

Portland

# State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

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Portland, Oregon

## PRELIMINARY REPORT

SHADY COVE (chromite)

Illinois River Area  
Josephine County

Owner: H. Z. Bielenberg, Galice.

Location: NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 11, T. 36 S., R. 9 W.

History: The Shady Cove, the Chrome Monument, and Rocky Point claims are being leased from Bielenberg by the Ashland Mining Company (Van Curier Bros.), 835 N. Main Street, Ashland, Oregon. They began production late in the spring of 1952.

Development: The Van Curiers were mining milling ore from a seam about 4 feet wide by open cut methods, using a bulldozer and a Tractaloader (scoopmobile-like machine).

There are two smaller showings of chromite, one on either side of the main body. The lower one about 200 feet to the east had been mined out. The other about 250 feet up the hill and west of the main workings is a small 15 inch stringer of disseminated chromite with a S. 75° W. trend. No work was done on the latter.

A road has been built into the deposit which is 0.8 mile from the junction with the Chrome Ridge road.

Geology: The rock surrounding and including the chromite is a dark colored, fine grained dunite. The main chromite body is made up of an area of disseminated chromite in dunite 40 to 50 inches in width, flanked to the east by a fault gouge from 6 inches to 1 foot wide containing loose, granular chromite and talc. A sample of chromite taken across the width of the gouge ran 45.31% Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with a 2.1 chrome-iron ratio. This shear

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Geology: (continued)

zone trends N. 50° E. with a 65° dip to the N. W. Saxonite borders the gouge on the east. Ore taken from this deposit is being roughly cobbled and concentrated at the Van Curier's mill near Ashland. The disseminated chromite in dunite will probably run less than 35% Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

Informant: Fred Van Curier

Report by: L. R.

Visited by: L. R. & D. J. W. -- 8-11-52.

## CRIB MINERAL RESOURCES FILE 12

## RECORD IDENTIFICATION

RECORD NO..... M061553  
RECORD TYPE..... X1M  
COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION: USGS  
DEPOSIT NO..... DDGMI 100-177  
MAP CODE NO. OF REC..

## REPORTER

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DATE..... 76 05  
UPDATED..... 81 04  
BY..... FERNS, MARK L. (BROOKS, HOWARD C.)

## NAME AND LOCATION

DEPOSIT NAME..... SHADY COVE  
SYNONYM NAME..... PART OF SORDY GROUP

MINING DISTRICT/AREA/SUBDIST. CHROME RIDGE

COUNTRY CODE..... US  
COUNTRY NAME: UNITED STATES

STATE CODE..... OR  
STATE NAME: OREGON

COUNTY..... JOSEPHINE  
DRAINAGE AREA..... 17100311 PACIFIC NORTHWEST  
PHYSIOGRAPHIC PROV..... 13 KLAMATH MOUNTAINS  
LAND CLASSIFICATION..... 41

QUAD SCALE QUAD NO OR NAME  
1: 62500 SELMA

LATITUDE LONGITUDE  
42-27-27N 123-43-29W

UTM NORTHING UTM EASTING UTM ZONE NO  
4700600. 440400. +10

TWP..... 36S  
RANGE.... 09W  
SECTION.. 11  
MERIDIAN. N.M.

ALTITUDE.. 4040 FT

POSITION FROM NEAREST PROMINENT LOCALITY: 2 MILES WEST OF BRIGGS VALLEY

PRODUCER/TYPE OR PRESENTER  
MAJOR PRODUCTS.. CR

OCURRENCE(S) OR POTENTIAL PRODUCT(S):

POTENTIAL.....

OCURRENCE..... RH

COMMODITY SPECIALIST INFORMATION:

PGM OCCUR

DRE MATERIALS (MINERALS, ROCKS, ETC.):

CHROMITE

ANALYTICAL DATA (GENERAL)

4 ASSAYS: 1) MASSIVE DRE - 45.31 % CR<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 14.52 % FE, AND 45.73 % CR<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. 2) DRE FROM ASHLAND MILL - 39.40 % CR<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 12.83 % FE, 11.64 % SiO<sub>2</sub>. 3) CONCENTRATES - 52.60 % CR<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 14.28 % FE. ALSO RH 0.019 PPM (FROM PAGE ETAL 1975)

EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

STATUS OF EXPLOR. OR DEV. B

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT

DEPOSIT TYPES:

MASSIVE CHROMITE; DISSEMINATED

FORM/SHAPE OF DEPOSIT: LENS, LINEAR ZONES

SIZE/DIRECTIONAL DATA

SIZE OF DEPOSIT..... SMALL

MAX WIDTH..... 4.5 FT.

STRIKE OF DREBODY.... NORTHWEST

COMMENTS (DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT):

OFFSET BY FAULTS, FOLDED

DESCRIPTION OF WORKINGS

SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND

PRODUCTION

YES

SMALL PRODUCTION

ANNUAL PRODUCTION (ORE, COMMOD., CONC., OVERBURD.)

| ITEM | ACC | AMOUNT | THOUS. UNITS | YEAR | GRADE, REMARKS |
|------|-----|--------|--------------|------|----------------|
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|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| 1 |  |  |  |  | FRIABLE DRE: 49% CR <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , 12% FE, 5% SiO <sub>2</sub> |
| 2 |  |  |  |  | CONCENTRATES: 52.7%, 13.1% FE, 2.45% SiO <sub>2</sub>                         |

|            |            |  |
|------------|------------|--|
| 15 DRE EST | .792 TONS  | 1951-1953 51% CR203                    |
| 16 DRE EST | .642 TONS  | 1956-1958 50% CR203, 2.8 CR:FE         |
| 21 TOTAL   | 1.434 TONS | 50.34 % CR203 (WEIGHTED AVERAGE GRADE) |

PRODUCTION COMMENTS.... DRE WAS FRIABLE, SOME HAD TO BE CONCENTRATED SEE GRADE IN ANNUAL COLUMN

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AGE OF HOST ROCKS..... JUR  
HOST ROCK TYPES..... PERIDOTITE

PERTINENT MINERALOGY..... TALC

GENERAL COMMENTS

RECORD NUMBERS (M013481) AND (M015244) HAVE BEEN MERGED WITH THIS RECORD AND DELETED FROM THE OREGON FILE.

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