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P.O. Box 66,
Port Hedland, 9th October 196

The Senior Inspector of Mines,

KALGOORLIE W.A.

re:- Australian Blue Asbestos Pty Ltd - Wittenoom.

Your query regarding the company policy at Wittenoom over the matter of providing a bank of nylon bag dust filters is not answerable as yet. During my last visit to the mine I was told that head-office were still deliberating on the matter. However, I will be at Wittenoom tomorrow with Inspector Hunt and will make further enquiries. Messers Broadhurst and Thomas were over at Wittenoom during the week following my last inspection and it is possible that some decision may have been reached - naturally, we will have to ask what has been decided for despite our intense interest in this matter it is most unlikely that the management would have the courtesy to advise us voluntarily.

I did observe that the general mill atmosphere appeared to be dustier than usual. Without means of checking this aspect I could only attribute the apparent dustiness to the fact that once again the mill output has been taken above the figure of 14,000 ton (short) of ore per two weekly period. This was the figure I set late last year and at the time it was agreed that the mill dust collection unit did not appear to be capable of reasonable operatic once the throughput exceeded this total.

With typical A.B.A. custom the output has been increased, and is to be increased further, but no reference was made to me despite the fact that they have never been given the O.K. to take the production over my earlier restricted figure. Possibly the management have discussed the restriction with the State Mining Engineer, but I feel sure that I would have been informed had this been so.

I will advise you further within a few days.

DISTRICT INSPECTOR OF MINES, PORT HEDLAND.

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