is not considered necessary, in view of your delinquency in filing quota applications.
6. () Production is considered too small to justify the need of a serial number.
7. (X) Your mine is reported as having been shut down. If and when operations are resumed, you may apply for reinstatement of this serial number.
8. () Mine is reported as abandoned.

Please return the certificate showing the above serial number to this office, attention Serial Number Unit, Resources Section, Mining Division, If there is any further question regarding this matter, you may consult Mr. A. M. Dixon, Regional Technical Adviser for the State of Oregon, located at 822 Bedell Building, Portland 4, Oregon.



cc: Mr. A. M. Dixon
Mr. Earl K. Nixon

Very truly yours,

A. S. Knoizen
Director, Mining Division
Administrator, Order R-56

27 March 1944

Subject: Ellis Mining Co.

Dr. M. H. Stow, Director
Mining Division, War Production Board
Temporary R Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Resources Section, Serial Number Unit

Gentlemen:

Your file on the subject mining company will indicate that I sponsored continuation of a P-56 for this operation in the light of my belief in their capacity to produce silica for smelter use.

After the first of the year a new manager was installed and matters started off in proper fashion but soon began taking some unfortunate turns which, in another month, led to the closing down of the operation. I understand that the stockholders are prepared to leave the property idle until it is possible to work out a satisfactory operating arrangement.

It is my suggestion that you suspend, without prejudice, the serial number of the Ellis Mining Company until such time as they, or some competent group to whom they might assign a working arrangement, can make a satisfactory showing that the property can carry on soundly.

Very truly yours,

Earl K. Nixon
Oregon Emergency Coordinator
of Mines

EMN:jr
cc A.M. Dixon

15 January 1944

Senator Rex Ellis
326 S.E. 2nd Street
Pendleton, Oregon

Dear Rex:

A copy of Knoisen's letter of January 3 to you was marked for my attention and has just been received.

It seems plain, from the first paragraph, that as a result of our urgent request, your serial number has been temporarily extended.

Knoisen, in his second paragraph, makes a simple request that you give him a brief report before March 1. I hope that you will make a point of not failing to carry out Mr. Knoisen's request about this report. I feel certain that extension of your serial number beyond March will be based on his receiving a satisfactory report promptly.

Wish you would write me and advise me of any shipments of silica you have made up to this time or when you do make them.

I hope to be in Washington around the 20th of February and would like to turn in a report that you have made good on my promise that you would get going.

Sincerely yours,

Director

KM:jr
cc P. L. Charles
BC Senator Strayer
A.M. Dixon

January 3, 1944

Serial No. Unit
Resources Section
1416 Temporary R
Serial No. 33-84

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Ellis Mining Company
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Oregon

Attn. Mr. Rex Ellis
Treasurer

Gentlemen:

We are informed by Mr. Earl K. Nixon, Oregon Emergency Coordinator of Mines, that you will soon be shipping siliceous fluxing ore to the Tacoma Smelter again. In order that the necessary quotas may be allotted to your operation for the purchase of maintenance repair and operating supplies in the first and second quarters of 1944, we are extending your temporary mine serial number 33-84-T.

In the meantime we shall require a brief letter-report of your operation and the outlook not later than March 1, 1944, giving the number of men employed, the average daily tonnage produced, the quantities shipped, and the average metal content of the ore as of that date.

Very truly yours,

A. S. Knoisen
Director, Mining Division
Administrator, Order P-56
WPE Dept. 7530

JH/ks

cc: Mr. Earl K. Nixon ✓
Mr. J. Reed Lane

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STATE DEPT. OF GEOLOGY
& MINERAL INDS.

21 December 1943

AIRMAIL

Mr. A. B. Koelsam, Director
Mining Division Administrator, Order P-96
War Production Board Department 7530
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Koelsam:

Subject: Killa Mining Company

The point of this letter is to request that you defer any action toward cancellation of the priorities serial number of the subject group for at least sixty days.

I have been out of touch with the operations of this group for two or three months and it now appears that they have had a series of unfortunate developments in their mining program, have pretty well cleaned house, and now appear to be ready to go ahead in proper and sensible manner with their shipment of high silica rock to the Tacoma Smelter where it is very badly needed for Flurking copper ores.

Attached is a letter of recent date from Mr. White, Manager of the Tacoma Smelter outlining their present need for such flux silica and expressing the hope that the Killa Mining Company can provide it.

In a nutshell, the man who managed the affairs of the Killa Mining Company, during most of 1943, tried to complete the mill and to place the operation in a position to ship silicious ore as well, has been let out and a new manager, Mr. P.L. Charles, has been put in by the president and directors. I have gone over the entire program with the president of the concern and with Mr. Charles, have insisted that they drop everything and start the movement of silica from the operation as a war effort, and make the completion of the mill, which is now on the point of turning over, a secondary consideration. It is my belief that the property will start shipments of silica to Tacoma within the next two or three weeks and, barring acts of God such as unusually deep snows, they should continue through the season. It so happens that the concentrates themselves, I am informed run well over 50% SiO₂, so this mine, once in operation, should have perfectly valid excuse for carrying on under L-308.

I am informed that practically nothing in the way of new equipment or materials will be necessary to maintain the mine operation for the next two or three months as they have scrouged the country clean of used equipment and materials. That, as a matter of fact, accounts in part for their delay in really getting going.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

WHL:jj
cc New Mills & P.L. Charles

Earl K. Hines
Oregon Emergency Coordinator of Mines

4 January 1944

AIRMAIL

Mr. A. S. Knoisen, Director
Mining Division Administrator, Order P-56
War Production Board Department 7530
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Knoisen:

Subject: Ellis Mining Company

In filing recent correspondence, I have come across a letter which should have been sent you with Mr. Nixon's letter to you of December 31 regarding the Ellis Mining Company.

I regret this delay and hope it has not caused you any serious inconvenience.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Nixon,
Oregon Emergency Coordinator
of Mines

jr
Encl.

31 December 1943

Mr. E. A. White, Manager
Tacoma Smelter
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for your letter of December 29, expressing the hope that the Ellis Mining Company can get into production of silica that you need in your smelting of base concentrates.

There are a few errors in mining that the Ellis Mining Company has not made so far, but they are not many. I have insisted that Senator Ellis adopt a program of deferring all else to the shipments, within the next two or three weeks, of some silica to you in order that his priority serial number be not jeopardized.

It appears to me that given proper management, the mine has a chance of becoming a profitable operation. It appears that Mr. Charles should make the thing go if the president and directors will let him, and I will try to take care of that.

In any event, I want you to know that we appreciate your assistance in bailing out the Ellis outfit, and I hope your efforts may be rewarded by some substantial shipments in the future.

With the compliments of the Season,

Very truly yours,

Earl K. Nixon
Oregon Emergency Coordinator
of Mines

EKN: jr

TACOMA SMELTER

AMERICAN SMELTING AND REFINING COMPANY

TACOMA, WASH.

December 29, 1943.

E. A. WHITE
MANAGER

E. R. MARBLE
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Earl K. Nixon,
Oregon State Dept. of Geology,
Woodlark Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

We are advised the labor situation in the Baker, Oregon district is easing up to some extent and that it may be possible for the Ellis Mining Company at Sumpter, Oregon to increase their production of siliceous gold ore and concentrates which, in the past, have been regularly shipping to this Smelter and would continue to be so shipped.

The Tacoma Smelter, which at the present time is smelting in excess of 30,000 tons per month of copper ores and concentrates and producing electrolytic refined copper in excess of 8,000 tons per month, requires siliceous ores of the type produced by the Ellis Mining Company as a flux to properly balance the smelting furnace charge.

We, therefore, would greatly appreciate any assistance you can render the Ellis Mining Company in maintaining or re-establishing the necessary priorities for supplies to conduct their operations.

The Smelter has immediate use for this class of ore and will be able to accept shipments of the maximum amount of tonnage that can be produced from the Ellis Mining Company's operations.

Yours very truly,



EAW:W

E. A. WHITE

cc PLCharles,
Ellis Mining Co.,
Sumpter, Oregon.

August 21, 1943

Senator Rex Ellis
c/o Ellis Mining Company
Sumpter, Oregon

Dear Senator Ellis:

Enclosed are application forms WFB-2910, necessary for making application for the wire you require.

As I told you over the phone, General Electric Company, Portland, now has this wire in stock and states they can sell it on an AA-3 priority. I have not yet heard from one concern which is waiting for the return of their wire man. However, the girl offered me all encouragement that they would be willing to make an exchange for your No. 6 even if they had your order in stock. In order to buy either new or second-hand copper wire, a priority rating is required, together with permission from W.P.B. in Washington.

I am sorry I could not get the materials for you.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Libbey
Acting Director

FWL: jr
Encl.

July 31
August 2, 1943

Winning Division
Room 2119
Tempo B Building
Serial Number Section

ALL MAIL

Willis Wining Company
Smythair
Oregon

Attn. Mr. Rex Ellis
Treasurer

Gentlemen:

We have reviewed the correspondence concerning your ailing operations, which supply silicious fluxing ores to the Tacoma Smelter, and have extended your Mine Serial Number 33-84-7 to December 31, 1943, the added ore indicating the temporary basis of this extension.

In the meantime we desire letter-reports of your operations about September 1, and again about December 1, giving the number of men employed, the average daily tonnage mined and shipped, the tonnage milled, and the quantities of concentrates produced and shipped. Also, give the average analysis of the ore shipped, the ore milled, and the concentrates produced at these respective dates, and indicate the prospect for continued production. Please send with each letter-report copies of smelter settlement sheets covering recent shipments.

If for any reason the operation should be closed before December 1, please notify this office at once and indicate the prospect for further production at a later time.

Please address your letter attention Mr. Robert F. Tate, Chief, Serial Number Section.

Very truly yours,

A. S. Knolsen
Director,
Wining Division

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cc: Mr. A. M. Dixon
Mr. Carl K. Nilson

Wining Division

A. M. DIXON, JR.,
AGY

Zone 5
June 22, 1943

Senator Rex Ellis
Pendleton
Oregon

Dear Rex:

Attached is original of letter received from Albert E. Long,
Mining Division, W.P.B.

We had had no word previously as to your serial number
matter. They evidently have agreed to hold this serial
number in effect, but it is up to you to get in your
quarterly PD-400A's without any slips.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Director

EKN: jr
Encl.

COPY
WAR PRODUCTION BOARD
Washington, D.C.

Mining Equipment Division
Temporary "R" Building
4th Wing, First Floor

June 17, 1943

Mr. Earl K. Nixon
Oregon Emergency Coordinator of Mines
702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

Subject: Ellis Mining Company
Mine Serial No. 33-84

Dear Sir:

It is not our intention to cancel Mine Serial Nos. where mines are active. Our only method of being sure that mines are in operation is the regular receipt of the quarterly reports on the PD-400A forms.

In this respect, even tho a mine is not in production, the forms should be filed and at least some explanation of the situation included in remarks. This also holds true where no control materials or dollar value quotas are needed.

We will continue to hold this Serial Number in force, but suggest that the Ellis Mining Company file each quarterly PD-400A regularly in the future.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Albert E. Long

Mining Division

*original sent to
Mr. Ellis
6-22-43*

May 20, 1943

AIRMAIL

Mr. Arthur S. Knoisen, Director
Mining Division, War Production Board
Temporary R Building
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Ellis Mining Company
Mine Serial Number 33-84

Dear Mr. Knoisen:

You have, according to your regulations and under date of May 10, notified the subject company that their serial number under P-56 will automatically be cancelled on June 30, 1943, on account of their having failed to fill out and forward Forms PD-400a for two consecutive calendar quarters, unless there is adequate justification to the contrary.

It is our feeling that this matter should be reviewed and that the serial number in question should not be cancelled - unless the subject company fails to get back into production promptly.

I am familiar with the conditions and circumstances, and they are extenuating in the present case. As briefly as I can state them, they are as follows: (I shall be pleased to follow up, at your request, with any further details that you may require).

The Ellis Mining Company has produced and shipped to the Tacoma smelter for several years. Its product was particularly desired by the smelter because it was and is needed as a flux. As evidence of this statement, I am enclosing photostat of letter dated February 24 signed by E. A. White, Manager of the Tacoma smelter. Last year during the operating season, the mine shipped to the smelter several hundred tons per month of ore running about 77% SiO₂ and only 3½% Fe. (For the first half of 1942, the shipments averaged 450 tons per month. I don't have before me shipments during the last half of 1942). The company needed to mill some of the ore in order to make a paying operation, and wangled used equipment from various sources to build the mill last fall. About that time because of labor freezing talk and since the mine is high and isolated in the Blue Mts., the younger men left. Work was continued until extreme weather conditions caught them with a nucleus of old-timers living nearby who would not and could not go to war industries or other mines anyway.

During this, the most severe winter in history, they had a snowfall of six or seven feet on the level at the mine. In trying to complete mill construction, both the superintendent and the mine foreman contracted pneumonia and spent weeks in a hospital. It was impossible in mid-winter to get younger, vigorous men to keep the

reads bulldozed out, so the operation has been virtually idle since around the first of the year.

Although there is still some snow at the higher elevations, the proprietors are anxious naturally to get this operation going and the American Smelting & Refining Company is equally anxious to obtain the products, according to my understanding. I can assure you, with my knowledge of the labor situation, that the small amount of labor that will be used is of a type that would not under any circumstances go outside to "war industries" or be acceptable if they did. The supplies that will be needed to carry on this summer and through the year, I understand, will consist of a few tons of grinding balls. The group has earnestly and patriotically got together usable second-hand equipment and mill supplies for their operation. Also, the operators are very conscience-stricken over their failure to fill out the PD-400a forms. That came about as a result of the superintendent being confined by illness.

It is our honest belief that you should remove this cancellation of the subject company's serial number. They are prepared to carry on now that spring has arrived and, by the middle of July, to be in full production of the following: 100 tons per month of 77% SiO_2 and 3.5% Fe, and 250 tons per month that will run 45% SiO_2 .

I will much appreciate your notifying me promptly of your decision in this matter because time at this season of the year is especially important in planning and getting things going.

Cordially yours,

Earl K. Nixon
Oregon Emergency Coordinator
of Mines

EN: jr
Encl.

blind copy to Rex Ellis

May 22, 1943

Mr. A. S. Knoisen, Director
Mining Division, War Production Board
Room 1435, Temporary "R" Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Knoisen:

Re: P-56, Serial Number 33-84

This is in reply to your letter and notice of May 10, 1943. We failed to fill in and send you Forms PD-400-A as we were closed down because of unprecedented winter weather and the fact that our superintendent and foreman were in the hospital with pneumonia. The forms were mailed to the mine, and were not received for the above reasons.

We have had no thought whatever except of re-opening the property as soon as weather conditions permit. We are anxious to comply with the request of the Tacoma Smelter for siliceous flux materials and to get going promptly. We have intended to be just as cooperative as possible with the W.P.B. requests. As evidence, we have sought, obtained, and repaired usable second-hand equipment that in most cases had been discarded. We made no remonstrance against the loss of most of our middle-age men and carried on late last fall and will continue with elderly local residents who could not hold jobs in the shipyards and who would not consider migrating to deep underground mines elsewhere.

We have revamped and rebuilt the old mill in order to utilize old mine dumps that do not require underground labor and supplies. We will, however, ship a substantial quantity of easy-to-get high silica direct shipping ore requested by the Tacoma Smelter.

We realize that the consideration of our continued operation is strictly the production of siliceous products satisfactory to the smelter.

Please notify me promptly your decision in this matter because we have our roads in condition and are ready to go. I am complying with your request and mailing in the filled-out forms you asked for.

Respectfully yours,

Rex Ellis
Treasurer

RE:mg

*Dictated by Mr. Hanson
at request of
Rex Ellis*

April 3, 1943

Senator Rex Ellis
Pendleton
Oregon

Dear Rex:

You were in quest of information in regard to the status and possibilities pertaining to the operation of gold mines under P-56, the War Production Board priority rating.

I should say that your operation on Cracker Creek, with which I am familiar, is a member of the charmed circle, meaning the one out of a thousand gold mines in the country that is permitted to carry on and operate for specific reasons. In your case, it is the ability of your operation to furnish silica flux to the A.S. & R. Smelter at Tacoma.

I received information this morning from two sources, one of which is official, that the Tacoma smelter is quite embarrassed for lack not only of silica flux but of base concentrates which your mill would produce. I understand that only one reverberatory is operating at the present time. I don't anticipate any immediate relief for the Tacoma smelter and can cite as evidence of that - although not for publication - a discussion I had Tuesday of this week in Washington with the Copper Section of the War Production Board. I can cite also a turn-down on Monday by W.P.B. of a very important access road to a potential copper producer that would ship to Tacoma.

It seems to me that your cue is merely to carry on and make plans to get into operation as soon as possible so that you can keep your priority alive. You don't need anything beyond the P-56 to operate at the present time so far as I am aware. If W.P.B. has any intention of changing the status of gold mines that are operating such as yours, I have no information on such an intention.

As you know, I am asked to spend considerable time outside of the State strictly on war mineral work and much of this is in the east. I have been in Washington some five times since the first of this year and am indeed well acquainted with some of the active officials of the War Production Board. If you get into difficulties that could be straightened out by a proper explanation of affairs which I might supply, it goes without saying that I would go to any reasonable ends to favor your operation if you will advise me whether I am here or whether I am on work in the east.

Sincerely yours,

Earl K. Nixon
Oregon Emergency Coordinator
of Mines

EKN: jr

December 17, 1942

TO: Mr. A. M. Dixon
War Production Board
Portland, Oregon

Wish you would make a note to bring up the question of the temporary serial number granted to the Ellis Mining Company the next time you come over to our office. Ellis has been shipping siliceous ore and getting by. They want to know what the score is.

EKN: jr

Director

December 17, 1942

Mr. John Artaur, Manager
Ellis Mining Company
Sumpter, Oregon

Dear John:

Am returning herewith a letter from Wilbur Nelson to you, dated October 27 and some smelter returns that you mailed me while I was at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. I thought you would want these data returned for your files.

I took your matter up with the authorities of the War Production Board and obtained the following reply. They are making examinations of properties where temporary serial numbers have been authorized, with the idea of cancelling the serial numbers or making them permanent. Don't know whether their examiner has got to you or not. If he has and a decision has been reached, I wish you would let me know. If he has not, then carry on.

Sincerely yours,

Earl K. Nixon
Oregon Emergency Coordinator
of Mines

EKN: jr
Encl.
cc Rex Ellis

ELLIS MINING COMPANY

Operators of the NORTH POLE
COLUMBIA EUREKA & EXCELSIOR
TAVOR FRACTION Mines

Sumpter, Oregon November 16th, 1942

Mr. Earl K. Nixon,
Emergency Coordinator of Mines,
Willard Hotel, Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Acting upon your request for certain information to be sent to you at Washington D. C., and also your suggestion that you take care for us a letter from Mr. Wilbur A. Nelson, which has instructions to have the information to the attention of Mr Earl A. Trager, we are inclosing the following:

The Wilbur A. Nelson's Letter dated October 27th, Inclosed Marked "A"

Settlement Sheets

Ellis Mining Co-Marked Bradley Lot No. 82	Oct 16th..	"	"	"B"
" " " - " Myers-Ingle" No. 64	" 50th--	"	"	"C"
" " " - " " - " " No. 65	Nov 3rd..	"	"	"D"
" " " - " Gardner..... No. 1	" 10th..	"	"	"E"

The reason for the above ore shipments being marked as they are is. John. Arthur, had a 4 years lease on the properties now controlled by the Ellis Mining Company. John. Arthur being interested in the Ellis Mining Co, turned in his lease, but as he had Sub-leased certain blocks of ground to a number of old miners on a wage-plus a share in any profits plan, these miners were allowed to continue for the Ellis Mining Co.

The Bradley Lot No.82 and the Myers-Ingle Lot No.65 are average general character of crude ore we ship .

The value of the ores do not have anything to do with the Iron content, as is indicated in Myers-Ingle lot No.64. These are high grade bunches incountered at times.

The Gardner Lot No. 1, is some tailings from the old tailing dumps here. You will note that the iron is 3.1 % and silica 78.4 %. The reason for these values in these slimes are. Years ago using gravity concentration much values were lost in the slimes, and the sands run about half of the above value as the crushing equipment did not liberate the values.

The only reason we could mine these low grade ores were, that both the Smelter, and the Railroads gave us very low rates on this fluxing material, but there^{is} limit in continuing mining this material needed by the Smelters with the growing cost of living and wages demended, unless we are permitted to condition our low grade ores to a marketable grade.

ELLIS MINING COMPANY

Nov 16th, 1942. *Operators of the* NORTH POLE EUREKA & EXCELSIOR *Mines*
Ear K. Nixon No. 2. COLUMBIA TABOR FRACTION
Sumpter, Oregon

About 23 years ago the writer had a crude Flotation plant on these same properties and the concentrates shipped showed 50 to 55 % silica and were classed as silicious ores, as they contained 30 % and up silica in excess of the iron content

We now break many tons of material much to low grade to ship, and of course, this must be charged to the ore marketed, unless we can condition it to a shipping grade.

APROXIMATE RESULTS WE WOULD EXPECT FROM PREVIOUS EXPERIANCE SHOULD WE MINE 125 TONS Daily, AND CONDITION THE GRADE NOT SHIPPING VALUE.

100 Tons ore milled @ \$10.00 value.....	\$1000.00
Less 10 % loss in milling.....	100.00
Recovery in marketable cts...	<u>\$900.00</u>

The above would give a product of 12½ Tons - Assaying Au & Ag \$72.00

Iron-----	14.08 %
Silica-----	51.42 %
Sulphur & Arsenic-----	29.00 %
Mis substances-----	5.00 %
Copper-----	.50 %
	<u>100</u>

values
The, mostly contained in arsenopyrite.

25 tons crude ore shipped daily assaying \$18.00 and over, Iron---3.50 %
Silica-----80.00 %

Excess silica---76.5%

The average of the ores & concentrates 7½ tons---Silica ---70½ %
Iron----- 7 %

Trusting the above will give you the information required,

Yours very truly,
ELLIS MINING COMPANY,

By John Arthur Mgr

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STATE DEPT OF GEOLOGY
& MINERAL INDS.

WAR PRODUCTION BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 3, 1942

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mining Economics Section
Mining Branch
Room 1419
Tempo "R"

AIRMAIL

Mr. Earl K. Nixon
Emergency Coordinator of Mines
for Oregon
702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Nixon:

In your letter of October 28th you refer to the temporary assignment of Serial Number to the Ellis Mining Company.

You will appreciate that it has been very difficult to arrive at a practical and satisfactory solution to all parties concerned in the production of fluxing ores containing a high gold content. For this reason, Mr. James Douglas, is now in the West studying this problem and visiting the various smelters and refineries to determine their needs and the most satisfactory source for such ores.

During the time that this study is being conducted, those mining companies who are supplying fluxing ores to smelters, which have been certified by the smelter as being necessary to their operations, have been extended the privilege of using a Serial Number until this study has been finally completed.

At that time they will be notified whether the number will remain in effect indefinitely or whether it will be cancelled in lieu of having found a more suitable source to meet the needs of the smelter which is being supplied.

Yours very truly,

Wilbur A. Nelson

Wilbur A. Nelson
Administrator of
Mining Branch



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ELLIS MINING COMPANY

November 17, 1942

Senator Rex Ellis, Treasurer
Ellis Mining Company
Sumpter, Oregon

Dear Senator:

Thank you for your letter dated November 16 and particularly referring to your mention of the Snake River trip.

Earl is on his way to Washington, but I have just inquired of Mrs. Nixon and find that he has sold the truck. I am sorry, since I imagine you could have used it to good advantage.

Earl's address in Washington, D. C. will be Hotel Willard. I expect he will arrive there about next Saturday and imagine he will remain in Washington for five or six days.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Libbey
Acting Director

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JOHN ARTHUR
ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS

EVERETTE J. KING, SECRETARY
REX ELLIS, TREASURER

ELLIS MINING COMPANY

Operators of the NORTH POLE
COLUMBIA EUREKA & EXCELSIOR
Tabor Fraction Mines
Sumpter, Oregon

November 16, 1942

State Department of ~~Geology~~ and Mineral Research
Portland, Oregon.

Attention Mr. Libby

Gentlemen:-

Would you please send me a copy of the questionnaire or application that we filled out in your office when we applied for a P-56 rating.

When I was in Portland, Earl showed me a truck that he said he would sell for \$750.00 cash. After returning home, I waited around to make sure we would get a rating and neglected to write him and tell him that I would buy it, providing he still had it.

If you will advise me if it is still available, I will send him the money.

I would also like to know his Washington address.

I read an article by Neuberger describing his trip up the Snake River out of Lewiston, in the Saturday Evening Post. That article that you wrote describing the trip was much better in description and interest. I like the form that you used much better than his type of writing.

With best personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Rex Ellis
Pendleton

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October 28, 1942

Mr. Earl A. Trager
Mining Economics Section, War Production Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Trager:

Thank you for your wire of yesterday which reads: "Ellis Mining Company issued serial number three three dash eight four on temporary basis". I am pleased indeed that a decision was reached on this Ellis matter. The desire uppermost in my mind was that a decision be reached promptly one way or another to permit the mine operators to know whether to retain their miners or not. It was costing them a lot of money and resulted in the expected criticism of W.P.B.

Now that a temporary serial number has been assigned to the Ellis Mining Company, I ask that you advise me or the company promptly the basis of such temporary arrangement so that the company will know how to plan. If it is a foregone conclusion that the mine will be closed down within a sixty-day period, say, they should in fairness have some inkling of this.

Would appreciate your giving attention to our suggestions at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Earl K. Nixon
Oregon Emergency Coordinator
of Mines

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Ellis Manning Co.

October 27, 1942.

Earl Nixon,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Earl:-

You have no idea how much I appreciate
you getting that priority rating.

When we were closed down, the men who helped me finance
the mill at Bourne, asked me what would be the thing
to do to get exempt from Order L 208. I explained to
them that the only thing to do was to go to Portland and
see Earl Nixon. I CERTAINLY TOLD THEM RIGHT.

Any correspondence which we have or forms to fill out
we will again consult you in order that we do not make
any mistakes. Send all mail regarding this to me
instead of John over to Baker.

Please thank Mr. Libby and all who helped to get me
this rating.

Very truly yours,

Tex *Ellis*

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SENATOR REX ELLIS
PENDLETON, OREGON

JUST RECEIVED FOLLOWING WIRE FROM WPB QUOTE ELLIS MINING COMPANY ISSUED SERIAL NUMBER THREE THREE DASH EIGHT FOUR ON TEMPORARY BASIS UNQUOTE. WILL TRY ASCERTAIN BASIS OF TEMPORARY CLASSIFICATION AND MAKE IT PERMANENT IF POSSIBLE. SUGGEST YOU RETAIN MINERS AND CARRY ON ADVISING ME PROMPTLY OF ANY DIFFICULTIES OCCURRING AS RESULT DELAY IN WPB DECISION.

EARL K. NIXON
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**FRANK A. AYER, ASST. CHIEF, COPPER BRANCH
 WAR PRODUCTION BOARD, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

WE ARE RECOMMENDING EXEMPTION FROM GOLD MINE CLOSING ORDER L-208 AND ISSUANCE OF MINE SERIAL NUMBER FOR PRIORITIES TO ELLIS MINING COMPANY BAKER OREGON. HAS BEEN SHIPPING 400 TO 600 TONS PER MONTH SILICEOUS ORES TO TACOMA SMELTER. LETTER FROM SMELTER SUPERINTENDENT WHITE STATES QUOTE THE COPPER SMELTER HERE AT TACOMA WOULD BE SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPED IF THE APPLICATION OF ORDER L-208 SHOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF SHUTTING DOWN THE SOURCES OF SUPPLY. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER SOURCE OF SUPPLY TO REPLACE YOUR SHIPMENTS AT THE PRESENT TIME AND WILL JOIN YOU IN ANY EFFORT YOU MAY MAKE TO SECURE THE EXEMPTION OF YOUR OPERATION FROM THIS ORDER L-208 UNQUOTE. YOUR REPRESENTATION TO WILBUR NELSON ON ANGLE OF SMELTER EMBARRASSMENT MIGHT FAVOR DECISION TO APPROVE OUR RECOMMENDATION. MINE CLOSED OBEYING ORDER BUT EMPLOYEES RETAINED MOMENTARILY PENDING DECISION. NO EMPLOYEES THIS OPERATION WILL MIGRATE OTHER BASE METAL MINES.

**EARL K. NIXON
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**DR. WILBUR A. NELSON, ADMINISTRATOR
MINING BRANCH, WAR PRODUCTION BOARD
TEMPORARY R BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

REURTEL OCTOBER TWENTY THREE SUBJECT ELLIS MINING COMPANY ALL POINTS REQUESTED YOUR WIRE AND NECESSARY BASE DECISION ON EXEMPTING ELLIS COMPANY FROM L-208 ARE CONTAINED OUR AIRLETTER NINETEENTH WHICH SHOULD BE IN YOUR HANDS. UNLESS WE RECEIVE WIRE TOMORROW TWENTY FOURTH GRANTING EXEMPTION ON POINTS SUPPLIED WE WILL TELEPHONE YOU MONDAY. DELAYS COSTING OPERATORS IMPORTANT SUMS AS IN THIS CASE BRING CAUSTIC CRITICISM OF BOTH WPB AND EMERGENCY COORDINATORS. FAIL TO SEE THE VALUE OF EMERGENCY COORDINATOR OF MINES JOB WHICH TAKES UNDUE PROPORTION MY TIME WHEN RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MINING BRANCH APPEAR TO CARRY SO LITTLE WEIGHT.

**EARL K. NIXON
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OREGON EMERGENCY COORDINATOR OF MINES PORTLAND ORG=

THE FACTS PRESENTED IN YOUR TELEGRAM OF OCTOBER NINETEENTH DO NOT FURNISH SUFFICIENT BASIS TO GRANT AN EXEMPTION FROM LIMITATION ORDER L-208 TO THE ELLIS MINING COMPANY OF BAKER, OREGON. IT WILL BE NECESSARY THAT THE MINING COMPANY PRESENT COMPLETE DETAILS ON THEIR OPERATIONS, THE CHARACTER OF THE PRODUCTS SHIPPED, QUANTITY AND PERIOD OF TIME OVER WHICH SHIPPING HAS BEEN CARRIED ON. SUPPORTING FACTS FROM THE SMELTING COMPANY PURCHASING THE APPLICANT'S ORE MUST ALSO BE SUPPLIED=

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DR. WILBUR A. NELSON, ADMINISTRATOR, MINING BRANCH
WAR PRODUCTION BOARD, TEMPORARY R BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C.

ELLIS MINING COMPANY BAKER OREGON MR. JOHN ARTHUR SHIPPER FOR THREE YEARS HAS BEEN SHIPPING SILICEOUS ORES CLASSED AS FLUX ORES TO TACOMA SMELTER. SMELTER SUPERINTENDENT IN LETTER DATED OCTOBER FOURTEEN STATES QUOTE THE COPPER SMELTER HERE AT TACOMA WOULD BE SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPED IF THE APPLICATION OF ORDER L-208 SHOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF SHUTTING DOWN THE SOURCES OF SUPPLY. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER SOURCE OF SUPPLY TO REPLACE YOUR SHIPMENTS AT THE PRESENT TIME AND WILL JOIN YOU IN ANY EFFORT YOU MAY MAKE TO SECURE THE EXEMPTION OF YOUR OPERATION FROM THIS ORDER L-208 UNQUOTE. WE ARE AIRMAILING YOU DETAILS TO SUPPORT OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT ELLIS MINING COMPANY RECEIVE MINE SERIAL NUMBER TO ENABLE THEM OPERATE UNDER P-56 AND CONTINUE OPERATION AND SHIPMENTS SILICEOUS GOLD ORES UNDER EXEMPTION FROM L-208. REQUEST YOU WIRE US OR ELLIS MINING COMPANY BAKER TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM ORDER L-208 UNTIL DECISION IS REACHED ON OUR REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION FOR SERIAL NUMBER. THIS COMPANY HAS COMPLIED WITH THE ORDER BUT IS RETAINING TWENTY MEN ON THE PAYROLL UNTIL YOUR DECISION ON CERTIFICATION IS MADE.

EARL K. NIXON
OREGON EMERGENCY COORDINATOR OF MINES

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October 19, 1942

AIR MAIL

Dr. Wilbur A. Nelson, Administrator
Mining Branch, War Production Board
Temporary R Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Nelson:

Subject: Ellis Mining Company, Baker, Oregon

We wired you this morning according to confirmation attached. We ask you particularly to consider the following paragraphs which I quote directly from letter dated October 14 directed to Mr. John Arthur of the Ellis Mining Company and signed by E. A. White, Manager of the Tacoma Smelter of the American Smelting and Refining Company. (The Tacoma Smelter of A. S. & R. is one of the best known in the United States and you are doubtless familiar with its importance in the present copper picture).

"I have your letter of October 12th and wish to assure you of our support in connection with any steps it will be necessary for you to take to continue your mining operation under W.P.E. Limitation Order No. L-208.

"To review the situation briefly, our records indicate during the first six months of 1942 you shipped an average of 450 tons per month to this Smelter, averaging approximately 77% SiO_2 and only 3.5% Fe and so far as precious metals are concerned a little over 1/2 ounce of gold and a little under 2 ounces of silver per ton. In the smelting and converting of copper ores and concentrates, ore of this high silica content is necessary as a flux. Although most ores of this type contain some values in gold and silver, the copper smelter here at Tacoma would be seriously handicapped if the application of Order L-208 should have the effect of shutting down the sources of supply.

"We do not have any other source of supply to replace your shipments at the present time and will join you in any effort you may make to secure the exemption of your operation from this Order L-208.

"Just what our procedure will be has not yet assumed definite outline but I will call your case to the attention of our representatives in New York who are in constant contact with the War Production Board and will then advise you."

We are aware, of course, that you are disposed to grant serial numbers at times

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