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14th May, 1948.

Dr. L. Henzell,
Director of Tuberculosis Branch,
Public Health Department,
Murray Street, East,
PERTH. W.A.

Dear Sir,

I wish to confirm our conversation of 11th inst., when we requested that you would be good enough to make the necessary medical examination of employees of this Company, prior to their proceeding to Wittenoom Gorge.

It is desired to obtain a certificate equivalent to that given by the Commonwealth Laboratories at Kalgoorlie.

After our interview, a visit was paid to the State Mining Engineer, Mr. Foxall, who advised that he had already written to the Commonwealth Laboratories asking them to advise you of the necessary details required.

A certificate along the lines suggested from the Commonwealth Laboratories would be acceptable to the Department of Mines. Any cost involved are to be the responsibility of the employees.

As requested, the following is the text of the letter received by us from our Mine Manager at Wittenoom :-

"MEDICAL. Employees before engagement are required to be examined and have a medical certificate as set out in the terms of the Mine Workers Relief Act. At the moment the great majority of our employees engaged in Perth obtain a provisional certificate permissible under the Mine Regulations Act. It is understood that full examinations are possible at the Perth Public Hospital which will give an employee a certificate to comply with the Relief Act. Please visit Perth Public Hospital and find out if this is possible and if there is anything to prevent labour that you engage being sent to the hospital prior to coming here.

Mr. Oliver, of the A.W.U. is taking the matter up with the State Mining Engineer and will probably call on you in the respect shortly. His aim is to facilitate an employee having the same medical service as one engaged in the mines at Kalgoorlie at a similar cost, viz. 10/6d. We concur with this aim.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,
For AUSTRALIAN BLUE ASBESTOS LTD.,

G. H. Wallace
Perth Engineer.