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PACIFIC PEARL	30,000,000
TRIDENT SEAFOODS	6,000,000
TRANS PACIFIC	8,000,000
CLIPPERTON, INC.	1,500,000
EAST POINT	6,000,000
SEA ALASKA	8,000,000
ALASKA SHILLI.	6,000,000
PELICAN COLD STORAGE COMPANY	1,500,000

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