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Mr. Boyland and myself called on Mr. Thomas of Australian Blue Asbestos and discussed with him the report by Dr. McNulty. We also considered the most recent ventilation report.

The underground development of the mine is not in a good position and we found that this is causing Mr. Thomas considerable concern.

Several staff changes are pending and we hope that this will have a beneficial effect.

Several points were discussed in detail and I am confident that we will receive every support from the mine management in the proposals put forward to improve conditions underground.

The conditions in the mill, although very much better, still present some problems. Messrs. Hart & Company, the dust control consultants, are at work on this aspect now.

STATE MINING ENGINEER.

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