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To: OHS Committee, John Stard, Kent Morton, Dave Powers

From: Ben Nordahn

Subject: Roaster Investigation - 31 January 1997

Date: February 3, 1997

An investigation to a work refusal by Amos Simon and Larry Vasko was conducted in the Roaster area at 10:30 a.m.

Present at the investigation was B. Nordahn, D. Power, G. Bundan, T. Franks, Vi Laua. Larry Vasko and Amos Simon were instructed to leave the area, have a shower and report to First Aid to deliver urine samples for arsenic testing.

The Mill mechanics have been working in this area for approximately a week putting in new machinery. The area of work is on the 3rd floor, which had been washed down prior to work commencing. Concerns from the mechanics are that dust is filtering off beams, pipes, etc. from the 4th floor.

Together with the refusal about air quality in the area there is a concern about the structure integrity of the floor where the new machinery is placed.

Recommendations:

1. Over head beams etc. to be washed down immediately.
2. Samples of the dust are to be taken and tested for arsenic.
3. Service people coming into this area to work must wear personal protection equipment [respirators, paper coveralls, gloves].

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4. Urine samples to be taken from anyone "New" working in this area for extended lengths of time.
5. A structural engineer will be contracted to certify the floor.
6. Purchase and use fall arrestors with harness around open holes

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