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MEMORANDUM TO THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PERTH.

PRIVATE 102.

7th December, 1961.

DUST COLLECTION. We have just had another visit from Messrs. Boyland, Dunn, Loxton and Ibbotson. They made a detailed inspection of both Mine and Mill. They expressed their appreciation of the work done in the Mine, but were very critical of the Mill.

We are enclosing a copy of their report from the Log Book and also of a letter addressed to the Manager. You will note that the tonnage through the plant has been restricted to 28,000 tons per 4 weeks, which is equivalent to approximately 1,660 tons of fibre. They consider that the dust collecting system is completely overloaded and cannot handle the dust. Their first restriction was to 12,000 tons per 2 weeks, but I argued that this was too severe and they agreed to extend it to 14,000 tons. I still feel that the dust plant can cope with the dust and will appeal to the Inspector in writing at once. However, Mr. Boyland will be in Perth Friday morning and intends coming to see you and discuss the matter.

I am setting out the dust counts taken in the plant and you will see that all the treatment section readings are high. The readings were taken on No. 2 lag, where the ore was dry. The secondary crushing section and primary section were very good, except for the Ross Chain Feeder and here an exhaust dust was damaged as noted in their report.

I am making a concerted effort today on all points listed and will work the entire maintenance staff on the jobs until they are completed.

Loxton is remaining here until 21st December and he is assisting us.

Actually 14,000 tons per two weeks is just a little below our present tonnage and judging by the ore being broken at this juncture, we would be hard pressed to maintain it.

However, we can assure you that there has not been any laxity on our part regarding dust collection - the Inspectors will confirm this. We shall be taking readings at various points constantly, and will let you have the figures as soon as we get them.

Readings

Left Bagging Station	760
Right "	610
No. 2 Lag Left Shaking Screens	630
Shaking Screens Switchboard	730
Right Shaking Screens	530
Right Switchboard	1000+
Discharge from Screens to Belts	910
Tailings Screen	720
No. 2 Symons Crusher	600

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WINDSTORM BONE

- 2 -
Sealing screen above Crusher
Dryer Level
No. 1 System Crusher
Picking Belt
Roller Chain Feeder

140
100
330
250
1000

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signature
MANAGER

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