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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]  
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2011 7:39 AM  
To: Rachael A. Dreyer  
Subject: RE: Anaconda Materials -- Walker Mine

Good morning Rachael,

We are interested in the date range from 1913 when the mine was purchased by Anaconda to when the mine was sold in the mid 1940s.

Regarding correspondence and reports detailing the management of the mine, if you find information that shows day to day management of the mining operations by Anaconda (where and how to drill), we are definitely interested in that.

Please go ahead and copy files 219, 220, and 221. They look promising.

Thank you for your assistance.

Jeff H.

>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 9/29/2011 2:54 PM >>>  
Dear Jeff,

One other question for you--are you interested in all date ranges, or just the late 1930s onward?

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From: Rachael A. Dreyer  
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 1:59 PM  
To: 'Jeff Huggins'  
Subject: Anaconda Materials -- Walker Mine

Hi Jeff,

Thanks for speaking with me on the phone yesterday; it was quite helpful to hear what you were hoping to find in the files. I'm writing with a follow-up question. You mentioned the letter dated July 1st,

1941--great date recall! I was able to find the letter and it did give me a good idea of what you're looking for--it included information on the longer-range plans for the mine, as well as some technical recommendations for continued operations.

My question is this: with regard to correspondence and reports detailing the management of the mine, are you interested in the technical recommendations for mine operations to a secondary degree? Where and how to drill? Or, are you more interested in the items that are more big-picture? The mine closing, workers losing their jobs, costs rising and outputs decreasing? I've found a fair number of both, not always in the same report or letter.

File 219 has correspondence and reports about how to manage the mine's output--18 pages  
File 220 has reports and correspondence on management decisions and options to drill (plus the Jul. 1, 1939 letter)--48 pages  
File 221 has similar types of material--recommendations on where/how to drill; maintain output of the mine--37 pages

Right now, I've got these materials flagged for easy duplication. I'll be in touch with the next update soon.

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From: Jeff Huggins [mailto:jhuggins@waterboards.ca.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 8:03 AM  
To: Rachael A. Dreyer  
Subject: RE: Anaconda Membership

Good morning Rachael,

Thank you for your quick response on the review we requested. I apologize for not providing you with a little more detail about what we are searching for before you got started. We are trying to determine Anaconda's level of control/management/ownership of the Walker Mine.

We believe that information pertaining to control/management/ownership of the Walker Mine might be found in certain correspondence files and possibly in some of the reports. At this time, maps may not be needed.

Regarding file 16202 (production reports), maybe a sampling of a few of the production reports (1920's and 1930s) might prove interesting.

It maybe helpful to have a brief phone call regarding the best way to accomplish the above. Is there a particular time that is best for you?

Regards,

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>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 9/26/2011 7:41 PM >>>  
Dear Jeff,

Since there are so many files, I thought that I'd break them up into smaller chunks and send you a summary of the file contents as I finish reviewing them.

219--no subfiles marked, so here is a count for entire file: 102 pages correspondence and reports on Walker Mine and what I estimate to be approximately 100 square feet of maps

220-- no subfiles marked, so here is a count for entire file: 175 pages correspondence and reports on Walker/Plumas County; 26 square feet of maps

221--I went through and tried to find which materials corresponded to what you'd requested since no subfiles were marked: it looks like for the reports and correspondence written by or to Weed, Sales, and Droubay, there are approximately 87 pages plus about 15 square feet of maps. There is also a packet of two maps labeled, "Walker Mining Company, Annual Ore Reserves, January 1, 1940. Piute Ore Body, 712 Ore Body, North Ore Body, Central Ore Body, and South Ore Body."

301--Again, no subfiles marked. This file looked to be correspondence and reports by Droubray

302--only subfiles 1-3 available. 302.01--Correspondence and reports--61 pages and 2 maps

303--no subfiles marked. Walker Mine, Walker Consolidated, Native Son Claim, McConnell Prospect--56 pages plus 1 larger map

304.01--Deals with the Beal Property, German Gulch, Silver Bow County, MT. I didn't do a page count for this file because it was a Montana mine, but I'm happy to do so if that's what you are in fact looking for.

I had a student help me with the next files and here is what she found:

Correspondence and reports:

14424.01--36 pages

16102.01--2 pages

16102.02--5 pages

16103.01--6 pages

16103.11--10 pages and 1 map

16103.12--21 pages

16103.25--4 pages

16201.01--281 pages and 2 maps

16201.02--329 pages and 1 map

16201.03--198 pages

16201.04--111 and 1 map

She briefly looked at file 16202 and estimates that there are approximately 800 pages in that file. Is there any way that we can help you to narrow the data down? Let me know if you are willing to share any additional information that might allow us to further narrow the search for you. For instance, are you primarily interested in maps? Correspondence? Reports? If there's anything that we can do to help, do let me know.

Later this week, I'll be in touch with additional information about the rest of the files.

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To: Rachael A. Dreyer  
Subject: RE: Anaconda Membership

Good morning Rachael,

The files we are interested in mainly concern the Walker Mine in Plumas County California. As you suggested, it may be best for you to look at the files first to see the type of information they contain before we request copies. The file numbers and subfile numbers are as follows:

219, 4  
219, 5  
220, 1  
220, 4  
220, 5  
220, 6  
220, 7  
221, 1  
221, 2  
221, 6  
301, 1  
302, 1  
302, 4  
302, 5  
302, 6  
302, 7  
303, 1  
303, 4  
304, 1  
14424, 1  
16102, 1  
16102, 2  
16103, 1  
16103, 11  
16103, 12  
16103, 25  
16201, 1  
16201, 2  
16201, 3  
16201, 4  
16202, 1  
16202, 2  
16303, 1  
16304, 1  
16304, 2  
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16304, 9  
16304, 10  
16304, 11  
16304, 12  
16304, 22  
16304, 22  
16304, 25  
16406, 2  
16407, 3  
16537, 2  
16539, 1  
16539, 4  
16546, 2  
16561, 1  
91601, 1  
91701, 1  
91702, 1  
91703, 1  
92001, 4  
129201, 14  
129201, 24  
129201, 28  
135809, 1

Its quite a long list. Lets see what's in the files and see if we can trim it down.

Many thanks,

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>>> "Rachael A. Dreyer" <rdreyer@uwyo.edu> 9/20/2011 1:04 PM >>>  
Hello Jeff,

Thanks for your message--I'll confirm payment with our billing office and then we can get started on your order. In the meantime, you can search for relevant documents using our online database, available here: <http://digitalcollections.uwyo.edu/anaconda/>. This is a beta release, but we think that it enables us to better serve our Anaconda patrons than the old database. Once you know the file numbers for the documents you'd like, you can email me and we will pull the files or maps you've requested. I can give you a description of what the files or maps contain, as well as a cost estimate for the scanning/copying.