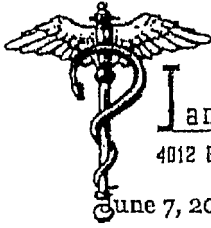


# Exhibit 27



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Re: Ball, Angelean

Chest radiograph(s) dated 10/15/99 is reviewed for the presence of and classification of pneumoconiosis (silicosis) according to the ILO 80 classification.

Film quality is grade 2 due to slight underexposure. Inspection of lung parenchyma demonstrates interstitial changes in all six lung zones, consisting of small rounded opacities of size and shape p/q, profusion 1/0.

There are no pleural plaques, pleural thickenings or pleural calcifications. No parenchymal infiltrates, nodules or masses are seen. The heart is of normal size and the mediastinal structures are unremarkable.

**CONCLUSION:** I have reviewed the occupational history and chest x-ray of the referenced individual. Based upon that history and the chest x-ray findings compatible with bilateral interstitial lung disease, it is my opinion, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, that the x-ray changes are due to silicosis, acquired through occupational exposure to silica.

James W. Ballard, M.D.

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Bell, Angelean  
WORKER'S Social Security Number

TYPE OF READING

FACILITY IDENTIFICATION

A  P

1A. DATE OF X-RAY  
MONTH: 10 DAY: 15 YEAR: 89  
1B. FILM QUALITY  
1  3 U/R *Slightly under exposed*  
1C. IS FILM COMPLETELY NEGATIVE?  
YES  Proceed to Section 5 NO  Proceed to Section 2

2A. ANY PARENCHYMAL ABNORMALITIES CONSISTENT WITH PNEUMOCONIOSIS?  
YES  COMPLETE 2B and 2C NO  Proceed to Section 3

2B. SMALL OPACITIES  
a. SHAPE / SIZE  
PRIMARY: p s q t r u  
SECONDARY: p s q t r u  
b. ZONES  
R L  
c. PROFUSION  
0/ 0/0 0/1  
1/ 1/1 1/2  
2/1 2/2 2/3  
3/2 3/3 3/4  
2C. LARGE OPACITIES  
SIZE: A B C  
Proceed to Section 3

3A. ANY PLEURAL ABNORMALITIES CONSISTENT WITH PNEUMOCONIOSIS?  
YES  COMPLETE 3B, 3C and 3D NO  Proceed to Section 4

3B. PLEURAL THICKENING  
a. DIAPHRAGM (plaque)  
SITE: O R L  
b. COSTOPHRENIC ANGLE  
SITE: O R L  
3C. PLEURAL THICKENING ... Chest Wall  
a. CIRCUMSCRIBED (plaque)  
SITE: O R L  
IN PROFILE: I. WIDTH: O A B C II. EXTENT: FACE ON: 0 1 2 3  
b. DIFFUSE  
SITE: O R L  
IN PROFILE: I. WIDTH: O A B C II. EXTENT: FACE ON: 0 1 2 3

3D. PLEURAL CALCIFICATION  
a. DIAPHRAGM: SITE: O R EXTENT: 0 1 2 3  
b. WALL: SITE: O R EXTENT: 0 1 2 3  
c. OTHER SITES: SITE: O R EXTENT: 0 1 2 3  
Proceed to Section 4

4A. ANY OTHER ABNORMALITIES?  
YES  COMPLETE 4B and 4C NO  Proceed to Section 5

4B. OTHER SYMBOLS (OBLIGATORY)  
O ax bu ca cn co cp cv d el em es fr h i ho k l n w pl px tp ub  
(SPECIFY pd.)  
Report items which may be of present clinical significance in this section.  OD  
Date Personal Physician notified? MONTH: DAY: YR:

4C. OTHER COMMENTS  
SHOULD WORKER SEE PERSONAL PHYSICIAN BECAUSE OF COMMENTS IN SECTION 4C. YES  NO  Proceed to Section 5

5. FILM READER'S INITIALS: **JWB**  
PHYSICIAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:   
DATE OF READING: MONTH: 06 DAY: 07 YR: 08

Complete if social security number is not furnished:  
NAME (LAST-FIRST-MIDDLE): James W. Ballard, M.D.  
STREET ADDRESS: 4012 Greystone Drive, Birmingham, AL 35242  
CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:  
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