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YOUR REF. JLC/MAJ OUR REF. GA/FHM 8th January 1958

Dear Mr Collins,

The Shipbuilding Regulations

Further to your letters of 24th and 27th December 1957, I enclose a revised draft of your suggested letter to the Ministry, and would like to make the following remarks and observations : -

(a) I think that the letter should be sent on behalf of the T.I.C.A. in England and the Scottish Insulating Engineers' Association by me if agreed by all the other interested parties. It may however be wise to disassociate our own firm completely from the reply, and as I am no longer Chairman of the Northern Section of the T.I.C.A., I could hardly reply on T.I.C.A. letter paper. We could arrange for Mr McCarrick to send the letter under his signature as acting Chairman of the Northern Section, and of course the Northern Section is more closely connected with Shipbuilding than the other two Sections in England.

(b) You are right in assuming that when the form of the letter has been agreed between us copies of the draft will be sent to the most important members of the Association and of course to Mr Biggart.

(c) With regard to the last sentence in the second paragraph of your draft, we think this should be omitted because we ourselves employ a goodly number of young persons (i.e. those under the age of 18) on Marine work for, as you know, we have an apprenticeship scheme in operation, and Marine work comes within the scope of their training. In Newcastle Area alone, we have 67 apprentices, of whom 27 are under 18 years of age. You will no doubt agree that one could hardly write on behalf of all the firms in England and Scotland in this connection without some intensive research (see page 12 in the copy of the National Agreement enclosed herewith).

(d) The same difficulty arises in connection with the statement that respirators are worn where adequate mechanical ventilation is not available - this would also require investigation; hence the revised wording of the paragraph might meet the situation.

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(e) We have inserted the words "or any fibrous silicate material" twice in paragraph 4; in the second instance because other firms are spraying material of a fibrous nature, not wholly asbestos. We have suggested the deletion of "asbestos" twice in paragraph 4, in one instance substituting the word "original".

(f) We have suggested certain alterations in paragraph 5.

With regard to the third paragraph in your covering letter of 24th December, if the point is raised now, perhaps the addition could be worded as follows : -

From the manner in which Regulation 70(a) is worded, it would seem that the definition of "Asbestos" in Regulation 3 (2) now includes manufactured products made wholly or partly of asbestos, or of any fibrous silicate materials: is this correct ? -

I enclose copies of correspondence having reference to Mr F.A. Ferguson, our Senior Foreman in the London Area. He is 52 years of age and has had 37 years service with the firm. He was not listed among the possible cases on the schedule recently provided.

Looking forward to your further views with interest,

Yours faithfully,

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