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PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

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TURNER & NEWALL LTD.
MANCHESTER

FROM	TO
Mr. J. Kemp	Mr. J. Arnold, Central Personnel Office, Turner Brothers Asbestos Co. Ltd., Rochdale.

COPY TO

16th July 1965

Pneumoconiosis Cases - Florence Mary Russell

I must apologise for the delay in acknowledging your memo of 11th June concerning the death of the above-named who, I note, had not previously been certified by the Pneumoconiosis medical Panel. Our records have been noted with the Coroner's verdict.

JK/JW

J. Kemp

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Manager,
Central Personnel Office,
Rochdale.

Mr. J. Kemp,
Turner & Newall Ltd.,
Manchester

To : JA/TW
JK
Copies : JW/RHP/WK

11th June, 1965.

Asbestosis Case - Florence Mary Russell

I regret to inform you that Mrs. Russell died on 27th May, 1965, and at the subsequent Inquest the Coroner recorded a verdict that death was due to Industrial Disease.

Mrs. Russell had been employed by T.B.A. Co. Ltd. in scheduled areas for over 25 years up to leaving our employ on the 24th December, 1949. She had been regularly examined by the Medical Board doctors but had never been suspended on account of asbestosis. You will see from the enclosed post mortem examination report that histological sections of the lung tissue showed the presence of asbestosis, but the pathologist, in the course of giving evidence, stated that very little fibrosis was apparent on naked eye examination. Rapid frozen sections of the lung were taken for the purpose of determining the cause of death and these were to be the subject of further examination. He was, however, satisfied that asbestosis was a contributing factor.

Our own Chief Medical Officer generally attends such post mortem examinations but on this occasion, due to some oversight by the pathologist, he was not present and expressed some surprise at the verdict. It is of interest that the Coroner, during his summing-up, made the following statement : "I doubt that the Pneumoconiosis Medical Panel will accept this as the cause of death, but it is according to my verdict"

I also enclose a copy of my statement to the Coroner.

J. Arnold

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JA/IV

3rd June, 1965.

The Coroner's Officer,
Town Hall,
Rochdale.

Dear Sir,

Will you please let me have a copy deposition of the inquest held on to-day's date in respect of the death of Florence Mary Russell, and oblige.

Yours faithfully,
TURNER BROTHERS ASBESTOS CO. LTD.,

J. Arnold
Manager, Central Personnel Office.

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FB/WD
JUL/17

Mr. Dancy,

14th July, 1942.

Mark W. Rush.

At the inquest held this morning the pathologist reported that he found asbestosis throughout both lungs, the cause of death was Pulmonary Carcinoma secondary to Asbestosis. The Coroner asked if the cancer was produced by the asbestosis. Dr. Jenkins replied "There have now been no many of these cases in Rochdale that I must say I think the cancer was produced by asbestosis."

I think there is no doubt that the Medical Board will give a certificate if required to do so. If there is any change in our policy to require certificates in all these cases no doubt you will let me know so that I can inform the solicitor.

Mrs. Rush was legally represented at the inquest.

S.M. Ellison.

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ME/LF

Mr. G.W. Clayton,

28th Sept., 1942.

8-330 H.Y. Rush

With reference to my note dated 2nd July, will you please note that the Medical Board have refused to certify that death was caused by asbestosis or asbestosis accompanied by tuberculosis, so that the question of the usual death benefit may now be proceeded with. The name of the widow is Jennie Rush and she resides at 175 Edmund Street, Rochdale.

E.V. Ellison.

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If a Histological
or bacteriological
examination is to be
made please inform

Pathologist's
initials.

Name of deceased **RUSSELL Mary Florence**

Name of next of kin **Mr. Ashworth**

Date of death **1.6.65 at 11 a.m.**

Where death occurred **Rochdale Public Mortuary**

Period of death **over 24 hours**

GENERAL EXAMINATION

Age

about 65 years

Height

4'9"

Weight

passing off.

Complexion

good.

Markings of identification)
(finger marks and scars)

There was marked bowing of the lower limbs.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

Head **Ce 2.11**

Face

Normal

Neck **1.11.65**

Normal

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

Heart, lungs, stomach, intestines,
pancreas, spleen,
liver and prostate

The lungs showed chronic bronchitis and emphysema; there was a carcinoma arising from the right main bronchus and extending into the mediastinum. A few tumour nodules were present in the left lung.

Pericardium, heart and
blood vessels

The heart showed normal size and shape; there was no hypertrophy of the right ventricle. The coronary vessels showed slight atheroma; myocardium was healthy.

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Normal and empty.

Normal

Normal

Normal

Normal

Normal and empty

Normal

There were de-posits of tumour tissue
in both adrenal glands.

Bronchial carcinoma

Asbestosis

Histological sections of the lung tissue showed the presence of asbestosis.

Nil

Donald G. Lyon, - Dr. D.S. Lyon, M.B., Ch.B., M.C.Path.,
CONSULTANT PATHOLOGIST.

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INQUISITION

An inquisition taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen
At Coroner's Office, Rochdale in the County of Lancaster
on the 3rd day of June 1965

(~~And by the undersigned~~ days of 19)

(Before and by) (1) me Alfred Gottle Coupe
one of Her Majesty's coroners for the said County

(~~and the undermentioned jurors~~) touching the death of (2) FLORENCE MARY RUSSELL
whose body has been viewed by me (3)

(~~as concerning the death~~)

1. Name of deceased: FLORENCE MARY RUSSELL

2. Injury or disease causing death: (4) I(a) Bronchial carcinoma
(b) Asbestosis

3. Time, place and circumstances at or in which injury was sustained: (5)

4. Conclusion of the jury/coroner as to the death: Industrial Dinner

5. Particulars for the time being required by the Registration Acts to be
registered concerning the death:

(1) When and where died	(2) Name and surname of deceased	(3) Sex	(4) Age or probable age	(5) Occupation and address
twenty ninth May, 1965, 41, Belshill Crescent, Rochdale	FLORENCE MARY RUSSELL	Fe- male	67 years	asbestos finisher (retired) wife of Daniel Lawrence Russell, General labourer.

Signature of jurors:

Signature of coroner: A. S. Coupe

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INFORMATION of witnesses taken and acknowledged on behalf of
OUR SOVEREIGN LADY THE QUEEN touching the death of
FLORENCE MARY RUSSELL

At Coroner's Office, Rochdale.

in the County Palatine of Lancaster on the 3rd day of June, 1965
before me ALFRED BATTLE COUPE, ESQUIRE one of the coroners of the said County
on an Inquisition then and there taken on view of the body of the said
Florence Mary Russell then and there lying dead as follows to wit:-

I DANIEL LAWRENCE RUSSELL aged 64 years
of 41 Belshill Crescent, Rochdale

in the County of Lancaster, general labourer on oath saith:

The body now lying dead at the Mortuary Rochdale which has been viewed by the
coroner here present is the body of FLORENCE MARY RUSSELL who died on the 29th
day of May 1965 at 41 Belshill Crescent Rochdale, and who at the time of her death
was the age of 67 years and was my wife a retired asbestos finisher who resided with
me. We were married in 1941 and at that time the deceased was in good health and
working as an asbestos finisher at Turner Brothers Scotland. She enjoyed good
health up to being 50 years of age when she started to have slight chest trouble
which got progressively worse. She was under care of Dr. English. For the
last six months she had great difficulty in breathing... During last week her
condition deteriorated very rapidly. She died at home about 9.30 a.m. last
Saturday. I saw her immediately afterwards.

(Signed) Daniel L. Russell.

Cremation Certificate given to:- Daniel Lawrence Russell

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I, JOHN ARNOLD, residing at 40 Phyllis Street, Rochdale, on oath say: as
MANAGER of CENTRAL PERSONNEL OFFICE for TURNER BROTHERS ASBESTOS CO. LTD.
our records show that the deceased, FLORENCE MARY RUGGELL, was employed by us
as follows:

5.8.12	-	24.12.15	Carding & Ginning Dept.
13.5.18	-	29.10.28	Weaving & Plaiting Dept.
9.8.29	-	18.3.42	Weaving & Plaiting Dept.
31.5.48	-	24.12.49	Warehouse Department

A record of the deceased's sick absence, as certified by her Panel Doctor,
is as follows:

25.11.33	-	28.11.33	Lumbago
9.1.34	-	15.1.34	Rheumatism
2.5.34	-	28.9.34	Rheumatoid Arthritis
23.10.35	-	2.12.35	Influenza
16.3.36	-	28.3.36	Bronchitis
4.3.37	-	9.3.37	Nervous debility
5.11.37	-	20.11.37	Alcers
3.1.38	-	8.2.38	Debility
18.11.39	-	15.1.40	General debility
11.3.40	-	13.4.40	General debility
20.1.41	-	10.3.41	General debility
17.10.41	-	4.11.41	Gastritis and general debility
1.12.41	-	13.12.41	Coryza
18.12.41	-	22.12.41	Influenza and coryza
19.7.42			Nervous debility
7.1.49	-	9.2.49	Bronchitis
12.4.49	-	4.5.49	Gastritis
10.10.49	-	27.10.49	Influenza
2.12.49	-	13.12.49	Influenza

She was examined by the Medical Board, along with other workers, on the
following dates, when "no action" certificates were issued:

23.12.31
25.3.33
8.3.35
30.9.36
28.3.38
9.11.39
2.4.41

Signed..... J. Arnold

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DONALD SINCLAIR LYON on Oath saith:

I am a Registered Medical Practitioner, Consultant Pathologist and the
Deputy Group Pathologist for the Rochdale Hospital Management Committee.

At the request of H.E. Coroner I made a Post Mortem examination on the
body of FLORENCE MARY RUSSELL which I performed on the 1st day of June, 1965

I now produce my Report thereon.

Very little fibrosis was apparent on naked eye examination. Rapid frozen
sections were taken for the purpose of determining the cause of death for this
Inquest. The lungs are the subject of further examination. I am satisfied
that asbestosis was a contributing factor.

Donald S. Lyon