

AIR MAIL.

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10th September, 1948.

The Manager,
Australian Blue Asbestos Ltd.,
WITTENOOM. W.A.

Dear Sir,

MR. D. HUMPHREYS. A copy of a letter dated 10th September from the C.S.R. Co. Ltd. to Mr. Humphreys advising him of termination of his employment is being forwarded for your information by this mail. This letter is self explanatory

In order that a wrong impression should not be created in the minds of the remaining mine staff, you should tell Mr. Thomas and Mr. Young that the fact that Mr. Humphreys is leaving is in no way an indication of any possible cessation of expansion by this Company but that on the contrary, we are dispensing with his services because expansion of production from Wittenoom mine is not taking place with sufficient rapidity.

MR. P. THOMAS. We wish you to advise Mr. Thomas that we propose that he be Mine Superintendent at Wittenoom.

We have no record here of his present salary, but assume it is approximately £720 p.a. and we propose to increase this to £900 p.a. immediately. Should Mr. Thomas be getting appreciably more than £720 p.a. now or should you believe £900 p.a. to be inadequate, please advise us.

Generally, Mr. Thomas' duties will be those of Acting Mine Manager. His reports and letters should be addressed to you as Manager and forwarded on by you under cover of the ordinary correspondence, together with any comments, of course, that you may care to make. We will reply, as at present, through the normal correspondence and will endeavour to keep mining matters in separate letters for convenience as is also done at present.

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MR. J. YOUNG. We understand it is the intention that Mr. Young should be the officer to supervise the diamond drilling programme for us, and we agree that this is satisfactory. It is most important that a responsible officer spend full time on this as the results of the diamond drilling will be very important in determining our future activities.

Yours faithfully,

Managing Director.