

# State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

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## MEMORANDUM

LAUGHLIN ENGINEERING CO. *Jackson*

The concentrating mill of the G.M.C. Division of the Laughlin Engineering Company at Eagle Point was visited. <sup>March 12, 1953</sup> The mill building was locked and no one was there. A few tons of chromite concentrates were on the concrete slab in back of the building and a stockpile of possibly 300-400 tons of chromite (a visual estimate) remained in front of the mill.

An attempt was made to drive to the Tyrrell manganese property south of Lake Creek. The road up Lost Creek to the property was impassable. Mr. Walch who lives west of the covered bridge over Lost Creek—(from this point the Tyrrell property is reached via a road up Lost Creek)—stated that some excavations had been made at the mine with a bulldozer and the bulldozer was at the mine, but that no one was working there, because even a jeep would be unable to reach the mine with the road in as bad a condition as it was since the current rains.

In the Medford telephone book this company is listed as follows:

Laughlin Engineering Co., Inc.  
Milling & Mining Dept. 1011 S. Holly; Ph-3-2557  
Smelting Dept. 235 S. Oakdale Ave; Ph-2-6974

J. N. Laughlin is president of the company and his address is the same as that given for the smelting department. D. E. Brundage is vice-president and his address is the same as that given for the milling and mining department. Addresses previously given for the company were 3259 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California and Box 446, Medford, Oregon.

Dave E. Brundage was contacted and the following information was furnished:

The Laughlin Engineering Company has a lease-option on the Tyrrell property from Mr. C. E. Smith, Medford, Oregon. Some bulldozer work has been done and a 30-foot face has been made in one pit.

The mill is being converted to concentrate manganese ore. He said mill tests of the Tyrrell ore had been made by a New Jersey concern and Southwestern (probably Southwestern Engineering Company, 4800 S. Santa Fe Ave., Los Angeles).

Further exploration and mining will be started at the property as soon as the weather gets better so that a good road to the property can be built.

Visit and report by: DJW Mar. 12, 1953

Informant: Dave E. Brundage