

# JADE STONE

21 April 1994

Mr E Aherr  
Energy & Resources Division  
Ministry of Commerce  
P.O. Box 1473  
Wellington



Prospecting Licence 31 2583

In response to your letter dated 13 April 1994 I wish to advise you that I have no intention to withdraw my application for a prospecting licence for nephrite.

My business depends on a constant supply of nephrite and therefore a continued prospecting programme is necessary.

I have also expended in excess of \$10,000 including survey costs and the like on the application to date. I am aware of the Waitangi Tribunal claims and consider that they should not affect this application as my application is for the right to enter the land for prospecting purposes to prove and evaluate a particular resource. How can the Waitangi Tribunal claim an unproven resource?

I remind the Ministry of Commerce that there has been no objections to my application to date and see no reason why my application is not proceeding under these circumstances.

I understand that my application has a priority status under current mining regulations and are willing to contest these issues in a court of law if any other claims interfere.

As a representative of the Jade Miners and Manufactures Affiliation, we as a body propose to seek some avenue of compensation for financial losses continually compounding from delays in processing our applications.

Application costs have been paid in good faith for a service we have not received.

- Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Prime Minister expressly stating my rights will not be affected. Also as a current mining licence holder, I would appreciate being informed as to the date the Nephrite claims are to be heard.

Kindly advise if you have any other reasons why I should withdraw my application.

Yours faithfully

  
Ken Landaus