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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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- [ ] Royalty Audits
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- [ ] Cost Audits
- [ ] Termination Notice or Agreement
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- [ ] Assignment of Contract
- [ ] Contract Amendments
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- [ ] Owner's Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement
- [x] Application and attachments

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- [ ] Work Completed analysis (final)

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- [ ] Field Team Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project
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- [ ] Operator's Final Report (Tab)
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Folders No._____: Royalty material

Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
~~1708 Santa Paula~~
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA ~~89103~~ 89107

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(702) ~~XXXXXX~~ 870-5707

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March 14, 1967

United States Dept. of the Interior
Office of Minerals Exploration
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: OME-6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Gentlemen:

As of the previous request from the OME department on pertinent facts regarding Officers of the Corporation, we submit this briefly:

A. J. McClain, President
Mining and oil -- large experience in all stages of mining -- field work and building and operations of mines and mills.
In this venture Mr. McClain will only act in an administrative capacity.

W. R. Ingebretsen, Legal Secretary
Graduate of University of Utah in 1940, B.S. degree; University of Utah Law School in 1947, LLB degree.

M. L. McClain, Treasurer
Escrow Officer, ten years experience in handling Real Estate Subdivisions.

Douglas R. Pike, Vice-President
Practicing attorney for fifteen years.

Joseph F. Leisek, Field Supervisor
See Enclosed letter of qualifications.

Very truly yours,
Laterites, Inc.

A. J. McClain, President

RESOURCES ENGINEERING
AND
EXPLORATION INC.

PHONE 702-384-2609

2122 INDUSTRIAL WAY
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

December 19, 1966

Mr. A.J. McClain
Laterites, Inc.
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Mr. McClain:

In response to your inquiry regarding my opinion of your California property and ore samples, also my qualifications and background:

Not having visited the property it is impossible for me to render a proper evaluation; however, I have studied your compiled maps, geologic and otherwise, your ore samples and proposed exploration plan. I feel, if the ore samples are fairly representative, and assuming that they are, that the property merits exploration on a large scale.

I am a graduate geologist, having received my B.S. degree in geology from the University of Utah. I have been active in the search for metals and industrial minerals over the Western United States and Mexico.

In addition to my experience as an exploration geologist, I have participated, on a supervisiory basis, in many developmental drilling programs, and am completely familiar with the newest drilling procedures and inovations.

A more complete resume of my qualifications and experience is available upon your request, and I believe you will find that I am quite capable of handling the type of exploration and development program which you propose.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Joseph F. Leisek

JOSEPH F. LEISEK

JFL:mm

HE EISENHAUER LABORATORIES
316-322 South San Pedro Street
Los Angeles, California 90013

ED. EISENHAUER JR.
C. EISENHAUER RAYMOND
LAWRENCE EARL RAYMOND

ASSAY CERTIFICATE

PHONE 622-9828

Los Angeles, Calif. Feb. 28/67 19

I hereby Certify that the samples described below, received from

A. J. McClain assay as follows:

Owner's Mark and Sample	GOLD		SILVER		TOTAL VALUE PER TON	PERCENTAGE OF		
	OZS. PER TON	VALUE PER TON	OZS. PER TON	VALUE PER TON		COPPER	LEAD	ZINC
Soldiers well	.06	$ 2.10			$ 2.10			
Spring	.05	$ 1.75			$ 1.75			
Pegrim Spring (a/k/a Pigeon Roost Spring)	.10	$ 3.50			$ 3.50			

GOLD @ $ 35 PER OZ.
SILVER @ $ 1.29 PER OZ.
LEAD @ ____ C.
COPPER @ ____ C.

CHARGES $ 9.00- Paid

Ed. Eisenhauer
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METALLURGICAL SERVICE LABORATORIES
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Lab. No. 10940

Specification:

TO: LATERITES, INC.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89105

Attn:

Material: Ore

SPECTROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

Si--------	19.0%
Fe--------	21.0%
Mg--------	13.0%
Cr--------	.70%
Al--------	.32%
Mn--------	.48%
Ni--------	.64%
V---------	.026%
Cu--------	.012%
Zn--------	Trace
Ti--------	.052%
Co--------	.034%
Ca--------	.040%
Other Elements	Nil

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P. Bridger, Mgr. Chem. Sect.

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Laterites, Inc.
1708 Santa Paula
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89105

Phone
(702) 735-1018

PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS

6529 Bannock Way
Phone 870-2732
Las Vegas, Nevada
September 22, 1966

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Mr. Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration
United States Department of the Interior
Office of Minerals Exploration
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: OME-6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We are pleased to submit for your consideration the following additional information with respect to the above matter.

1. Financial Eligibility:

(a) Attached hereto please find copies of correspondence with Bank of Nevada and First National Bank of Nevada regarding application for loan. We have filed with our application copies of the letters from the bank denying the application.

(b) There are no affiliated, parent or controlling companies or organizations conected with Laterites, Inc.

(c) The company intends to furnish its share of the costs of the exploration work in cash, services and materials as they may be needed.

2. Applicant's Rights in Land.

(a) Applicant is the owner of said land, free and clear of any liens or encumbrances.

(b) See application for legal description and information requested under this subsection.

OME-6571 Continued

(c) Not applicable

3. Physical Description:

(a) See pictures attached hereto, which show the work done on the property and described the property better than words can.

(b) Work was done prior to purchase by this company.

(c) There are no past or present production records.

(d) Assay certificates and assay maps are not presently available. See leter from Battelle Memorial Institute attached hereto.

(e) See pictures attached hereto, which show the geologic features of the property.

(f) See letter from Battelle Memorial Institute attached hereto. See narration included in application.

(g) We have submitted every thing that we have. We would like to have the pictures back. //

4. Accessibility of Property

(a) The OME representative will be met by Mr. A. J. McClain, President, 6529 Bannock Way, Las Vegas, Nevada Phone AC 702- 870-2732. The property is approximately 30 miles due east of Crescent City, California and approximately 60 miles from Grants Pass, Oregon via highway 199.

5. Exploration Work:

(a) See application

(b) See application

(c) Work would start at once and work should be completed within three months.

6. Mr. A. J. McClain has been in mining business all of his lifeand will be in charge of the supervising the work.

7. Estimate of Costs.

See application.

We regret that we are unable to furnish at this time assay reports as the same have been lost or misplaced in moving our office. We will continue to search for them and hope to be able to supply them as soon as is possible.

OME 6571 Continued

We trust that this additional information will be sufficient for you to continue the processing of this loan.

Very truly yours,

LATERITES, INC.,

By _____
A. J. McCLAIN, President

PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS

6529 Bannock Way
Phone 870-2732
Las Vegas, Nevada
August 19, 1966

First National Bank of Nevada
Main and Oakey Office
1700 South Main Street
Las Vegas, Nevada

Re: Application for loan

Gentlemen:

Laterites, Inc. hereby makes application for a loan from your bank in the sum of $100,000.00 for the following purposes:

Laterites, Inc., is the owner of certain mining claims in Del Norte, California containing Gold and Platinum which we feel would justify exploration and further development. The proceeds of the loan herein applied for would be used in part to develope and explore this property in accordance with the proposed work and in the manner shown on the attached exhibit, and the balance of said funds to be used to purchase additional mining equipment, should the exploration work prove that further mining should be undertaken.

We will be happy to furnish such additional information as you may desire, it this is the type of loan which your bank can or will make.

Very truly yours,

LATERITES, INC.,

By_____
A. J. McClain, President

EXPLORATION COSTS

The costs of the exploration are based on average wage rates, supply and equipment costs.

1.	Eight and one half (8-1/2) miles of road building with bulldozer at $25.00 per hour for 100 hours	$ 2,500.00
	Water truck, leased with driver for two months	2,700.00
2.	Surveyor and crew, road and sample sites	3,000.00
3.	Drilling with Mayhem 1000 type rig 4000 feet 200 feet per day at $30.00 per hour	4,800.00
4.	Move rig in and out	1,500.00
5.	Bulldozer for 30 trenches at 1 trench per day plus moves. 500 Hours at $25.00 per hour	12,500.00
6.	Assaying and transport of 850 samples at $4.00 per	3,400.00
7.	Supervisor for two months	1,500.00
8.	Geological Services	5,000.00
9.	Sampler and handyman	600.00
10.	Pickup truck lease and expenses	1,000.00
11.	Sample sacks and sampling equipment	350.00
12.	Insurance and various state, local and Federal Taxes	1,700.00
	Total:	$ 34,850.00

PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS

6529 Bannock Way
Phone 870-2732
Las Vegas, Nevada
August 19, 1966

Bank of Nevada
Main Office
Las Vegas, Nevada

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By_____
A. J. McClain, President

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Battelle Memorial Institute · COLUMBUS LABORATORIES

505 KING AVENUE COLUMBUS, OHIO 43201 · AREA CODE 614, TELEPHONE 299-3151 · CABLE ADDRESS: BATMIN

September 2, 1966

Mr. W. R. Ingebretsen
Executive Secretary
Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Dear Mr. Ingebretsen:

Your letter to Mr. M. Nestor on the Del Norte County laterite deposit was referred to me for reply.

Regarding flowsheets for processing of laterites, there is information available on liquid and gaseous leaching processes used to treat Cuban and Philippine nickeliferous laterites. However, we would not recommend a specific process without detailed information as to the mineralogy of the deposit.

We understand the Del Norte nickeliferous laterites occur as remnants on the Klamath peneplain in the Rattlesnake-Red Mountain area of California, similar to the Nickel Mountain deposit near Riddle, Oregon. At Riddle the laterite is derived from subjacent ultrabasic rock and the nickel is in the form of garnierite, $(H_2N:)$ (Mg) $(S:O_4)$ $+ n\ H_2O$. The better ore contains some 1.5 percent nickel. Samples taken by the California Division of Mines in the Rattlesnake and Red Mountain area, California, showed 0.56 to 1.02 percent nickel for surface samples, and 0.83 to 1.16 percent nickel for samples augered from 9 to 11 feet deep. Available data does not describe exploration in the Rattlesnake-Red Mountain area since the trenching done in 1956. The Riddle, Oregon ore has been reduced to ferronickel by the d'Ugine process.

Sample broken down on assay sheet as analysis of [illegible] needed for approval.

The amazing part of the assay given in your letter is the reported 1/2 to 1 oz/ton of platinum with only a trace of gold. California platinum is considered to be derived from ultrabasic rock such as the Del Norte region serpentine. Platinum has been reported in the Del Norte-Siskiyou-Trinity region. However, according to the California Division of Mines, platinum has always been found subordinate to gold. We are therefore surprised at the extent of platinum shown by the reported assay. This amount of platinum would certainly be a major consideration in the processing of such an ore.

Laterites have only had a minor use as an iron ore, a notable exception being the Cuban nickeliferous laterites. Laterites usually contain over 50 percent iron.

The most interesting aspect of your deposit is the reported platinum, and the platinum-gold ratio which we consider atypical, it would appear that extensive geological and mineralogical work would be advisable before the ore could be evaluated and methods of processing recommended. Please contact me should you wish to pursue this aspect further with Battelle.

Very truly yours,

W. M. Goldberger

W. M. Goldberger, Chief
Minerals and Metallurgical Processing

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Memorandum

September 6, 1966

To: Chief, Office of Minerals Exploration
Washington, D. C.

From: Field Officer, Region II

Subject: New Application
(Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Enclosed is a poorly prepared application from Laterites, Inc., of 6529 Bannock Way, Las Vegas, Nevada, requesting financial assistance for a gold and platinum exploration project in northern California.

The area on Little Rattlesnake Mountain in Tps. 15 and 16 N., R. 2 E., is the same as that covered by an earlier DMEA application for nickel exploration (DMEA-4034). The earlier application was denied on the basis that insufficient preliminary prospecting had been done by the applicants to indicate the possibility that exploration would disclose significant quantities of even marginal-grade nickel ore. I think the present application for gold and platinum could be denied on the same basis.

There are no assays that indicate the presence of gold and/or platinum on the property. There are no geologic maps or reports to indicate where the proposed work should be done. There are no copies of letters to banks, that outline the kind of work or costs proposed, for which funds were refused. There is nothing to indicate the competence of the applicant to undertake the exploration.

H. K. Stager

Enclosure

MME Form 40
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Budget Bureau No. 42-R1508
Approval expires Dec. 31, 1968

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN MINERALS EXPLORATION

Pursuant to Public Law 85–701 (72 Stat. 700; 30 U.S.C. 641)

NAME OF APPLICANT *(Full legal name and mailing address as they should appear on contract if one is executed.)*	APPLICANT DO NOT USE THIS BLOCK
LATERITES, INC., A Corporation 6529 Bannock Way Las Vegas, Nevada 89107 See letter 11/4/66	DOCKET NUMBER 6571 DATE RECEIVED 9-8-1966 REGION II DIVISION CODE

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION *(Check one)*	LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE		
	NAME	ADDRESS	TITLE
INDIVIDUAL [ ] CORPORATION [X] PARTNERSHIP [ ] OTHER *(Specify)* [ ]	A. J. McClain D. R. Pike W. R. Ingebretsen	6529 Bannock Way 300 Fremont Street 5083 Maryland Parkway	President V-President Secretary - Treasurer
STATE IN WHICH FIRM IS ORGANIZED			

MINERAL(S) FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO EXPLORE	PROPERTY NAME	LOCATION COUNTY	STATE
Gold and Platinum	Rattlesnake Claims	Del Norte,	California
ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT $ 34,850.00			

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out this application, please read the *OME Regulations for Obtaining Federal Assistance in Financing Explorations for Mineral Reserves* (30 CFR Chap. III). To assure prompt action, your application must provide all applicable material and information specified on the back of this application form. Avoid unnecessary correspondence and delays by submitting complete and accurate information. *Please submit two copies of this application and all accompanying papers* except as otherwise noted. Place your name and address on each sheet. Each item of information, maps, and reports required as a part of this application is described on the back of this form. Identify each attached statement by the item number to which it applies. If an item does not apply to your application, show the item number on your statement and after it write "not applicable." Maps or sketches should be used to supplement narrative descriptions of the property location and boundaries in item 2, existing mine workings and geology in item 3, and the proposed exploration work in item 5. When this information is not too complex, all of it may be shown on one map or sketch. All documents and other attachments submitted as a part of this application, except those in item 3(g) which you mark to be returned, become the property of the Government and will not be returned to the applicant. Send true copies, *not originals*, of leases, contracts, and other documents which are an essential part of your business records. *File this application with the Office of Minerals Exploration, Department of the Interior,* ~~Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest OME Field Office~~ Washington, D. C., 20242, or with the nearest OME Field Office.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, whether as an individual, corporate officer, partner, or otherwise, both in his own behalf and acting for the applicant, certifies that the information set forth in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete, to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he would not ordinarily undertake the proposed exploration under current conditions and circumstances at his sole expense.

August 26, 1966
DATED

LATERITES, INC.
BY *(Signature)*
A. J. McCLAIN
TITLE President

A wilfully false statement or certification to any Department or Agency of the United States Government is a criminal offense. U. S. Code, Title 18, Sec. 1001.

INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION

1. Financial Eligibility:

(a) Submit evidence of efforts made within 90 days preceding the filing of this application to obtain credit from your bank of account and at least one other banking institution or other private source of credit. Such evidence shall include true copies of correspondence which show: (1) date of loan request, (2) amount and terms requested, (3) proposed use of loan funds, and (4) the replies from credit sources. If the loan was offered under terms which you consider unreasonable, state why you consider them so.

(b) List names and addresses of affiliated, parent, or controlling companies or organizations and state extent and nature of their interest.

(c) State how you propose to furnish your share of the cost of the exploration work.

2. Applicant's Rights in Land:

(a) State your interest in the land and mineral rights, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or other. If you are not the owner, submit one true copy of the lease, contract, or other document (with address of owner) under which you control the property. Describe all liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the land and state book and page number and official place where recorded.

(b) State the legal description (section, township, and range; metes and bounds; patent number of claims) of the land upon which you wish to explore and all adjacent land which you own or control. Describe any part of the land or workings which should not be subject to Government royalty and liens. If the land consists of unpatented claims, state book and page number for each recorded location notice, including amended locations, and official place where recorded. State all the names by which you know the property.

(c) For all land or mineral rights encumbered or not owned, submit five copies of Lien and Subordination Agreements on MME Form 52. If the agreements cannot be obtained, state reasons and provide copies of letters of refusal.

3. Physical Description:

(a) Describe in detail and illustrate with maps or sketches all mining or exploration operations which you know have been or are being conducted upon the land. Include existing mine workings and all production facilities.

(b) State your interest, if any, in operations described in (a).

(c) State, if you know, the past and current production, supporting your statement with copies of settlement sheets, mine records, or published data if available.

(d) Describe known ore reserves, giving quantities and grades and sampling methods used. Support your statement with copies of assay certificates and assay maps if available.

(e) Describe by narrative and maps or sketches the geologic features of the property, including ore minerals, geologic formations if known, and type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.).

(f) State your reasons for expecting to find ore, and if you have sampled the area you propose to explore, show where the samples were taken, describe sampling methods used, and provide copies of assay certificates.

(g) Send with your application at least *two* copies of all geologic or engineering reports, assay maps, or technologic information which you have, indicating whether you require their return.

4. Accessibility of Property:

(a) To aid the OME representative who may examine the property, state name and address of person who will meet him; give directions for reaching the property; and describe accessibility of property and of any mine workings.

(b) Name the shipping and supply points and state the distances to the property.

5. Exploration Work:

(a) Describe fully the proposed exploration work giving individual footages and sizes of openings *for each item of work.* Use narrative, maps, plans, and sections as necessary. Show location of the proposed work as related to geologic features such as veins, ore-bearing beds, contacts of rock formations, etc. Show also the relation of the proposed work to any existing mine workings and to *land boundaries* or to the closest identifiable corner.

(b) If an access road must be built, show the proposed location on the property map and state the length, type and construction methods proposed.

(c) If an OME contract is executed, state how soon thereafter work would be started and finished. State your anticipated average daily or monthly rate of progress for each type of work.

6. Experience:

State your operating experience and background to conduct this exploration work and also that of the person who will supervise the work.

7. Estimate of Costs:

Furnish detailed estimates of the necessary costs *for each item of the work proposed in 5(a)* under the headings listed below with a total for each heading and the estimated total cost of the work. Costs for any work to be performed by an independent contractor should be listed separately under category (a) below. Costs for any work that is not to be performed by an independent contractor should be listed under categories (b) through (g).

(a) Independent contracts. State the total cost of any proposed independent contract for all or any part of the work, and the number of units and the unit cost for each type of work, such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, or per cubic yard of material moved. Cost estimates should be supported by bids from three contractors if possible. (*Note*—If none of the work is to be contracted, write "none" after this item.)

(b) Personal services. The cost of supervision, engineering and geological services, outside consultants, and labor should be itemized by numbers and classes of employees; rates of wages, salaries or fees; and periods of employment. State whether these services are available.

(c) Operating materials and supplies. List items of material and supplies giving quantity and cost of each. Include under this heading power, water, and fuel, and units of equipment and tools costing less than $50 each.

(d) Operating equipment. List items of equipment and tools costing $50 or more per unit. Give specifications and indicate how each item is to be acquired—i.e., rented, purchased or provided by the applicant. If rented or purchased, state the estimated rental or purchase price. If furnished by the applicant, state condition and present fair market value.

(e) Initial rehabilitation and repairs. Describe the type and the cost of *initial* rehabilitation or repair of existing buildings, fixtures, installations (exclusive of mine workings), and movable operating equipment now owned by the applicant which will be used in the exploration work.

(f) New buildings, fixtures, installations. Describe each building, fixed improvement, and installation to be purchased, constructed, or installed for the exploration work, stating specifications and cost including labor, materials, and supervision.

(g) Miscellaneous. Describe the type and estimate the cost of repairs and maintenance of the operating equipment listed in 7(d). Do not repeat initial repairs listed in 7(e). Show also the costs of analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employees' liability insurance, payroll taxes, and other required costs that do not fall within the previous categories. [*Note*—The Government will not contribute to costs incurred before the date of the contract, or to costs of or incident to: (1) acquiring, using, or possessing land and any existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances, or the depreciation and depletion thereof; (2) general overhead, corporate management, interest and taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes); (3) insurance (other than employees' liability insurance); and (4) damages to persons or property (other than authorized repair to or replacement of equipment or other property used in the work).]

INT.-DUP. SEC., WASH., D.C

Statement of Laterites, Inc., in support of Application

Laterites, Inc., has made application to various banks and lending instituions in Las Vegas, Nevada for funds with which to carry on its intended exploration. In each case the Company has been refused. There is attached hereto a letter from two of the banks in support of this matter.

Lateritess, Inc is the sole owner of the mining claims hereinafter described having acquired the same by deed dated January 15, 1966. Said claims are described as follows:

GROUP I

Seventy one (71) Claims on Little Rattlesnake Mountain, T 15 N, % 2 E, as described in Book 5 page 306 and shown on Map 3246 Del Norte County, California, Official Records.

GROUP II

Ten (10) one hundred sixty (160) acre Associaiton Claims, located on Rattlesnake Ridge, T 14 N, R 2 E, as recorded in Book 91, page 487 Del Norte County, California, Official Records.

GROUP III

Thirty six (36) one hundred sixty (160) acre Association Claims located on Red Mountain T 13 N, R 2 E, recorded in Book 92, pages 101, 102, and 103 Del Norte County California Official Records.

The property consists of Laterites soil, loose material and is accessable the year around.

Sample assays have shown promissing reports of gold and platinum which we believe can be found in sufficient quantity to mine.

It is our intention to bulldoze at least 30 trenches 20 feet deep which we believe will show whether or not there is evidence of gold and platinum of sufficient to justify further mining operations.

Laterites, Inc.

1708 Santa Paula
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89105

Phone
(702) 735-1018

PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS

6529 Bannock Way
Phone 870-2732 (AC 702)

In further support of our application for this loan, we wish to call to your attention the great impact it will have on the citizens of Del Norte and Humbolt Counties in the Great State of California

It is a known fact to all government agencies that this is a depressed area. The people have never recovered from the terrible flood of 1964. Many of the people of the area depend upon the lumber industry, which we understand will soon be a thing of the past. The area needs a boost of some kind.

Knowing this, we have a real sincere desire to contribute to the economic welfare of the area, and by the same token, develope the mining area to the benefit of the entire Western Area of this great nation.

With this loan from the Office of Mineral Exploration, we will be able to establish this fact, that the proper development of this area will be of a major imprtance to the economic welfare of all of the citizens and the mining industry.

Thank you one and all for your most sincere efforts for this project.

Respectfully submitted

LATERITES, INC

By _____
President

By _____
Executive Secretary

EXPLORATION COSTS

The costs of the exploration are based on average wage rates, supply and equipment costs.

1.	Eight and one half (8-1/2) miles of road building with bulldozer at $25.00 per hour for 100 hours	$ 2,500.00
	Water truck, leased with driver for two months	2,700.00
2.	Surveyor and crew, road and sample sites	3,000.00
3.	Drilling with Mayhem 1000 type rig 4000 feet 200 feet per day at $30.00 per hour	4,800.00
4.	Move rig in and out	1,500.00
5.	Bulldozer for 30 trenches at 1 trench per day plus moves. 500 Hours at $25.00 per hour	12,500.00
6.	Assaying and transport of 850 samples at $4.00 per	3,400.00
7.	Supervisor for two months	1,500.00
8.	Geological Services	5,000.00
9.	Sampler and handyman	600.00
10.	Pickup truck lease and expenses	1,000.00
11.	Sample sacks and sampling equipment	350.00
12.	Insurance and various state, local and Federal Taxes	1,700.00
	Total:	$ 34,850.00

BANK OF NEVADA
MAIN OFFICE
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

C. R. MAIN
VICE PRESIDENT & MANAGER

August 31, 1966

Mr. A. J. McClaim, President
Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Mr. McClaim:

We wish to advise you that your request for a loan to assist in your mining operations has been rejected by this bank, as the terms and type of loan requested are not feasible for this bank to entertain this application.

Sincerely yours,

C. R. Main
Vice President & Manager

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NEVADA
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P.O. Box 1927, Las Vegas, Nevada • 89101

August 25, 1966

Mr. A. J. McClain, President
Laterites, Inc.
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Mr. McClain:

We have considered your application for a $100,000.00 loan in connection with the development of your mining property.

In view of the extended term required and the speculative nature of the venture, we regret that we are unable to approve the credit.

Sincerely,

W. Wengert
Assistant Vice President
and Manager

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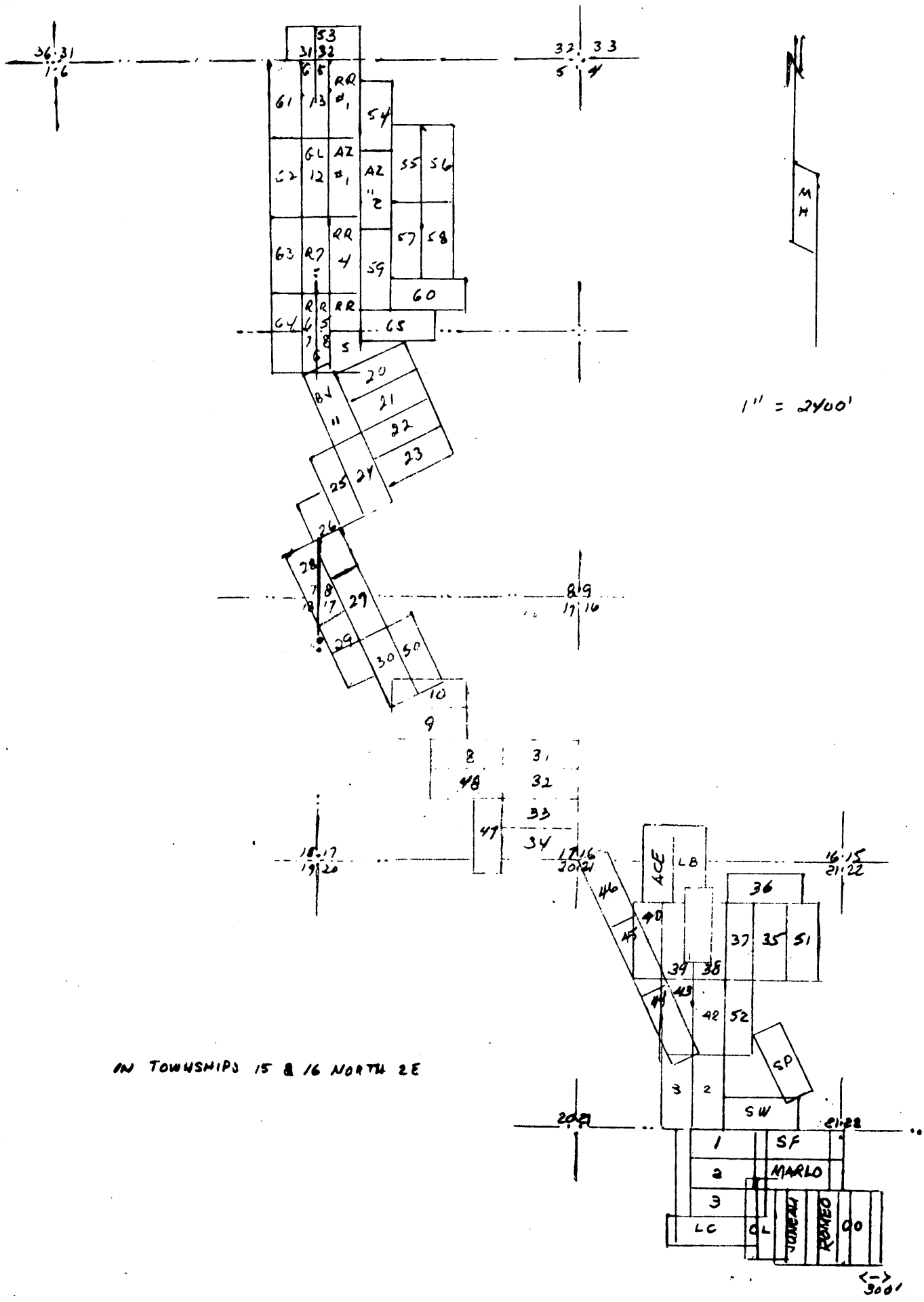

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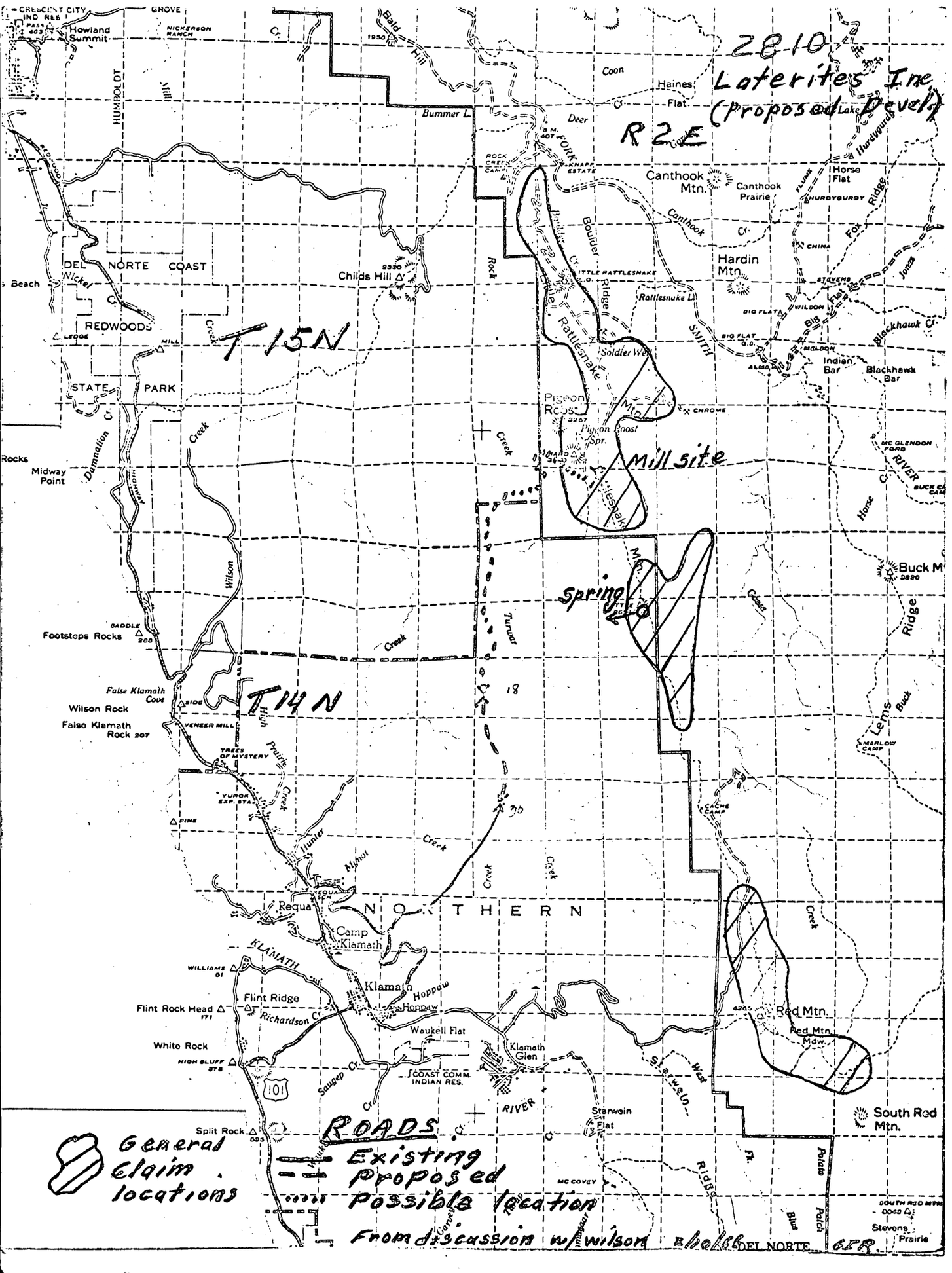
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Mill site
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Hardin Mtn.
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Stevens Prairie
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Midway Point
Beach
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Big Flat
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AIRMAIL

SEP 8 1967

Mr. Douglas R. Pike
Attorney at Law
300 East Fremont
Suite 101-102
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Re: OME-6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Dear Mr. Pike:

In compliance with your request of September 5, 1967, we are considering the subject application as having been withdrawn and are placing it in our inactive files.

We are enclosing three application forms (MME Form 40) for your possible use. If you submit a new application, please refer to this OME docket number and furnish the information pertinent to your new proposal. This information should include new bank letters dated within 90 days of filing the new application, but need not repeat data already submitted.

The six (6) color photographs are returned to you as previously requested.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

Enclosures

Copy to: Mr. A. J. McClain
President
Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

cc: Director's Reading File
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OME Region II w/cy Mr. Pike's letter
Mr. Peterson

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DOUGLAS R. PIKE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
300 E. FREMONT, SUITE 101-102
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89101
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September 5, 1967

Mr. Frank E. Johnson
United States
Department of the Interior
Geological Survey
Washington, D. C. 20242

Re: OME-6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Dear Mr. Johnson

On behalf of my client Laterites, Inc., please be advised that their circumstances have now changed somewhat and it is their desire to submit a new application rather than to proceed with the one now on file.

Would you please forward to my office the necessary form to apply for an entirely new loan.

You may consider this letter as a request to withdraw the previous application.

Very truly yours,

Douglas R. Pike

DOUGLAS R. PIKE

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AIRMAIL

AUG 29 1967

Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Re: OME-6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Gentlemen:

We have not had a reply to our letter of July 27, 1967. If you require additional time to prepare the information previously requested, please let us know. If we do not receive a reply from you within thirty days from the date of this letter, we will assume that you are no longer interested in proceeding with your application and shall consider it as having been withdrawn.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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Laterites, Inc.

~~1708 Santa Paula~~
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89105
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United States Department of the Interior
Office of Minerals Exporation
Washington, D. C. 25000

Re: OME-6571 (Gold and Platinum
Laterites, Inc.,
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Gentlemen:

In our verbal agreement in your office on 6 July 1967 for a 90 day postponment of all matters pertaining to our OME loan on Rattlesnakes Claims in Del Norte County, California; Laterites, Inc. does hereby submit this as a formal request to sustain our verbal agreement.

Very truly yours,

LATERITES, INC.,

By A. J. McClain
A. J. McCLAIN, President

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JUL 27 1967

AIRMAIL

Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Re: OME-6371 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Gentlemen:

During his visit to our office on July 6, Mr. A. J. McClain indicated that he would submit to OME a request for a temporary postponement of further action on the subject application. To-date, we have had no word concerning this request.

We cannot indefinitely defer action on the application. Therefore, will you please advise us of your plans regarding the application, and if you have decided not to pursue it further, please so inform us.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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Mr. A. J. McClain visited with Mr. Johnson & Peterson on July 6 to discuss his application

He was told what was needed to complete it.

Mr McClain asked for a temporary recess until a decision was reached on his fenestry interests which are located in the vicinity of the Rattlesnake Claims. He will put this request in writing upon his return to Nevada

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JUN 20 1967

AIRMAIL

Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Re: GME-6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Gentlemen:

On March 22 and May 3, 1967, we requested additional information which is necessary for the processing of your application.

If you need additional time to prepare this information, please let us know. If we do not receive a reply from you within thirty days from the date of this letter, we must assume that you are no longer interested in proceeding with your application and we shall consider it as having been withdrawn.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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MAY 3 1967

Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Re: OME-6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Gentlemen:

We have not had a reply to our letter of March 22, 1967. Will you please inform us of your plans regarding the application. If you have decided not to pursue it further, will you please so inform us.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
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MAR 22 1967

AIRMAIL

Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Re: OME-6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 14, 1967, in which you forwarded additional information pertaining to the subject application.

The assays submitted indicate some gold mineralization occurring in the lateritic soils, but no assays for platinum were included. When you submit the claim map requested, please show the locations of the samples assayed, how sampled, and sample widths.

We note that Mr. Leisek in his letter to you dated December 19, 1966, refers to maps, geologic and otherwise, that he had studied in reference to the proposed work. This is the type of material we requested of you and which is necessary for our evaluation of your proposal. We suggest that you forward copies of the material to us for our study.

If the proposed exploration work is to be contracted, cost estimates should be supported by bids from three independent contractors as required under Item 7(a) of the application form.

This request for additional information should not be construed as a commitment by the Government to grant an exploration contract. We shall hold the further processing of your application in abeyance until the requested data are received.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF MINERALS EXPLORATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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AIRMAIL

Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89105

Re: OME-6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Gentlemen:

We have not received a reply to our letter of September 30, 1966, requesting additional information necessary to continue the processing of your application.

Will you please inform us when we may expect the requested data. If you have decided to withdraw the application, please so inform us.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

Gentlemen: January 17, 1967

We have not withdrawn our application, however, we are having some problems in getting together the claims maps that you requested and also, we are having to have new assays made, just as soon as we complete this information we will forward it to your office.

Laterites, Inc.,

By W. R. Ingebretsen

W. R. Ingebretsen,
Executive Secretary

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AIRMAIL

Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89105

Re: OME-6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Gentlemen:

We have not received a reply to our letter of September 30, 1966, requesting additional information necessary to continue the processing of your application.

Will you please inform us when we may expect the requested data. If you have decided to withdraw the application, please so inform us.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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Laterites, Inc.

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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89105
6529 Bannock Way

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Mr. Fank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration
United States Department of the Interior
Office of Minerals Exploration
Washington, D. C. 20525

Re: OME 6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We are doing every thing possible to comply with your last request for assay reports, claims maps and other information requested.

Much of this information was retained by our predecessor in title and we are making every effort to obtain the same or replace said information.

We expect to have all of the information within thirty days, and as soon as it is received, we will forward it to your attention.

Very truly yours,

LATERITES, INC

By W. R. Ingebretsen
W. R. Ingebretsen,
Executive Secretary

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Hon. Howard W. Cannon
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Cannon:

We have been asked by Mr. Orren Beaty, Assistant to the Secretary, to reply further to your letter of October 21 to Secretary Udall, concerning the progress of the application (OME-6571) for exploration assistance, filed by Mr. A. J. McClain, President, Laterites, Inc. of Las Vegas, Nevada.

On September 13 the applicant was requested to furnish information on the geologic features of the area to be explored, assay data, maps or sketches, plans and detailed cost estimates of the proposed exploration, and evidence of its financial eligibility to participate in the program.

The applicant furnished some of the requested information in a letter dated September 22; but did not supply pertinent information necessary for determining the merits of the proposed exploration. On September 30 we again requested specific information required to continue the processing of the application. We have not received a reply to this letter to date.

Upon receipt of the required information it will be given prompt and careful consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Director

cc: General file
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OCT 26 1966

Dear Senator Cannon:

In the absence of Secretary Udall from the office, I am acknowledging your letter of October 21 with reference to an application submitted by Lakeshore, Inc. for a mineral exploration loan.

I am asking officials of the Geological Survey to write you further on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) Orren Beaty

Orren Beaty
Assistant to the Secretary

Hon. Howard W. Cannon
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

October 21, 1966

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The Honorable Stewart Udall
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I note that a Nevada corporation called Esterazo, Inc., A. J. McClain, President, has applied for financial assistance in mineral exploration pursuant to P.L. 85-701.

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I would appreciate your advising me of the progress of this application which was submitted to the Department last August 26.

Sincerely,

HOWARD W. CANNON

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OCT 19 1966

Hon. Alan Bible
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Bible:

This is in response to your letter of October 10 requesting a status report on the application (OME-6571) for Financial Assistance in Minerals Exploration, filed by Mr. A. J. McClain, President, Laterites, Inc. of Las Vegas, Nevada.

On September 13 the applicant was requested to furnish information on the geologic features of the area to be explored, assay data, maps or sketches, plan and detailed cost estimates of the proposed exploration, and evidence of its financial eligibility to participate in the program.

In a letter dated September 22 the applicant furnished some of the information requested, but did not supply pertinent information necessary for determining the merits of the proposed exploration. On September 30 we again requested the specific information required to continue the processing of this application.

Upon receipt of this information it will be given prompt and careful consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur A. Baker

Acting Director

cc: General files
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Economic Geology file
OME file (Docket-6571)
OME reading file

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

October 10, 1961

Mr. Frank E. Johnson, Chief
Office of Minerals Exploration
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On August 26 of this year Laterities Inc. of Las Vegas, Nevada, whose president is Mr. A. J. McClain, filed an application for financial assistance in minerals exploration with your department.

Will you kindly furnish me a status report on this application.

Sincerely

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SEP 30 1966

Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Re: OME-6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 22, 1966, in which you forwarded additional information needed to process the subject application. We are also in receipt of the 6 color photographs.

We have reviewed your application for OME assistance and still find that sufficient information has not been given to determine the merits of your proposed exploration. A sketch map showing all of the claims and their relation to each other should be furnished. Present workings (as indicated in the photographs submitted) on the property and your proposed exploration should also be shown on the map. The results of sampling your property should be given showing the locations where sampled, how sampled, dimensions of sampled areas, and assays or weights of gold and platinum recovered, supported by assay certificates or other appropriate documents.

In your letter of September 22 you state that the assay reports from previous sampling have been lost or misplaced. Perhaps you can obtain additional copies of these reports from the assayer who analyzed the samples.

Please submit in more detail the background and experience record of Mr. A. J. McClain who would supervise the proposed work.

The request for additional information should not be construed as a commitment by the Government to grant an exploration contract. Your promptness in furnishing the above information will help us to expedite the processing of your application.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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SEP 23 1966

Hon. Don H. Clausen
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Clausen:

This is in reply to your letter of September 15 concerning the application (OME-6571) for Financial Assistance in Minerals Exploration, filed by Mr. A. J. McClain, President, Laterites, Inc. of Las Vegas, Nevada.

This application for assistance to explore for gold and platinum on the Rattlesnake claims in Del Norte County, California, at an estimated cost of $34,850, was received on September 8. After a review of the application, the applicant was requested by letter dated September 13 to furnish additional information required to determine its eligibility for participation in the exploration assistance program and the merits of the proposed exploration. Upon receipt of this information it will be given careful and prompt consideration.

We shall be pleased to inform you of our final decision on this application as requested.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Baker

Acting Director

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I. CLAUSEN
ATIVE IN CONGRESS
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September 15, 1966

Congressional Liaison
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that Mr. A. J. McClain, President of Laterites, Inc., 4579 Renwick Way, Las Vegas, Nevada, has filed an application with Geological Survey for financial assistance in minerals exploration.

I would appreciate your Department's giving careful and expeditious consideration to this application, in the amount of $34,850.

Your advising me of the final outcome of same will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

DON H. CLAUSEN
Representative in Congress

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Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

see letter 11/4/66

Re: OME-6571 (Gold and Platinum)
Laterites, Inc.
Rattlesnake Claims
Del Norte County, California

Gentlemen:

A review of your application for financial assistance to explore the Rattlesnake claims for gold and platinum indicates that additional supporting material is required.

In order for us to continue processing this application, it is necessary that the information requested on the back of the application form (Form MME-40) be supplied as completely as possible.

Evidence submitted with the application should indicate the probability that there are specific geologically favorable exploration target areas on the property. Information such as maps or sketches showing the geologic features of the deposit and the location of the samples mentioned in your narration would be helpful. Copies of assay certificates and a claim map should be submitted. A definite work plan, including detailed estimates of the necessary costs and maps of the proposed work must be supplied. Also, copies of your correspondence with the two banks requesting an exploration loan in the amount of the Government's participation should be included.

If you submit the additional necessary information, we shall be glad to continue processing your application.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON (gla)

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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September 8, 1966

Laterites, Inc.
6529 Bannock Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Subject: OME-6571

Gentlemen:

Your application for exploration assistance, dated August 26, 1966, submitted to our office at Menlo Park, California, has been assigned Docket No. OME-6571.

Please identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this docket number.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Kirkemo
Acting Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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