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Republic Open Pit Mine

The Marquette Mining Company, a partnership of Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Jones and Laughlin, Wheeling-Pittsburg Steel and International Harvester, developed the Republic Open Pit Mine, on the property of the old Republic underground mine. CCI was the operator. Construction began in 1952 and the mine became operational in 1956. In 1964 the pellet plant and additional concentrating equipment was added. Operations were suspended in 1981 and the mine officially closed in 1992. From 1956 to 1981, including concentrate shipped to Humboldt and Eagle Mills, 68 million tons of pellets were produced.