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COLOMBO PLAN GEOLOGIST TO INDIA

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MR. W. NOWERS ASBURY OF MONTREAL HAS ACCEPTED A COLOMBO PLAN ASSIGNMENT AS CONSULTANT ASBESTOS GEOLOGIST WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. MR. ASBURY ARRIVED IN NEW DELHI ON FEBRUARY 7 AND WILL REMAIN IN INDIA FOR FIVE TO EIGHT MONTHS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PLANS THIS YEAR TO CARRY OUT A SURVEY OF THE ASBESTOS DEPOSITS IN SEVERAL STATES. MR. ASBURY IS EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY THE SURVEY PARTY AND WILL ADVISE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN DEPOSITS.

MR. ASBURY WAS EMPLOYED AS AN ASBESTOS GEOLOGIST AT THETFORD MINES, QUEBEC, AND WAS CHIEF GEOLOGIST AT MEGANTIC MINE WHEN HE LEFT IN 1956. SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS ACTED AS A MINING CONSULTANT. HE WAS EDUCATED AT QUEEN'S SCHOOL, WESTMOUNT AND AT WESTMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL, AND IS A GRADUATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY.