

March 18, 1952

Mr. F. W. Libbey  
1069 State Office Bldg.  
Portland 1, Ore.

Dear Mr. Libbey:

Harold mentions the L. E. J. asbestos prospect in his February monthly report. The prospect consists of two lode claims in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 9, T. 37 S., R. 6 W. between Murphy and Wilderville along the Applegate River. The claims are owned by Leslie R. Frazier, E. H. Frazier and J. D. Schelenbaum and were filed December 24, 1951. I don't know why they refer to themselves as the L. E. J. Asbestos Company. According to Harold a 2-foot vein of tremolite asbestos is exposed in a bulldozer cut in a draw. The asbestos occurs in a serpentinized peridotite.

One of the Frazier's brought a large sample of the asbestos into the office last week. I advised him to send a sample of it to Mr. Kempvance, Powhatan Mining Company representative in Auburn, California, who had requested in a letter to Harold that samples of amphibole asbestos that looked promising be sent to him for testing.

*L.E.J. Initial of  
first name of  
each owner.*

*Dave*

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Geological Survey  
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The L.E. J. Asbestos Company  
Route 3, Box 417  
Grants Pass, Oregon

Gentlemen:

The sample submitted recently without accompanying letter is asbestos. Whether or not such asbestos is marketable depends on cost of preparing and shipping, as well as market conditions. In any case, very little can be said as to the value of a deposit, merely from inspection of a specimen.

You may be able to obtain specific advice by writing to your State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1069 State Office Building, Portland, Oregon.

Your sample will be retained in our Chemical Laboratory for a period of thirty days; after which time, it will be discarded unless we hear otherwise from you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Michael Fleischer, Chief

Investigations Section  
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