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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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ASBESTOS INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting
held at Cape Asbestos Co Ltd, 114 Park
Street, London W1 on Tuesday, 22nd June, 1971.

Those present: G S Sutcliffe	T&N Ltd (Chairman)
N F Howe	T&N Ltd (Deputy Chairman)
C M Fenton	BBA Group Ltd
R J B Stewart	Gefco Ltd
J D Grieve	Gefco Ltd
H D S Hardie	T&N Ltd
A A Cross	Cape Asbestos Co Ltd
D Wright	BBA Group Ltd
W P Howard	T&N Ltd (Secretary)
A H Denny	T&N Ltd (Minutes Secretary)

An apology for absence was received from Dr R Gaze.

1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd June 1970

These were approved.

2. Accounts for year ended 31st March 1971

A statement of expenditure and income for the year ended 31st March 1971 was approved subject to approval of Hill and Knowlton's March invoice and to audit.

3. Appointment of officers

Mr Sutcliffe explained that because of a reorganisation of director's responsibilities within Turner & Newall it was no longer possible for him to continue as Chairman of the AIC.

It was proposed and seconded that Mr H D S Hardie should be appointed Chairman and that the Committee's other officers should continue as before. This motion was accepted.

Mr C M Fenton, Mr R J B Stewart and Mr A A Cross, on behalf of their respective companies, expressed their sincere appreciation of Mr G S Sutcliffe's work as Chairman of the AIC over the last three years.

4. Reappointment of consultants

It was agreed that Hill and Knowlton (UK) Ltd be reappointed for the current financial year under revised financial terms already agreed by the Deputy Chairman with Mr C Mann.

5. Adverse publicity

Mr R J B Stewart explained that Central Asbestos Co Ltd had no advance knowledge of the date of the Court of Appeal hearing in the Smith and Others v Central case. They had not been informed of the date by the
representatives

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adverse publicity might have caused. A decision about a possible appeal to the House of Lords would be taken in the next week or so and AIC members informed.

MFH

Mr Stewart also reported that Gefco would soon apply to become a South African registered company and enquired if this would affect their membership of the AIC. The Deputy Chairman would check this with T&N legal representatives.

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	A Masterton-Smith	Hill and Knowlton (UK) Ltd

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Mr C Mann.

ACTION 701 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 27th APRIL 1971

Approved.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

702 Symposium for Chest Specialists (675)

MPH The Secretary would report to the next meeting.

703 Socio-Economic Study (676)

Mr Bateman, Mr Sutcliffe and Mr Hills had met Dr Gilson and agreed to cooperate in this study. The AIC would contribute financially to its cost and further details concerning methods of cooperation and finance were awaited from Dr Gilson.

704 Exchange of AIC and AIA/NA Minutes

MPH

Copies of the last AIC Minutes and Secretary's Report had been sent to the AIA/NA. When received, the AIA/NA minutes would be circulated to AIC member companies.

MPH

It was thought that it might be desirable for this arrangement to be extended to other overseas information bodies when formed and operating satisfactorily. Any such cases would, however, be submitted for the consideration of the Committee by Mr Howe.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

705 New Scientist (SR 346)

WPH

The Secretary reported that discussions were proceeding with the proposed authors of the article for submission to the New Scientist. Opinions differed on the approach required for the article and these might take some time to resolve.

706 Nature (SR 347)

The referee appointed by Nature for the ARC Secretary's paper on the asbestos content of the urban atmosphere was Dr R Lavther, Director of the Air Pollution Research Laboratory. He had referred the paper back to Dr Holmer in a manner which would enable it to be re-cast to meet his objections.

707 Press Advertising (SR 348)

AAC

A list of media had been agreed and the campaign would run from September to the beginning of December, 1971. Visual presentations had been discussed by the sub-committee and further creative work would be necessary by the agency.

708 ARC Foundation in Edinburgh (SR 350)

A press release had been issued to the medical and health correspondents of the main daily, evening and provincial newspapers and the specialist journals for publication on Wednesday, 23rd June, 1971. Copies were distributed at the meeting.

WPH

Copies had also been sent to the ARC Secretary and the National Coal Board and would be sent to the Asbestos Association, the British Friction Materials Council, the Thermal Insulation Contractors' Association, the Asbestos Cement Manufacturers' Association and the Asbestos Fibre Importers' Committee.

709 Doomsday Book (SR 351)

CM

Mr Mann had written to the author, Mr Rattray Taylor, to suggest a meeting in London with AIC representatives, but had not yet received a reply.

710 Talcum Powder (SR 324)

MFH

The sub-committee had decided not to seek a meeting with Johnson & Johnson until more facts were available, but were drawing the attention of the ARC to this important subject.

711 World in Action. Granada TV (SR 353)

WPH

It was likely that this programme would be screened on Monday, 28th June. The sub-committee would arrange for legal representatives to view the programme. and for the

712 Steam and Heating Engineer (SR 356)

The Editor had written to say that a letter from Mr Cross would be published in the July edition. Mr Cross' letter had drawn attention to the omission in an article on the Asbestos Regulations to any reference to the Threshold Limit Values recommended by the Factory Inspectorate.

713 HM Dockyards (SR 358)

The Environmental Control Committee of the ARC were cooperating with Surgeon Commander Harries, HM Dockyard, Devonport, on problems associated with the deterioration of sprayed asbestos in buildings.

714 Swan Hunter, Teesside (SR 359)

The ARC Secretary was dealing with a request from the Safety Officer of the Swan Hunter Shipbuilding Group for assistance in the publication of a report dealing with a survey of joiners employed by the firm who had worked for a varying number of years with asbestos-containing materials. Each had been given a clean bill of health by the Pneumoconiosis Board.

715 ARC Achievements (1957-71) (SR 360)

Copies would shortly be circulated by the ARC Secretary.

WPH

The Secretary would be consulting with Dr Holmes about distribution to the Press and other interested organisations.

716 Asbestos Safety and Control (3rd Edition) (SR 361)

AHD

Would be distributed in the next 2-3 weeks.

717 House of Lords (689)

AHD

Mr Hills had been asked to send a formal invitation to the Lords Crock and Kennet and Baroness Summerskill to visit either the Uxbridge factory or Park Street offices of Cape Asbestos on 19th, 20th or 22nd July, as guests of the ARC.

718 HM Factory Inspectorate (690 and SR 363)

The ARC Secretary had written to Mr B Harvey, HM Chief Inspector of Factories, seeking an explanation of his statement at the National Industrial Safety Study Conference at Scarborough.

Mr Cross reported that there appeared to have been a noticeable hardening of the Inspectorate's attitude towards the application of the Asbestos Regulations.

Industry had been given two years in which to comply with the new Regulations and now it appeared that some offenders would be prosecuted