I believe the officers of the companies I represent have a very complete knowledge indeed of the asbestos cement and asbestos fibre processes and industries throughout the world excluding Russia. In addition, of course, we have been operating an asbestos cement plant for 11 years.

ASBESTOS FACTORIES AND MINES INSPECTED

ASBESTOS CEMENT FACTORIES

Turner's Asbestos Co., Trafford Park, Birmingham, England.
Universal Asbestos Manufacturing Co., Tolpits, Watford, England.
Eternit, Kapelle-op-den-Bos, Belgium.
Eternit, Niederurnen, Switzerland.
Johns-Manville Corporation, Manville, N.J.U.S.A.
Keasbey & Mattison, Ambler, Pa., U.S.A.
Philip Carey Mfg. Co., Lockland, Cincinnatti, U.S.A.
Paraffine Co., Redwood City, California.
Asbestone Corporation, New Orleans, La. U.S.A.
Hume Industries Ltd., Singapore, Malaya.
Everite, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Porters Asbestos Cement, Bulawayo, S.Rhodesia.
Dominion Industries Ltd., Christchurch, N.Z.

ASBESTOS MINES

Canadian Johns-Manville, Asbestos, Quebec, P.,Canada.
Asbestos Corporation, Thetford, Quebec P., Canada.
African Associated Mines, Bulawayo, S.Rhodesia.
African Associated Mines, Havelock, Swaziland.
Cape Asbestos Co., Koegas, Bechuanaland.
Cape Asbestos Co., Penge, Transvaal.
Societe Miniere de l'Amiante, Bastia, Corsica.

OTHER MINES

Tennessee Iron Mines, Birmingham, Alabama.
St. Joseph Lead Mines, Kansas.
Climax Molybdenum, Climax, Colorado.
Anaconda Copper Co., Butte, Montana.
Pende Oreille Mines, Spokane, Washington.
De Beers Diamond Mine, Kimberley, Union of South Africa.
City Deep Gold Mine, Johannesburg, Union of South Africa.
I.C.I. Anhydrite Mine, Billingham, England.

OTHER ASBESTOS USERS

TEXTILES

Johns-Manville Corp., Manville, N.J. U.S.A.
Union Asbestos & Rubber Co., Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.
American Asbestos Textile Corp. Norristown, Pa. U.S.A.
Turner Bros., Rochdale, England.
Soc. Italiano per l'Amianto, Turin, Italy.

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ASBESTOS INSULATION

Johns-Manville Corp., Manville, N.J. U.S.A.
Pabco Co., Emeryville, San Francisco, Calif., U.S.A.
Cape Asbestos Co., Barking, England.
Philip Carey Mfg. Co., Lockland, Cincinnatti, U.S.A.

BATTERY CASES

S.I.C.O., Paris, France.
Tudor, Brussels, Belgium.
Joseph Lucas, Birmingham, England.
Vesta Batteries Ltd., Sydney, Australia.

CONCLUSION

1. An efficiently operated asbestos fibre industry has been established in Australia. It is now producing at the rate of 4,500 tons per annum but most produce at the rate of 8,000 tons per annum to be able to sell at world market price.

2. Australia could readily absorb 4,000 tons per annum mainly for asbestos cement products. A market for 4,000 tons can be found abroad at world market price.

3. Evidence even by persons hostile to this application has shown that blue fibre in asbestos cement in the proportion we have proposed produces a satisfactory product.

4. Our own evidence and the evidence of overseas manufacturers of asbestos cement products shows that blue fibre is desirable and beneficial in asbestos cement products and that it is worth the world market price. Such evidence shows it is a much superior fibre to African amosite.

5. Even the most hostile evidence indicates that if our request is granted, the maximum extra costs would be 10% on the value of fibre used in Australia and that asbestos cement would be increased in price no more than 4½%. We do not agree of course that these extra costs are incurred.

6. Costs of producing blue asbestos in Australia, having regard to general Australian and overseas inflation, are not out of line with estimates submitted to the Commonwealth Government in 1946-1947 when the Government decided to pay for the erection of a township for the industry and to help establish the blue fibre industry.

7. World trend is to use short Canadian fibres which require with them long fibred free filtering fibre such as Australian blue.

8. We believe it right that Australia's vast resources of blue fibre should be developed and that Australia should be made less dependent on fibre from abroad.