



DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES VICTORIA

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July 2, 1975

Mr. D.W. Pengelly and Mr. W.G. Fulkco, P.O. Box 72, New Denver, British Columbia.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Production of Minerals from the Washington and Slocan Boy Crown Granted Mineral Claims

I would like to bring to your attention the fact that Larch Mining Ltd. was struck from the Company Register and hence is no longer a legal entity. With the striking from the register the land escheated to the Crown. To re-establish the rights the company would have to apply for re-registration or Mrs. Hilda McLeod would have to apply to the Attorney General's Department, Escheats Office for moral claim to the property.

No approval of production plans and information, Sec. 64 and 72 (Mineral Act) by the Minister can be given before the legal ownership of the land and mineral rights is established.

Yours very truly,

H. Horn

Associate Deputy Minister

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MEMORANDUM FROM Jurgen Rohwedder Research Officer
TO J.S. Poyen
Director
MINERAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



DATE. July 2, 1975....

Re: Production of Minerals from the Washington and Slocan Boy Crown Granted Mineral Claims

The information submitted for approval by the Minister Sec. 64 Mineral Act are not correct.

Larch Mining Ltd. was struck September 3, 1974 from the Company Register and hence does not exist any more. Under the Escheats Act the property rights reverted to the Crown.

The company has a one year period of grace in which it can get re-registered and establish its previous rights. Since the company does not exist at the present time the lease of the above mentioned claims by Hilda McLeod and sublease to the partners (D.W. Pengelly and W.G. Fulkco) are not legal.

No approval by the Minister can be given before the legal problem as to the ownership of the claims is solved.

Mr. Bruce Garrison wrote a letter to Hilda McLeod in the Fall of 1974 without result and has asked the Departmental Solicitor to do the same a week ago.

> Jurgen Rohwedder Research Officer

Mineral Development Division

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MINERAL RESOURCES BRANCH DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES VICTORIA

June 27, 1975

Mr. D. W. Pengelly, P.O. Box 72, New Denver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Pengelly:

This is to acknowledge your letter of application of June 26. Our Departmental staff are currently analyzing this information and you will receive a communication from the Minister following this analysis.

Yours most sincerely,

Hart Horn, A.D.M. OPERATIONS BRANCH.

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cc: Mr. J. S. Poyen

Mr. D.W. Pengelly, Mr. W.G. Fulkco, P.O. Box 72, New Denver, B.C.

June 26th.,1975.

B.C. Department of Mines, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

Attention: Mr. Hart Horn, Associate Deputy Minister.

Dear Sir;

RE: Production of minerals from the Washington and Slocan Boy mineral claims, D.L. 541 and 626 respectively, Slocan Mining Division, Kootenay Land District.

We have obtained a sublease from Mrs. Hilda McLeod of Silverton, B.C. who in turn has a lease from Larch Mines Ltd. on the above property. We would like to inform you that we wish to extract minerals from this property from JULY 1 to NOV. 1/75 and we would appreciate it if you would accept this letter as an application to do so. After many conversations with various people in your employ we understand that we do not require a production permit (limited) or a production lease because the above mineral claims are original crown grants. While talking to Mr. Raymond Rutherford, Associate Chief Gold Commissioner, he informed us about a NOTICE with regards to information required by the Department of Mines.... Re: Sections 72 & 64. It appears to us that this particular notice would apply more to large mining corporations than to a small lease operation such as ours. We have attempted to itemize the information that your Department requires as follows:

- 1) To the best of our knowledge the Washington Group was last worked about 1966 and since that date some exploration work was carried out by Mr. W.H.McLeod, a Director of Larch Mines Ltd. and now deceased.
- 2) No corporate structure involved, only a lease on a partner-ship basis.
- 3) Financing the operation will be accomplished by our hard work and a few spare dollars that we have between us.

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- 4) Location of ore bodies would possibly show on geological drawings and underground survey plans that were carried out prior to 1966 by either Larch Mines Ltd. or Red Deer Valley Coal Company. We cannot obtain this information from them and for us to hire a consultant to do this for us would be to costly at this particular time.
- 5) Mineral Tenure -- Crown granted rights held by Larch Mines Ltd., leased to Mrs. Hilda McLeod and in turn sub-leased to us.
- 6) Land Tenure -- as above.
- 7) We have not looked up the past production statistics but I believe that this information would be available to us from the Department of Mines library.
- 8) The mining method will be stoping, slushing and hand tramming.
- 9) The milling, if required, will be carried out by either the Kam-Kotia mill at Sandon, B.C. or we may ship directly to the C.M.&S. at Trail, B.C.
- 10) Grades of concentrates and tailings could be given to your Department at the time of milling or smelting.
- 11) The material will be trucked by either a local trucking firm or ourselves.
- 12) Smelter contracts will be negotiated prior to our first shipment.
- 13) It is very doubtful whether we hire employees or not; as previously stated it is our intention to work this lease as a partner-ship.
- 14) We have submitted the necessary information with regard to reclamation to Mr. Jake McDonald in Victoria.
- 15) We feel that we would not be involved with sources and costs of electrical energy for our minor operation.
- 16) All access roads were previously constructed and are now in reasonably good shape.

We feel it is necessary to inform you that this mine is located 7200 feet above sea level and our working period is limited to approximately three or four months of the year before snow removal becomes a major problem. Because of this problem we would appreciate a decision from your Department as soon as possible. I would also like to mention that I have discussed this matter with Mr. Phil Olson at his office on Fort Street and he suggested that I submit this letter directly to you.

Thanking you, we remain

Yours very truly,

DN. Penfelly for D.W.Pengelly,

and W.G. Fulkco.

