## B.K. TAN: A chromium-nickel laterite in Bukit Punggor, Malacca, Peninsular Malaysia

Analysed geochemical samples of the lateritic soil from Bukit Punggor showed the presence of chromium and nickel, giving a good indication of the ultramafic nature of the parent material. This might also infer the possible concentration of a leached nickeliferous deposit under the thick soil cover.

This discovery of laterite originating from an ultramafic source rock throws new light on some aspects of the geology of the region concerned and calls for closer examination of laterites elsewhere before indicating the nature of the parent material.

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