

Ethiopia Claim

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RENO OFFICE
RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION
REPORT OF SUPERVISING ENGINEER

Docket No. Reno C-22
Date Application Received
Date of Field Examination
Date of Report

January 7, 1943
August 18, 1943
Sept. 9, 1943

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT

W. A. Southard
Contact, Elko County, Nevada

Correspondent

Same

LOCATION OF PROPERTY

In the Contact Mining District, Elko County, Nevada. The Contact District is 52 miles north of Wells, Nevada, and 65 miles south of Twin Falls, Idaho.

The small Town of Contact, from two to four miles distant from the mines of the District, is on a branch of the Union Pacific Railroad, extending from Wells, Nevada, to Twin Falls, Idaho.

CHARACTER OF PROJECT AND ESTIMATED COST THEREOF

Reopening, retimbering and unwatering a 200 foot shaft on the Ethiopia mining claim. The water level in the shaft is claimed to be at the 100 foot point. The collar of the shaft is badly caved, and it is my opinion that the timbers, above the water level, are rotted, and will have to be replaced.

The cost of the work is a matter of opinion, but I would not care to undertake it for less than \$7,500.00, as there is absolutely nothing in the way of machinery, or equipment, on the ground, and difficulties, not anticipated, are usually encountered in projects of this kind.

APPLICANT'S INTEREST IN, OR OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY

Claims to be owner, by virtue of having located the subject mining claim (Ethiopia) on October 18, 1935. Applicant states Certificate of Location was recorded November 16, 1935, in Book 24, Page 539, of the County Records of Elko County, Nevada.

LOAN REQUESTED

\$5,000.00.

LOAN RECOMMENDED

None

COMMENTS

On December 14, 1942, I examined the property of Maurice M. Marshall, Docket No. ND-8031, which is in the same mining district. At that time Applicant contacted me with reference to a loan for the purpose of rehabilitating the shaft on his Ethiopia claim. I gave him no encouragement, but on January 7, 1943, his application was received in the Reno Office.

I have purposely delayed a report and recommendation on this application until such time as I had more information on the cost of the work at the Marshall property, a similar project, and the results from such work.

I examined the Marshall property on August 17, 1943, with reference to a request for additional funds, and on August 18, 1943, I again went over the property of the captioned Applicant.

The Ethiopia Claim adjoins the Marshall property on the west, and formerly was a part of that property. The shaft on Applicant's claim is near the south end line, and only about 100 feet from the north end line of Copper King No. 2 claim of the Marshall group of claims.

An examination of several old mine maps of underground workings of the mines in the Contact District indicates that most of the ore alleged to have been produced from the so-called Ethiopia Claim came, as a matter of fact, from the Copper King No. 2.

From the Ethiopia shaft, the workings extend east about 400 feet, so that some 300 feet of the work actually is within the boundaries of the Copper King No. 2 claim. The workings of the subject shaft extend west one hundred feet, or less. The position of the shaft under discussion is shown on claim map accompanying the application.

The Marshall interests did not consider the Ethiopia Claim of sufficient importance to justify yearly assessment work, as most of the ore opened by the shaft on that Claim was within the boundaries of a patented claim owned by them.

Some copies of smelter settlement sheets were submitted by Applicant as supporting data. One bunch of eleven settlement sheets I have marked "No. 1". Nine of these sheets fail to show the name of the shipper, and the other two show the shipper to have been the Nevada Bellevue Copper Co., the predecessor in interest of Maurice Marshall, et al.

Two settlement sheets were submitted, with the Applicant shown as shipper. They involve 22.56 dry tons of about 10% copper ore, but they were made in the year 1937, and Applicant states in "Exhibit B" that they came from the surface. He also states in "Exhibit B" that the shipments covered by the sheets I have marked No. 1, "Probably came from my property". No dice.

Respectfully submitted,


L. D. GORDON
Supervising Engineer