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Corporation Commissioner

October 20, 1938.

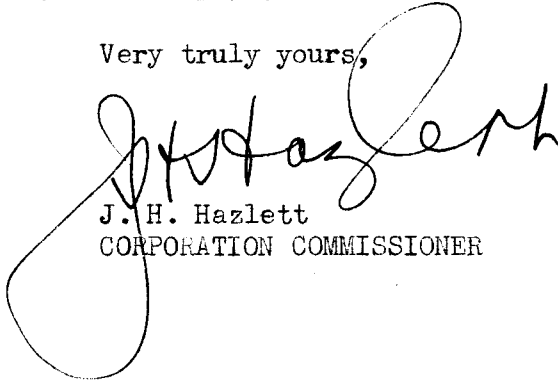
Mr. Earl K. Nixon, Director,
State Department of Geology and
Mineral Industries,
704 Lewis Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Nixon:

I have your letter of October 19th, relative to
IBEX GOLD MINING COMPANY.

This is a domestic mining corporation and Walter
C. Fellows of Baker, Oregon is the attorney-in-fact.
Mr. P. D. McTavish of Vancouver, B. D., is the president.
Apparently, the directors reside outside of the State of
Oregon. The corporation is delinquent in the payment of
its current annual license fee. The corporation has never
filed an application, nor has it received a permit, for the
sale of any capital stock or other securities.

Very truly yours,


J. H. Hazlett
CORPORATION COMMISSIONER

CAG:B

October 19, 1938

Mr. J. H. Hazlett
Corporation Commissioner
Salem, Oregon

Dear Mr. Hazlett:

Would you be kind enough to advise me as to whether the Ibex Mining Company (controlled, I believe by Walter Fellows of Baker, Oregon) has a permit to sell stock and what is the status of this company with your department?

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

EKN:vm

Director

MR. NIXON:

Mr. H. H. Ward called at this office on July 25th and gave me the following memorandums for you:

1. In our new Bulletin No. 14-A, he states that the write-up for the IBEX GOLD MINING COMPANY is incorrect. Mr. Ward also said that the people listed as officers were ousted --or notified that they were to be ousted--on September 1937. The owners of the property are California people. (This is all confidential). In March 1938, the contract was made with H. H. Ward. His engineer, F. W. Watson, has been working at the property since then. It has been thoroughly examined by two very responsible groups of mining engineers--sufficiently so to cause Mr. Ward to believe that there is very little truth to the things that Walter Fellows gave out about the property.
2. The fellow by the name of Collinsco, whose real name is Collins of Grants Pass, is probably on the slate for retirement. (Mr. Ward has received two letters from this man, both of which were signed "E.M.". He took these letters up to Archy Carter who in turn is going to take the matter up with the judge.)

Ruth.

The Bird Drug Co. Ltd.
Ponoka, Alberta

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PONOKA, Oct 25 1938
ALBERTA

Earl K Nixon Esq

State Dept of Geology and Mineral Industries
Portland Ore

Dear Mr Nixon

In the first place I would like to express my appreciation of the prompt and very courteous manner in which you replied to my letter of the 18th.

With further reference to the Ibex Mining Co, the Mr Fellows whom you mention is I believe one of the three Directors of this Co, and as I understand that he was at one connected with your Dept, you no doubt know him quite well, if he is a man whose honesty and integrity are above suspicion, you would perhaps not object to assuring us on that point, if however you do not feel that you could do this, should you avoid reference to the matter we shall quite well understand.

Regretting having to trouble you

I am dear Sir

Yours very truly



(S. Bird)



October 25, 1938

Mr. S. Bird
The Bird Drug Co., Ltd.
Ponoka, Alberta
Canada

Dear Mr. Bird:

In further reply to your inquiry of October 14th in regard to the Ibez Mining Company, Mr. J. H. Hazlett, Corporation Commissioner of this State, whose address is Salem, Oregon, advises that the corporation has never filed an application or received a permit to sell capital stock or securities in this or other state and that it is also delinquent in the payment of its current annual license fee. That would answer your question as to whether this corporation is in good standing.

As to obtaining articles of incorporation, I imagine you could obtain that from the Corporation Commissioner perhaps by paying copying fees, and I suggest that you communicate directly with him. I am not informed as to what claims the company holds on the property; in fact, I am not clear about your question as it refers to the area, that is to say, the number of acres that doubtless would be given in the articles of incorporation or the corporation set-up.

As you doubtless know, Mr. P. D. McTavish of Vancouver, B. C., is president of the company, although Mr. Walter C. Fellows of Baker, Oregon, is attorney-in-fact and has direct contact with the mine. The mine, as you know, has not been in operation for a number of years, although I believe it has some possibilities if properly handled. Hearsay reaches me to the effect that the president of the corporation has indicated so stiff a deal to someone inquiring about an operating arrangement that there is little chance of making a deal. I cannot confirm this.

It might be well for a group of the stockholders to hire an outside investigator to examine into the facts and report to you. In this way you might be able to protect your interests. Unfortunately this Department has no facilities to do this sort of thing for you, although we might help you in the selection of such an investigator if you should choose to ask us.

Yours very truly,

EKN:vm

Director

October 19, 1938

Mr. S. Bird
The Bird Drug Co., Ltd.
Ponoka, Alberta
Canada

Dear Mr. Bird:

In reply to your letter of October 14th, in which you inquire about the Ibex Mining Company, I am writing the Corporation Commissioner of this State for the information that you request.

I happen to know Mr. Walter Fellows who, I understand, is looking after the Ibex, and have recently seen some maps in his possession which indicate the presence of a substantial amount of ore, which should be minable grade under present conditions. This Department has offered to help in any way within our facilities to the end that this property may be placed in production. The district in which this mine is located has been handicapped in the past because of transportation and because the ore is of a refractory nature. The situation is not so bad now as it was years ago when the property was in operation, and I suspect substantial developments in this general area within a year.

I shall forward to you any information I obtain as regards the legal standing of the property in question.

Very truly yours,

EKN:vm

Director

The Bird Drug Co. Ltd.

Ponoka, Alberta

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ALBERTA

The Secretary of the State for Mines
Salem Ore

Dear Sir

As a shareholder in the IbeX Mining Co, and writing on behalf of a number of others, I would very much appreciate it if you will be good enough to furnish me with the following information.

Is the IbeX Mining Co registered in your State, and if so is it in good standing ?

Would it be possible for us to obtain a copy of their Articles of Association or other information.

Could you advise us what claims the Co holds on the property they have been operating near Baker City ?

A reply at your early convenience would very much oblige

Yours respectfully

S. Bird

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November 15, 1938

Mr. J. J. Soper,
No. 6 Fire Station,
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Dear Sir:

According to our reports, IBEX GOLD MINING COMPANY, which is operating claims in Baker and Grant Counties in the State of Oregon, during the year 1937, shipped 113.86 tons to the smelter and received a net return of \$1,403.50. Thereafter the mine closed down and has not been operated to date. However, the corporation is still in existence although its annual license fees have not been paid for the current year. Mr. P. D. McTavish, the President of this corporation, has never been permitted to sell mining stock in Oregon. He made an application in connection with another mine of which he was the promoter back in 1931, but this application was denied.

In March, 1937, the Federal Securities And Exchange Commission obtained an order from the United States Court at Seattle, enjoining Mr. McTavish from selling any kind of a security within the United States. He is a very smooth-talking Scotchman, but his operations have been such that he can not operate nor sell securities in this country. The last addresses that we have for Mr. McTavish are 1711 -45th Avenue West, Vancouver, B.C., and 310 Rogers Building, Vancouver, B.C. One is no doubt his residence and the other his business address.

For further information with respect to the Ibez Mine I suggest that you write to the Department of Geology & Mineral Industries, 704 Lewis Building, Portland, Oregon. For details as to the past record and reputation of Mr. P. D. McTavish of Vancouver, I suggest you communicate with both the Superintendent of Brokers, Government Building, Victoria, B.C., and with Mr. Day Karr, Regional Administrator, 821 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Mr. Karr is Regional Administrator of the Federal Securities & Exchange Commission.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Hazlett
CORPORATION COMMISSIONER.

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c.c. Earl K. Nixon

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1069 State Office Building
December 5, 1951

Mrs. S. F. Hasse
1023 W. Lincoln Street
Mt. Vernon, Washington

Dear Mrs. Hasse:

This refers to your letter of recent date inquiring about the Bald Mountain mine in Baker County, Oregon.

The Bald Mountain mine has been operated in the past as a unit with the Ibez Gold Mining Company but has not been active for the last several years. The two properties were operated separately in the early days of mining but in 1936 a considerable amount of underground work was done on the two properties by a corporation called the Ibez Gold Mining Company. A long crosscut was run and drifting on a large vein was also prosecuted. It is reported that nearly 114 tons of ore was shipped which netted \$1403. This indicates the value of the vein developed. The late W. C. Fellows of Baker, Oregon, was instrumental in operating the property from 1943 to about 1946. It appears that lack of operating capital together with high costs prevented consistent operations. After Mr. Fellows' death, which I believe was in 1947, the project became inactive. You could obtain information on the corporate status of the company by writing the State Corporation Commissioner, Salem, Oregon.

If this Department can supply any further information, please feel free to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

Director

FVL: jr

Oregon State Dept of Geology & Minerals
702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

Please send me any information you may have on the Bald Mountain mine which is located out of Baker, Oregon. If at all possible, I would like to know if it is still working, what is being mined out, and the value of same.

I have a small interest in said mine and haven't heard from them for a number of years.

Thank you

Mrs S. F. Hesse
1023 W. Lincoln St.
Mt. Vernon, Wash.

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January 25, 1949

Mr. E. O. Bratrud
The Bratrud Company
315 Fidelity Building
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mr. Bratrud:

Since sending you a letter earlier giving you general information and a list of references on the Ibez and Bald Mountain mines, I have made a more detailed study of information available and present the following as to the extent of development in these mines.

Development in the Ibez Mine as of 1913, according to T. W. Isham report was:

"There are four levels in the mine: level No. 1 is 27 feet from the collar of the original main shaft which is 300 feet deep; level No. 2 is 100 feet from the collar of the shaft; level No. 3 at 200 feet; and level No. 4 is at 450 feet.

"Level No. 1 extends 450 feet northeast of the shaft and 78 feet southwest to the tunnel mouth.

"Level No. 2 extends 450 feet northeast and 600 feet southwest to the face of the drift. An upraise 100 feet to the surface is located 375 feet southwest of the main shaft.

"Level No. 3 extends 425 feet northeast and 500 feet southwest of the main shaft. From third level to second level is an upraise of 100 feet southwest of the shaft.

"The fourth level tunnel is 2950 feet long, with 2200 feet between the tunnel portal to the upraise to third level, which is 250 feet deep and 175 feet southwest from a point under the main shaft. This tunnel extends 700 feet beyond this point."

The diagram of the development in the Ibez Mine in the C. M. Campbell report of 1937 shows no additional development beyond that of 1913.

In 1939 the original workings of the Bald Mountain Mine (which adjoins the Ibez Mine) were reported saved. These workings consisted of a 200-foot shaft and more than 600 feet of drifts. In 1936 a 1500-foot crosscut tunnel was completed. This tunnel cut the vein 380 feet below the old workings. Drifting both ways from the end of this tunnel for about 600 feet had been completed with crosscuts at intervals. This drifting on the vein developed a low grade ore body 29 feet wide.

The mill and other buildings were in good condition.

The Mining Journal Pink Sheet, Phoenix, Arizona, reported in August 1943 that a 35-ton mill from the Snow Creek Mine was being moved to the Bald Mountain Mine.

In September and October 1937, 113.86 tons were shipped netting \$1,403.50. The 59 ounces of gold and 898 ounces of silver produced in 1945 (referring to my letter of January 25) had a total value of \$2,704.00. There apparently has been no production since 1946. Part of the gold output in 1945 was recovered by amalgamation. The remainder was recovered from flotation concentrates produced at a newly installed plant.

I hope this information will be of some help to you. Do not hesitate to request more information, if necessary.

Sincerely yours,

David White
Geologist

DW:de

January 25, 1949

Mr. E. O. Bratrud
The Bratrud Company
315 Fidelity Building
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Sir:

According to information in this Department, the Ibez Mine and the Bald Mountain Mine, which are on the same vein and adjoin each other, were consolidated. Most of the reports include information of both mines.

The reports which this Department possesses contain very little information as to total production from the mine, but do contain information pertaining to the development of the mine.

We have the following reports:

1. Private report by C. M. Campbell, mining engineer of Vancouver, B. C.; Report on the Ibez-Bald Mountain Mine, March 1937. This report has a diagram of the development work up to 1937 with recommendations for further development.
2. Engineer's Report on Ibez Group of Mines by T. Isham, Engineer of Mines, in 1913. Development until 1913 is thoroughly discussed.
3. Oregon Metal Mines Handbook, Bulletin 14-A of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1939, page 37. Bald Mountain Mine is listed under Ibez Gold Mining Company.
4. Minerals Yearbook, published yearly by the U. S. Bureau of Mines. These books give production statistics of gold, silver, lead, copper, zinc, etc., by mining districts in each state. Often it is possible to determine the production of individual mines from this book. For instance, the Bald Mountain Mine in the Cracker Creek Mining District, Baker County, Oregon, was the only producer in this district in 1945; and according to Mineral Yearbook for 1945, this mine produced 59 ounces of gold and 898 ounces of silver during two months of operation during that year.

The reports which we have are available for reference, but cannot be sent away from this office. If you should want more detailed or definite information, please, do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

David White, Geologist

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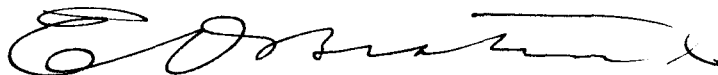
Department of Mines & Mining
Salem, Oregon

Re: Bald Mountain Gold Mine
Baker County

Have you any reports on production or the extent of
developments of the above property?

Respectfully yours,

THE BRATRUD COMPANY



E. O. Bratrud

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October 24, 1947

Mr. Day Karr, Regional Administrator
U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission
Room 810, 1411 Fourth Avenue Building
Seattle 1, Washington

Dear Mr. Karr:

Subject: Bald Mountain Mine

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated October 21 in regard to the Bald Mountain or Ibox Mine located in northwestern Baker County. As I understand it, this property has been active periodically over a period of years.

The subject mining property is one of the old precious metal mines in eastern Oregon. It has been described by a number of investigators including Waldemar Lindgren of the U.S. Geological Survey in 1901, A.M. Swartley of the Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology in 1914, Parks and Swartley of the Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology in 1916, Pardee and Hewitt of the U.S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology in 1914, D.F. Hewitt of the U.S. Geological Survey in 1931, and S.H. Lorain of the U.S. Bureau of Mines in 1938.

The vein appears to be of substantial size typical of the argillite ore bodies of eastern Oregon - that is, the ore bodies occur in sheared argillite and usually consist of enrichments in both quartz veins and stringers and also in the crushed argillite. Gold and silver occur in varying proportions associated with pyrite, arsenopyrite, and other sulphides. Close to the surface there were rich spots containing free gold but with shallow depth the oxidized minerals disappeared and primary sulphide minerals predominate. The reports available to this office indicate that for the most part ore developed was medium to low grade in gold and silver, although some fair grade ore in small amounts appears to have been shipped. Parks and Swartley mention that the ore developed up to that time was probably low grade. Lorain mentions in his report that a low grade ore body 29 feet wide had been developed. He also stated that in September and October 1937, 113.86 tons were shipped netting \$1,403.50. This Department does not have accurate information on quantity and quality of ore developed since Lorain's report in 1938.

It is likely that the "Government engineers" mentioned in your letter are those to whom I have referred in the preceding paragraph.

I regret that we have no more definite information to give you. According to our law, this Department may not make mine examinations for the purpose of evaluation, as that encroaches upon the field of a private engineer. However, I am sending a copy of this letter to our field geologist, Mr. N. S. Wagner stationed at Baker, and if he has anything further to add to it, he will notify me.

Yours very truly,

Director

FWL: jr
cc Maurice Hudson
cc Norman Wagner

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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REGIONAL OFFICE
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SEATTLE 1, WASHINGTON

October 21, 1947

Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
State of Oregon
702 Woodlark Building
Portland 5, Oregon

Re: Donald N. McTavish
Peter D. McTavish
Bald Mountain Mine

Gentlemen:

Based upon information indicating violations of the registration and fraud provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, an investigation has been conducted relative to the sale of participating units in a purchase contract held by D. N. McTavish on what is known as the Bald Mountain Mine, located approximately 35 miles from Baker, Oregon, near Sumpter. The sales of these units to residents of Washington have aggregated in excess of \$100,000. The greater portion of the sales were made since May of 1946; however, considerable money was also raised during 1945, principally from residents of Tacoma and vicinity, and to some extent from residents of Oregon.

The representations made in the solicitations included the following:

1. That there were sufficient ore reserves to operate a 100-ton mill for at least 25 years. The average value of the ore was estimated at around \$20.00 per ton. (In some instances the value of the ore was stated at a lower figure of around \$8.00.)
2. That the only moneys needed to put the property on a self-sustaining production basis were amounts ranging from \$4,000 to \$10,000. It was apparently the practice of McTavish and his associates to give as an immediate need for the raising of money the payment of payroll for the next month or two, after which the prospective purchaser was assured the mine would be on a profitable production basis, or certainly self-sustaining.

3. To corroborate the oral representations relative to the merits of the property apparently certain engineers' reports were displayed and in some cases referred to as reports of "Government engineers."

In view of the amount of money raised and the fact that representations as to the mine's achieving profitable production have not been realized, we should appreciate any information relative to this property which you might make available indicating the truth or falsity of the representations made in the sale of the participating units, particularly with reference to ore reserves, status of operations, money expended in the operations during the past 18 months, and the previous history of the property, which would indicate the possibility of its being put into profitable production within certain stated short periods following substantial sales of units.

It is our understanding the Corporation Commissioner of the State of Oregon has a file on the McTavishes, both concerning this operation and their many other operations. We are forwarding him a copy of this letter, and will keep his Department advised of developments in the investigation, since some of the sales were made in Oregon.

It will be appreciated if any information you have regarding the mining property deemed pertinent to our investigation might be forwarded at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



Day Karr
Regional Administrator

cc: Corporation Commissioner
Salem, Oregon

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State of Oregon
Dept of Geology & Mineral Industries
702 Woodlark Bldg
Portland 5, Oregon

Gentlemen:

In filing my copies of you Ore-Bin
for last year I find that to complete Vol
8, we need Nos. ^{Jan} 1, ^{Feb} 2, ^{Mar} 3, ^{Apr} 4, ^{May} 5, ^{June} 6 & ^{July} 7.

This being the first position I or my assistant
have had in states, we would appreciate it
if it is possible to have a complete set
of your very informational pamphlet or brochure
on the mining industries of your State.

Very truly yours
E. C. Phillips

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March 25, 1942

Mr. Walter Fellows
Baker
Oregon

Dear Mr. Fellows:

Mr. Hugh Lancaster has written this office stating that you wish to obtain a priority rating for your operation at the Bald Mountain Mine.

The original P-56 priority order under which mine serial numbers were issued to some gold lode mines has been amended so that it now is practically impossible for a gold or silver mine to obtain a mine serial number. The specifications set up in the priorities office are that a mining property must produce less than 30% of its total output in gold and silver in order to qualify for a mine serial number.

Gold and silver mines have been directed to operate under P-100, copy of which is enclosed. This order allows an A-10 blanket rating for repairs, maintenance and operating materials. In cases where an A-10 rating is not sufficient, the operator may make application for the particular material he requires on Form PD-1a. This office does not have these forms but they may be obtained by writing the Field Office of the War Production Board, Bedell Building, Portland. The form is to be filled out and sent in to Dr. Wilbur A. Nelson, Administrator, Mining Branch, Priorities Division, War Production Board, Washington, D. C.

If this office can supply any further information or be of assistance in any way, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

Earl K. Nixon
Oregon Emergency Coordinator of Mines

FWL:EKN:jr
cc Hugh Lancaster

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EARL K. NIXON
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MINING ENGINEER

JOHN ELIOT ALLEN
GEOLOGIST

LESLIE L. MOTZ
METALLURGICAL CHEMIST



STATE DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND
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702 WOODLARK BUILDING
PORTLAND, OREGON

March 23, 1942

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FIELD ENGINEER

WILLIAM T. BURNS
ASSAYER

Mr. Earl Nixon
702 Woodlark Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Mr. Walter Fellows was in the office today and states he has no priority rating for his mining operation at the Bald Mountain Mine. Mr. Fellows sent you data on this mine in December 1941.

The snow has melted enough, so that mining operations may be resumed. Mr. Fellows is anxious to receive a rating, so that he can purchase a jack hammer, a stoper, steel, hose and other needed accessory equipment.

The Bald Mountain Mine is a gold mine located seven miles northwest of Smapter and is described in Bulletin 14 A under the Ibez Mine.

Sincerely,

Hugh K. Lancaster,
Field Engineer

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Mr. Earl K. Nixon,
Oregon Emergency Coordinator of Mines
702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

Baker, Oregon Oct. 21, 1941

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Our quicksilver property at Greenhorn is an Oregon corporation, The name is Paramount Quicksilver Mine, Inc. we have now 5 men working and are producing in a small way. Our address is P. O. Box 47, Baker, Oregon

I am also working the Ball Mtn Mine, under a lease we have just shipped a car of ore to the Tacoma Smelter which had 30 ozs. gold and 568 ozs. of silver, at the present time we only have three men working, however we expect to be on a much larger scale shortly. The address on this is the same.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Fellows

W. C. Fellows,
P. O. Box 47
Baker, Oregon