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20th February 2002

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Dear Terry

RE: MANPOWER STATISTICS/HANDLING OF ASBESTOS

With reference to our recent telephone conversation regarding the above, I enclose the following copies for your information:-

Manpower Statistics

1. Statement showing the numbers of non-registered and registered staff employed by the PLA from end 1968 to end 1978, split to dock controls. This statement was prepared by the Industrial Relations Department in 1979.

2. Statement showing the number of registered dock workers employed at each sector of the Port from the end of 1965 to the end of 1978, prepared by the LDLB in 1979. Obviously, the PLA r.d.ws are included in these figures.

Handling of Asbestos in the Port of London

1. A letter written by Bernard Furzer of the London Enclosed Docks Employers Association to Brian Golds, the PLA Solicitor, dated 19th June 1981. This sets out briefly but clearly the history of asbestos handling in the Port of London. Note that Mr.Furzer concludes that prior to 1965, asbestos was regarded as only another dusty commodity, rather than as having any risk associated with it.

As I said over the telephone today, I cannot find any mention in my file of the handling of imported raw asbestos in bag form after the late 1960s, so the trade may have ceased at that time. However, it may be that exports of manufactured asbestos products continued after that date.

I hope that these enclosures are helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Employees in port at 31st December

Central	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
Non-registered											
London Docks	422	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
India Docks	1299	1337	1352	1106	843	837	782	776	757	743	668
Royal Docks	2360	2351	2280	1658	1357	1322	1244	1127	1061	1072	923
Surrey Docks	698	475	213	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tilbury Docks	975	958	1114	911	895	1094	1124	1216	1214	1233	1191
Grain Terminal	3	68	65	68	66	65	67	68	65	66	67
Marine	326	312	315	1258	1140	1138	1143	1065	1038	1038	960
Central Admin.	1102	1017	813	739	586	612	630	560	524	495	454
Registered											
London Docks	111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
India Docks	1370	1304	1349	1246	1144	1073	1156	1433	1405	1307	1319
Royal Docks	1403	1274	1158	1021	776	1238	1233	2270	2106	1652	1544
Surrey Docks	386	355	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tilbury Docks	336	376	525	565	623	1302	1391	1900	1851	1744	1948
Grain Terminal	-	77	75	79	73	78	78	78	76	78	78
Non-registered	7185	6818	6152	5740	4887	5068	4990	4812	4659	4647	4263
Registered	3606	3386	3148	2911	2616	3691	3858	5681	5438	4781	4889
Totals	10791	10204	9300	8651	7503	8759	8848	10493	10097	9428	9152

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NATIONAL DOCK LABOUR BOARD.

LONDON DOCK LABOUR BOARD.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED DOCK WORKERS AT VARIOUS SECTORS FROM 1965 - 1978 (YEAR END FIGURES)

	SURREY.	UPPER POOL.	TILBURY.	ROYAL.	WEST INDIA.	LONDON.	LTGE.	TOTAL.
1965	3336	2506	2587	7675	3319	2484	3379	25286
1966	3105	2364	2577	7323	3204	2363	3328	24264
1967	2827	2133	2608	6989	3130	1890	3214	22791
1968	2739	1993	2841	6684	2966	927	2916	21066
1969	2436	1320	2844	6368	2679	511	2104	18262
1970	1140	635	3049	6538	3119	275	1817	16573
1971	1040	522	3232	6484	2860	199	1649	15986
1972	675	116	3270	4699	2624	-	1272	12656
1973	634	73	3119	4102	2426	-	1232	11586
1974	528	76	3301	4031	2429	-	1139	11504
1975	426	59	3022	3314	2050	-	954	9825
1976	386	57	2983	3105	1800	-	920	9251
1977	398	57	2843	2630	1668	-	884	8480
1978	394	55	3068	2132	1632	-	824	8105

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5th January,1979.