

ICL INQUIRY STATEMENT

FRANCIS ANTHONY MELLOR

1. I have worked for the Health and Safety Laboratory (HSL), as a Higher Engineer, Gas Specialist for over thirty years.
2. I am registered as an Incorporated Engineer with the Engineering Council. I have also been awarded the National Certificate in occupational safety and health issued by the National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health (NEBOSH).
3. I have been trained and have qualifications issued by the Construction Industry Training Board in electrical safety in gas installations, domestic gas, liquid petroleum gas, commercial gas, gas installation and safety.
4. I am registered with the Council of Registered Gas Installers (CORGI) as a class of person approved by the Health and Safety Executive in accordance with the Gas Safety Installation and Use Regulations.
5. My work involves mechanical, electrical and gas equipment both on and off the laboratory site. I also assist Health and Safety Executive Inspectors in carrying out examinations and investigating gas incidents and I have a qualification issued by the City & Guilds in Incident Investigation.
6. I was requested by Mr D Richardson, a Health & Safety Executive Specialist Inspector to assist at an investigation at ICL Plastics Ltd at Hopehill Road, Glasgow.
7. I attended the site on 19, 20, 21 May 2004 and carried out an inspection and a series of tests to check the installation of an LPG gas supply. My observations and results are recorded in the letter report entitled "Examination of LPG tank, external surface pipework and

natural gas supply" [ICL/ 08942- 08946]. Mr P Holbrow of HSL who witnessed these tests assisted me.

8. I cut a section of copper pipe from the rubble. Mr P Holbrow listed and bagged the item and the HSL video unit recorded its removal on Disc 5 Rushes 5885, 5886 & 5887. The details of the pipe are HSL sample number D/B/01582. Explosion Control sample number EC/04/04. HSE evidence bag number E00020320 and police number SPP3/218 exhibit PF number 488.
9. I made a visit on the 22 June 2004 to 29 Brand Street, Govan, Glasgow, which was being used a police store for equipment and materials from the ICL Ltd incident site. At the address I assisted Mr P Baldwin from HSL based in Leeds to take gas samples. Samples were taken from two 47 kg gas cylinders. Cylinder number PCI 082256 and cylinder PC1033502.
10. The gas from a bulk supply tank listed as the property of Johnson Oils Ltd, serial number S14627 was also sampled. All the samples were labelled and bagged by Mr Baldwin and witnesses by myself.
11. On the 7 and 8 July 2004 I again visited the ICL site at Hopehill to carry out checks and record observations of the natural gas supply fitted into the Stockline Plastics building. Mr D Richardson assisted me and witnessed this work. My observations and test results were recorded in the letter report entitled "Examination of LPG tank, external surface pipework and natural gas supply" [ICL/ 08942- 08946].
12. Mr R Breen HSE Principal Inspector asked me to examine four gas appliances that had been recovered from the ICL factory at Glasgow. At HSL Mr D Taylor (HSL) witnessed the examination of three appliances and Mr J Hodges witnessed the examination of one appliance. The findings were recorded in a letter report entitled "Gas

investigation of appliances from ICL Plastics Ltd, Glasgow"
[ICL/ 09056- 09059].

13. On 3 July 2006 Mr S Hawksworth HSL asked me to carry out a pressure test on two samples of pipe collected from the site of ICL Plastics Ltd, Glasgow. My observations and test results were witnessed by Mr J Hodges and were recorded in the letter report entitled "Pressure test of pipe samples from ICL Plastics Ltd, Glasgow" [ICL 08978- 08980].

I confirm that the contents of this statement are true

Witness signature _____

Date _____