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Subject: WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE - GEORGE DELONG - TRANSITE PIPE

AS YOU MAY KNOW, GEORGE DELONG, A 40-YEAR JOHNS-MANVILLE EMPLOYEE, SPENT WELL OVER 25 YEARS OF HIS J-M CAREER AT THE MANVILLE LOCATION. AT PRESENT, GEORGE IS GRAVELY ILL WITH AN ASBESTOS-RELATED DISEASE. DR. KOTIN HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIS PHYSICIANS IN FLORIDA, AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HIS LUNG CONDITION IS DUE TO PAST EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS FIBER.

BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE BULK OF GEORGE'S EXPOSURE WAS AT THE MANVILLE LOCATION, I AM REQUESTING THAT THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE BE FILED AT MANVILLE UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATUTE. THIS CASE IS NOT TO BE CONTESTED AND ALL CONSIDERATION POSSIBLE SHOULD GOVERN THE PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF THIS CLAIM WHEN IT IS FORMALLY FILED.

THE HOSPITAL AND DOCTOR FEES THAT HAVE BEEN INCURRED IN PAST SURGERIES HAVE BEEN PAID UNDER BLUE CROSS, BLUE SHIELD, AND MAJOR MEDICAL. AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME THESE WILL HAVE TO BE REIMBURSED BY COMPENSATION PAYMENTS. THERE WILL ALSO BE SOME ADDITIONAL COSTS ARISING FROM SPECIAL MEDICATION AND CARE THAT IS NOW BEING FURNISHED TO GEORGE AT HIS HOME. IF A PROBLEM SHOULD ARISE IN APPROVING A PARTICULAR EXPENS CONNECTED WITH THIS CLAIM THAT YOU CAN'T READILY APPROVE, PLEASE FORWARD THE SAME TO ME FOR APPROVAL.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FULL GRAVITY OF GEORGE'S CONDITION IS NOT KNOWN TO THE EMPLOYEES AT GREEN COVE; THEREFORE, PLEASE EXERCISE DISCRETION REGARDING WHO IS INFORMED AT THE MANVILLE LOCATION.

IF THERE ARE ANY PROBLEMS THAT YOU OR DICK THIELE SEE, PLEASE ADVISE ME IMMEDIATELY.

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