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EXHIBIT A

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

January 29, 1976

TO: R. A. Hoel

FROM: D. A. Bissonnette

REFERENCE: Joseph V. [redacted] Claim

Mr. Joseph V. [redacted] was employed at our Edmonton, Alberta branch for approximately 20 years. He became ill with a persistant "cold" in December of 1974. He continued to work until the middle of 1975 when he developed pain from chronic coughing, at this time, according to Bob Gilly of the Edmonton branch, Mr. Jackson was found to be suffering from lung cancer. More specific diagnosis determined that he was suffering from asbestosis and mesothelioma. Because of this, the Alberta Workers' Compensation Board paid compensation and, later, awarded his widow a $93,225.92 pension.

The questions which arise are as follows:

1) Did Mr. Jackson in fact suffer from asbestosis-mesothelioma?

2) If so, was his exposure at our branch sufficient to produce lung cancer?

3) If not our branch exposure, what was his previous work history and was it possible that he had been exposed to mining, milling, insulation or other occupational asbestos hazards?

I would be inclined to doubt that Mr. Jackson had any significant exposure at our branch in Edmonton. There is a good possibility that he worked in mining operations in that part of Canada, or that he could have worked with asbestos insulation.

D. A. Bissonnette

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