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ASBESTOS-BASED CLAIMS

This note is for information only.

Mr. J.M. Hopkins, who is the legal officer handling the sale of the asbestos cement business to James Hardie & Coy., had a meeting in that connection last week with Hardies' external solicitor, Mr. Diamond. In the course of the conversation, Mr. Diamond referred to the health problems which had arisen at Baryulgil, and passed some remarks about CSR having similar problems and asking generally about CSR's experience of them.

Mr. Hopkins replied to the effect that there was a situation which was being considered within CSR, but he was not personally involved and had no specific knowledge of it.

Mr. Hopkins got the impression that Mr. Diamond might on Hardies' behalf like to compare notes with CSR on the handling of such claims, and that Hardies might be minded to approach CSR accordingly (if they have not already done so).

As mentioned above, Mr. Diamond is not part of the Hardie organisation, but an external solicitor.

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