

JADE STONE

27 November 1990

Mrs. Margaret Moir M.P. ,
Office of the Member of Parliament,
West Coast Electorate,
15 Tarapuhi Street,
GREYMOUTH.

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Dear Mrs Moir,

Re: Prospecting Licence No. 31-02583 (Application)

My company, Nephrite Jade Ltd is a newly formed business based in Haast. We have received a Regional Development Grant for a world first in the production of jade tiles and therefore heavily rely on a constant supply of all grades of jade for the continual survival of our business.

We respectfully wish to bring to your attention that we were recently informed by our agents, Mrs Jenny Walton of Soils and Foundations Ltd of Christchurch, that the Department of Conservation has suspended all further processing of jade mining claims in New Zealand.

I am extremely concerned about this action as, I have, like many others, expended large amounts of money and time toward the application and have followed all the legal requirements set forth by the Ministry of Commerce to date, including the public advertisement of which there were no objections and have received acceptance from the Regional Councils concerned.

My solicitors are of the opinion that the Department of Conservation cannot suspend the processing of any mining privilege without good legal reason and to our knowledge they have not expressed any to date.

If the reasons are based on Maori issues, I'm sure you are aware that a Prospecting Licence involves the ~~tenure~~ of the land rights, not the mineral *at that stage.* *tenure*

I also question why a Mining Licence (No.32-3021) was granted to me on the 22 December 1989 while a prospecting licence is questioned this year.

I kindly ask therefore that you look into this matter on our behalf and all other jade miners with the same dilemma.

Yours sincerely

Kenn. J. Landaus
Managing Director