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Foundations for the electrowinning cells take shape in the foreground, while to the rear are the buildings for shops, warehousing, offices and equipment servicing and repair at the new operation of Cyprus Johnson Copper Company. The new open pit mine and solvent extraction - electrowinning operation is located at Johnson Camp, an old copper producing area located just north of Interstate 10 between Benson and Willcox in northern Cochise County. (Photos courtesy San Pedro Valley News - Sun, weekly newspaper in Benson.)

# **Cyprus Developing Solvent Extraction-Electrowinning Operation at Johnson**

With development pretty well on schedule, production is slated to begin in the first quarter of 1975 on Cyprus Mines' new copper operation at Johnson Camp, an historic Cochise County mining locality about midway between Benson and Willcox.

The comparatively small operation is geared to produce between 25,000 and 27,000 pounds of copper per day from approximately 4,000 tons of low - grade oxide ore.

The operation is being operated under the name of Cyprus Johnson Copper Company, a division of Cyprus Mines, one of Arizona's large and growing copper producers.

Resident manager at Johnson is Joseph O. Sierakoski, who has been with Cyprus for 23 years. Taking over the assignment was like coming home for Sierakoski, who was born in nearby Bisbee and whose first job with Cyprus was at Johnson.

William J. Rundle of Tucson, a vice

president of Cyprus, described the Johnson operation as a "minature Bagdad." He was alluding to the highly successful solvent extraction - electrowinning plant constructed by Bagdad Copper Company at its Bagdad mine. This company was acquired by Cyprus last year and is now known as Cyprus Bagdad Copper.

Design of the new plant at Johnson has been patterned after the plant at Bagdad, modified slightly to handle some variances in the ore.

Comparatively small, the Johnson Camp operation will produce about 10 million pounds of copper annually, with a currently projected life of about 10 years.

Rundle said the company had delineated about 15 million tons of oxide ore averaging about 0.5 percent copper. Stripping ratio is computed at 1.6 to 1.

The ore, which comes right up to the surface in places, will be mined with a six - yard shovel and hauled in 50 - ton trucks to dumps located in natural drainage areas, where it will be heap leached.

While the amount of daily production is comparatively small, so is the investment cost, Rundle pointed out. It was originally projected at \$6 million, but inflation has had a hand in the project and costs are currently estimated at about \$7.2 million.

End product of the electrowinning plant, of course, will be electrolytic grade copper ready for shipment to market, thus eliminating any smelting problems.

Water for the operation will be pumped 900 feet to the surface from the ample underground reservoir in the old Republic, Moore and Black Prince mines. Electricity will be purchased from Sulphur Spring Valley Electric Co-op, which has a generating plant at nearby Cochise.

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This is the initial cut in the low - grade oxide ore where mining will start at Johnson Camp during the first quarter of next year. The deposit has been known for many years, waiting for the right kind of a process to profitably recover the copper.

## Johnson Mine . . .

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Cyprus owns about two square miles in an irregular area at Johnson Camp, where several thousand people lived in its hey-day. (See "Scenes In Old Arizona" elsewhere in this issue.)

Cyprus has owned the property for about 30 years through another subsidiary, Coronado Copper and Zinc Company. It operated a low -



Members of the production staff at the Johnson mine are (right) Rogelio L. Caculitan, engineer, and his assistant, Tommy Torrez, shown going over some engineering drawings in the new office building at the mine. grade, sulphide ore operation there for a number of years before shutting it down about 1958.

The company has known about the lowgrade oxide orebody for many years, but had been waiting for the proper process to be developed and for favorable economic conditions. The solvent extraction - electrowinning technique perfected at Bagdad proved to be the catalyst.

Homes & Narver holds the contract for engineering and design of the plant at Johnson. M. M. Sundt Construction Company of Tucson has the prime construction contract. Newbery Energy Company has the subcontract for the electrical work, which is a large part of this particular plant.

At present about 30 people are employed on the job, with a number of small firms in the Benson and Willcox areas holding subcontracts for portions of the construction.

When the operation comes on stream between 50 and 60 people, most of them residents of the general area, will be employed, adding considerably to the economic well being of the northern part of the county.

The operation will work two shifts a day, five days a week. Required maintenance and service work will be scheduled for the third shift time as much as possible.





Joseph O. Sierakoski

## Sierakoski Is Resident Manager At Johnson

Taking on the assignment of bringing the new operation at Johnson Camp into production was like coming home for Joseph O. Sierakoski, resident manager.

Joe was born and reared in nearby Bisbee, one of the great old copper camps of the world, where his father was an underground miner. After graduation from high school, Joe also turned to mining and was employed

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No interest is recommended.

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#### Copper-Molybdenum

Krain(50° 121° N.E.) Company office, 408, 409 Granville<br/>North Pacific Mines Ltd.<br/>By J. M. CarrBy J. M. CarrAllen, consulting engineer.<br/>Allen, consulting engineer.<br/>This company holds by<br/>Option from its partly owned company, Comet-Krain Mining Corp. Ltd., 32 re-<br/>corded claims in the Krain and D.W. groups, east of the north peak of Forge<br/>Mountain.<br/>In 1967 four vertical holes totalling 2,739 feet were diamond drilled<br/>in the north part of the area previously explored by drilling on the Krain Copper<br/>mineral claim.<br/>The new drilling was financed by I. Shulman and associates, and<br/>it brought the total surface diamond drilling done in the vicinity of this mineral<br/>claim since 1955 to 27,385 feet in 55 holes.

On the Krain Copper claim, low-grade copper and molybdenum mineralization is shown by drilling to extend more or less continuously for a northerly distance of 1,300 feet across widths of as much as 500 feet, and to persist in sub-commercial grades to depths in places of as much as 1,200 feet. Estimates by various companies indicate the existence of between 8 and 20 million tons of material to depths of 700 to 900 feet at grades approaching half a per cent copper. The north part of the deposit is more or less oxidized to depths of as much as 260 feet beneath overlying unmineralized Tertiary volcanic and sedimentary rocks of the Kamloops Group, which reach a thickness of 250 feet in the northernmost recent drill-hole. The deposit occurs in the Guichon quartz diorite and in later intrusions composed variously of the Bethlehem quartz diorite and porphyries. The rocks are faulted, fractured, and traversed by seams of quartz, chlorite, and calcite, near which they

are variously altered and bleached. Pyrite, chalcopyrite, and locally bornite and molybdenite are mainly in fractures and partly disseminated. Where oxidized, the sulphides give way to chrysocolla, malachite, azurite, cuprite, native copper, and rarely chalcocite.

The four recent holes were all drilled close to the 5,700-foot contour in the vicinity of a small lake in the north of the mineral claim. Three were drilled at 250-foot spacing on a line extending east-southeastward through the south end of the lake, and the fourth hole was drilled 400 feet farther north and is the northernmost hole on the property. The cores were briefly examined, and all showed mineralization, which was best in the two southernmost holes.

[Reference: Minister of Mines, B.C., Ann. Rept., 1966, p. 151.]

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