



AIRMAIL.

PRIVATE No. 124

30th August, 1948.

The Manager,
Australian Blue Asbestos Ltd.,
WITTENOOM GORGE.

Dear Sir,

GOVERNMENTAL RETURNS. (585) For your information, we would say that The C.S.R. Company's policy generally is to co-operate with departments seeking information for the purpose of compiling statistics desired to co-ordinate industry or to further more effective co-operation between industry and the particular departments.

However, in recent years we have been forced to restrict our compliance with many of the requests for returns. This is due to the fact that a large number of them have proved to be of unnecessarily wide and overlapping scope involving our staff in work out of all proportion to the importance of the stated purpose in the request for the return. It should also be borne in mind that in certain cases it may not be in the Company's interests to divulge some of the information asked for by particular departments. This information is supplied for your general guidance and should be treated as confidential. We do not, of course, refer to those returns which must be made to comply with laws and regulations.

In respect to the Quarterly Business Survey No. 5 which you forwarded, we wish to advise you that the C.S.R. Company have not been able to comply with a similar request regarding their other activities because of the work involved and have advised the Commonwealth Statistician accordingly. In your case we suggest you write a letter returning the forms (blank) and indicating briefly that you are developing and endeavouring to operate a very large and new project under adverse conditions of material supply and labour; that your office at Wittenoom is severely understaffed in relation to the amount of control figures they have to handle and that in view of these factors, you be excused for the time being from complying with their request. However, we would suggest that you tell them the amount of your Payroll during June, 1948 as per your Payroll Tax Return.

A.B.A. Ltd.,
WITTENOOM GORGE.

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For your information, in case you are not already aware of the fact, this particular series of Survey Returns covers a wide scope, the Capital Expenditure one recurring at intervals of six months.

The Return Forms are enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

Managing Director.