Bridport Tasmania. August 27th, 1946.

R.H. Muir Esq., Inspector of Mines, LAUNCESTON.

Dear Sir.

Herewith please find answers to the questions appearing on the form "Dept. of Supply and Shipping-Rehabilitation and Assistance".

- 1. The Pioneer Tin Mining Co. whose property has been sold to the Endurance Tin Mining Co. the said property has now been taken over by a partnership comprising of O.J.Walsh J.Hookway, H.N.Ebrall, to work on tribute. The tribute agreement is attached hereto.
- 2. Tin ore.
- 3 and 4. We have no access to the original company's books.
- 5. Cash position of the partnership is as follows. £100 in bank and we can increase this to £800.
- 6. Deep alluvial drift going down to a depth of 164 ft. in the deepest bore. Holes averaging 120 ft. deep. The property is situated at Bradshaws Creek on the North East Coast of Tasmania.
- 7. These figures are not known to us.
- 8. As near as we know about £480,000.
- 9. If we are successful in obtaining the required assistance we will install a plant to treat 40 cubic yds. per Hr. which at a value of .5 lbs tin per c. yd will produce 5½ tons of tin per four weeks, giving approx. £400 per month profit.
- 10. We expect to employ about 25 men.
- 11. Ore reserves 7½ million cubic yds at a value of .5 lbs. stream tin per cubic yd. or approx. 1620 tons of tin ore or about £372,000.
- We do not need any further developmental work done except to install a plant and start operations. If the department wishes to sink further check bores, we suggest that it be financed from the loan. We are quire prepared to repay the loan from the entire profits which are expected to be about £5000 per annum.

Plant required. 6100 feet of 26 in. electric welded steel pipes, bends, valves, elevator, timber, nozzels etc.

13. Amount of financial assistance sought. £10,000.

As we are a tribure party most people are not prepared to invest in our syndicate. We are not prepared to spend unnecessary money in floating a company, directors fees etc.

15. Up to the present time it has been almost impossible to secure the services of suitable men to work mines.

16. No.

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Trusting that the foregoing information will prove satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

O.J. WAISH