

COLUMBIA MINES DEVELOPMENT CO.

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PORTLAND - OREGON

March 19th, 1938.

Mr. Earl K. Nixon, Director,
State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries,
704 Lewis Building,
Portland, Ore.

Dear Mr. Nixon:

I acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 7th inst., and with reference to your inquiry as to supplies of zinc sulphide concentrates, you are advised as follows:

We will be in a position within the next sixty days where we could mine 250 tons of ore per day. Within six months more of development work, we would be in a position to mine 500 tons per day. With proper development work on other ledges, 1000 tons of ore could be mined daily, but it would take about one year's development to produce that tonnage with safety.

We had contemplated, after we had blocked out sufficient tonnage in the next six months, to install a mill of at least a 250-ton capacity, constructing the mill so that we could add additional equipment that would give us an average of a 500-ton capacity.

I attach herewith, for your consideration, the amount of concentrates we could produce daily on given tonnages.

If there is any further information needed by you along these lines, please command me.

Very truly yours,



J. P. Hewitt

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March 7th, 1938

Mr. J. P. Hewitt, President,
Columbia Mines Development Co.,
317 Postal Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Hewitt:

While in San Francisco recently I had the opportunity of discussing with the smelter expert of the A. S. & R. the matter of the feasibility of an electrolytic zinc plant for the Portland area. I took the liberty of mentioning your deposit and am prepared to establish a more definite basis for negotiations with the A. S. & R. for a zinc smelter in this area.

In order to do this, it will be necessary for obvious reasons to outline the proposition as regards supplies of zinc sulphide concentrate.

Assuming that you can obtain necessary financing for your property, would you be in a position to give me an outline of what you expect to be able to do in the way of concentrate production, based on your outline for the next few years?

It may not be amiss to state that, as regards financing, if you have any difficulties with the R.F.C. or feel that you are apt to be delayed unnecessarily, I suggest that you take up the matter with me, because I can state that there are ample opportunities to finance an honest-to-goodness zinc property with substantial Eastern capital. It would be our job to help you with this, if you wish.

Very truly yours,

Earl K. Nixon, Director

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