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Dear John,

Denis Daniel Gallagher - lung cancer

Thank you for asking me to comment on the suitability of the Gallagher claim as a test case against the relevant tobacco companies.

I have read all the documents and believe it would be a very good test case:

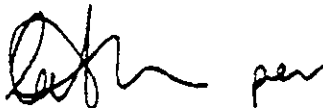
- undisputed significant lifetime smoking history;
- undisputed large cell anaplastic lung cancer originating from right upper zone;
- no suggestion of mesothelioma;
- no evidence of asbestosis on X-Ray in 1990, and none detected by the Medicine Panel in 1983;
- no clinical evidence of asbestosis;

- no abnormal broncho-alveolar lavage (BAL);
- "moderate" (by Wittenoom standards) exposure to crocidolite at Wittenoom; and
- evidence of another cigarette induced (aggravated?) condition, viz: peripheral vascular disease.

The only negative aspects are the lack of lung histology and the Medical Panel award of compensation for lung cancer due to asbestos.

The Musk, de Klerk and Tarala opinions are all supportive of cigarette smoking as a causative agent - ranging from 50% with Musk, more than 50% with de Klerk, and more again with Tarala!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'David Douglas', followed by the word 'per' in a cursive script.

Dr David Douglas