

CINNABAR MINES, INC.

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State Department of Geology and
Mineral Industries
702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

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Department of Civil Engineering

December 16, 1942

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Mr. R. R. Whiting, Supt.
Prineville, Oregon

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cc Mr. Earl Nixon
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October 28, 1942

Mr. W. E. Dow, Jr.
Cinnabar Mines, Inc.
17 State Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Dow:

Your letter of October 15 arrived while I was out of the office.
Regret the delay in answering.

There is a law in this State making it mandatory that mine operators retain or have on their payroll a registered engineer. The law is enforced, or is supposed to be enforced, by the Secretary of the State Engineers Examining Board. You understand this Department has nothing whatever to do with this law or its enforcement. It has been on the books for many years. I do not believe Mr. Whiting is a registered engineer or, for that matter, that he is technically trained. That does not mean, of course, that he is not competent. I think he is.

Naturally I hesitate to recommend any certain individual for a private job because I may be accused of favoritism or discrimination.

If you still retain or have some relation to Mr. Gilley in Portland, I might discuss the situation to better advantage with him than I can in a letter. Perhaps I can be of some assistance to you.

Respectfully yours,

Director

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New York, N. Y.
October 15, 1942

Mr. Earl K. Nixon
State Department of Geology
and Mineral Industries
702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Nixon:

It has been suggested to us that we might be required to keep the services of an engineer on the property for reasons of safety in construction, tunneling, etc. Will you kindly let us have the benefit of your advice on this point as to what extent such an engineer may or may not be necessary. You will recall that Ray Whiting is in charge of the property and perhaps his qualifications are sufficient.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Faithfully yours,

CINNABAR MINES, INC.

By

W. Dowling

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LOAN AGENCY
OF THE
RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

444 Pittock Block
Portland, Oregon
September 18, 1942

Mr. Earl K. Nixon
Technical Consultant
Metals Reserve Company
702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Thank you very much for the copy of
your letter to R. J. McEwen concerning the Cinnabar
Mines Incorporated. I appreciate very much your
sending this copy.

I hope you have a pleasant trip into
Eastern Oregon, and I will be interested in having
a talk with you concerning this property when you
return to Portland.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



GRAHAM J. MITCHELL
Supervising Engineer



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October 7, 1942

Misc. Minerals Branch
Room 1214
Tempo 2

Dow & Symmers
17 State Street
New York, N. Y.

Attention: Mr. S. V. Petrie, Jr.

Gentlemen:

Re: Cinnabar Mines, Inc. Loan Application

Within the last few days we have given careful consideration to reports on recent examinations of the Blue Ridge and Number One mines sent into this office by Mr. Aaron Waters of the U. S. Geological Survey, and Mr. Earl K. Nixon, of the State Department of Geology and Mineral Resources, State of Oregon.

A study of these reports indicates, among other things, that the Blue Ridge and Number One mines, prior to Colonel Maller's operation of the property, had a total production of but a few thousand dollars worth of quicksilver. Further, since the initiation of the extensive operation by Cinnabar Mines, Inc., the reported production has been but 81 flasks, indicating a gross cost per flask in excess of \$1,500.00.

While it is accepted as a possibility that extensive work in the Blue Ridge and Number One Mines might develop additional ore, it is not felt by this office that work of the extent requested in the application is justified, when considering the past history of the mine.

This office does, however, feel that there is some possibility of developing additional ore between the Blue Ridge and Number One shafts, and has recommended that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation extend to your concern a small loan which will make possible a modest development program which, if handled under proper management, might develop sufficient ore to give the operation a new lease of life.

Very truly yours,

R. J. McEwen
Mercury Section
Miscellaneous Minerals Branch

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CC: Earl K. Nixon

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Cinnabar Mines Inc

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Baker, Oregon.
September 21, 1948.

Mr. A. J. Meenan,
Miscellaneous Minerals Section, PH,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Cinnabar Mines, Inc.

Dear Mr. Meenan:

A formal proposal for an 18% loan in the amount of some \$21,500 has, I understand, been made by the subject company.

The purpose of this letter is to convey to you my ideas pertaining to the mine, the operation, the justification for a loan, etc. with the thought that my conclusions may be of interest.

I examined the property both surface and underground on September 19, 1948 and have been familiar with activities at the property since 1937.

My observations may be boiled down to the following:

- (1) The property, located on a fault some 3 or 4 miles long on which are several quicksilver properties, has been a small producer in the past and is not to be classed as a wild cat prospect.
- (2) The record of the Blue Ridge, one of the two leases that form the Cinnabar Mines, Inc. holdings, has been one of small but very high grade shoots. Several dozen flasks of mercury have been produced from ore running from 30 to 300 or 400 pounds per ton, where the ore ran from a few inches to 3 feet wide in a shoot, or shoots, 20 to 60 feet long on the level.
- (3) The last shoot mined on the Blue Ridge produced several thousand dollars and was underhand-stopped for 20 feet below the lowest level (the 100-foot) until the ground got heavy and caved (or until the stop was back-filled, reportedly covering up ore).
- (4) Present development work, confined to the driving to the northeast of the bottom or 100-foot level of the Blue Ridge, drifted on a small shoot some 15 feet long and 12 to 18 inches wide running an estimated 20 to 30 pounds per ton.
- (5) I saw cinnabar in place at 2 or 3 points in the existing shaft workings but there are insufficient data in the way of assays, records, or otherwise to justify a statement as to tonnage possibilities.
- (6) A substantial body of low to medium grade "ore" was "discovered" about a year ago at a point in the hanging about opposite the Blue Ridge shaft. This, principally, in addition to the expectation of underground ore, led to the installation of an excellent 100-ton Gould furnace during last winter. It has since developed that this surface orebody either does not exist as estimated, or is too lean to warrant mining.

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Prineville, Oregon.
Nov. 14, 1942.

Mr. Earl Nixon.
Emergency Coordinator of Mines.
Woodlark Bldg.
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Nixon-;

Inclosed please find monthly report of purchases made by this Company during the Month of October 1942.

I am inclosing a list showing purchases made from each Firm and just placing the amounts under each Rating on the Form to be filled out.

Mine Serial Number 33-41
Order P-56

Purchases under A-8 Rating	
Shaver Forwarding Co. Deisel Oil -----	\$523.73
Mety & VanDyke - Bend, Ore. Anti Freeze & Tire Chains	62.11
Pine Products Co. Inc. Prineville, Shaft Timbers	9.50
Miller Lbr. Co. Prineville, Shaft Timbers & Lagging	631.59
Standard Oil Co. Gas, Oil & Greases for Trucks & Engines	175.97
Houk Meter Co. Battery for Truck	11.65
Marketeria Grocery - Cook House Supplies	362.05
Prineville Drug Co. Medicine Chest Supplies	4.48
Prineville Sand & Gravel Co. Gravel for Grouting Bearers	1.88
Earl Mizer - Hog for Cook House	35.70
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Interstate Tractor Co. Deisel Parts	31.86
Ingersoll-Rand Co. Pump & Jawk Hammer Parts	8.86
Industrial Air Products Co.	11.18
Ochoce Hardware Co. Most of items purchased are now under A-I-a Rating. I phoned your Office to get athority to sign for Pipe & Fittings & Valves.	306.69
Tip Top Service Station, Tubes for Pickup Truck	5.96
	<u>364.55</u>

A-I-a Rating, Phoned your Office for Athority Woodbury & Co. Portland, Pipe Fittings	9.36
Prineville Machine & Supply Co Shaft Rod Hangers	277.12
	<u>286.48</u>

Respectively Submitted

By *R. R. Whiting*
Mine Supt.

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Prineville, Oregon.
October 28, 1942.

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

Dear Mr. Nixon-;

We are rather late with this report but due to the change in Management of this Company and change of Superintendent at the Mine it has not been made.

The purchases were very small for September but for October will be rather heavy due to the fact that we are getting Materials and supplies at the Mine for the sinking of the Shaft to seventy five feet greater depth. We will make the October Report on time.

Yours Very Truly,
Cinnabar Mines Inc.

By

R. R. Whiting
Mine Supt.

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Mining Division
Serial No. Section
Room 1419
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Cinnabar Mines, Inc.
Portland,
Oregon

Gentlemen:

Effective this date we have cancelled Serial Number 33-41 covering the Gould Furnace Mine at Prineville, Oregon. Please return to this office the certificate showing the above mentioned number.

If you have received an authorization for a quota assignment, please return this also to the Mining Division Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,

A. S. Knoisen
Director,
Mining Division

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

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J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

OCTOBER 24, 1942

WANT A REPLY?
"Answer by WESTERN UNION"
or similar phrases may be
included without charge.

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

CINNABAR MINES INC ADDRESS PRINEVILLE OREGON SERIAL NUMBER 33-41 REQUIRES ONE NEW
JACKHAMMER SUPPLIER FEENAUGHTY MACHINERY COMPANY 112 SOUTHEAST BELMONT PORTLAND REQUIRES
A-1-c PRIORITY DELIVERY DATE PROMISED SEVEN DAYS FROM DATE OF ORDER PRICE \$211 FACTORY.
COMPANY ENGAGED IMPORTANT EXPLORATION SHAFT SINKING NEEDS JACKHAMMER PREVENT SHUTDOWN.
PLEASE WIRE AUTHORIZATION SUPPLIER.

EARL K. NIXON
OREGON EMERGENCY COORDINATOR OF MINES

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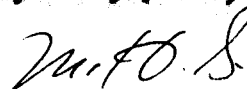
February 10, 1942

Cinnabar Mines, Inc.
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find copy of day letter sent you February 9, 1942, authorizing you to serve an A-1-c Rating on the Bucyrus-Erie Company, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the equipment specified on your order No. 201.

Very truly yours,



Marcellus H. Stow
Assistant Administrator of
Mining Branch

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cc: Mr. Earl K. Hoxon



First Floor, First Wing
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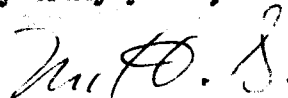
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cc: Mr. Earl K. Maxon

Priority

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November 10, 1941

Mr. Wilbur A. Nelson,
Administrator of Mines Priorities,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Nelson:

Please refer to Cinnabar Mines, Inc., Prineville, Oregon, Colonel
Jascha Maller, operator, address Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon.
The operator informs us he is greatly in need of a mines serial
number in order to obtain materials needed for the production of
quicksilver.

We feel that this operator should have his number as promptly as
possible.

Thanking you,

Very truly yours,

Earl K. Nixon,
Oregon Emergency Coordinator of Mines

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Prineville, Oregon
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Mr. Earl K. Nixon
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Dear Mr. Nixon:

Your letter of October 9 addressed to Col. Waller concerning further information necessary for the Priorities Coordinator, has been turned over to me for reply.

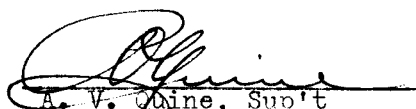
As you know we are only in the initial development stage. However we expect to be into production by the first of the year although it is quite possible that the time will be considerably shortened. The tonnage is problematical and depends entirely on development results.

When we are in full operation it is expected that a crew of 30 to 35 men will be employed within the present scope of planning. If, however, more property is acquired our employment will be correspondingly increased.

I believe the above information covers your requirements but if insufficient please so advise.

This letter carries the kindest of personal regards from the writer.

Yours very truly


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