

CAUSE OF DEATHS:

WITHOUT ASBESTOSIS - 3 DEATHS - HEART, LUNGS, CANCER

WITH ASBESTOSIS - 15 DEATHS

- 3 CASES OF ASBESTOSIS 100% AND COR PULMONALE
- 4 CASES OF ASBESTOSIS AND ENDOBRONCHIAL CANCER
- 3 CASES OF ASBESTOSIS AND NON PULMONARY CANCER
- 1 CASE OF ASBESTOSIS AND PLEURAL MESOTHELIOMA
- 4 CASES OF ASBESTOSIS ASSOCIATED TO OTHER PATHOLOGIES

PLAINTIFF'S
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Fifteen workers' deaths linked to asbestos plant

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THE cause of death of all 15 workers who died at the asbestos plant in the 1960s and 1970s was linked to asbestos, a landmark finding by a coroner's jury in a coroner's inquest yesterday. The jury, which heard evidence from 132 witnesses, including 122 workers, found that the deaths were caused by asbestos. The jury also found that the company, which was not named, had failed to protect workers from asbestos. The jury recommended that the company should be fined £10,000 and that the workers should be compensated.

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Deaths linked to asbestos

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centimetre of air. No limit exists now and the provincial government has set limits of five fibres per cubic centimetre of air, effective in 1973. Because 90 per cent of asbestosis victims are smokers, the jury urged banning of smoking in all company areas. It also called for compulsory medical examinations for all starting regular employees and pending of regular dust counts.

It suggested instead "a standard be observed whenever it is technically possible to be reached elsewhere with the possible alternative of wearing a mask or applying any other supplementary security measures. The association asked the jury to "accredited device for an 'accredited device' of 30 per cent as required by the local government. For environmental control equipment also to require a full education of workers in the use of the device by working in the plant.

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