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UNDERGROUND STAFF MEETING. 1/9(c)

The following are the minutes of the Underground Staff Meeting held at the Guest House on Sunday, 29th October, 1961 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT : K.J. Carter (Chairman), O.A. Allan, J.P. Shanahan, W. Claus, A. Mulholland, J. Crawford, T. Simcock, H. Horrocks, S. Alberti, A. Silbert, H. Rymer and E. Hoyle. (Visitors) ; J. Boyland, M. Simmons, J. Hunt (Mines Dept.), W. Hart, W. Gordon, O. Pinkava, K. Drazic, P. McKenna and A. Rossi.

STATISTICS : Underground Statistics for the preceding three weeks were presented by The Chairman, together with his comments -

1. During the previous month over 32,000 tons of ore was broken. 5,480 square yards were broken in the previous pay fortnight, which was a record yardage broken. However, ore stocks increased by 600 tons during the period and efforts must be made to reduce this ore stock.

2. The Saturday shift produced 454 trucks, which was a record tally for one shift.

3. Extra men are required on Sunday to clean up the dirt around the mechanical devices on the belt.

4. Holes per shift over the last week were :-

No. 2 Level	19½	No. 5 Level	16½
No. 3 "	18 1/3	No. 6 "	18 1/3
No. 4 "	17	No. 7 "	17.

HAMET STEEL : Tests with 33 mm. Hamet Steel are proceeding satisfactorily. Generally all 33 mm. Steel has proved popular among the miners, but overdrilling is a problem. However, stocks of 40 mm. Steel are still on hand, and must be used before converting entirely to 33 mm.

TRAMP IRON : All tramp metal in stopes should be cleaned up to prevent damage to mill machinery.

Spaller heads will shortly be equipped with steel handles to prevent these being broken on grizzlies. Spare spallers are to be carried at the store.

SIDE CHUTES : The 43S Chute has been equipped with a chain control, the first of this design underground. The width at the throat has been increased from 2'6" to 3'1". The optimum size is 4'0".

GRIZZLIES : (a) Stope grizzlies 3' x 12" openings.

(b) Level grizzlies 15" x 10".

DEVELOPMENT : In future, points are to be put in at manway positions as the bogging of rise dirt prevents a problem. The rises can then be bogged out of the manways by mechanical bogger instead of by hand shovelling methods.

TRACK SWITCHES : A compressed air switch is to be made up by Mr. A. Detoni. Electrical switches are expensive.

FIRST AID CLASSES : First Aid Classes are to be commenced shortly. The course is of 10 weeks duration.

First Aid Certificates are current for three years only, and must be renewed at the completion of this time for a person to remain certified.

DUST : The Senior Inspector of Mines, Mr. Boyland, outlined the seriousness of the dust hazard at Wittenoom and the need for dust prevention. The asbestos dust has proved a health hazard and the Public Health Department has taken a serious view of the situation. He urged all officials of the Company to be conscious of the fact and take preventive measures wherever possible.

Mr. Simmons and Mr. Hunt (both from the Mines Dept.) also added their comments on the seriousness of asbestosis and its prevention.