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Note of Meeting at The Castle, Warwick on
16th November, 1943.

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Present:	Mr. Herbert	R.M.D.
	" Wasserman,	B.E.W.
	" Sheriff	"
	" Sayers	R.L.D.
	" Rennie	"

1. The respective uses in the United Kingdom and in the U.S. of the various types and grades were examined and compared. Except that Blue is used in the U.K. mainly for Admiralty purposes and in the U.S. mainly for asbestos cement pressure pipes, and that Amosite is woven in the U.S. (e.g. into ships mattresses etc.) whereas it is not spun in the U.K., the uses in both countries are roughly identical.

The U.S. amosite breakdown is :

- 25 per cent. - Woven into ships etc. mattresses
- 15 " " - Fireproof marine panels
- 30 " " - Moulded amosite insulations
- 30 " " - 65 per cent. magnesia insulations

2. The B.E.W. statement of U.S. 1943 requirements attached as Appendix A to the Note of the Meeting held on 12th November 1942, included an allowance of 20 per cent. for sinkings. U.S. sinkings had been unduly high in 1942 but it was agreed that an allowance of not more than 10 per cent. should be made.

3. The figures of supply and requirements were examined.

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1. Future stocks, existing stocks in U.K. and U.S. plus 1943 production should provide sufficient to meet U.K. and U.S. 1943 requirements and leave a stock in both countries on 31.12.43 equal to 12 months requirements after making a 10 per cent. allowance for sinkings. Turner and Newall's U.K. and Empire

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Estimated production (without special increases)</u>	<u>U.K.</u>	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Empire</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ca21	2,268	246	1,231	-	1,477
Ca22 } VLa2 HVL2 }	10,577	1,918	6,648	-	6,566
Ca23 } VLa3 HVL3 }	46,045	3,817	16,235	22,465	42,517
Ca24 } VLa4 HVL3CC)	19,818	3,082	5,733	3,265	12,080

6. B.F.W representatives suggested that U.S. should not be required to take any of the HVL grades ~~and~~ U.S. manufacturers are not accustomed to them. This does not appear to present insuperable difficulties, but we would discuss with the Company.

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<u>U.K.</u>	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Empire</u>	<u>Total</u>
7305	25820	1500	34625

(The Empire figure is based on the Company's 1942 programme. No 1943 estimates are yet available).

Production in 1943 is estimated at: (short tons)

Cape Asbestos Co. (on basis of increased production already approved by Company)	25,100
Smaller producers	9,500

Total 34,600

9. The U.K. Agent of the smaller producers of Amosite has informed E.I.D. that nearly all the 9,500 tons referred to above is for the U.S. The B.E.I. representatives will ouble for information on this and for confirmation that the figures for U.S. requirements do not exclude the amounts to be obtained from these smaller producers.

10. We do not know Cape Asbestos Company's 1943 programs yet. They were holding their hand pending the arrival of the B.E.W. representatives. Thursday's meeting with the Company will clarify the position.

BLUE

11. No difficulty arises on Grades A and C of which U.S. require 60 tons in 1943.

12. The difficult grade is 8 (with which should be included KS and LX). 1943 requirements on the basis indicated in paragraph 5 above are -

U.K. 9464 short tons
U.S. 9074
Total 14,538

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Empire requirements are unknown.

13. Cape Asbestos Co's production can be increased to 6,090 tons in 1943 (including 240 tons of MX); but this plus 2,000 tons from the smaller producers falls far short of requirements as above.

14. B.E.W. representatives concede that as U.K. uses are largely Admiralty whilst U.S. uses are mainly for asbestos cement pressure pipes, available supplies should be allocated so that U.K. receives sufficient to allow for 9 months stock on hand on 31.12.42, whilst U.S. receives sufficient to provide for a three months' stock in hand on that date. No allowance to be made for possible sinkings in either case. On that basis U.K. requires 4,307 tons and U.S. 4049 - a total of 8,356.

15. B.E.W. representatives will ask Washington whether any surplus C&O.3 and C&O.4 which may be available would be acceptable as a substitute reserve against Blue 8.

GENERAL

16. B.E.W. representatives are authorized to buy any surpluses beyond what is required by U.K., U.S., and Empire on the basis of the foregoing allocations. The U.K. Companies will have views on this which we shall learn on Thursday.

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APPENDIX A.

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The following estimates of U.S. consumption in 1943 and figures of actual U.S. consumption in July and August 1942, were considered:

Grade	(short tons)		Estimated 1943
	Actual July - Aug. No. per Month	Equal per year	
O & C 1	26	360	850
O & C 2	328	4,200	4,150
O & C 3	557	6,600	8,200
O & C 4.	72	1,200	2,950

The substantial increases arise from the sharply stepped up program of naval construction.