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Dr. H. C. Lewinsohn

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27th September, 1971.

Health Committee - Minute No. 1486

Mr. Pearce informs me that you have convinced members of the Health Committee that the amount of asbestos contamination normally found in the hair of our employees is, in fact, harmful to the operative's health. This in itself surprises me very much and whilst I might agree that on aesthetic grounds it would be desirable to have all our employees wearing fully protective headgear, I remain to be convinced that the degree of contamination is such that it is positively dangerous. By this I presume you mean that a dust cloud is in some way liberated which is greater than 2 f/ml. within the breathing zone.

In view of your comments, Mr. Pearce has asked me to arrange a meeting with the production managers concerned so that you may convince me and them that positive steps are needed to insist that headgear must be worn.

I hope that we in our turn may elucidate on the practical problems of attempting to implement such a scheme.

WEDNESDAY. 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1971.

Would 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, ~~7<sup>th</sup>~~ October (Works Conference Room) be a convenient date on which to present your exposition?

NOTE CONF. DATE SENT TO  
MR. RHODES CC RHP. S.H.

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