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AUSTRALIAN BLUE ASBESTOS PTY. LIMITED

MANAGING AGENTS
THE COLONIAL SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED
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SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
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22nd February, 1962.

The General Superintendent,
Australian Blue Asbestos Pty.Ltd.,
PERTH.

Dear Sir,

WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS: ASBESTOSIS. (Your P.211.)

We attach draft of a letter replying to the copy of the letter dated 7th February, 1962 which your office received from the State Government Insurance Office.

Yours faithfully,

pro Managing Director.

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT 10468.0
PENGAD-Bayonne, N. J.

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22nd February, 1962.

The Manager,
State Government Insurance Office,
St. George's Terrace,
PERTH. W.A.

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge your letter dated 7th February, 1962 referring to the Premium covering Industrial Diseases and we are concerned to know that you are considering an increase in the premium covering workers at Wittenoom.

Regarding claims, we understand that there may be a temporary increase but considerable technical effort and very heavy expenditure is being incurred to control the dust at our Wittenoom mine and mill.

Comparison of accident records over several years indicate that the claims made by Wittenoom workers could be lower than the State average. If this is so should this not be used to offset a temporary increase in claims for industrial diseases?

You mention that extra claims by asbestos workers will be a hardship for the goldmines if they have to carry a share because their product is sold at a fixed price. On this point we can only say that we would be extremely happy to have a price for our product fixed on that of five years ago or earlier. During recent years the price has steadily declined and we believe it will continue to do so. At the same time production costs have steadily risen as you are well aware.

We request that every consideration be given to pooling any added cost which may result from asbestosis and the writer would appreciate a full discussion including a study of Australian Blue Asbestos Pty.Ltd. Workers' Compensation experience to date.

Yours faithfully,

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT