



Testimonial



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Mr J Santa
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Dear Sir

As you are aware the provisions of the Coal Mines Regulation Act have made it extremely difficult to introduce aluminium or light metal alloy underground.

The potential incandescent sparks which can be created under certain circumstances have been deemed to create an intolerable risk and there has been a subsequent substitution of these alloy products. Replacements to date have included much heavier cast iron and steel materials which have added to the number of back injuries sustained by employees when lifting.

In order to achieve our Company's stated objective of Production with Safety we need to reduce heavy lifting. Your approach to a solution to our problem is commendable. The introduction of fiberglass and nylon materials to roof bolters and pumps has been of great assistance to our objective.

You have highlighted to us the benefits of lighter and safer nylon and fiberglass materials and our company, and no doubt our industry, now look forward to a reduction of injuries in line with the use of these materials.

I wish you well in your future endeavors.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B J McKinnon", written over a large, faint circular watermark of a pump mechanism.

B J McKinnon
Colliery Manager - Awaba State Coal Mine
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