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BRIEF HISTORY OF TEIKOKU SEITETSU KABUSHIKI KAISHA
(Teikoku Iron Mfg., Co., Ltd)

Main office: 55, 2-chome, Kawara-machi, Higashi-ku, Osaka City

Takemori plant: Tamori-mura, Hiba-gun, Hiroshima Prefecture
(Originated in 1916)

Kake plant: Kake-machi, Yamagata-gun, Hiroshima Prefecture
(Originated in 1938)

Mitsunari plant: Mitsunari-machi, Nita-gun, Shimane Prefecture
(Originated in 1940)

This company grew out of a small plant which was founded by the former company president Kunijiro Nojima in a certain place in the north of Hiba-gun, the daily production at that time was only 2 tons. The only material used was the slags which had been left everywhere for more than 1,000 years after the smelting of iron sand. These slags contained about 44 percent of iron. At present the chief material is baked iron sand mixed with imported ore. Later, up to 1931, during 36 years, the ups and downs of the economical field caused the founding of 6 new plants and the closure of 5 plants; the working was by no means easy. About 1925 Yahata Iron Plant found that this company's product was very suited to the production of "chilled rolls" but since this plant was not operating due to economic slump we could supply no material for them. However, in 1936 with the foundation of this company with the capital of 150,000 yen the Takemori plant began working. For few years the working was so active that in 1938 the Kake plant and in 1940 the Mitsunari plant were founded and up to the surrender nearly 85 percent of the charcoal pig iron of Japan had been produced in our plants; thus our company was regarded as very important for producing charcoal pig iron. With the surrender all the work was stopped. As the pig iron produced in Japan was so bad in quality that no good chilled rolls and ingot cases were produced and thus the cost of steel production became very high. Therefore, resumption of our charcoal pig iron production came to be much desired. So we reopened the Takemori plant in March, 1948, succeeding to make excellent pig iron. For this we got many thanks and much praise from various fields. But unfortunately in May, 1949, the Takemori plant was destroyed by fire, so we made not a little effort in reopening the Kake and Mitsunari plants in June and September respectively in order to limit the trouble of the customers to the minimum. Since the geographical position of the Takemori plant is the best of our three plants we determined to re-

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store it at all cost and our effort was at last crowned with succeeding in resuming of work on 26 Dec. 1949. For this we are indebted to many persons concerned and our indebtedness to the then Commanding Officer of Hiroshima Military Government Colonel Truden was very great.

At present our company has the capacity of producing 80 percent of Japan's charcoal pig iron and is actually producing at this rate. As the situation stands, the change in the quality of our production directly influences the production of the whole country, therefore the company president and all other personnel are doing all they can by day and night for bettering the quality of the production.

The analysis of our products shows the following results (Percent):

Fe	Si	Mn	P	S	Cu	Ti	V
4.0	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.008	Trace	0.2	0.08
to	to	to	to	to		to	to
4.6	0.8	0.6	0.17	0.02		0.3	0.2

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TOTTORI PREFECTURAL OFFICE
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY SECTION.Date: 7, Nov. 1946.TO: Commanding Officer,
Hq. Tottori Mil Govt Team, Tottori, Honshu.

SUBJECT: Mines in Tottori Prefecture.

In compliance with your verbal order 7, Nov. 1946,
we ~~submit~~ to you a report on the mines in Tottori Prefecture
as in the attached. No. 1 and 2.

SIGNED: S. ShimuraCHIEF OF COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY SECTION,
TOTTORI PREFECTURAL OFFICE.

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No. 1

<u>Name of Mine</u>	<u>Mineral produced</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Representative.</u>
Iwami Mine, Japan Mining Industry Co.Ltd.	Copper	Aragane, Oda-son, Iwami-gun.	Moritsugu, Yamaguchi
Taiho Mine, Showa Mining Industry Co.Ltd.	"	"	Shiro Kodera
Dainichi Mining Factory	"	Aso, Kamikisaichi- son, Yazu-gun.	Kuniichi, Nishio
Suzuka Mine	Wolframate	Nakahara, Yamago- son, "	Shigeji, Hosoda.
Sekigane Mine	Molybdenum Scheelite	Yamaguchi, Yaoku- ri-son, Tohaku-gun.	Kiyofuku, Ishizaka
Takashiro Mine	Scheelite	Fukutomi, Kitadani- son, Tohaku-gun.	Eiichi, Kitagawa
Atodani Mine	Copper Zinc	Kanamochi, Neu- cho, Hino-gun.	Misuzo, Taketa
Inazumi Mine	Chrome	Hagihara, Tari- son, Hino-gun.	Junkichi, Miyano
Hino Branch of Nittetsu Mining Industry Co.Ltd.	"	Tari, Tari-son, Hino-gun.	Toshishige, Yasunaga
Buko Mining Factory of Hoki Silica Co.Ltd.	White silica	Buko, Kanagawa- son, Hino-gun.	Yoshio, Sugie

Remarks: Those listed above are the Main Mines in Tottori Prefecture and are included in the report on Industrial Factories submitted 3, Oct. 1946.

No. 2.

Name of Mine	Mineral produced	Location	Representative	Remarks
Oda Mine	Copper	Iketani, Oda-son, Iwami-gun.	Shiro, Kodera	
Suzukane Mine	"	Ginzan, Kamo-son, Iwami-gun.	Tetsuzo, Sakaguchi	Prospecting
Amedaki Mine	"	Amedaki, Ōkaya-son, Iwami-gun.	Kazuo, Suzuki	"
Takaraishi Mine	"	Ōishi, Ōkaya-son, Iwami-gun.	Kazuo, Suzuki	"
Momodani Mine, Japan Mining Industry Co.Ltd.	"	Momotani, Tottori City.	Moriji, Yamaguchi	
Inaba Kanayama Mine.	"	Engoji, Tottori City.	Iwao, Taniguchi	
Yasui Factory of Fujiwara Lime Co.	Lime	Yasui, Abe-son, Yazu-gun.	Hikohateru, Fujihara	
Ogiwa Factory of Fujiwara Manganese Co.	Mangan- ese	Ogiwa, Saji- son, Yazu-gun.	"	
Shimotsuke Fac- tory of Fuki- wara Manganese Co.	"	Shimotsuke, Ōi-son, "	"	
Yashiromizutani Mine	"	Enami, Yashi- ro-son, "	Minezo, Nakamura	Under non- operation
Kanaashi Mine	Moly- bdenum	Yakatani, Chizu-cho, Yazu-gun.	Ishimatsu, Yamamoto	
Chizu Sanho Mine	Manganese	Otani, Chizu-cho, Yazu-gun.	Sumihira, Iwahori	
Kanamori Mine	Copper	Ōse Chizu-cho, Yazu-gun.	Shigetomo, Hosoda	
Ōse Mine	"	"	"	

Ohata Mine	Copper	Kawatsuhara Chizu-cho, Yazu-gun.	Shigetomo, Hosoda.	
Hogi Mining Factory	Iron- sand	Hogi, Hogi- son, Ketaka- gun.	Hideo, Tsuchiya	Under non- operation
Yura "	"	Yura-cho, Tohaku-gun.	Toshiji, Ishikawa	"
Hiezu "	"	Hiezu-son Saihaku-gun	Eiichi, Kitagawa	
Hikona "	"	Hikona-son, "	Fukunosuke, Sasaki	
Kaike "	"	Kaike, Yonago City	Keitaro Fukuma	
Matano Mine	Copper	Matano, Kanagawa-son, Hino-gun.	"	
Kyuren Mine	Moly- bdenum	Kyuren, Ebi- son, Hino-gun.	"	Prospecting
Oi Mine	Manga- nese	Shimotsuke, Oi-son, Yazu-gun.	Minezo, Nakamura	Not operating
Wakasa Lime Manufactory	Lime	Wakasa-cho, Yazu-gun	Kametaro Wakani	
Kugeyama Mine	Moly- bdenum	Kugeyama, Takeda-son, Tohaku-gun.		Not operating
Sancho Mining Factory, Joint Partnership Ltd.	Iron- sand	No. 52, Naka-machi, Yonago City.	Kenji, Konishi	"

Remarks: This list is made for your information, though these mines are all minor ones with less than 10 workers.