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1st June, 1964.

The Manager,
A.B.A. Pty. Ltd.,
WITTENOOM.

Dear Mr. Allan,

It is with a great deal of regret, considerably more reluctance and with some measure of anxiety that I have been compelled to put in writing the findings of a medical examination made during my recent leave in March-April of this year.

A chest aggravation which had persisted for some time prior to proceeding on leave influenced me in having a medical examination at the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Perth, after returning from some weeks leave in Sydney, the choice of hospital having been made with due regard to the advances made by the medical department at that Hospital during the past few years in the treatment of Asbestosis.

The findings of Dr. Janet Elder, Thoracic Division, who handled the case, and of the doctor who carried out the pulmonary examinations are that my lungs have received damage due to exposure to asbestos fibre dust, and as had been mentioned in conversation to you and Mr. Thomas, both doctors strongly advised me on 17th April of this year not to return to Wittenoom.

The X-rays and results of the Perth examinations had subsequently been forwarded to Dr. Maguire, Mines Medical Officer, State X-Ray Laboratory, Kalgoorlie, who has confirmed in writing to me during the past week that their findings are correct.

It is fully appreciated that the Dust Collection system here is being modified to a degree where conditions will be greatly improved, but the facts are that the job of Mill Superintendent cannot be effected successfully without spending a greater percentage of the time in and around points of disturbance in the plant.

Consequently, exposure to dust would be unavoidable. This industrial disease cannot be cured but can be arrested only by removal from exposure.

It is therefore with due regard to the above detail, with due regard to the value of sound health in one's usefulness to a company, and in fairness to my wife that I am compelled, in all sincerity, to request that I be replaced in my capacity at Wittenoom at an early convenience to the Company.

Finally, I wish to emphasise that no other factor, excepting concern for my health, has influenced me in any way in placing the above facts and subsequent request before you, and I do hope that this request will be favourably received.

Yours very truly,

W. L. GORDON.

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