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MEMORANDUM TO THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, PERTH. 27 JUL 1962
PERTH, W.A.

PRIVATE 164.
25th July, 1962.

MINES INSPECTORS. We are enclosing copies of letters received from the Senior Inspector of Mines in Kalgoorlie.

One refers to the use of fast plastic igniter cord, and you will note that he has forbidden us to use it. This letter arrived in the same mail as the copies of your correspondence with the State Mining Engineer.

The second letter refers to his recent inspections. Mr. Boyland is again being particularly harsh and unrealistic in some of his demands. For instance, his request that surveys be installed on the tailings dump is utterly ridiculous and we should appeal to the Minister on this point. He also wants all the areas around the mill to be sealed to prevent dust rising. We have been sealing these areas frequently. Mr. Boyland's complaint that the tailings bin was emitting dust and there were not any water sprays in use was correct, but the reason for the surveys not operating was explained, but evidently no explanations are in order or acceptable. We have taken steps to seal both bins and have asked Forwood Down for quotations for conical tops to fit these bins, and this will seal them. It was explained to him that construction was not complete on either bin.

We are rather tired of his constant threat to initiate prosecutions. This is being done (according to him) to force the Company into carrying out every instruction. We would suggest that this constant threat be investigated.

Mr. Boyland's claim that no attempt has been made to collect dust from the bagging machine is entirely wrong. There are hoods and ducts all around the machine and we are now in process of closing the machine in a room.

We do not stop in our efforts to control and collect dust in the mill and we have men constantly on ventilation underground. It is not easy to comply with every request the Inspectors make, but we at least do our best to carry out their wishes.

John Allan
MANAGER.

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