Lands Division Completes Selection Applications of 7.6 Million Acres

The State Division of Lands innounced it has completed the iling of selection applications covering approximately 7.6 million acres of lands, over 90 per cent of which are presently covered by valid existing federal mineral lease.

F.J. Keenan, Director of the Division of Lands, said that the state has filed selections on the Arctic North Slope through the Fairbanks Office of the Bureau

of Land Management covering 1,189,280 acres and 3,501,895 acres, respectively, in the two areas.

Included with the area selected are a relatively small percentage of lands covered by offers to lease occasioned by recent oil discoveries on the Arctic North Slope and by the land freeze imposed by the Secretary of Interior as a result of the native claims.