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Richard F. Scruggs.

AIRMAIL.

PRIVATE No. 14

8th February, 1949.

The Manager,
Australian Blue Asbestos Limited,
WITTENOOM GORGE.

Dear Sir,

You will recall that in Private letter No. 132 I advised you that I proposed to endeavour to locate and engage a suitable man from abroad to take charge of our operations at Wittenoom.

I returned to Sydney on 31st ultimo after a good trip and now advise that a Mr. Glynn Morgan has been engaged to take charge of our activities at Wittenoom. Mr. Morgan is leaving England on 9th March by air and will arrive in Sydney on 13th March. The intention is that he should spend a week in Sydney. He will leave Sydney on Monday 21st for Perth and will leave Perth for Wittenoom on Thursday 24th March. This will give him a few days in Perth so that he can become acquainted generally with our set up at that end.

We think it desirable that Mr. Morgan should not simply arrive at Wittenoom on his own and think that either you should go to Perth to meet him and return to Wittenoom with him or if this does not fit in with any of your arrangements Mr. West could go with him to Wittenoom. Please advise us which of these two courses you prefer.

With regard to your own position we would be glad if you would continue at Wittenoom, for the time being at least, as Assistant Manager and in particular you would continue to direct for Mr. Morgan the erection of the township and generally act as a technical assistant to him.

For your information, I also had in mind engaging a Consultant to advise us on our plans for the development of Wittenoom but arrangements that had been made in this regard fell through at the last moment. It is still probable however, that we will engage such a man from U.S.A.

A.B.A. Limited,
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Mr. Morgan's wife and family will be coming from England by ship and will not arrive for some time, therefore, but he should immediately take up residence in the house previously occupied by Mr. Humphreys and will no doubt eat at the quarters.

STAFF. Mr. P. Thomas. We would be glad if you would now offer Mr. Thomas the position of Mine Manager at Wittkoom at a salary of £1500 p.a. plus other concessions, such as free house, which he now enjoys.

It will be necessary for Mr. Thomas to remain in his present house for some time until we can build an additional staff house but we propose to erect such an extra house as soon as possible.

Please advise if Mr. Thomas accepts this position.

Yours faithfully,

Managing Director.