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JMcN:FG. Date 2nd October, 1961.

Mr. H. A. Telfer,
Under Secretary,
Mines Department,
PERTH.

11 OCT 1961

Dear Sir,

I feel that it is imperative that a meeting be held between the Management of Australian Blue Asbestos and representatives of the Mines and Public Health Departments. This could perhaps be arranged, if you are agreeable, for Tuesday, 10th October, when both Mr. Boyland and I will be in your Department. We have both visited Wittenoom and the most recent dust counts show that a serious health hazard exists.

Dr. Bruce Hunt has written me concerning a man dying in Perth Chest Hospital from a disease contracted at Wittenoom. I know the patient and confirm Dr. Hunt's diagnosis. I have many other men seriously affected by silicosis and asbestosis. One man has died of a cancer attributable to 2 years work in the Mill. Mr. Collard, General Secretary, Australian Workers' Union has also consulted me and expressed grave concern over working conditions. He stated that he intended to pursue the matter further.

It would appear that repeated advice and warnings about the health hazard from dust have been ineffective and that stronger action will have to be taken.

Mam 3/10/61

Yours faithfully,

J. McNulty
CHEST PHYSICIAN.

Mr. H.P. This refers to the matter discussed with you this morning. I have seen a copy of Dr Hunt's letter, and I understand you have a Mr Lindsay suggests a meeting as above on the afternoon of Tuesday in your office, and I agree that this should be held.

Meeting held 10/10/61
H.P. left 9/10/61

5/10/61

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT 104360
PENGAD-Bayonne, N. J.

Case details of men affected by mining at Wittenoom. 66

39501 KACZYNSKI, Age: 48yrs Asbestosis
15mths U/g bogging - 3yrs Mill A.B.A. 1950-54

45374 IWIOŁCZYK, Age: 41yrs Silicosis & TB.
Coal miner 2½ yrs - 6½ yrs U/g A.B.A. 1951-58

45753 CLAUSER, Age: 35yrs TB & Asbestosis
3 yrs U/G A.B.A. 1952 - 56.

42406 POPOFF, Age: 32yrs TB & Asbestosis
5½ yrs Mill A.B.A. - 8mths Gold 1954 - 59

12735 GILBERT, Age: 56yrs Asbestosis/Silicosis
15yrs U/g Gold Mining - 5yrs U/g A.B.A. 1955 - 61

37035 SMITH, H. A. Age: 60yrs Asbestosis
Draughtsman 1947 - 61

39773 GESIGORA, Age: 48yrs Silicosis
2½ yrs Coal mining - 7yrs U/g A.B.A. 1950-58

45615 PHILLIPS, Age: 51yrs Silicosis
1yr U/g A.B.A. - 6yrs Mill A.B.A. 1952-59

13827 WEBSTER, F.W. Age: 53yrs Silicosis/Asbestosis
5yrs Gold mining U/g - 1yr U/G & 11yrs Mill A.B.A.

45556 MERCER, Age: 43yrs Asbestosis
7yrs Mill A.B.A. 1952 - 59

39763 JOVANOVICH, Age: 52yrs Asbestosis
4yrs Surface Gold - 4yrs Mill A.B.A. 1954-59

42061 FIEDORCZYK, Age: 56yrs Silicosis/asbestosis
4yrs Coal Mining - 6yrs U/G A.B.A. 1953 - 59

45910 MARKOVIC, Age: 42yrs Asbestosis
4yrs Mill A.B.A. 1955 - 60

24630 MOIR, Age: 61 yrs Asbestosis
5yrs Gold - 16yrs Mill A.B.A. 1947 - 60

10740 BENTROM, Age: 47yrs Silicosis
12yrs mixed Gold mining - 8yrs U/g A.B.A. 1951-59

24290 WEBSTER, A.M.C. Age: 52yrs Silicosis/asbestosis
7yrs U/g Gold - 1yr surface - 7yrs U/G A.B.A. 1951-58

45541 TOMERINI, Age: 34yrs Silicosis
2½ yrs A.B.A. U/g 1953 & 1958 - 59

15559 WICKS, Age: 61yrs TB & Asbestosis
7yrs Fitter A.B.A. 1951 - 60

39520 PETROVSKI, Age: 48yrs Silicosis
7yrs U/g A.B.A. (3yrs gardener) 1954-1960

30859 BURGOYNE, Age: 61yrs Asbestosis
5yrs Gold mining U/g 18yrs Mill A.B.A. 1953-61

39735 ZANDAZNIK, Age: 30yrs Silicosis
9yrs U/g A.B.A. - 1yr surface A.B.A. 1950-60

7053 BRAD, Age: 50 yrs Asbestosis
10yrs Gold mining U/g - 5yrs U/g A.B.A. 1948-53

45752 ZANIN, Age: 40yrs Silicosis
1yr Mill A.B.A. - 7yrs U/g A.B.A. 1953-1960

39689 WIATR, Age: 39yrs Asbestosis
5yrs Carpenter A.B.A. 1950-54 ??

39943 KNAPINSKI, Age: 42yrs Silicosis
6yrs Mill A.B.A. 1950 - 1956

23037 SAWYER, Age: 49yrs Asbestosis and malignant pleural mesothelioma.
2yrs Mill A.B.A. 1950 - 52 Deceased.

14937 McKENNA, Age: 57yrs Silicosis/asbestosis
18yrs surface Gold - 9yrs Mill A.B.A. 1952 - 61

50014 ORR, Age: 57yrs Silicosis/asbestosis
4yrs A.B.A. (2yrs Mill, 2yrs Other) 1957 - 61

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8058 LAMBERT, Age: 62yrs Silicosis
Mixed mining 5yrs A.R.A. 1949 - 54

42072 [illegible], M. Age: 38yrs Silicosis
12yrs Tunnelling, Italy. 7yrs U/g A.B.A. 1954-61

36256 [illegible], Age: 48yrs Silicosis Asbestosis
15yrs Mill A.B.A. & Hungary (? mainly Hungary) 1945-60

11032 [illegible], Age: 66yrs Silicosis
? 5yrs mixed mining - 4½ yrs Mill A.R.A. 1955 - 60

19220 [illegible], Age: 48yrs Silicosis Asbestosis
5½ yrs Gold U/g - 2yrs Mill A.B.A. 1954 - 56
3yrs Copper mining Asbestos bodies in sputum

45057 [illegible], G. Age: 38yrs Silicosis & tuberculosis
9yrs machine miner, Italy - 8 yrs A.R.A. U/g

45720 [illegible], Age: 38yrs T.B.
18 mths U/Fitter 1952 - 54 A.B.A.

18737 [illegible], Age: 67yrs ?? AS
Asbestos bodies in sputum - 7yrs Rigger A.B.A. 1950-59
Long gold mining history always surface and probably not dusty.

46099 [illegible], Age: 29yrs P+(61)
7 yrs U/Ground A.B.A.

39486 [illegible], Age: 42yrs P+(61)
3yrs Mill A.B.A. - 4yrs U/G A.B.A. 1950 - 61

45638 [illegible], Age: 38yrs P+(61)
2yrs U/g A.B.A. - 5yrs Mill A.B.A. 1952 - 61

45907 [illegible], Age: 32yrs P+(as)
7yrs Mill A.B.A. 1953 - 61

39410 [illegible], Age: 33yrs P+(as)
6yrs Mill A.B.A. 1950 - 61

49304 KONECNY, Age: 40yrs F+(as)
5yrs U/g A.B.A. 1955 - 61

45324 MLODAWSKI, Age: 47yrs F+(S1)
7yrs mainly ore carting A.B.A. 1953 - 61

49036 REMIGIO, Age: 33yrs F+(S1)
5yrs Mill A.B.A. 1955 - 61

45199 BEDZIECHA, Age: 48yrs F+(S1)
1yr U/g gold - 8yrs U/g A.B.A. 1953-61

12842 ALBERTI, Age: 49yrs F+(S1)
9yrs Gold U/g - 11yrs U/g A.B.A. 1951-61

11794 PEARSON, Age: 53yrs Silicosis
Long mixed coal, gold and asbestos mining 1952 - 61

35376 McKATH-COOPER, Age: 76yrs ?? F+(S1) ?
4yrs Mill A.B.A. 1947 - 58

48739 BIRSA, Age: 27yrs F+(S1)
2yrs U/g Gold - 3yrs U/g A.B.A.

3689 MARIOTTI, Silicosis ?
Long gold mining history.

11334 TOLJ, Silicosis ?
Long gold mining history.

368 POWELL, Silicosis ?
Long gold mining history.

45731 NICHOLAS, Age: 32yrs ?silicosis ? sarcoid ?siderosis
2yrs A.B.A. 1953-55 - 5yrs A.I.& S.
Deceased perforated D.U.

47525 DEL CARO, Age: 54yrs T.B.
3yrs A.B.A.

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24669 TAHNEY, Age: 45yrs P+(ac)
7yrs U/g Gold - 3½yrs U/g & 6yrs surface A.B.A.
(mainly bus and truck driver)

49769 ELLIS, Age: 45yrs Normal but sputum contain asbestos bodies.
4yrs A.F.A. Mill 1956-61

37017 McCAMEY. ?. Silicosis. ?. T. B.
Mixed asbestosis history,— 4½ yrs. Mill A.B&A.
Indefinate period prospecting. Diagnosis unknown.