

A1259	TRANSVAAL SMALL MINES ASSOCIATION
A	FORMATION OF THE ASSOCIATION
Date	
4.1.38	Circular. Letter from Incorp. Accountants Leith, Freake & Cade, [this one to J.C.N. Humphreys] acting on the instructions of Board of Directors Primrose G.M. Co. Ltd and Jumpers Cons. G.M. Co. pointing to urgent need to create an organisation to represent the smaller mines of the Witwatersrand, not registered and not members of Chamber of Mines, in view of Chamb. of Mines & Mine Workers' meeting with Minister of Mines that all Witwatersrand mines be scheduled.
20.1.1938	Circular letter from Transvaal Small Mines Association, formed on 10/1/1938 re. meeting of a deputation with Minister of Mines, 14.1.1938. Questionnaire & petition designed to oppose registration of small mines in terms of Silicosis Act, which would exclude employment of Silicotics.
Undated	Constitution of the Tvl. Small Mines Association.
B	PAPERS: DOCUMENTS, OFFICIAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE PERTAINING TO MINERS' PHTHISIS LEGISLATION [for background see Tvl. Chamber of Mines Annual Reports 1937- under Miners' Phthisis legislation index]. Small Mines Assn. opposed to amending Act 6 of 1938 for economic reasons.,
	Selected contents:
1920	Report of Joint Committee of Investigation of the Miners' Phthisis Medical Bureau & Dept. of Mines & Industries on certain mines outside the Witwatersrand in relation to production of Silicosis. (Ts.)
1940	Miners' Phthisis Medical Medical Bureau. Report on the investigation of the Incidence of Silicosis in non-scheduled Mines on the Rand and Klerksdorp area.
1941 (1 Dec.)	Miners' Phthisis Commission, Johannesburg. Minutes of proceedings of the meeting convened to hear a statement by Mr Southgate, Chamber of the Miners' Phthisis Board (Ts. Vol. 1)
12.1.1942	Miners' Phthisis Commission, Johannesburg. Minutes of the proceedings: statement by E.H.A. Joseph, Deputy Govt. Min. Engineer.
19.3.1942	Klerksdorp Mine Managers' Assn.: Ts. Copy: Evidence of the non-scheduled mines of the Klerksdorp District to the Miners' Phthisis Commission 1941.
U.G. 22-1943	Report of Miners' Phthisis Acts Commission, 1941-1943
7.5.45 (Ts.)	Memorandum comparing the existing Miners' Phthisis Acts Consolidation Act No. 35, 1925 (with amendments), the recommendations of the Commission 1941-43 [U.G. 22/1943] and the Silicosis Bill 1945 now before Parliament.
16 Jul 45	"Points for Mr Southgate. Interview on 16 July 45" (in Ts.) followed by Ms. notes by J.C.N. Humphreys: "Meeting with Dr Smith of Medical Board" [etc.]
1.9.45 (Ts.)	Transvaal Small Mines Assn. Memorandum concerning the possible incidence of Silicosis in non-scheduled Mines (13p.)

Oct. 1945 (Ts.)	Tvl. Sm. Mines Assn. [Draft] Notes on the discussion held before the Miners' Phthisis Board on the 12th Oct. 1945 [between Govt. representatives Mr G.G. Southgate, Chm. Miners' Phth. Board., Mr H.J.H. Donald, Govt. Min. Eng., Dr J.M. Smith, Chm. Medic. Bureau - and Tvl. Small M. Assn.: Mr J.C.N. Humphreys, member of the Assn. appointed to represent the Assn., also the Barberton Mining Assn. & Klerksdorp Mine Managers' Assn.] [5p.].
22.10.45 - 7.11.45	Letter from Secr. Sm. M. Assn. to Chm. Miners' Phth. Board forwarding a copy of the above "Discussion" asking for confirmation of report. Reply, with amendments to Draft report of Discussion.
Nov. 1945 (Ts.)	"Memorandum to the Minister of Mines from the Mining Group of the United Party members of Parliament from the Silicosis Bill" (Note: on?)
W.P. 2-'46	Dept. of Mines. Explanatory Memorandum on the Silicosis Bill, 1946.
Apr 46	Newspaper Cuttings relating to the Bill.
29.3.47 - May 1947	Letter from Secretary Small Mines Assn. Recommending the appointment of Mr J.C.N. Humphreys and part-time member of the Silicosis Board - Replies from Minister of Mines.
9.2.1950 (Ts.)	G.M.E. 48/9/8 - LXXXV S.R. Go. 44. Report of an inspection by the Assist. Inspector of Mines, Silicosis Research Section, of the Stanhope G.M. Co. Report headed: Registration of Mines - Dust Survey.
8.2.50 (Ts.)	G.M.E. 48/9/8 - LXXXIV S.R. Go. 31: Balmoral G.M. Co.
27.2.50 (Ts.)	Miners Phthisis beneficiaries on the Boshoff Group of Mines [List of names] - record of service of benefits in Wilford G.M. - Dust survey summary. Nov. 1947 - Dec. 47. Primrose G.M.
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27.5.50	Letter and report from Manager of Wilford (Pty) Ltd. supporting the views of Tvl. Sm. Mines Assn. for benefit of the Assn.'s representative in Cape Town i/c/w proposed legislation re. scheduling of Outcrop Mines.
July-Aug. 1950	G.M.E. 48/9/8 - C.S.R. Go. 3 - Report by J.S. Enslin, Assist. Inspector of Mines, Silicosis Research Section on inspection of Jumpers Gold Mining Co. relative to Registration of Mines. Dust Survey.
20.11.50	Copy of a letter from Tvl. Chamb. of Mines, Collieries Committee, to the Sec. Anglo. Tvl. Collieries re. Anthro-Silicosis: outstanding liability re. provisions of Silicosis Act 47/1946 or amended by Act 42/1950 [Outstanding liability of Collieries participating in the Extra Legal Compensation Pool Scheme].
28.12.50	Letters from Secr. for Mines to Manager of Primrose and Jumpers G.M. Co.'s informing them that Dust Surveys reveal a Silicosis hazard in their workings. They are therefore declared registered Mines and will be notified of amounts of liability.
8.1.51	Notice of a meeting to be held to consider the proposed registration, and the advisability of sending a deputation to C.T. in this connection.

- 30.1.51 Notice of meeting to receive report from W.P. Boshoff & J.C.N. Humphreys, members of the deputation, who interviewed the Minister of Mines in C.Town re registration etc. / Memorandum to be prepared for submission to Minister.
- 30.1.51 (Ms.) List of ministers names (in W.P. Boshoff's handwriting) to be invited to dinner at the Mount Nelson Hotel. Dated 30.1.1951.
- 30.1.51 Letter from Dept. of Mines Cape Town to Secr. Small Mines Assn. i/c/w deputations & representations.
- 21.2.51 Letter from Secr., Small Mines Assn., to Govt. Min. Engineer, Jhb. Re proposed Registration of Mines in terms of Silicosis Act 1946 (Refers to an interview betw. the G.M.E. & Mr Humphreys & requests information on several points.
- 5.4.51 Reply by G.M.E. to the above.
- 18.4.51 Notice of meeting to discuss the above correspondence (21.2.51, 5.4.51).
- 8.6.51 Letter from Dept. of Mines enclosing a copy of a draft Bill to amend the Silicosis Act 1946 for consideration by the Assn.
- 13.6.51 Letter from Dept. Mines C.T., refusing extension of time beyond 31.7.51 in which Tvl. Small Mines Assn. has to submit representations i/c/w proposed registration of Mines.
- 26.6.51 And attached. Particulars of service of miners of Klerksdorp and Witwatersrand non-registered Mines who were found to be suffering from Silicosis. Draft Joint Memorandum prepared by New Klerksdorp Gold Estates Ltd., Babroke Mines Ltd, Dominion Reefs (Klerksdorp) and The Africander Lease for forwarding to the Secr. of Mines in representation against the proposal to declare these 4 Klerksdorp Mines as registered Mines. . .
- 20.7.51 / 16.8.51 Report by J.C.N. on a discussion between Mr Southgate and Mr W.H. Louw representing the Silicosis Board and Mr Humphreys representing the Tvl. Small Mines Assn., 24.7.1951, and comments thereon by Chm. Silicosis Board.
- 2.10.51 Letter from Secr. of Mines, Pretoria. Representations of the Tvl. Sm. Mines Assn. & Boshoff Group to Proposed Registration by small mines (to be submitted) are still awaited in respect of case histories of miners who contracted Silicosis on these mines. Impatient letter .
- 25.10.51 Tvl. Sm. M. Assn. Memorandum to the Minister of Mines re. Proposed Registration of certain small mines in terms of Silicosis Act [Containing summary of the matter of registration since the beginning +/- 1945].
- 1.12.51 Addendum to the Memorandum.
- 21.1.52 Copy of Dept. Mines Explanatory Memorandum on the Silicosis Amendment Bill, 1951.
- 28.4.52 Letter, Dept. Mines, Cape Town: Decision made that the Mines represented by Small Mines Assn. are to be registered as controlled registered mines in terms of Sect. 27 of the Silicosis Act, 1946.
- 30.5.52 News cuttings on Silicosis Amendment Bill.
- May - 3/6/52 Mr Humphrey notes visit to C.T. re interview with Minister of Mines & other M.P.'s and Mr Ellis of Mine Workers' Union.

- 2.6.52 Victims of Miners Phthisis, 1918-1950. A compilation by Mr Ellis. In Ms.: "Received from Ellis of Mine Workers' Union in HO Assembly on 2nd June 1952" [by J.C.N. Humphreys]
- 15.8..52 - 31.2.53 Correspondence between Tvl. Small Mines Assn. & The Advisory Committee of the Silicosis Board re a meeting between Minister of Mines, Silicosis Advisory Committee, Govt. Mining Engineer and representatives of Mining Companies, Witwatersrand Area held on 12.9.52 concerning registration of certain non-scheduled mines in terms of the Silicosis Act 47/46, with emphasis on retrospective Silicosis liability by such mines.
- Transvaal Small Mines Association Calendar
Letter stating that Boshoff Group has not complied with the requirements of the administration regulations under the Silicosis Act 47/1946.
- 9.6.53 Copy of a memorandum, dated 20.12.51 i/c/w Silicosis Act 47/46 administrative regulations, included.
- 25.2.54 Letter to Tvl. Sm. Mines Assn. inviting the Assn. to send a representative to give evidence before the Departmental Committee appointed by Minister of Mines, "to enquire into the relation between Silicosis and pulmonary disability as defined in the Silicosis Act, with a view to introducing one comprehensive definition" on 22/3/54 at Johannesburg. Sgnd: Secr. of Dept. of Mines, Pretoria. Copy of Terms of reference attached.
- Undated Ts., unsigned, but identified in ms. as being by the "Legal Representative of the Chamber", giving details of developments since release in 1952 of the report of the Beyers Commission into the functioning of the Silicosis Medical Bureau, up to 2/2/54 when Secr. of Mines advised the Chamber of Mines Gold Producers' Committee that the Deputy Chm. of Silicosis Board (Mr W.H. Louw) has been entrusted with the work of drafting a Bill to amend the Act. Secr. of Mine Workers' Union, (D.E. Ellis) statement of "demands" to Mr Louw included here.
- 22.3.54 Tvl. Sm. M. Assn. List of members, (H) 22/3/54
- 22.3.54 Ts. copy in folder, labeled in Ms: "Evidence, Dr Knowles and Mr Humphreys" [as representing Tvl. Sm. M. Assn., at Dept. Comm.: Enquiry into the relationship between Silicosis & pulmonary disability].
- 16.6.1954 Letter from the Assn. to Secr. Dept. Committee on Silicosis & pulmonary disability giving required information re number of Silicotics as compared to non-Silicotics employed by Boshoff Group. Attached a schedule of the records of service of all Silicotics.
- 26.8.1954 Letter from Secr. of Mines, listing names of part-time members appointed to Silicosis Board for 1.9.54 to 31.7.55.
- 28/8/54 - 7/9/54 Letters from Secr. for Mines: Inviting delegates from the Assn. to give evidence on 13.9.54 into further enquiries re relation betw. pneumoconiosis & tuberculosis. [Dr Knowles gave evidence]. The Assn. also invited to submit a memorandum setting out its views, comments & suggestions, to the Dept. Committee of Enquiry.
- 01 03 1956 Copy of English translation of the Memorandum prepared by the Boshoff Group & submitted to the Minister of Mines in Afrikaans, i/c/w the Proposed Bill to consolidate and amend the Silicosis Act/Dated 20th December, 1955, Primrose.
- Undated Ts. Copy. Pneumoconiosis Act, 1956. Index.

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TRANSVAAL SMALL MINES ASSOCIATION

Papers concerning Mining Taxation

(1899-1932: = Ts.: Rates of Mining Taxation. Summary of legislation passed in respect of Mining Taxation)

- 14.10.35 Letter from Secr., Dept. Committee on Mining Taxation, to Messrs R.E. Bell [Sec. Eric Bell Co. in catalogue] and J.C.N. Humphreys, Box 4465, Jhb. acknowledging receipt of summary of mining taxation & enquiring whether they wish to lead evidence before the Committee.
- 10.10.35 Summary of mining taxation as affecting the smaller gold mines . . . Signed R.E. Bell & J.C.N. Humphreys.
- Jan. 1936 Report of Departmental Committee on Mining Taxation. G.P. 5-2007-1936.
- 12.1.38 Tvl. Small Mines Assn. acknowledging receipt from Humphreys of list of small gold mines of Tvl.
- 26.9.1938 Memorandum concerning the small gold mines and the price of gold. Sgnd: E. Eric Bell, Jhb.
- Jan. 1945 Report of the Committee on Deep Level Mining. U.G. 18 - '45.
- 6.7.1945 Ts. Notice No. 1123, Dept. of Finance. Committee on Gold Mining Taxation, 1945. Announcing the appointment of an Inter-Departmental Committee to enquire into and report to him on the matter of taxation.
- Oct. 1945 Tvl. Small M. Assn.: Notes on the evidence given before the Committee of Gold Mining Taxation 5.10.1945. J.C.N. Humphreys & R.G. Betty, Sec., representing Small Mines Assn.
- 1.9.45 to 7.11.1945 Tvl. Sm. Mines Assn. memorandum to be submitted to the Committee on Gold Mining Taxation (Printed paper) - Also copy of draft Ts. p.4 ff: Notes on evidence given . . . 5th Oct., includes those relating to evidence given by Mr Humphreys on behalf of the T.S.M.Assn. p. 10 & 11: Notes on the discussion held before the Miners; Phthisis Board, 12th Oct. include Mr Humphreys comments representing T.S.M. Assn. and the Barberton Mining Assn. & the Klerksdorp Mine Managing Assn. p.12: Addendum . . . on the possible incidence of Silicosis on non-scheduled Mines, 1.9.1945.
- 7.12.1945 Transvaal Chamber of Mines Gold Mining Taxation (P.R.D. Series No.1, 1945). Printed Brochure addressed to Shareholders. "This brochure, largely condensed from the Memorandum [above] submitted to the Inter-Dept. Committee, has been compiled as a broad picture of the case put forward on your behalf" (from foreword by C.S. McLean, President of Tvl. Ch. of M.)
- 27.2.46 Letter from H.W. Webb, Barberton, [Mines Assn.] to Humphreys, c/o R.E. Bell, Home of Assembly, C.T. enclosing, as requested, a statement giving "4 comparisons of differential rates" [i.e. SARM rates]
- 4.3.46 Enquiry from Secret., Boshoff Group, about taxation - directed to Mr Humphreys, Cape Town.
- 5.3.46 Letter to Humphreys, Cape Town, from Secretaries, Boshoff Group, saying that they are asking all the members of the Tvl. Sm. Min. Assn. to protest sharply to Minister Finance against new method of gold mining taxation, etc.

Mar 46 Telegrams from Tvl. Sm. M. Assn. giving comparative figures of taxation based on old method & new.

28.2.46 Cape Argus. Details of Budget.

U.G. 16-1946 Report of the Committee on Gold Mining Taxation.

1946-1947 Newspaper Cuttings re taxation of gold mines.

28.2.46 Printed copy of votes & proc of House of Assembly. (p.273 - taxation)

14.2.47 * see 8.3.47. Letter from J.H. Hofmeyr to Mr Bell re mining taxation.

1947 Ts. formulas & graphs headed "Additional notes on the taxation payable by Small Mines in terms of Act 52/1947.

1947 Memorandum on "Taxation" of the Small & Revived Gold Mines" to the Minister of Finance from Tvl. Sm. M. Assn.

13.2.47 Copy of letter from Barberton Mining Assn. to the Minister of Finance, re Mining Taxation.

28.2.47 House of Assembly Votes and proceedings (p.50 ff: Income tax)

8.3.47 T.S.M. Assn. to Mr Eric Bell, M.P., Cape Town, re Taxation of Small Mines (enclosing schedules referred to by J.H. Hofmeyr, Minister of Finance, in letter of 14.2.47, q.v.)

March-April Telegrams to Humphreys at Cape Town from Secretaries to Tvl. Sm. M. Assn. (& also to Boshoff Group) re Taxation of Small Mines. P.T.O.

21.3.47 Letter from Secretaries to Humphreys acknowledging receipt of a Memorandum prepared for presentation to Minister of Finance.

9.4.47 Telegram to Humphreys at C.T. from Eric Bell (Jhb) re Taxation.

23.4.47 House of Assembly. V. & P. (p.326: Income Tax)

2.5.47 Memorandum from Mr Bell to Mr Humphreys - re Taxation.

7.5.47 House of Assembly. V. & P. (p.399: Income Tax, p.400 : Gold Mining Company Tax. Marginal Ms. notes).

19.7.47 Letter from Secret. to Barberton Min. Assn. stating that Mr Humphreys will shortly address this Assn. on its future activities (& Registering of Small Mines in terms of Silicosis Act, Working Conditions, Native employees & inspections by Dept. Labour, future taxation, etc.)

13.3.48 Letter from Commissioner Inland Revenue to Tvl. Sm. M. Assn. re appointment of panel of qualified mining engineers to serve as members of Special Income Tax Court - names for appointment invited.

10 Aug. 1948 Newspaper cuttings re Budget.

11.3.1949 T.S.M.A. Memorandum on Taxation of the Small & Revised Gold Mines for submission to the Minister of Finance.

25.3.49 Addendum to Memorandum.

17.3.50 Newspaper cuttings. Budget

15.3.50 T.S.M.A. - Memorandum on the affects of devaluation on the taxation of Small Mines to bring up to date the Memorandum of 11.3.49 and Addendum 25.3.49.

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1945-46 File of newspaper cuttings etc. relating to Working Costs of Mines, e.g. railway rates, taxation, silicosis liabilities, etc.

E TRANSVAAL SMALL MINES ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

Paper dealing with Native Labour, Conditions of Employment, Wages, Medical Care, etc.

U.G. 21-44 Report of the Witwatersrand Mine Natives' Wages Commission.

N.d. Warrant for Native fares. Form in use by Theron & Co., Johannesburg [Labour recruiter?] Several copies.

Sept. 1946 Ts.: Consolidated Murchisen (Tvl.) Goldfields & Development Company Ltd. Native labour - rates of pay.

1946-47 Form of application for an employer's recruiting licence under the Native Labour Regulation Act, 1911. (Several copies)

N.d. Ts. Agreement between Boshoff Group of Mines and A. Barrington, Agent, for recruiting native labour.

1949 Newspaper cuttings relating to wages.

[1950] Ts. Suggested Opening Address at meetings of "Isibondas" of rooms. Annexure "C" [Cf. Agenda of meetings of delegates, Tvl. Sm. M. Assn. 4.3.1950].

6.9.51 Letter from Dept. of Native Affairs, Pretoria to T.S.M.Assn.: forwarding "copies of minutes of conference held at Pretoria, 1.8.1951 - copy of amended draft legislation to be forwarded in due course".

20.11.53 Re. Boshoff Group of Mines: notes on interview, 3.1.53 with Chm. of Silicosis Medical Bureau, together with copy of regulations promulgated under Silicosis Act, 1946. Also Form A.N. of the Bureau - Report on examination of Native labourer. Letter re Boshoff Group & replies from Medical Bureau re costs involved in examination of native labourers.

20.11.53 More correspondence re costs: hospitalisation, rail tickets, etc.21.9.1955.

31.8.1955 Association of Registered Mines. To Secretaries of Stanhope G.M. Co. Re Issue of rail tickets to Miners proceeding to the Silicosis Medical Bureau for periodical examination & copies of Form A. to be filled in: Rail warrant. P.T.O.

14.3.58 Boshoff Group of Mines. A report on the Native labour position and its implications.

1956? Form No. VA 86/56 of the Virginia Orange Free State Gold Mining Co., Ltd. Form No. VA 86/56. Re. Loco Boss Boy's Training results.

F PAPERS RELATING TO MINING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- F (1) Draft proposals re amendments to regulation 135/2/- of Mines & Works regulations. (1951-59). From Govt. Mining Engineer to the Sec., Tvl. Sm. M. Assn. (For proposed amendments to regulations G.M.E. 135/1/- Sec.: Boshoff Group of Mines) also other, dated 1964 &
- F (2) Draft proposals re amendments to other Mining regulations & legislation: - C.E.O. 23/2; MM 109/- ; A.N. (Tvl). 287/50; G.N. 640, 6/5/60, G.M.E. 60/3/2; Act 51/1959 to Amend Mines & Works Act 1956. M.M. 109/25 Ref. 1 re Proposed Consolidated Mining law (d.17.4.1962) G.M.E. 169/212. Further Amendment Mines & Works Act (u.d.).
- G TRANSVAAL SMALL MINES ASSOCIATION
- 1 Minutes of the General Meetings of delegates of the Tvl. Sm. M. Assn., 1946 - (for holdings see Cat. Cards).
- 2 Balance Sheets & Accounts (for details see Catalogue).
- 3 Rand Refinery Ltd. to S.M. Assn. Papers concerning Disposal of Gold. 1949 - 1959.
- Holdings
- (i) Minutes of the meetings: Meetings 16: 4/2/46; 18: 27/3/47; 19: 13/6/47; 22: 10/3/50; 23: 15/1/51; 24: 7/2/51; 25:24/4/51; 26: 14/6/51; 27:18/7/51; 28: 12/10/51; Special Meeting 18/9/52; 29: 17/5/54; 30: 4/11/54; 31: 14/2/56; 33: 7/2/58; 34: 25/5/59; 35: 25/1/60; 36: 6/2/62; Special Meeting: Notice only, giving notice of proposal to liquidate the Association.
- (ii) Balance Sheets: 31/12/1950; 1951, 1953, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961.