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2100 Drummond Street,

Montreal, March 31st, 1960.

Mr. A.H. Telfar,
Under Secretary for Mines,
Government of Western Australia,
Mines Department,
Central Government Buildings,
Perth,
Western Australia.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated March 4th, 1960,
we are sorry to inform you that our Department of Mines has no
official statistics nor literature on the subject of asbestosis
in the Province of Quebec.

Up to approximately fifteen years ago, a few claims
for asbestosis were accepted every year by our Compensation Board.
The incidence of asbestosis is now very low because of the excellent
prevention work carried out by our asbestos industry.

Elaborate dust control systems have been installed
in all of the asbestos mills and crushing plants, and are adequately
maintained to keep the average dust exposure concentrations to a
minimum. Regular airborne dust surveys are being carried out in the
asbestos plants by representatives of the industry and by ventilation
engineers of our Department.

Mining operations are mostly being carried out in
open pit operations, thus minimizing the dust problems. In the four
underground asbestos mines, all drilling is done with water and mechanical
ventilation systems are efficiently operating.

In addition to the above operating precautions, every
workman who may be exposed to dust must be the holder of a medical
certificate, renewable every year. Copy of our legislation concerning
this compulsory medical certificate is being attached for your information (Order in Council # 887).

Yours very truly,

M. Lafontaine, P. Eng.,
Chief Inspector of Mines

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