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**BEND, OREGON**

**March 1st, 1939**

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STATE DEPT OF GEOLOGY  
& MINERAL INDS.

State Mine Inspector,  
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

We are writing you in regards to the operating rights the Submarine Gold Mining Company have on the Snake River, 22 miles on the Oregon side and 16 miles on the Idaho side; also, could you give us the value per yard of gravel in river bottom.

Thanking you for any information you may be able to give us, we are

Yours very truly,

PHALEN SHEET METAL WORKS

By

*Phalen*

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March 3, 1939

Phalen Sheet Metal Works  
Bend, Oregon

Attention: Mr. Pat Phalen

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 1st in regard to the Submarine Gold Mining Company, they are operating--or perhaps more accurately--trying to operate under a lease granted them on the bed of the Snake River by the Oregon State Land Board, Mr. L. D. Griffith, Secretary, Salem, Oregon. According to hearsay the operation is not satisfactory. I do not think that they have recovered any considerable amount of mineral in the last few months. The value per yard of gravel on the river bottom varies so much that no answer given you would mean very much. There are hot spots, and there are lean spots. The success of the dredge will depend, of course, on the working out of bugs in an admittedly unorthodox type of operation.

Respectfully yours,

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Director