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November 8th,

Dr. R.A. Kehoe,
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Dear Dr. Kehoe,

Mr. Bevan asked me to agree the enclosed correspondence with the Asiatic regarding the medical Tandjong Priok and Bandaran plants. I think your two letters to be fully self-explanatory.

We would appreciate it if you would advise on the whole matter and any definite action which regarding the two doctors, namely Dr. Hammacher

Yours sincerely,

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c. Mr. Champlin.

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1st Novem

Dear Sirs,

MEDICAL OFFICERS - TANDJONG PRIOK AND
ETHYL BLENDING PLANTS.

Our Sourabaya office have now sent their recommended medical officers who will examine the Ethyl blending plants at Tandjong Priok and Bandaran.

BANDARAN INSTALLATION - SOURABAYA.

For the supervision of this plant they recommend a doctor who is a general practitioner and who has, besides his medical qualification, also the British qualification D.T.M. & H.

Tandjong Priok Installation - BATAVIA.

For the supervision of this plant they have recommended Dr. de Priester, who is the K.P.M. doctor at Tandjong Priok.

In connection with these two doctors our Sourabaya office follows:-

"Both doctors have carefully examined the instructions issued by the Ethyl Export Corporation as regards the nature of their duties with their supervision of the blending plants, and we find that the instructions are quite clear to them. On the occasion of the visit Mr. Noble had the opportunity of seeing Dr. Hammacher, to whom the matter was referred, but unfortunately we have not been able to arrange to see Dr. de Priester on account of the latter being absent on leave. Mr. Noble has discussed all particulars with our Batavia office and they have passed on the necessary particulars to Dr. de

In this connection there is one point on which the views are different. Dr. Hammacher of Sourabaya is of the opinion that the control of the blending crew should be very strict, and that a quarterly medical examination will not be sufficient guard against accidents. Therefore he thinks it highly necessary that there should be permanent control of the blending crew should be exercised and that they should be examined at short intervals. From our point of view we are in favour of the strictest possible control of both crews. As we know from past experience that the Labour Control regulations are extremely difficult in the case of casualties, and that there is no end of trouble if in such a case it would appear that there were no possible measures to prevent accidents. In this connection

be no difficulties, we think that we should let control which in his opinion is absolutely neces

Of course this method of control, which will his time, is rather expensive, and Dr. Hammacher him a fee of Fls.200.- a month. For the amount exercise, we think that this amount is quite rea

On the other hand, the K.P.M. doctor at Tan a quarterly examination of the blending crew and the blending plant will be sufficient, and he is control for a yearly fee of Fls. 175.-. We are s this amount we cannot expect Dr. de Priester to c the crew once every three months and that there c regular and strict control. Therefore we fear th between two medical examinations of the crew, the to dangers which will not be recognised until it as already mentioned above, if this lack of contr casualties, we would certainly incur all sorts of Labour Control people, and the Press would certa unfavourably on our lack of precautions.

However, we have no experience as regards bl and therefore we think that the best procedure m say for a year or two years, we see how the medic would appear that the Sourabaya doctor has taken situation, we can always decide to drop part of c and reduce the doctor's fee accordingly. If, on in course of time that the control by the Tandjor insufficient, we should of course have to decide should be instituted there as well. As already r feel entirely easy as regards the effectiveness c Priok and although we are prepared to watch first practice, we intend to instruct the doctor concer control and to examine the crew more frequently, as soon as there might be indications that this i

Our own view is that our Sourabaya Offi in Ethyl blending has made them take rather too s regard to the precautions which it is necessary t in Singapore for instance that the quarterly exa well.

We should be pleased to have your views

Yours truly,

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cc. Aviation Dept.

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Dear Sirs,

Medical Officers - Taidjong
Ethyl Blending Plant

We thank you for your letter of the
above subject and have noted what your people
with the appointment of medical consultants at

It is, I think, apparent that your people
over-estimated the dangers connected with the
with gasoline. We think it would be worth while
the regulations as laid down by ourselves for
Fluid are followed in the minutest detail, and
at all blends to ensure that the natives stock
little or no hazard involved since the system
closed one and men working on Ethyl blending plant
occurs, are not exposed to the concentrated Fl

As you know, we have some hundreds of
world and a great many of these have been in our
thirteen years.

Regular medical supervision is of course
have the men examined once every month is in our
experience over the last thirteen years has shown
have been passed as suitable for work on a blending plant
absolutely no necessity for a medical examination at
intervals than three months.

We should be glad to ask our chief medical officer to
write direct to Dr. J. Hammacher and Dr. W. F. Hammacher
to them the possible hazards involved and the results of
examinations of the men every three months sufficient

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will not only relieve his mind, but also clarify the supervision required.

Your people in Sourabaya mention that they are likely to come down on them if it can be shown that no precautions. We would like to point out, however, that the precautions which we exercise over the personnel of blending plant information and is additional to any precautions taken by the company. We believe, however, that the medical supervision we are providing is as thorough as that found at other plants.

We think that the fees suggested by Dr. Hamma are in proportion to the work he will be required to do, bearing in mind the fact that he has misunderstood the situation. We normally pay for medical supervision of this type £5 per quarter, dependent of course on the actual conditions. We can agree to pay Dr. Hamma an extra fee in recognition of his expenses. We would be agreeable also to paying Dr. Hamma for his services.

We think it essential that in addition to the examination of the personnel of the plant once every six months, consultants also visit the plants at regular intervals to ensure that the equipment is being kept in proper condition.

Yours truly,

T.R.A. BEVAN.

cc.Dr. Kehoe.

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