BRAZILIAN ASBESTOS DEPOSITS

The July issue of the Foreign Minerals Quarterly, published by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, contains a recent report on the asbestos deposits of Brazil. We quote it verbatim:

"Brazil has extensive deposits of asbestos or 'amianto', but for the most part these are of inferior quality. They occur in the metamorphosed basic intrusive and serpentine rocks.

"The most important deposit in Brazil was discovered in the State of Bahia in 1938, 3 miles from the town of Bom Jesus in the commune of Pocoes and 65 miles from the railway station at Jequie. This station is 160 miles west of the port of Nazareth, whence it is 50 miles by boat to the harbor of Bahia. The deposit here is in an extensive serpentine belt in the regional gneissoid rocks. It has been explored for over a mile in length and the estimated reserves are said to be over 8 million tons with 2.2% asbestos content. The rock as mined is hand-sorted, and that sent to the mill for treatment yields 4.4% asbestos fiber. The bulk of this product is used in the manufacture of cement sheets for roofing and in cement piping, as well as in the production of synthetic materials, such as bakelite, and as an insulating filler. No spinning fiber is produced, and each year Brazil imports about 60 tons of the spinning grade.

"Production from the Bom Jesus mine began with 25 tons in 1939, and the 1940 output is figured at 152 tons. This property, with its concentrating plant, is the property of the S. A. Mineracao de Amianto, with headquarters at Pocoes in Bahia. The product is shipped to the manufacturing plant at Sao Paulo of the Commercio e Industria de Amianto, Ltda.

"In the State of Minas Gerais only two deposits are worthy of mention where chrysotile is found. One is at Beija-Flor near Uba; here most of the asbestos consumed in Brazil has been mined. It is situated 120 miles north of Rio de Janeiro on the railway line to Ponte Nova.

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