## NATIONAL COAL BOARD.

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WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION.

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Area General Manager

NORTH STAFFS, AREA.

# Request for Expenditure on New Construction and Machinery Repairs and Replacements.

17 MAY 1950 AND BRAKES CHATTERLEY-MITTELD UNIT

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For the attention of Mr. S. Allman.
Area Chief Engineer.

The National Coal Board, West Midlands Division, No.1 Area, Mining Industry Office, Leek Road, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

Dear Sir,

Hesketh Pit.

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Our price for the Phenestle Controller, Post-Brukes, and 10%

fours faithfully.

As requested we have pleasure in submitting our separate quotation for the material considered necessary in respect of the above to ensure that these Winders will be capable of satisfying the present day requirements of the Mines Inspectorate.

We recommend that the present Horizontal Screw type
Overwinder be replaced by one of our latest type Pneumatic
Controllers incorporating Steam Restriction Gear and "No Air"
Fail-to-Safety Gear, complete with all necessary Driving Gear,
Supports, and connections to Brake Engine and Throttle, and
including a small electrically driven auxiliary air compressor.

The Engines are at present fitted with Strap Brakes operated by one of our 9" diameter Brake Engines and although the Brakes comply with Section 3(a) they will not produce a sufficiently high retardation rate. We, therefore, recommend complete new Post Brake Gear with one of our 10" diameter Above Floor type Brake Engines, and suggest that the present 9" Brake could be utilised on Sneyd No.1 Engines.

The Brake Gear offered will consist of Four Fabricated Girder section Semi-caliper type Posts having timber blocks with brake linings, complete with all necessary Levers, Shafts, Tension Rods, Tie Rods, Brackets, and Support Girders.

Rional Coal Board, West Midlands Division, No.1 Area.

The 10" diameter Brake Engine will be complete with Spring Gear in place of dead weights.

Our extra price for erection on site will be the sum of 7/per man per hour, for all time paid for, plus travelling expenses.

Terms of Payment. Progress payments up to 80% of contract amount, payable quarterly against statements showing the amount of work completed, and the remaining 20% to be paid one month after delivery.

Yours faithfully,

FOR WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LTD.,

D.S. Melling

Director.

NOTE: This price is offered under today's conditions, and we must reserve the right to amend the price if, during the execution of order, there is material change in the costs of production.

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> We have been obliged to withdraw all prices and for the time being orders are accepted subject to prices ruling at time of despatch.

8th November, 1949.

The National Coal Board, Chatterley Whitfield Coal Board Unit, TUNSTALL, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

For the attention of Mr. Jones.

We thank you for your esteemed enquiry of the 31st ultimo and have pleasure in submitting our quotation as follows:-

TWO SETS (40 Liners in all) 'C.R.' quality Brake Lining 21%6" long x 91%6" wide x 1" thick, specially shaped and as previously supplied for your Hesketh Winding Engine, @ 68/11/4d each plus 45%.

Delivered and less 2% for monthly account.

Despatch would be about 6/8 weeks from receipt of order and we shall be pleased to receive your early instructions.

> Yours faithfully, FRANCIS W. HARRIS& CO., LTD.

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## WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED,

#### ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS,

#### WIGAN.



Our Ref. DSM/LW.

Telephone: 2246 WIGAN.

Telegrams: "ENGINES," WIGAN.



25th August, 1949.

The National Coal Board,
West Midlands Division,
No.1 North Staffs, Area.
Mining Industry Office,
Leek Road,
Stoke-on-Trent.

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Dear Sirs,

#### Hesketh Pit Winding Engines.

When visiting your Hesketh Pit recently our Mr. Edwards was requested to submit a price for new Palm Ends for the Brake Straps, and we now have pleasure in quoting as follows:-

2 Forged Steel Palm Ends 8'-4" long, for the Bottom Brake Straps on Hesketh Pit Winders.

Yours faithfully,

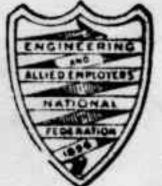
FOR WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LTD.,

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DELIVERY: 6/8 weeks.

## WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED,

## ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS, WIGAN.



Our	Ref.	
Your	Ref.	

Telephone: 2246 WIGAN.

Telegrams: "ENGINES," WIGAN.

1st April, 1947.

The National Coal Board,
West Midlands Division,
Chatterley- Whitfield Coal Board Unit,
Tunstall,
STOKE - ON - TRENT.

Dear Sirs,

#### Hesketh Pit Winding Engine

We are in receipt of your letter of 31st ultimo together with your official order No. 3171 for One New Main Brake Lever for the above Winding Engine.

Your drawing sent to us with your order does not show the point where the original lever has broken, but we have put in hand a New Steel Lever of somewhat stronger section, and this will be ready for collection by you on Thursday next April 3rd.

Yours faithfully,

FOR WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED.

Grahe operating Lever.

J. A. Welling Director.

## WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED,



## ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS, WIGAN.

Our Ref	27.5	 
Your Ref		

TRLEPHONE 2246 WIGAN. TELEGRAMS "ENGINES," WIGAN.

29th June 1936.

Messrs. Chatterley Whitfield Collieries Limited, Tunstall. Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs.

#### Re. Hesketh Pit Winding Engines.

With reference to Mr. Crofts' conversation with the writer on Friday last over the telephone, we beg to enclose a Time Torque diagram, showing the conditions that will be brought about in connection with your Hesketh Pit Winding Engines should you instal three Deck Cages in place of the present two Deck Cages, and raise nine trams of coal per wind instead of six.

Keeping the maximum rope speed in the Shaft down to 50-ft per second, we estimate that the time of Winding will be 49 secs with the increased load, so that if you can deck in 11 secs-all three decks-this will enable you to make 60 Winds per hour.

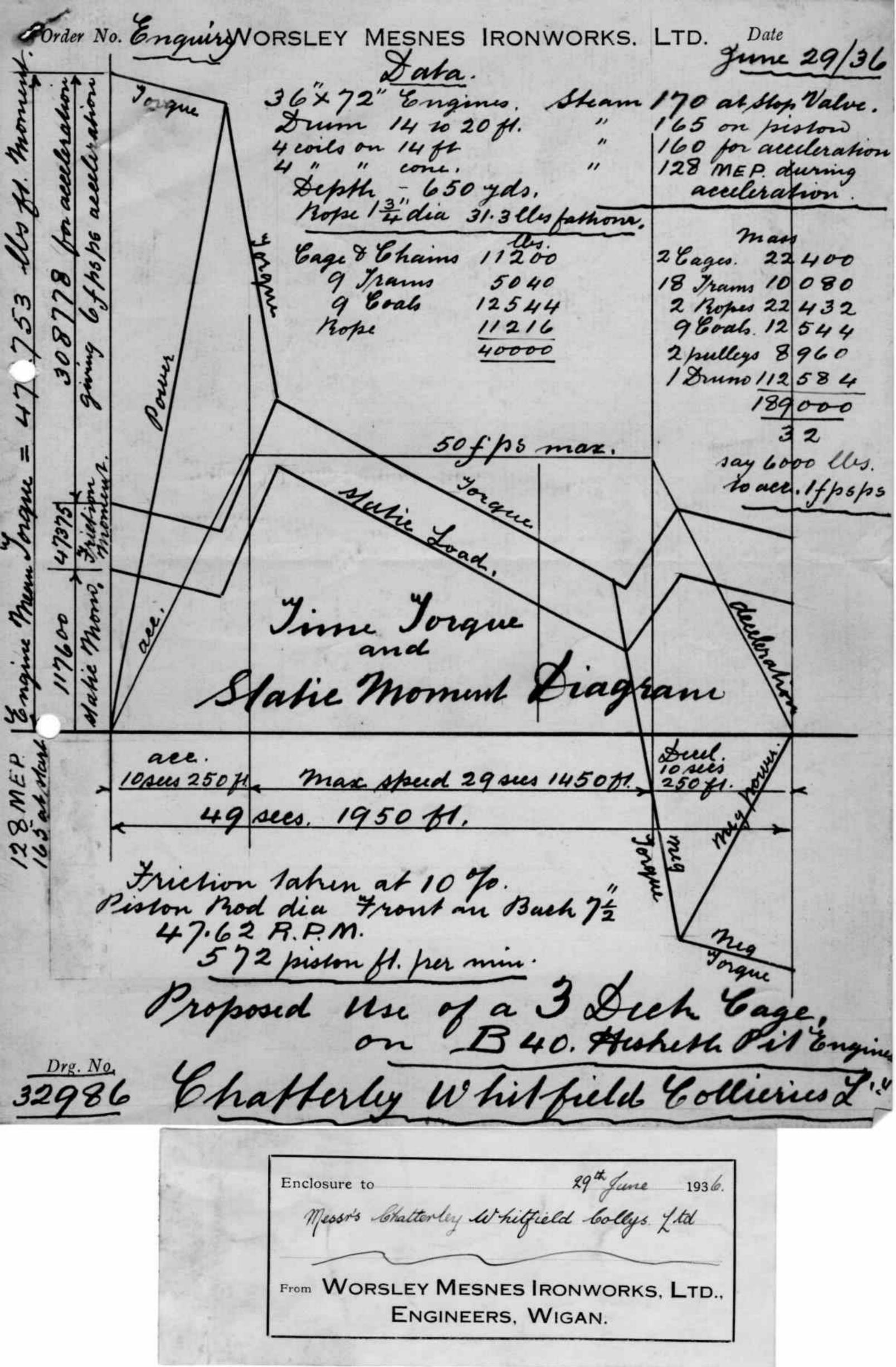
The writer will be over in your district on Thursday next, the 2nd prox., and will call at your Offices in the morning of that date, in order to discuss any point with you that you may not be quite clear about.

Yours faithfully,

FOR WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED.

J. a. Melling Director. —

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### PRECAUTIONS AGAINST OVERWINDING.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARRYING OUT TESTS TO "MELLING" BRAKES AND OVERWINDERS.

#### TO TEST BRAKES :-

- (1) See that Posts, or Straps, are correctly adjusted to the paths.
- (2) Place empty cage at a position in shaft, two or three revolutions from bottom of shaft. Get the engineman to apply the brakes to "full on" position, and then open the throttle valve full with reversing lever in "descending position." If the engines move at all, then the brakes, or the brake engine, require adjustment until the drum is held stationary.

#### TO TEST OVERSPEED AND OVERWINDING GEAR AND SLOW BANKING DEVICE :-

- (1) Place empty cages in middle of shaft. Get engineman to take the brake off, and then trip the emergency gear on the controller by hand. After tripping, the controller should hold the throttle valve in "closed position" and brakes should be "full on." If any further movement, either to close throttle or to apply brakes, can be effected by the engineman, then the controlling mechanism requires adjustment until no further movement can be obtained. Insufficient tension on the main spring "V" will usually be the cause of non-fulfilment of above conditions.
- (2) Bring cages to bank level in turn and determine distance that they each travel above the catches before the emergency gear at end of wind brings them to rest. This distance should not exceed 3 to 4 feet above the catches.
- (3) For testing overspeeding device in shaft it is not absolutely necessary to run the engines at an excessive speed to determine that the apparatus is functioning in a proper manner. All that is required is to run the engines at their normal speed of winding—or below the normal speed if desired—then bring the notched bar "G" (on the horizontal controller), or the floating pronged bar (on the circular disc controller) in contact with the nut "F" (or the circular disc) by hand. The engines should be brought to a standstill in from three to six revolutions of the drum—dependent on the speed at the time of application. Make certain that the disengaging gear "H" and "J" is working efficiently before testing for overspeeding. The same procedure can be carried out in testing the speed two revolutions from the end of the wind. In this case the emergency gear should bring the engines to a standstill in less than half a revolution. When the period of the Wind is reached where the Slow Banking Device is controlling, tests should be made by attempting to land the cages at a higher speed than 5 feet per second.

If desired this test can be carried out with the Cages some three or four revolutions from the end of the Wind by inserting a packing piece—or block of wood—which can be held by hand between the projection F on the travelling Nut (in the horizontal Screw type of Overwind Preventer) or between the projection F on the Circular Disc (in the case of the Disc type of Preventer) and the levers, L, which operate the piston in the Hydraulic Cylinder, B1, whilst the engines are at rest. Get the engineman to take the brake off and open the throttle valve full and by means of a Speed Indicator determine the speed of the cage at the moment of trip-off and the distance travelled before the Cages are brought to rest.

If the Speed shown on the indicator diagram exceeds 5 feet per second, then screw down the "Men Needle Valve" in the dashpot until the speed is brought down to, or below 5 feet per second.

Similar tests can be carried out with the engines just coasting at a speed of approximately 2 feet per second—which speed should not be exceeded when the Cages are arriving at the banking level when men are riding.

#### **GENERAL REMARKS:**

To ensure that brake engines will work efficiently, the level of the water in the tank surrounding the cataract cylinder should be above the top clack valve. Clack valves should be examined periodically to determine conditions of same, as also should the piston valve.

On the Controller and Slow Banker all springs should be examined periodically to see that they still retain their tension, or compression, and any slackness in rods, or wear in moving parts should be taken up. Care should be taken to ascertain that the oil level in the Slow Banker does not fall below the level of the top of the piston when in its top position—also that the electrical switches on the falling weight, W, and also on the Men and Coal handle, are making contact efficiently. If in any doubt write or telephone.

WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LTD.

Telegrams: Engines, Wigan. Telephone No. 2246.

HJC/JP.

9th April, 1937.

J. A. Helling Esq., The Worsley Mesnes Ironworks Ltd., WIGAN.

Dear Sir,

## Slow Banking Device.

Thank you for your quotation of the 7th instant referring to your "Melling" Horizontal Screw Type of Overwind Preventors for our Hesketh pit and Middle pit winding engines, for the total sum of £45 delivered and for botherques.

The existing "King" Overwind device to become your property.

We hereby accept your tender and shall be glad if you wil get on with the work.

Yours faithfully,

#### NATIONAL COAL BOARD.

WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION.

NORTH STAFFS. AREA.

COLLIERIES

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## Request for Expenditure on New Construction and Machinery Repairs and Replacements.

Dept. Engineers .

Request No. 890. 2 2 FEB 1951 CHATTERLEY-WHITFIELD COLLIERY. Date 15/2/51. ADITAL EXPENDITURE SECTION Details of Expenditure 40 Pieces Ferodo, C.R. quality Brake Lining 21.9/16" long x 9.15/16" wide x 1" thick, shaped to redina, as preveously supplied. @ 119/6d per liner. As per attached quotation. Ex. Messrs. F.W. Harris & Co., Ltd., ESTIMATED AMOUNT £ 239. Reason for Request .... To replace worn-out Brake Linings, for the Hesketh Pit. Savings to be made and how long before they will be made ...... To be charged for Revenue. Dept. Engineers. Date 15/2/51. Approved by and in charge of A. JONES. 15/2/51. Dept. Inginoers Date. Order No. KIA Garagag Approved by Head of Department Cost Controller H. PEARSON. Manager S. HAY. Cost Data. Sub-Area Agent **Actual Cost** W. WILCOX. Area Chief Mechanical Engineer 5. alluncu Estimated Cost Area Chief Electrical Engineer Over or Under Area General Manager Wenner

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WATER SOFTENERS

9th February, 1951.

The prices quoted are based on the cost of materials, labour, t ansport indictal along obligations ruling at the date of tender, and, if between that date and the date of cospatch an increase in costs should coour, we resemblish right to invoice the goods at the prices ruling at that

The National Coal Board, date.
Chatterley-Whitfield Coal Board Unit,
TUNSTALL,
Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

For the attention of Mr. Jones.

As requested by our Mr. Robinson, we have pleasure in submitting a quotation for FERODO LINERS required for your Hesketh Pit, viz:-

40 Pieces Ferodo, C.R. quality Brake
Lining 21% long x 91% wide
x 1" thick, shaped to radius as
previously supplied ..... @ 119/6d per liner.

Delivered and less 2/% for monthly account.

We could give delivery in about 8 weeks and we shall be pleased to receive your early instructions.

Yours faithfully, FRANCIS W. HARRIS & CO., LTD.

CONTRACTS OR QUOTATIONS MAY BE CANCELLED BY US WITHOUT LIABILITY SHOULD CONTINGENCIES ARISE BEYOND OUR CONTROL Head U. .

## WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED,

## ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS, WIGAN.



TRLEPHONE 2246 WIGAN. TELEGRAMS "ENGINES," WIGAN.

12th February 1937.

Messrs. Chatterley-Whitfield Collieries Limited, Tunstall. Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs.

#### Re, Hesketh\_Pit Winding Engines.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. . with reference to the increased steam pressure that you are proposing to work at.

We do not recommend putting any greater pressure than 175 lbs. per sq. inch in the above Engines.

The main parts that will be affected by any increased pressure above the 175 lbs. per sq. inch will be:-

- (1). "Corliss" Exhaust Valves.
- (2). The Auxiliary Engines i.e. Steam Brake and Steam Reverser.
- (3). Steam Throttle Valve.

The Engines themselves are strong enough to stand your increased steam pressure, but we should say the best plan would be to put a reducing valve in the Steam Pipe range between your new boilers and the Engines, in order to reduce to 175 lbs. per sq.inch.

We shall be only too glad to furnish you with any further information that you may require, or if you would like to have a talk about the matter, the writer will run down to your Colliery in order to see you.

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19/2/37 Collier Find accident clauses.

T. O. Melling at Contracts subject to usual strike and accident clauses.

Director.

HJC/JP.

13th February, 1937.

J. A. Melling Esq., Messrs Worsley Mesnes Ironworks Ltd., WIGAN.

Dear Mr Melling,

Hesketh Pit Winding Engines.

Thank you for your letter of the 18th instant.

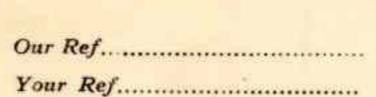
I should be glad if you could call in one day next week. I expect to be in the office every day, but it would be as well if you gave us a ring before starting out.

Yours faithfully,

General Manager.

## WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED,

# ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS, WIGAN.



TELEPHONE 2246 WIGAN.
TELEGRAMS "ENGINES," WIGAN.

10th April 1937.

Messrs. Chatterley-Whitfield Collieries Limited, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

EMPLOYER

#### Slow Banking Device.

we thank you for your letter of the 9th inst., accepting our offer of the 7th to replace the existing KING'S Slow Banking Device that you have installed on the "Melling" Overwind Preventers at your HESKETH PIT and MIDDLE PIT, with our own Device, and we beg to state that this order shall have our best care and prompt attention.

We trust that this will make the matter quite satisfactory to you, and beg to remain

Yours faithfully,

FOR WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED.

Director.

HJC/JP.

13th April, 1937.

J. A. Melling Esq.,
Messrs Worsley Mesnes Ironworks Ltd.,
Engineers & Ironfounders,
WIGAN.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 10th instant.

I now understand your price for the two Overwind Preventers is £45 each.

We accept this tender. Please proceed with the work at once.

Yours faithfully,

General Manager.

CONTRACTORS TO THE ADMIRALTY: INDIAN STATE RAILWAYS, ETC.

## WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED

#### ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS,

## WIGAN



Our Ref. DSM,/.I.M....

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Telephone: 2246 WIGAN.

Telegrams: "ENGINES," WIGAN.

5th May, 1950.

#### For the attention of Mr. S. Allman.

The National Coal Board, West Midlands Division, No.1 North Staffs. Area, Mining Industry Office, Leek Road, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sir,

#### Hesketh Pit Brake Gear.

With reference to your recent telephone conversation with our Mr. Dickinson when the question of a "Suspended" Post type of Brake Gear was mentioned in connection with our quotation of 22nd March, 1950, we now have pleasure in quoting you an extra price for this type of post and are at the same time putting forward what we consider to be the advantages of our own type of Semi-Caliper Posts and our objections to the "Suspended" type.

- (1) Our own design of Brake Posts have the anchor pin positioned as near as practicable to the vertical centre line of the drum shaft, thus giving very even wear of the linings.
- (2) Our posts are designed to give approximately 0.2" deflection under maximum load, this absorbs about 4" of the brake engine stroke and allows the necessary flexibility to enable the engineman to "feel" and easily "trail" the brakes.
- (3) This system employs the minimum number of pins and pivots, thus lessening the tendency for "shudder" developing during the working life of the brake gear.

In our opinion the main disadvantages of the Suspended type are these:-

(a) Very accurate adjustment of top and bottom tension rods is necessary if the linings are to wear evenly.

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- (b) The posts are very rigid and usually require a system of springs incorporated in the Vertical Tension rods, so as to provide the necessary flexibility for "trailing."
- (c) The multiplicity of pin joints and pivots are sources of "wear" which is likely to give trouble.

We are enclosing a "type" drawing No. 46263 which shows our own design of Post Brakes as recently fitted to a Winding Engine.

If desired we are willing to supply Suspended Type Brake Gear in place of the Brake Gear quoted in ours of 22/3/50, and our extra price will be the sum of ...... £280. 0. 0. (TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY POUNDS).

Yours faithfully,

FOR WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LTD.,

D.S. Melling

ENCLOS.

Director.

NOTE: This price is offered under today's conditions, and we must reserve the right to amend the price if, during the execution of order, there is material change in the costs of production.

19th June, 1951.

Worsley Mesnes Ironworks Ltd., WIGAN.

Dear Sirs,

#### Hesketh Pit Brake Gear.

"Type" Drawing No. 46263.

After considering your remarks about the two types of brakes, we have decided to accept your recommendations and fit your own type of Semi-Caliper Brakes and not the "Suspended Type".

For Chatterley-Whitfield Colliery,

No. 1 Sub-Area Mechanical Engineer.

#### **MEMORANDUM**

FROM:

Area Chief Mechanical Engineer.

Our Ref.: SA/RC.

TO:

H. Pearson Esq., Chatterley-Whitfield.

Date: 2nd March, 1951.

Your Ref.:

SUBJECT:

re Hesketh Brake Gear.

I refer to the overwinder equipment for Hesketh Pit and our various conversations on the guestion of the type of brake gear, and as promised I enclose herewith Worsley Mesnes letter and print outlining what they consider to be the most suitable type of brake gear for this job.

Their letter also gives an extra price for parallel action gear and I shall be pleased when you have had further opportunity of looking at this, if you will let me know as of course we must clear Worsley Mesnes before they commence production. Un to the present they have not been in a position to do anything with regard to this job but no doubt will be commencing very shortly.

S. allman

Area Chief Mechanical Engineer.

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Hishelt Pit Brake Gear Rear Sirs Enthe Pak you for your telle of may 5 th 1951 and "tyte" Browning No. 96263. after ensidering your remarks about the two lifes of brakes we have deceded to another your seconnerdation and fit your own tyle of "Sentended Tyle"

Y.F.

## WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS,

### WIGAN



Our Ref. DSM/LW. Your Ref. HP/C/MB.

Telephone: 2246 WIGAN.

Telegrams: "ENGINES," WIGAN.

21st June, 1951.

The National Coal Board, West Midlands Division, Chatterley-Whitfield Coal Board Unit, TUNSTALL. Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

#### Hesketh Pit Brake Gear.

We thank you for yours of the 19th instant and are pleased to note that you have decided to accept our recommendations regarding our own type of Semi-Caliper Brakes.

Yours faithfully,

FOR WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LTD.,

Director. File.

### NATIONAL COAL BOARD.

MIDLANDS DIVISION.

- / FEB 1952 NORTH STAFFS. AREA.

COLLIERIES

## Request for Expenditure on New Construction and Machinery Repairs and Replacements.

Request No. 1141

Chatterley-	Whitfield: Date 24th Jan. 1952.
Details of Expenditure	
2 - Pairs 11" Bore x 12	" wide Crankpin Brasses,
White Metal lined,	your reference No.B.40.
<u> </u>	
Price	£258/-/-
Ex:- Worsley Mesnes Iron	works Ltd., quotation
dated 11.1.52. refe	rence DSM/CJM.
	ESTIMATED AMOUNT £ 258/-/-
Reason for Request To replace present Brass	es badly distorted.
Hesketh Winding Engines:	
Savings to be made and how long before they will be made	
	To be charged for Revenue.
Dept. Engineers Date 24.1.52.	
Approved by and in charge of	
Engineers 041 50	ZUL ZUL
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Approved by Head of Department  Date	Order No. Kitt Cw 10048 Date issued FEB 1951
H. Pearson.	Cost Controller
Manager	
S. Hay.	Cost Data.
Sub-Area Agent  W. Wilcox.	Actual Cost
Area Chief Mechanical Engineer	Estimated Cost
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Area Chief Electrical Engineer	Over or Under
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## WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED

ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS,

#### WIGAN



Our Ref. DSM/CJM.

Telephone: 2246 WIGAN.

Telegrams: "ENGINES," WIGAN.

11th January, 1952.



The National Coal Board, West Midlands Division, Chatterley-Whitfield Coal Board Unit, TUNSTALL, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

#### Hesketh Pit Winding Engines.

We thank you for your enquiry of the 7th instant and have pleasure in quoting as requested.

2 Pairs 11" Bore x 12" Wide Crankpin Brasses, White Metal lined, for your Hesketh Winding Engines, Our Reference No.B.40.

Delivery: - 3/4 months.

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Yours faithfully,

FOR WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LTD.,

Director.

### NATIONAL COAL BOARD.

2 5 AUG 195#

MIDLANDS DIVISION.

NORTH STAFFS. AREA.

COLLIERIES

# Request for Expenditure on New Construction

Dept.Engineers!

2 7 AUG 1951	
APITAL EXPENDITURE SECTION. Chatterley-	
Details of Expenditure 2 - Pairs of G.M. Cros	
Halves, 83" bore x	11" wide. Suitable
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# WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS.





Our Ref. DSM/LW.

Telephone: 2246 WIGAN.

Telegrams: "ENGINES," WIGAN.



6th August, 1951.

The National Coal Board, West Midlands Division, North Staffs. Area., No.1 Sub-Area, Tunstall. STOKE-ON-TRENT.

Dear Sirs,

Hesketh Winding Engines. Crosshead Pins.

We thank you for yours of the 4th instant regarding your proposed turning down of the Cross Head Pins from 9" to 8%" to remove the present ovalarity, and fitting new Brasses. We do not see any objection to this procedure, as the reduction in diameter is almost negligible, and have pleasure in quoting you for the new Brasses.

Our price for Two Pairs of G.M. Crosshead Brasses in halves, 87" bore x 11" wide, will be the sum of ..... £143. 0. 0. (ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY THREE POUNDS), nett, monthly account, delivered free to Colliery, and we could deliver in approximately Eight weeks.

Yours faithfully,

FOR WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LTD.,

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S. Melling

Director.

NOTE: This price is offered under today's conditions, and we must reserve the right to amend the price if, during the execution of order, there is material change in the costs of production.

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6th November, 1951.

Worsley Mesnes Ironworks Ltd., Wigan.

Dear Sirs,

We have sent to you under separate cover, one case containing the Brake Valve off our Hesketh Winding Engine for the usual overhaul.

The Official order for same will follow in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Mechanical Engineer.

#### NATIONAL COAL BOARD.

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WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION.

NORTH STAFFS, AREA.

COLLIERIES

Request for Expenditure on New Construction

Dept. Engineers

Request No.1130

Date 1st. Jan. 1952

and Machinery Repairs and Replacements. Chatterley-Whitfield:

Details of Expenditure 40 - Feredo C.R. Liners 21.9/16" x 9.15/16" x 1" thick shaped to 10-Radius. Price ... 120/75d. each.

> Ex:- Feredo Ltd., quotation dated 21.12.51. ref:-EJA/EC.

> > ESTIMATED AMOUNT £ 241/5/10

Required for replacements on Brakes of Hesketh Winding Engine.

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A. Jones.

Dept. Engineers

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Area Chief Electrical Engineer

Area General Manager

Order No. RIA CW 10853

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Please reply to

FRANCIS W HARRIS & CO LTD

Moorland Road

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The prices quoted are based on the cost of materials, labour, transport and statutory obligations ruling at the date of tender, and, if between that date and the ate of despatch an increase in costs should occur, we re erve the right to invoice the goods at the prices ruling at that date.

21st December, 1951.

The National Coal Board, Chatterley Whitfield Collieries, TUNSTALL, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

For the attention of Mr. Jones.

As requested per 'phone a few days ago, we have pleasure in submitting our quotation for a further Set of Ferodo Linings for your Hesketh Pit, viz:-

40 - FERODO C.R. Liners 21%6" x 91%6" x 1" thick, shaped to 10ft. radius @ 120/7%4d each.

Terms:

Delivered and less 21/2 for monthly account.

Delivery: About 3 months.

We shall be pleased to put these Liners in hand and assure you of our best attention.

Yours faithfully, FRANCIS W. HARRIS & 60., LTD.

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29th March, 1952.

Messrs. Billington & Newton Ltd., Longport, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

We have sent to your works the R.H. big end bearing (from our Hesketh Winding Engines) for re-metalling. Please use the following mixture:-

Antimony 9%. Copper 3.5% Tin Remainder.

The bore is to be 11" minus .014", radii to be as old bearings.

When the bearings are ready for boring, please advise us as we should like our Mr. Winter to see them set up in the machine. The official order for the above will follow in the course of a few days.

Yours faithfully,

MECHANICAL ENGINEER.

#### NATIONAL COAL BOARD

#### CHATTERLEY-WHITFIELD COLLIERY

#### HESKETH WINDING ENGINE

The new Post Brake fitted during the Whitsuntide Holidays began coal winding on Wednesday 4th June, 1952.

These new brakes were lined with "Mintex Fibre". These linings when fitted to the brake blocks were blackish in colour and could best be described for texture as flabby.

During coal winding on the day shift and the afternoon shift on the 4th., these linings gave off huge clouds of smoke, and in doing so wore away quite rapidly and the material of which the linings were made was distributed from the Engine House and Basement floor in huge quantities.

Smoking was a little improved on Thursday 5th. and gradually decreased until there was practically none by Wednesday the 11th., but the linings had so decreased in thickness by this time that it was decided that the right hand side linings should be removed on Saturday the 14th.

During the coal winding shift of the 14th., the Lining Representatives were present along with the Representatives of the Manufacturer of the Post Brake and while we express the opinion that we had been supplied with a rotten set of brake linings, the Linings representatives said that they could not understand how it had come about and would we let them have a well worn piece for investigation.

The Linings representative came again on Monday the 16th. and took back with him the worst worm piece of brake lining and promised to let Worsley Mesnes and ourselves have the complete report of their findings in due course.

During the night of the 14th., the right hand side brake was fitted with Don brake linings and the left hand side and the right hand side were adjusted as near equally as possible.

During coal winding on the day shift on the 16th. it was noticed that the "Mintex" brake path was somewhat warmer than the "Don" brake path and we believe that this was due to the high spots wearing off the "Don" quickly. However, we did not make any adjustments until between shifts on the 17th., and at the time of adjustment being made the "Mintex" brake path was still warmer than the "Don" brake path. The adjustments made between shifts was to tighten the brake on the "Don" side by about 3/16".

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By 5.0 p.m. in the afternoon the "Don" brake path was quite warm and the "Mintex" brake path quite cold which means that the "Don" linings were doing say 95% of the work. The temperature of both brake paths has been kept under constant observation throughout this week, and while the "Don" brake path has steadily decreased in temperature and the "Mintex" brake path steadily increased in temperature, the temperature of the "Mintex" brake path had not risen sufficiently to equal the temperature of the "Don" brake path by 10.0 a.m. on Saturday the 21st.

I should say that the amount of lining worn off the "Don" under these conditions is something less than a" but the "Mintex" linings although working lightly from the 18th to the 21st have continued to fling material over the Engine House and Basement floor.

H. PEARSON.

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NO.1. SUB-AREA MECHANICAL ENGINEER.

21st June, 1952.

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## WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED,

#### ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS,

#### WIGAN.



Our Ref. DSM/CJM/13904.

Your Ref. AJ/MPB.

Telephone: 2246 WIGAN.

Telegrams: "ENGINES," WIGAN.

2nd April, 1952.



The National Coal Board, West Midlands Division, No.1 (North Staffs) Area, TUNSTALL, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

Hesketh Winding Engines.

Installation of Controller & Brake Gear.

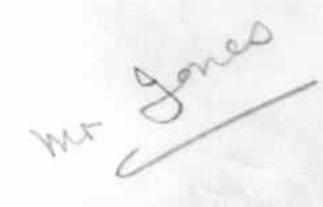
We thank you for yours of the 29th ultimo and confirm that we will arrange for the Controller and Brake Gear to be installed at your Whitsun Holidays, 2pm Saturday to 10pm. Tuesday, the 31st May to the 3rd of June.

Yours faithfully,

FOR WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LTD.,

D.S. Melling

Director.



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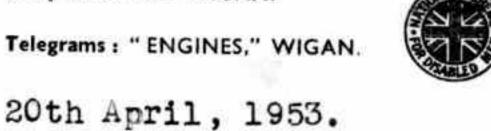
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Telephone: 2246 WIGAN.

Telegrams: "ENGINES," WIGAN.



For the attention of Mr. Jones.

The National Coal Board, Chatterley Whitfield Coal Board Unit, TUNSTALL, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sir,

Hesketh Pit Winders. New Pistons & Nuts.

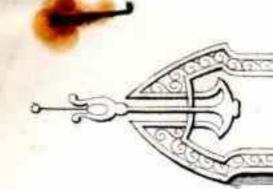
As requested per telephone today we have looked into the question of the Wrought Iron Nuts for the above job, and we find that the reason why they were not delivered along with the Pistons is that we were short of the necessary raw material. This has now come to hand and we will complete the nuts and forward them as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

FOR WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LTD.,

D.S. Melling

Director.



## THE RELIANCE ROPE ATTACHMENT CO., LIP



DIRECTORS
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April.9th.1953.

Messrs.N.C.B.West Midlands Division, No.1.Area, Chatterley-Whitfield Coal Board Unit, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Frent.

Dear Sirs,

For attention of Er. Pearson.

and our quotation of the Sth.inst., as we understand you are likely to be requiring Cappels from 1.5% Manganese Steel, was Cappels from this material involves additional labour and normalising costs, we have pleasure in submitting amended quotation as follows:-

Three Reliance Type B Winding Rope Cappels made from 1.5% Manganese Steel, with Bands of the same material, fitted with Best E.S.Cast Steel Interlocking Wedges and Metalling Block suitable for 1%" dia., ropes, tested at Lloyds Froving House to a Proof Load of 44 tons and Lloyds Certificates supplied at the price of £112. ô. c., each nett, delivered carriage paid Chatterley-Whitfield Colliery.

Delivery - subject to supplies of material 10/12 months.

Yours faithfull

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#### COLLIERIES

## Request for Expenditure on New Construction and Machinery Repairs and Replacements.

Dept. Engineers. Request No. 1340

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE SECTION. CHATTERLEY-	WHITFIELD. Date 15/4/53.						
Details of Expenditure							
Steel with bands of the s	Rope Cappels, made from 1.5% Manganese material fitted with best E.S.Cast						
Steel Interlocking Wedges	, and metalling block, suitable for						
15" dia. ropes, and tested to proof load of 44 tons.							
Price -	£112. 0s. 0d. each.						
Ex. Reliance Rope Atta	chment Co.I.t.						
Quotation dated 9t	h April, 1953, Ref.EH/JH						
	ESTIMATED AMOUNT £ 336.0s.0d.						
Reason for Request							
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## WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS,

## WIGAN



Our Ref. CR/CJM. Your Ref.....

Telephone: 2246 WIGAN.

Telegrams: "ENGINES," WIGAN.



25th November, 1953.

For the attention of Mr. H. Pearson, No. 1 Sub-Area Engineer.

Messers - W.H. Burker & Son (Regineers) Ltd.,

The National Coal Board, West Midlands Division, Chatterley Whitfield Colliery, NR. TUNSTALL, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our telephone conversation of today we enclose a copy of our recent letter sent to W.H. Barker, and would also confirm that the pulley and shaft will weigh 6 tons.

Regarding your second request for the installation of the pneumatic controller at Middle Pit on December 5th, we are pleased to confirm that arrangements have been made for this work and that we will send one of our erectors to the colliery next Monday to see if any further work could be done before the week end.

Yours faithfully,

MESNES IRONWORKS LTD., FOR WORSLEY

Works Manager.

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24th November, 1953.

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Messrs. W.H. Barker & Son (Engineers) Ltd., Etna Works, FENTON, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant we hope to despatch the first of the two Headgear Pulleys for Chatterley Whitfield next week and the second before Christmas, 1953.

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Yours faithfully,

FOR WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LTD.,

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Director.

#### NATIONAL COAL BOARD

#### CHATTERLEY-WHITFIELD COLLIERY

R. Bennett Esq.,
Area General Manager,
National Coal Board,
Mining Industry Office,
Leek Road,
Stoke-on-Trent.

10th February, 1954.

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Dear Mr. Bennett,

## Heaketh Winding Engine.

Mr. Wilcox has asked me to send you this report :-

brake engine suddenly became locked in the "ON" position. This brake engine was a new one some 20 months ago and has worked very satisfactorily and trouble-free until this incident occurred. The only symptom we had to guide us in diagnosing the trouble was that the brake engine would not release the brake by the normal method. The position of the cages was roughly 6 feet from landing, the Hocker having stopped the bottom deck of the descending cage level with the top deck in the pit bottom because he was momentarily short of loads in the bottom deck.

After contacting pit top and pit bottom to make sure that both cages were in order for returning towards mid shaft and informing all personnel at both ends to keep clear, the winding engine controls were set for both cages to move towards mid shaft if they moved. We then turned the steam off the brake engine and tried a Jack under the main brake lever which connects the brake engine to the brake cross shaft and it was reasonably comfortable to lift the brake engine pistons and rods. This told us that the trouble was not in the brake engine cylinders. The Jack was removed and after putting steam on to the brake engine again and by means of a pinch bar in the links of the brake engine engine valve spindle the valve was moved in the downward direction slowly and the brake came off, but when the pinch bar was removed the brake immediately went on again.

This gave us the impression that there was something wrong in the valve spindle, and after turning steam off again the links of the valve spindle were uncoupled and the valve spindle lifted up and down 2 inches or so quite freely but would not drop down any further although there was room for it to drop down some 15 inches. The packing mut was then removed from the bottom of the valve spindle box, the valve spindle lifted up and down quite freely again and it was obvious that there was some obstruction in the valve and valve box which made it impossible to even force the valve spindle further down. The decision was taken immediately to remove the old valve box and spindle and put on the spare new one which was in the Engine House. This was done and immediately before turning steam on this valve spindle appeared to have its proper freedom and would move up and down quite easily. The links were coupled to the valve spindle and some five minutes was occupied in warming the valve spindle and its box and the engineman again attempted to release his brake. There was no response, the brake remaining on-

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We tried a small adjustment on the valve spindle up and down without any result whatever. We then decided to turn steam off the brake engine and see if the valve spindle was still free after getting up to steam temperature. It was not free at all, in fact it was extremely difficult to twist it with a 2 ft. leverage. No blame can be attached to anyone for this valve spindle becoming tight due to temperature. It is a case of unpredictable expansion.

Whilst all this had been going on we had discovered the cause of the original valve spindle trouble, it was a piece of wire almost 1/16" in diameter, about 5" long wrapped round the valve spindle with about 1" showing from one of the port holes. With a little manoeuvring the piece of wire came out and we were then able to move the valve spindle and see quite a lot of marks and burrs on it which had been caused by the piece of wire.

With a little more manoeuvring we were fortunate to get the valve spindle out, and it was then obvious that the quickest way out of the difficulty was to clean up the old spindle and box and put it back on the brake engine. It worked perfectly.

The full steam torque test was applied and found satisfactory and after a few runs in the shaft testing out the brake normal winding began again.

We are under the impression that this piece of wire has been in this valve spindle and box during the whole of its working life because we are absolutely at a loss to imagine how it could possibly get there after it had been installed. The disturbing point about the job is that while the piece of wire stopped the brake from coming off, a similar thing might have stopped the brake from going on. The important word in the last sentence is MIGHT because the spindle is more likely to be fouled by an obstruction which would prevent the spindle from moving downwards to release the brake rather than foul the spindle from moving upwards to put the brake on.

The pit was out of action from 11.0 s.m. to 2.50 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

No.1. Sub-Area Mechanical Engineer.

Copies to: S.Allman Esq., W.Wilcox Esq.

#### NATIONAL COAL BOARD

TELEPHONES : STOKE-ON-TRENT 48201-10 WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION
NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AREA

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YOUR REF.

11th February, 1954.

H. Pearson, Esq.,
Sub-Area Mechanical Engineer,
National Coal Board,
Chatterley-Whitfield Colliery,
Tunstall,
Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Mr. Pearson,

Thank you for your report on the incident in connection with the steam operated brake engine at the Hesketh Winder. I should if at all possible, like to find out how the piece of wire got into the valve box and also take steps to prevent a recurrence of this in the future, not only at the Hesketh Pit but at other winders.

Mr. Allman will no doubt be seeing you about the matter when you can discuss ways and means of preventing an occurrence of this kind in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Area General Manager,

**MEMORANDUM** 

SA/MJB. Area Chief Mechanical Engineer, North Staffsour Ref.: SA/M FROM:

H. Pearson, Esq.,

Your Ref. : Date:

Chatterley-Whitfield Colliery

SUBJECT:

TO:

11th February 1954.

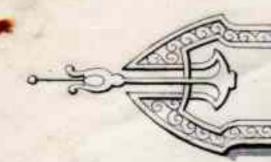
Hesketh Winding Engine. Steam Operated Brake Engine.

Many thanks for your copy of the report on the trouble with the Hesketh Brake Engine. I shall be having a further chat with you about this and we shall have to take the matter up seriously with Worsley Mesnes, although arising from the discussion we may find that we are not one hundred percent sure of the origination of the trouble.

The oustanding feature about this to my mind is the steam separator should be installed as late as possible in the steam supply line to protect the winder from foreign bodies and possibly a second separator in the brake engine steam line.

Again, I will have a further chat with you on this subject.

Area Chief Mechanical Engineer



## THE RELIANCE ROPE ATTACHMENT



DIRECTORS CONSTANCE M. ROBERTS H N JONES E V ROBERTS A CA JOHN KANE MINST CE (CHAIRMAN)

MANUFACTURERS OF WIRE ROPE ATTACHMENTS FOR MINING AND ENGINEERING PURPOSES.

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27. PARK PLACE. CARDIFF.

TELEGRAMS : RELYCO, CARDIFF. TELEPHONE CARDIFF 32025

27th.May.1954.

N.C.B. West Midlands Division, North Staffs Area. Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

re Order No.RLA/CW/32635.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 24th.inst.. contents of which we note. We regret that it will be quite impossible to deliver another Cappel to you by Whitsun as we are inundated with priority demands by the N.C.B., and it does not appear that we shall be in a position to despatch for some weeks. If we can in any way expedite delivery we will certainly do so.

Yours faithfully,

FOR THE RELIANCE ROPE ABLACHMENT CO.,

Ploved ungery a fortnight 21/6/54. Peff to come in one

or two days.

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## WORSLEY MESNES IRONWORKS LIMITED

#### ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS

#### WIGAN



Telephone: 2246 WIGAN

Telegrams: "ENGINES," WIGAN

15th February, 1954.

The National Coal Board, West Midlands Division, Chatterley Whitfield Colliery, Tunstall,

For the attention of Mr. H. Pearson, No. 1 Sub-Area Mechanical Engineer.

Dear Sirs,

Stoke-on-Trent.

#### Hesketh Winding Engine, 10" Inverted Brake Engine.

We thank you for your letter of the 12th instant and state that whilst we appreciate your concern in having found this length of wire in the valve chamber we ourselves cannot give a rigid explanation on how it arrived there. After consideration of the matter we can only assume that it must have been in the brake engine steam inlet pipes to the valve chamber when the job was installed.

This is the only point where it would have a complete open aperture to the valve chamber.

With regard to the steam separator we cannot trace any evidence of ever supplying this and therefore have no details of its construction. If you know that we have supplied it will you please let us know the order number and date.

We return herewith your piece of steel wire.
P.T.O.

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Yours faithfully,

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Worsley Mesnes Ironworks Ltd., WIGAN.

12th February, 1954.

Dear Sirs,

#### Hesketh Winding Engine Brake Engine.

Further to our telephone communication with you on Tuesday February 9th. 1954 when we informed you that the brake had locked in the "ON" position due to a piece of wire almost 1/16" diameter about 5" long being wrapped round the valve spindle and fouling in the bottom steam port, we wish to point out that this engine has not been opened in any way since it was fitted by you some 20 months ago.

We are at a loss to imagine how this wire got there because we think it impossible for a piece of wire of this shape to have been steam transported.

We are enclosing the piece of wire for you to see and shall be glad if you can offer any suggestions after investigation at your end. Please return the piece of wire.

As you are aware a steam seperator is fitted in the steam pipe line to protect the whole of this winding engine and its accessories from damage etc, due to foreign material which might be carried by the steam.

We should be pleased to have any information you have about this seperator.

Yours faithfully,

No.1. Sub-Area Mechanical Engineer.

HP/MPB

The Reliance Rope Attachment Co. Ltd., 27, Park Place, CARDIFF.

24th May, 1954.

Dear Sirs,

#### Our Order RLA/CW/32635

Thank you for your letter of the 18th. instant. We note that one Cappel will be delivered immediately and would ask you to do everything possible to deliver a second one before Whitsuntide.

Yours faithfully,

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No.1.Sub-Area Mechanical Engineer.





## THE RELIANCE ROPE ATTACHMENT CO., LO



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27. PARK PLACE. CARDIFF.

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18th.May.1954.

N.C.B. West Midlands Division, (North Staffs Area). Minding Industry Office, 72 Leek Road. Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

#### Order R1A/CW/32635.

In reply to your telephone enquiry regarding the delivery of the Cappels to the above Order, we regret the delay, but this hase been brought about by urgent priority demands placed upon us by the N.C.B.

We have, however, completed one Cappel, which is now at the Test House. We have asked Messrs. Lloyds to test this Cappel without delay, and which should be despatched to you in the course of a day or two.

Immediately we are in a position to let you have a final date for the delivery of the remainder of the order, we will write you further.

> Yours faithfully, for the Reliance Robe Mtaghment Co., Ltd.,

Mr. H. Yood

HP/MPB FOR MINING AND ENGINEERING PURPOSES.

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The Reliance Rope Attachment Co. Ltd., 27, Park Place, CARDIFF.

22nd June, 1954.

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Dear Sirs,

#### Re Order No. RLA/CW/32635

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27 PARK PLACE

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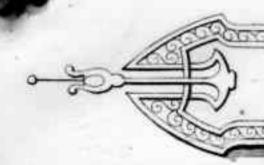
Thank you for your letter of the 21st. instant. This latest news that you are unable to deliver one more Capel before the end of July has completely undone our programme and is going to make a very difficult changeover during the August Holidays more difficult still.

I would ask you to very seriously look into the position again and do your very utmost to complete the manufacture of one Capel in the shortest possible time so that we can put the new ropes and Capels to work before the end of July.

I am sorry to put you to this trouble and can assure you that I wouldn't do so if the case wasn't one of extreme urgency.

Yours faithfully,

No.1.Sub-Area Mechanical Engineer.



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TELEPHONE CARDIFF 32025

21st.June.1954.

N.C.B.West Midlands Division, North Staffs Area, Mining Industry Office, 72, Leek Road, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

#### re Order No.RlA/CW/32635.

In reply to your telephone enquiry of to-day regarding delivery of one Cappel to the above order within the next fortnight, we have gone very carefully into this question with our works, and regret that owing to the urgent priority demands on hand, and the Works Holiday period commencing early next month, we are quite unable to despatch before the end of July. This is the very best we can do, and are sorry that we are unable to meet you.

We will, however, despatch the 2 remaining Cappels to you at the end of July.

Yours faithfully,

For The Reliance Rop Att the Charlet Co., Ltd.,

9th May, 1955.

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Messrs. Ege & Sons Ltd., SHIFNAL.

Dear Sirs,

Hecketh Winding Engine Drum

1.5% Manganese Steel Bolts to

B.8.8.291 with Mild Steel Nuts.

6th May, 1955, showing the bolts and nuts for the above Winding Engine Drum.

Please quote us your price and delivery date.

Yours faithfully,

No.1 Sub-Area Mechanical Engineer. Chatterley-Whitfield Colliery.



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24th February, 1955.

The National Coal Board, West Midland Division, North Staffs. Area, Mining Industry Office, Leek Road, STOKE-on-TRENT.

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Dear Sirs,

CHATTERLEY-WHITFIELD COLLIERY - YOUR ORDER NO.

1A/CW/48857 - OUR ORDER NO. J.9976

With reference to the above order we would draw your attention to the item - 6 H.P. Piston Rings, 15.3/4" x 3/4" x 9/16". Our records show that the groove in the Piston was 9/16" deep but the Piston Rings were supplied 1/2" thick and we are supplying accordingly. Please confirm that this is in order.

Yours faithfully, WALKER BROS (WIGAN) LIMITED.

E.A. Schutt. CHIEF DRAUGHTSMAN HP/MPB
EAS/DO/PW.

Messrs Walker Bros. (Wigan) Ltd., Pagefield Iron Works, WIGAN.

1st March, 1955.

Dear Sirs,

Chatterley-Whitfield Colliery - Our Order No. 1A/CW/48857 - Your Order No.J. 9976.

We note your remarks about the Piston Rings to the above order and we confirm that you should supply these Piston Rings thick.

Yours faithfully,

No. 1. Sub-Area Mechanical Engineer.

Yours faithfully, WALKER BROS (WIGAN) LIMITED.

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CARDIFF.

The Reliance Rope Attachment Co. Ltd., 27, Park Place, CARDIFF.

25th June, 1954.

LEW MANAGER E L'OAPID, N. DE

35rd.June.1954.

Dear Sirs,

#### Our Order No. RlA/CW/32635.

I note that you will have one Capel completed by the end of next week, but I cannot forego the test at Lloyds Proving House.

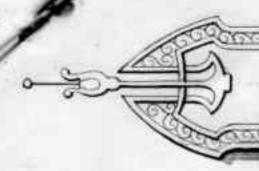
I confirm having discussed this matter with you on the 'phone on the 24th. instant and trust that you will be able to make special arrangements with Lloyds to get this Capel through quickly and we look forward to hearing that such arrangements have been made by Thursday of next week, July 1st. 1954.

I also confirm having requested you not to put this Capel on any form of transport for delivery to Chatterley-Whitfield, but to notify me on the 'phone the moment it is ready for collection and I will send a vehicle to your works at Cardiff to bring it to the colliery.

Many thanks for your help in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

No.1.Sub-Area Mechanical Engineer.



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27. PARK PLACE. CARDIFF.

TELEGRAMS "RELYCO" CARDIFF. TELEPHONE CARDIFF 32025.

23rd.June.1954.

N.C.B. West Midlands Division, North Staffs Area, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sirs,

#### re Order No.RlA/CW/32635.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 22nd.inst., and have again gone into this matter with the works. We could let you have one Cappel by the end of next week, provided you agreed to forego the test at Lloyds Proving House. If the Cappel is to be tested, we do not think we could despatch before the end of July.

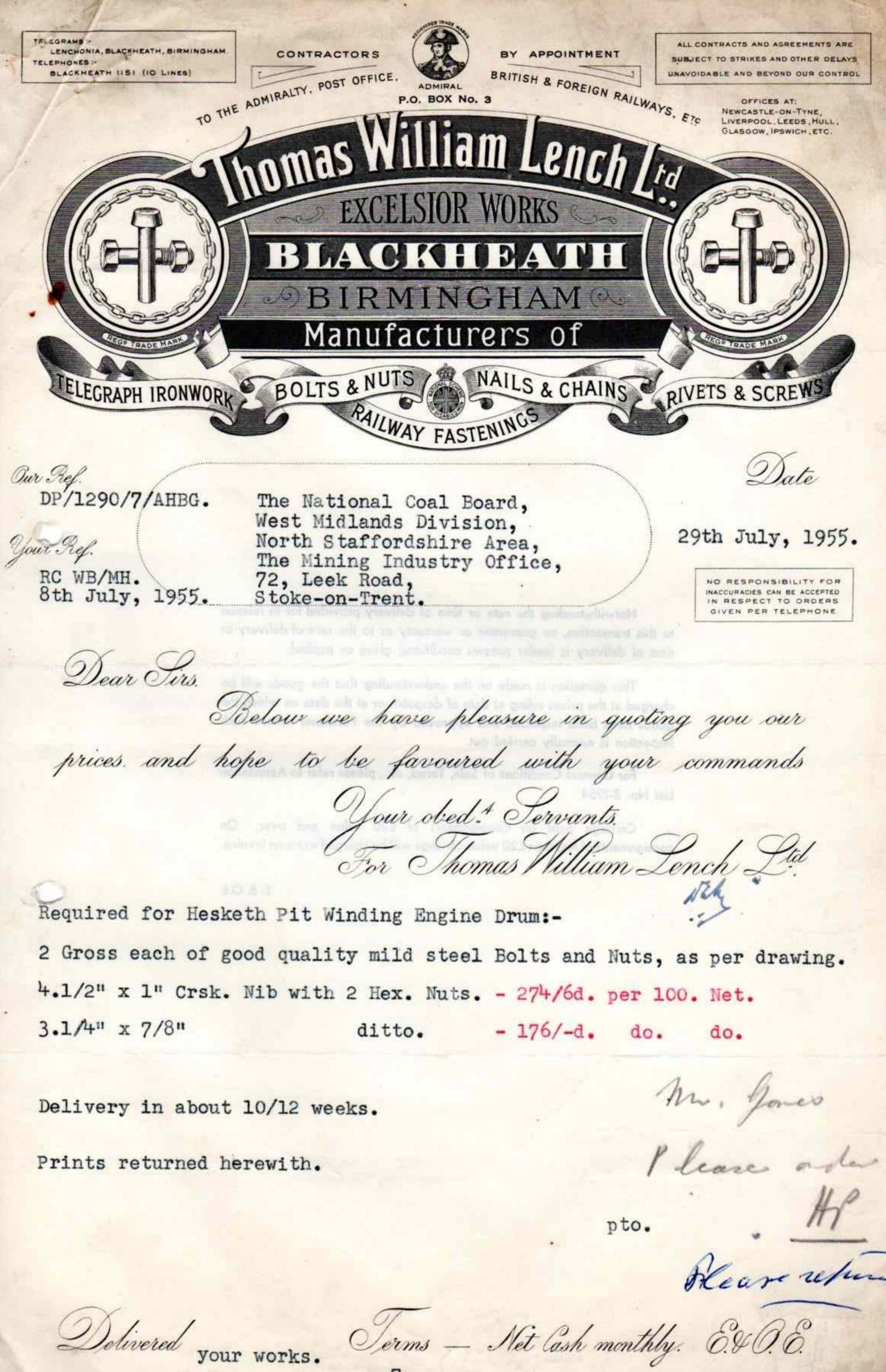
Your reply in course will oblige.

Yours faithfully,

For The Reliance Rope

thechitents co., Ltd.,

Tursday next week.



THIS QUOTATION IS OPEN FOR ACCEPTANCE WITHIN DAYS, AND IS APPLICABLE TO THE PRESENT ENQUIRY ONLY.

Any defective material supplied by us will be replaced free of charge, but we cannot admit any further claim in connection with same. When inspection takes place at our works such inspection must be regarded as final

Notwithstanding the rate or time of delivery provided for in relation

29th July, 1999.

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This quotation is made on the understanding that the goods will be charged at the prices ruling at date of despatch or at the date on which the goods have been inspected and approved by the Purchaser where such inspection is normally carried out.

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#### MEMORANDUM

FRCM	No.1. Group Mechanical Engineer	Our RefCWH/EH.
TO	Unit Mechanical Engineers	Your Ref
Subject	Pneumatic Controller Quarterly Tests	Date 30th April, 1959.

Please let me know by return, the cylinder bore and stroke, and brake path diameter of the Winding Engines at your collieries.

C.W. Hibbert

No.1. Group Mechanical Engineer

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# NATIONAL COAL BOARD WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTION

#### KEP INDICATION

- 1. In view of the risk of damage and danger likely to be caused by accumulating slack winding rope when cages are moved with keps in the 'under' position the following measures shall be adopted where applicable.
- 2. As from 1st December, 1958, all shafts equipped with pneumatic or hydraulically operated surface keps and normally used for winding of men, materials or mineral, shall be equipped with two sets of indicators to give the following indications:-
  - (a) To the Winding Engineman that the keps are either "UNDER" or "CLEARy as the case may be.
  - (b) To the Banksmen simultaneously that the keps are either "UNDER" or "CLEAR".

These indicators must be fitted in addition to any other alarm device or slack rope device which may already be in use. The indicators must not operated by the shaft signalling system, but by a separate electrical circuit.

Electrical circuit arrangements for the indicators above are available in Engineering Branch to suit varying conditions.

- The requirements of paragraph 2 above do not preclude the use of the following additional safeguards:-
  - (a) An alarm initiated electrically which warns the Engineman and the Banksman that the keps are "UNDER" after the winding engines have moved a short distance.
  - (b) A mechanical system governed by the winding engine movement which, instead of sounding an alarm, interlocks with the kep withdrawal mechanism, so as to prevent withdrawal whilst slack rope is present.
- 4. Those to whom this instruction is distributed must bring it to the notice of any members of their staff not included in the distribution list who are concerned with complying with it on taking action on it.

J. SMILLIE

Production Director