500tpd

Operation

cu prices 0.52

Open pit mining operations Overburden varies from O' to 60' in depth. Average haul 2.5 mile

Assays cu values range 1.50% to 27% Operation should be geared to operate at 2% head values = \$20.80 @ ton.

Average cost mining, stripping and hauling to millsite 53.60 6 ton, based on net cost.

Leaching plant cost based on crushing to %" min. Screening to 1/8" min. All 1/8" min. to scrubber and open circuit agitators.

½" min. plus 1/8" mesh to heap leach pads for treatment. App. cost \$3.90 C ton.

Note: Cost depending on lime ores to siliceous ore ratio, involving acid losses.

Giving a total mining & milling cost of \$7.50. Balance \$13.30 per ton gross profit on 2% ore, based on 100% recovery.

Estimate recovery 90% = to adjusted gross profit of \$11.22 per ton. 500tpd = \$5,610.00 c day. This does not include amortizing plant or mining equipment.

These figures do not include the by-products of silver or tungsten. In this mill complex there would be installed a grinding and recovery circuit for rare metals, such as gold and silver mined from our own properties and some custom ores being bought.

It might be advisable in the future to add a small circuit for the purpose of handling mercury ores which can be acquired very easily.

As the housing situation is below normal in this location there would have to be sight or ten, two bedroom homes built for rental purposes for key supervision.

El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas 79999 February 17, 1971

Mr. J. M. Reynolds P. O. Box 125 Mina, Nevada 89422

Dear Joe:

I had planned to return the maps with a copy of my sample assay results, but the El Paso lab that does our analytical work is having trouble with their atomic absorption unit. It may be another day or two before it is repaired, so I will wait until all the assays are complete to send you that information.

The area you had planned to strip and mine is interesting and my sample across 55-60 feet assayed 0.58% copper and 0.40 ounce silver, which is a good check on Jay's sample of 0.67% copper. Two other sample locations also checked favorably with Mr. Evans' work. The presence of molybdenum reported in the previous work on the property is also interesting and most of my samples are to be analyzed for moly by atomic absorption method.

One of the reasons El Paso Natural Gas Company could not consider an exploration program is that we do not like to make a down payment for the privilege of spending a minimum of about twice that amount in drilling the property. We do not object to a down payment if a property has been drilled and can be shown to have blocked-out reserves.

It was good to see you and Jay again, and I would like to thank you for allowing us to look at the property and wish you the best of luck in having some exploration undertaken on the claims. We are returning the Evans Report to Mr. Gable and I will send you our assay results in a few days.

Yours truly,

H. C. Lewis Geologist

Mining Division

HCL: tcb

El Paso Natural Gas Company

El Paso, Texas 79999 March 3, 1971

Mr. J. M. Reynolds P. O. Box 125 Mina, Nevada 89422

Dear Joe:

I now have all my sample data complete on the Blue Ribbon property. They are as follows:

Location	<u>Au (oz.</u>)	Ag (oz.)	Pb	Zn	<u>Cu</u>	<u>Mo</u>
Grab-bottom open-pit and Bench above "" to 12' Chip open-cut face Soil samp. 150' W. open Soil samp. Top of Hill Bulldozed cut NW side heackhoe cut dump (Check	north (checks Eva-pit	ans sampl		1570 ppm	1222 ppm 1282 ppm 0.39% 349 ppm 1240 ppm 184 ppm 0.07%	25 ppm 18 ppm 12 ppm 20 ppm 19 ppm 26 ppm 9 ppm

A dump sample from the tungsten workins on Blue Ribbon No. 1 was 0.26% Cu, 0.003% WO₃, and 26 ppm Mo. This is the long vertical vein parallel to the road.

Three rock chip samples were taken along the road southeast of the large dump at the inclined shaft near the east side line of the Blue Jacket No. 1 claim and these ran Tr. copper, 3 ppm Mo, Tr. copper, 31 ppm Mo, and 0.18% Cu, 10 ppm Mo.

The 55-60 foot surface chip sample on the Blue Diamond No. 2 claim, where you planned to strip and mine assayed Tr. gold, 0.40 oz. silver, 0.58% copper, and 126 ppm molybdenum. This checks Jay's sample of 0.67% very well. A sample from this same location of the black mineral, which I thought might be tenorite, assayed only a trace in copper so it might be a manganese mineral instead. From one of your fresh dozer cuts just below the saddle on the road that goes to the west and back to Luning, I took a rock chip in the iron-stained flow rock that went 243 ppm Cu and 19 ppm Mo.

It is an interesting prospect, Joe, and I would like to wish you success in having some exploration carried out on the claims. Would also like to thank you and Mrs. Reynolds for the hospitality at Mina.

Yours truly

H. C. Lewis (Dy 2018)

Geologist

Mining Division

HCL: tcb











