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18th April, 1940.

Dr. R.A. Kehoe,
Dept. of Physiology,
College of Medicine,
University of Cincinnati,
Cincinnati,
Ohio,
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Kehoe,

Shell Blending Plant - Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

The Asiatic have recently constructed a blending plant at the above location, and they have advised us that it will be ready for operation early in May.

I am enclosing a copy of their letter to me in this connection, which I think you will find self-explanatory. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter I have written to Dr. de Villiers, and shall be pleased if you will advise me in due course as regards your approval of Dr. de Villiers' appointment.

Yours very truly,

H. TOSSETT.

Copy by Air Mail.

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C O P Y.

THE ASIATIC PETROLEUM CO. LTD.,

Lensbury Club,
Broom Road,
Teddington,
MIDDLESEX.

16th April, 1940.

The Associated Ethyl Co., Ltd.,
Thames House,
Millbank,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Sirs,

Port Elizabeth - Ethyl Blending Plant.

Our friends in Cape Town advise us that the Ethyl blending plant at Port Elizabeth will be ready for operation early in May.

They have also written to us regarding the medical consultant for this plant and the following is an extract from their letter:-

"We are not quite clear about the appointment of the necessary medical consultant, and therefore to avoid any delay we have asked our Port Elizabeth office to recommend a suitable doctor for this purpose. They have recommended Dr. W.F. de Villiers, whose qualifications are as follows: B.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), his address being:-

Hanover House,
34, Bird Street,
Port Elizabeth.

He is in partnership with Dr. J. Hanekom, whose qualifications are as follows: M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., (Engl.).

Port Elizabeth state that Dr. de Villiers is willing to accept the appointment, and that in the event of his not being available personally when required, his partner would act for him.

We have indicated that the terms would be £5 per quarter, plus any travelling or other incidental expenses incurred, and also that the appointment has, of course, to be confirmed by the Associated Ethyl Co.

We shall be glad, therefore, if you will advise us in due course whether Dr. de Villiers has been appointed by the Associated Ethyl Co. or not."

When you have decided on whom the medical consultant will be, we shall be glad if you will advise us so that we can advise our friends in Cape Town.

Yours truly,

For THE ASIATIC PETROLEUM CO. LTD.,

(Signed) E.J. STURGESS.

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July 20, 1940

Dr. W. F. de Villiers
Hanover House
34 Bird Street
Port Elizabeth
South Africa

Dear Doctor de Villiers:

I have received word from the London office of the Associated Ethyl Company Ltd., that you are willing to undertake the medical supervision of workmen who will be engaged in mixing Ethyl Fluid with leaded gasoline at the Shell plant at Port Elizabeth.

I am very happy herewith to approve of this arrangement and under separate cover I am sending you a series of articles which have been published out of this laboratory in relation to the problems arising from the manufacture, distribution and use of leaded gasoline. You have already received from Mr. Fossett a folder with various types of information concerning the operation of mixing plants, together with a book of the regulations and a copy of a medical memorandum which we prepared for the use of consultants of the company.

I believe you will find all of the necessary information in the articles which are being supplied to you and I need not dwell on details. Suffice it to say that if the men work with good equipment in accordance with the regulations, there will be no difficulties. Consequently the medical job is one of stimulating the carrying out of proper precautions and studying the men with such care as to determine any evidences of carelessness or accidental exposure.

Concerning the medical examinations, it is our practice to examine each man thoroughly each time he is visited, and to take into account all of the physical and laboratory findings. In addition to a carefully taken clinical history and a thorough physical examination, we are in the habit of examining the blood at least as to its hemoglobin content, together with a blood film which is examined for abnormalities of any kind, but specifically for basophilic stippling. We also carry out an examination of the urine which in all cases covers the reaction, the presence or absence of albumin and a microscopic examination of sediments, if this is indicated.

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I should appreciate very much hearing from you, especially as to any difficulties which might arise in connection with your work, but in any case I would be glad if you would acknowledge the receipt of the material which I am sending you.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

RAK:is

Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

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