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Sydney, 10th September, 1943

The Secretary,

Australian Blue Asbestos Ltd.,

18 William Street,

PERTH. W.A.

Dear Sir,

We have to acknowledge your letters Nos. 45 to 47, also Mr. Broadhurst's Nos. E.37 to E.39.

WASTE BIN. We telegraphed you on 9th instant advising that we were agreeable to the waste bin being purchased for £455. - - -

MINING (No. E.37). We telegraphed you on 9th instant to purchase the three tons of 20-lb. rail, also to purchase the 30-lb. rail from Youanmi if price and quantity were suitable. The price for second-hand rail here is £9 to £11 per ton, and we consider that about 15 to 20 tons of 30-lb. rail would be ample for our present purposes.

We have decided to adopt 18" gauge track, and hence the trucks you are ordering should be suitable for this gauge.

J. CALDWELL (No. E.38). We will assist Mrs. Caldwell to obtain a permit if she wishes to travel to Western Australia to stay at Mulga Downs, and we are prepared to pay half her fare to Mulga Downs and return.

If Mrs. Caldwell wishes to go to Western Australia, please advise her to call and see Mr. Carne at Head Office, in order that he may make the necessary arrangements for her trip.

G. WALLACE (No. E.38). If Mrs. Wallace wishes assistance to obtain a permit to travel, she should also see

Mr. Carna at Head Office.

FUEL TANKS (No. E.39). We are agreeable to your purchasing one 9'-0" diameter by 27'-8" long tank instead of two 7'-0" diameter by 24'-0" long tanks, provided you are satisfied the larger tank can be transported satisfactorily.

SACKS (No. E.39). Second-hand sacks should be suitable for packing asbestos fibre, and arrangements have been made for The Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., Perth, to make 500 such sacks available to you.

We agree that our full name should appear on our packages, but from Mr. Wallace's No. 5 it appears that he requires the sacks for asbestos from the existing mill, and we do not want this asbestos to be packed in sacks bearing the name of Australian Blue Asbestos Ltd.

If fibre from the existing mill is to be stored in the sacks, these should remain unbranded for the present, or, if there is no objection, branded as at present.

MINERAL CLAIMS (No. 45). We do not appear to have a complete record of claims taken out at Vampire Gorge, and should be glad if you would forward us, as soon as possible, a plan showing all our Vampire claims. A plan such as the one we forwarded you showing our Wittenoom holdings will be suitable.

We note your remark that all our present work is on M.O. 269H, and we would ask you to confirm this, as we were under the impression that our mill site and the existing Hancock Mill were on claim MC 217.

We are surprised that the Mines Department have granted us only three months' exemption from labour conditions on claims 264H to 268H, 270H to 273H and 277H and 278H, as we had the impression they were prepared to be quite liberal in this regard. What is the reason for the change of attitude of the Mines Department?

We cannot risk losing the above claims, and hence, toward the end of the exemption period, it will be necessary to sound out the Mines Department on the possibility of an extension being obtained, and, if this is unlikely, we must put men to work on the claims.

It is possible that some advantage may be obtained by amalgamating areas such as those around the junction of leases MC269, MC270, MC217 and MC244, also the areas we have taken up around MQ10 at Vampire. This could be discussed with

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the Mines Department, and in particular we should like to know the maximum area we could take as an amalgamated lease, and whether more than one amalgamated lease may be held.

CHRYCOTILY ASBESTOS (No. 45). We will comment further in regard to this matter when Mr. McLeod's samples have been examined.

Yours faithfully,

Managing Director.