

State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

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Portland 5, Oregon

MEMORANDUM REPORT

WESTERN PUMICE SAND COMPANY (pumice sand)

Klamath County

Owner: Mr. Thomas Philipsen, 2321 Eberlien Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon

General: Activity on the part of this company was begun in June 1946, and has continued regularly every since. From 1946 through 1949, production consisted of pumice sand which was sold almost exclusively in Klamath Falls for plaster and mortar aggregate. During this period Philipsen worked in the dual capacity of producer and trucker. In 1950, however, operations were expanded to include rail shipments which reached as far south as Los Angeles, California. Shipments are now being made to wholesale suppliers in the florist business as well as to the construction field. The present pit is about six miles northeast of Bly on the Dairy Creek road. Operations are discontinued during the winter months.

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Report by N.S. Wagner
Date, February 15, 1950
Informant, Mr. Philipsen - personal interview.

(See Also CF File For Production)



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Location: Pits near Bly, Oregon - refer memorandum report by N. S. Wagner
dated February 15, 1951.

Production Record: The following figures were supplied by Mr. Philipsen. The bulk
of this production was for plaster and mortar aggregate, but some
of the 1950 production went to wholesale florists suppliers.

1946	400 cubic yards	\$ 1000.00
1947	782 "	1955.00
1948	906 "	2265.00
1949	537 "	1342.50
1950	1617 "	4042.50

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WEST COAST PUMICE COMPANY

Klamath County

Owner: Claire E. Ritchie

Location: 5 m. S. of Chemult on hwy. 97 at Beaver Marsh.

Area: 1640 acres

Geology: Crater Lake pumice, blocks up to 3' diameter, in bed averaging 15' deep

Uses: Cleaning castings, buffing wheels, lithographic plants.

Development: Dug by bulldozer, equipped with "ripper arms" extending below blade. Separated from fine material and dirt, the pumice is broken to 6-10" pieces, dried under cover or in kiln, put in sacks which weigh 80 to 90 pounds when filled, and shipped in automobile cars, which are water-tight and hold about 30 tons. Ships 480 tons per year to Chicago, Detroit, and N. Y.

Equipment: Caterpillar D-8 tractor fitted with LeTouneau hydraulic bulldozer; 3 Ford V-8 trucks with stake rack-bed 5' high.

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