

Notes of a Meeting
Giant Town Office
With Con (4:10 pm to 5:10 pm)
Re Arsenic Upgrading Plant
May 3, 1979

Present were: R. P. Douglas, A. D. MacPhail, Jim Gowans, Hank Gigerich and Dave ? of Con; also present were W. A. Moore, K. S. Morton, Peter Zaharuk, Pat Raleigh and DJE representing Giant.

Kent Morton went over the pilot plant work done to date. He indicated some of the problems with regard to filtering and crystallization. He also said that things were looking a little more encouraging now that they had introduced a thickener into the circuit.

Questions from the Con people concerned the rate we would be able to take their pond material. It was suggested it would be in the order of two 25-ton truck loads per day. At this rate they calculated it out to take 10 years to empty their pond. There was considerable discussion on how the material would be transported from the pond to Giant and who would be responsible for it. Raleigh made it clear that it would be their problem getting it to Giant but that we would have as part of our commitment a vacuum truck of some type on hand to clean up any spills that might occur.

Con noted that they had a deadline of March, 1980 with the Water Board. They have to be prepared to look at the alternative which is to cover over their arsenic pond with soil. This is not too attractive a solution and may not be a permanent one.

There was some discussion as to whether we could use technological help from Walter Kuick. There was discussion as to how the transfer of technology would take place. It was suggested that some sort of mutual secrecy agreement would have to be developed.

There was a lot of discussion on what might be the agreement between Giant and Con as to the payment for material. Raleigh suggested that until the capital was recovered, there would be no payment to Con for their material. Zaharuk suggested that Con put out a proposal to Giant.

X It was also agreed that it was necessary to get moving on the approvals required for this plant and the transfer of materials from Con to Giant and shipping of the product outside of the Northwest Territories. It was agreed that Dave MacPhail and Bill Moore should be the contact men and also should be responsible for acquiring the necessary clearances from government. A deadline of mid-June was set with the understanding that Giant was trying to meet a July 1 start date on the project.

After the meeting Zaharuk and Raleigh thought that Con would probably come back suggesting that they get 50% of the gold and silver values and may not ask for too much on the arsenic. Zaharuk asked whether I thought there was any chance of Con deciding to put in their own plant. I replied that I didn't think so as I felt they were too keen to get rid of a problem rather than take on more headaches. Both Zaharuk and Raleigh felt that Con could make money at it on their own if they really wanted to.

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In a subsequent phone call from Lynn Price on May 4th, I reviewed our meeting with the Con people and alerted him to the fact that Bill Moore may need his assistance in getting the required approvals. Lynn said he would be happy to help whenever we could and just to let him know if we needed him.



D. J. Emery

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