

HISTORY OF  
PACIFIC TUNGSTEN COMPANY,  
MILL CITY TUNGSTEN MINING COMPANY,  
(sometimes known as Sutton Mine)  
PACIFIC MILLING COMPANY, and  
MILL CITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

In March 1918, W. J. Loring secured an option on some tungsten properties situated about eight miles northeast of Mill City, Nevada, and later organized the Pacific Tungsten Company whose capital stock was one million dollars (\$1,000,000), and he was joined with E. A. Clark and others in Boston.

During the early periods the property owned by the Pacific Tungsten Company consisted of the Stank Mine, also known as the Baker-Copley Group; later the Durnen Group, the Banner, Olsen and Florence Groups of Mines were acquired and this property was the basis of the corporation known as the Pacific Tungsten Company. about March 1918. Later Mr. Loring went to Boston and was joined by Mr. Clark and others and they decided that the Pacific Tungsten Company should purchase the Mill City Tungsten Mining Company, an adjoining property, and a contract was entered into with them for the purchase of 75% of the stock of the Mill City Tungsten Mining Company, and Pacific Tungsten Company also agreed that in consideration of the sale at this price, they would build a mill of 100 ton capacity to serve both the Pacific Group and the Mill City Tungsten Group of Mines, and each company was to own a half interest in the milling plant. Additional property was purchased at this time from the Southern Pacific Railroad Company for the purpose of operating a suitable mill site and tailings disposal room.

About this same time the Humboldt Tungsten Mining Company which was controlled by L. A. Friedman, was also contemplating the erection of a mill on their property which adjoined the Pacific property and arrangements were made whereby the companies would jointly build a pipeline and

pumping plant to the River for the purpose of supplying water to both mill plants, and would also build a power line to Rochester Canyon for the purpose of providing electric power to operate the mill and mines.

This joint venture was entered into and the Mill City Development Company was formed for the purpose of handling the water to the joint properties. The Pacific Milling Company was formed, half of the shares were owned by the Pacific Tungsten Company, and half of the shares owned by the Mill City Tungsten Mining Company, and the 100-ton mill was built and completed on November 11, 1918, for the purpose of providing water as stated heretofore. Mill City Development Company was formed, half of the shares were owned by the Humboldt Tungsten Mining Company and half by the Pacific Milling Company, the power line was built to provide power to operate both plants, and this was the condition of affairs on November 11, 1918. Peace having been declared, the price of tungsten fell to \$1.50 a unit, and the properties closed down.

Subsequently the Humboldt Tungsten Mining Company was sold to the Humboldt Corporation and the Humboldt property, together with 50% interest of the Mill City Development Company was purchased by the Nevada-Massachusetts Company in 1927; and in 1925 the creditors of the Pacific Tungsten Company formed a corporation known as Nevada-Massachusetts Company and assigned their claims to this corporation, who brought suit and acquired title through the Sheriff's sale of all of the properties of the Pacific Tungsten Company, together with 750,000 shares of the Mill City Tungsten Mining Company, 50% of the shares of the Pacific Milling Company, and all the interest which the 750,000 shares of stock carried in the Mill City Development Company.

Subsequently the Nevada-Massachusetts Company purchased the remaining 250,000 shares of the Mill City Tungsten Mining Company. The 250,000 shares of the Mill City Tungsten Mining Company carried with it

additional rights in the Pacific Milling Company and Mill City Development Company and thus it acquired 100% interest in the properties of the Mill City Development Company, Mill City Tungsten Mining Company and Pacific Milling Company. As stated above, the Nevada-Massachusetts Company held a title in fee to the properties of the Pacific Tungsten Company and the Humboldt Corporation, and by quitclaim deed the properties of the Mill City Development Company, Mill City Tungsten Mining Company and Pacific Milling Company were conveyed to the Nevada-Massachusetts Company.

In my opinion the title to the property shown on the map of Nevada-Massachusetts Company, showing property at Mill City, Pershing County, Nevada, drawn by John A. Runner September 24, 1935, is vested in the Nevada Massachusetts Company, in fee, and is free and clear from all encumbrances.

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