QUEBEC ASBESTOS MINING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting of the Uniform, Classification & Grading Committee - March 7,1968

Present: R.Merrill, V.Lindsay, L.Montpetit, J.P.Wiser, J.C.Blais, R.Dodds-Hebron, R.Gale, W.H.Foster

Business:

1. The minutes of the meeting of Nov.7/67 were read and approved.

2. The Chairman reported that R.Nadeau - Laboratory technician resigned as of January 24. A suitable replacement not having been found a temporary replacement has been hired for March to September in hopes that a suitable replacement will be found from 1968 school graduates. It may be necessary to go above the $4,700 base.

3. Random Q.S.Production Sampling

The Chairman reported that 13 visits were carried out in Dec. - Feb. The following points were classified:-

(a) When the program calls for an Asbestos Corporation visit this means visit the 4 mills of Asbestos Corporation not one mill.

(b) Companies should allow sampling of experimental grades on the understanding that these samples will be tested for Q.S. only.

(c) Only C.J.M. 4T-30 is to be hand pressed three times before going to the "Asbestos Fibre Conditioner".

(d) The question was raised whether the Fibre Inspector could do these Q.S.tests himself on the Quebec Department Lab. in Thetford?

4. The laboratory was authorised to purchase a T.& M. Rapid Surface Tester as the A.S.T.M.procedure designates Sherbrooke Laboratory as the calibrating lab. for standards.

5. The Chairman reported that all equipment for measuring fibre length and diameter is expected by April 1st. Mr.Winar is to send a suggested test program soon. Two girls will be hired for counting at $45 per week (cleared with Technicians Union).

6. Chairman reported that Q.A.M.A.Directors approved F.S.U.tests for the Quebec Department of Natural Resources if:-

   (a) Department to send only fibres from ores milled in the Quebec pilot plant.

   (b) Department to send only fibres from ore from the Province of Quebec.

   (c) A maximum of 20 per year.

7. Chairman reported that Q.A.M.A.Directors had been advised that the search for a McNett classification has been shelved for awhile.

8. The Chairman reported that Sherbrooke Lab. does not use cement correlation when reporting F.S.U.results.

9. A further discussion on why 7 Group fibres were reported by individual grades and tonnages on the "Monthly Shipping Report" was inconclusive. Paul Filteau will be asked to look up the original resolution (and reasons?).

10. A review of M.Cossette's suggested test price list was made. Tests not approved by Q.A.M.A. are to be excluded. Marcel is to be asked to time all tests. A rate of $10 per hour seemed reasonable for members (double for non-members).

11. The question of reporting and testing of fibres containing additives was again raised. It was pointed out that tests performed by Sherbrooke Lab. on these fibres would not necessarily be significant - therefore, no point in doing them? On the other hand, we do not wish to equip the lab. to do the tests that might be significant. Still to be resolved.

12. There was some discussion on the present use of the Q.S.test. This will be continued.

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