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The Senior Inspector of Mines, 20th November, 1951.

KALGOORLIE.

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6th November, referring to the dust menace at Wittenoom.

This will confirm the lengthy discussions we had with you and also to inform you of steps we have taken to improve the conditions.

We have forwarded a copy of your letter to our Head Office in Sydney, but as yet have not received a reply.

The sample of dust from our treatment plant is now in U.S.A. being tested by the American Air Filter Co. and we expect to receive a proposal from them shortly. Incidentally, due to the urgency of the matter, the sample was airfreighted to U.S.A. at a cost of £81.

We have sealed the roads around the Mill with oil and th there has been a marked decrease in dust flying around. We have been experimenting with various types of water sprays in our tailings plant and tailings bin and appear to be having some success.

We are enclosing copies of the ventilation system underground showing the work proposed to separate the Upper and Lower seams.

We have commenced driving from No. 2 to No 7 level and from No 3 level and No 2 level on the Lower seam in preparation for the scheme.

Two men are employed full time in the Mill on dust extraction, hoods and ductwork and they are making a good impression.

Alterations are to be made to the bagging machine and the makers are coming up in the near future to instal several new features.

We realise the seriousness of the position and can only re-affirm our statement to you during your visit that we shall do everything we possibly can to reduce the dust to a minimum.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) C. A. ALLAN.
MANAGER.

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17th November, 1961.

The Managing Director,
Australian Blue Asbestos Pty. Ltd.,
SYDNEY.

Dear Sir,

MINE VENTILATION. We enclose a copy of a letter received from the Senior Inspector of Mines following the meeting in Perth and after his inspection of the Mine on the 24th-28th October.

We have explained what steps we have taken and the future ventilation plan was also discussed with the Inspector. He has approved of the plan and we are doing everything we possibly can to bring the mine and mill up to the standard they require.

We are enclosing copies of plans showing the ventilation system now in use in both seams and the proposed plan to isolate the Lower and Upper Seam and give each its own ventilation circuit. The plans are self explanatory.

Yours faithfully,

MANAGER.

OAA/MB.

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