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The General Manager,
C.S.R. Building Materials Division,
SYDNEY.

Dear Sir,

DUST HAZARD - Your P.230: Your remarks are noted and we shall arrange for a second set of counts to be taken from the same points after the completion of the Amerjet installation.

The readings quoted range from very low counts up to figures of 1000 plus. This is an extremely wide range, but the following table may tend to clarify the position from the Mines Department point of view -

Acceptable : 0 - 300 particles.

It may be of interest to note that the average count for the W.A. mining industry over the past two years has been:-

1961 - 274 particles
1962 - 308 "

On the question of a "safe" dust count, this must be viewed with a certain amount of caution, since a figure of 300 particles at Wittenoom in quartzite material is far more dangerous than a similar figure say in Collie. As a general rule, all those associated with the control of dust and industrial diseases regard a count of 300 as satisfactory.

Talking to Dr. McNulty on the question of lung diseases amongst our mill and mine employees, his general comment was that the years 1954 - 58 were bad, and that in his opinion

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there has been a steady improvement in succeeding years. In this respect we are now awaiting the actual statistics from the Mines Department.

Yours faithfully,
For AUSTRALIAN BLUE ASBESTOS PTY. LTD.

General Superintendent.