

Property File

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John Guthrie Esq.,  
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PRINCE RUPERT, B. C.

Dear Mr. Guthrie: Re: Limestone Deposit -  
Kunealon Inlet

I have been authorised by Consciogood Ex-  
plorations Co. Ltd., to contact your Firm in con-  
nection with the disposal of a Lease over Lot 2886,  
in the vicinity of Kunealon Inlet, Range 4, Coast  
District.

Certain assays and other extremely reliable  
investigations reveal that the area in question con-  
tains a large quantity of high grade limestone. In  
the knowledge that your Company utilizes an appreciable  
quantity of this material in your production process,  
you may be interested in the Lease for a variety of  
reasons, not the least of which are the quality of the  
limestone itself, and its proximity to Prince Rupert.

Location:

The deposit is located within an approximate  
towing distance of 25 miles from your Watson Island  
plant. This favourable towing advantage over the  
present source of supply at Toxada Island will therefore  
be an important consideration.

Quality:

The purity and abundance of the limestone  
held under this Lease is quite phenomenal. Samples  
taken from various locations at varying depths reveal  
a purity of 97 to 100% calcium carbonate with fractional  
amounts of magnesium carbonate in some samples. In  
only a few samples were found a suggestion of impregnation  
by sand.

Removal:

During the course of exploration, no evidence  
has been found of igneous intrusions or dykes, which  
would handicap this phase of the operation. The deposit  
is covered with a very heavy growth of moss and some  
timber, but generally the overburden is negligible, and  
outcrops are extremely plentiful. Only a very short  
haul to loading facilities will be involved, approxi-  
mating 25 to 30 yards.

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Navigation and Loading:

Along the West coast of the sheltered lagoon there is a sufficient depth of water for normal towing operations, although tides may have to be worked on occasion. Loading facilities would present no unusual problems.

The material is undoubtedly of such a quality as to be suitable for your purposes. The quantity, availability, and the proximity to your Watson Island location are equally attractive factors.

These, coupled with the ever-present possibilities of costly delays through transportation or other strikes affecting the Texada supply, together with the desirability of creating local industry and employment, may interest you sufficiently to discuss a purchase of this lease. If such should be the case, I would be pleased to discuss the matter further with you, and I am confident that it will be possible to arrive at a purchase price satisfactory to all parties concerned.

May I expect to receive a reply at your convenience?

Yours sincerely,

A. J. Bussanich.