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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

23rd October, 1963.

The District Inspector of Mines,
PORT HEDLAND

Dear Sir,

FUMING ACCIDENT

On 17th October, 1963, Mr. E. D'Ascanio reported that he suffered fuming. This man was sent to hospital and was fit to resume work on his next normal shift.

This man was working in the Upper Seam 72N East Stope Drive at 6.00 p.m. Although previously warned by the Supervisor about his ventilation, this man entered the stope with the fan switched off, and no ventilation ducting to his working face. The fan was in working condition, and the necessary ducting was available in the stope.

A full investigation has been carried out and we draw your attention to the following facts -

1. No firing took place in the 72N Stopes, both Upper and Lower, on the previous shift.
2. The through air flow in the stope is direct from No. 7 Service Rise to the 72N Stope. Air is exhausted back through 71W and 71N from this stope. Miner Verini had fired the previous shift in the 71W Upper Seam Stope the fumes from which are exhausted back through 71N and not through 72N.
3. Scraping operations had been carried out in the 72N Upper Seam East Stope Drive on the previous shift.

Yours faithfully,
AUSTRALIAN BLUE ASBESTOS PTY LTD

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MANAGER

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