Old Cement Company Clay Pit

NAME OLD NAMES PRINCIPAL ORE MINOR MINERALS

12S 43E 21

T R S

PUBLISHED REFERENCES

Baker COUNTY

Lower Burnt River AREA

ELEVATION

on highway 30 ROAD OR HIGHWAY

at Durkee DISTANCE TO

SHIPPING POINT

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) unknown

Address

OPERATOR none

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

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EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

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T 12 S; R 43 E; Sec 21
Lower Burnt River District
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This rather large pit was formerly operated by the Oregon Portland Cement Company. It is situated within a few hundred yards of Highway 30 at Durkee and until recently was connected to the Union Pacific by a spur. The pit is locally considered as being in clay but on examination the material appears to be predominantly lake bed sediments with a high content of volcanic material. Locally it is like a fine textured tuff. The whole face is highly fractured and faulted with many of the fractures being mineralized with very thin stringers of gypsum and caliche.

FB 174 is a grab sample taken from many different points in the pit. This sample was taken for future reference in order to complete the departments files on reported clay occurrences in spite of the obviously negative nature of the occurrence.