

State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

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Malheur Wunder Earth, Inc. (Diatomite)

Malheur County

Foreword: This company controls in the neighborhood of 3400 acres of land in the Harper-Westfall district. Some of this land is held by claim and some by lease.

Operator: Malheur Wunder Earth, Inc. This is an Oregon corporation with an office located in the Phillips Real Estate Building, Vale, Oregon. Officials are as follows:

Don Galbreath, Vale, President
Robert D. Lytle, Vale, Vice-president
Jack Craig, North Powder, 2nd Vice-president
Kenneth Johnson, Vale, Treasure
Dan Hartley, Portland, Secretary.

Location: Properties held by this company include tracts situated in sections 14, 15 34, 35 and 36, T. 18 S., R. 41 E., secs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11, 14, T. 19 S., R. 41 E., and in secs. 18 and 22, T. 19 S., R. 42 E. The company held claims are known as the Big Don claims (1 to 32) and these embrace a tract of 640 acres situated in sections 14 and 15, T. 18 S., R. 41 E. Lands held under lease embrace some 2750 acres. The lessor is Mr. E. N. Bennett, Payette, Idaho.

Geology: The deposits occurring in this area are fully described by Moore in U. S. G. S. Bulletin 875.

General: This company is not in active operation as yet, but they report plans to install a Raymond Mill with Cyclone separators during the coming spring. The mill will have a capacity of 5 tons per hour as based on an estimate of the pit run moisture ^{for the material} to be handled. The company hopes to develop a market for an uncalcined, but pulverized and moisture regulated product.

Report by: N.W.W.

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Informants: Messrs. Galbreath, Johnson and Lytle