

## ICL INQUIRY STATEMENT

### MICHELLE BARBARA GILLIES

1. I am employed as an inspector for the HSE in Glasgow since October 1999. I have always been an Inspector within the HSE. I have a post graduate diploma in occupational health and safety, I also have an SVQ level 4 for regulators.
2. I visited the premises of ICL Tech in Grovepark St, Glasgow with Annette LEPPLA on 11 June 2003 (11/06/2003) [ICL/ 012452]
3. Annette was visiting these premises in relation to a complaint made by Lawrence CONNELLY JNR in relation to his usage of chemicals within ICL Tech, which he claimed were making him ill. Since the incident happened, Annette told me that she initially was supposed to go to ICL Tech with Ian BOWIE, who is a principal inspector but for a reason I can't remember Ian wasn't able to go, so that was why she asked me to go with her on that day. When we went to ICL Tech, we turned up unannounced, I think, although I can't be sure. On our arrival we were taken to see Stuart MCCOLL in his office, he was the Managing Director. Annette explained the nature of the complaint being made by Mr CONNELLY. We spoke with Mr MCCOLL for a while then another man who by looking at the file I know to be Ian MAVERS, but I have now been told his surname is MAVERS. When Mr MAVERS came into the office, it got a bit crowded. So we all moved to a small conference room nearby. Whilst in the conference room Stuart MCCOLL and Ian MAVERS were showing Annette some paperwork, I think they were COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) assessments, I assume these were in relation to the complaint.
4. After that both me and Annette went downstairs on to the factory floor, I am almost certain that Stuart MCCOLL wasn't with us at that time and that Ian MAVERS showed us around. We all went up to an area, which

was sort of an enclosure. Annette went into the enclosure and I remained outside. When Annette came out, she told me that she had spoken to Laurence CONNELLY Snr. I remember Annette saying that the enclosure area was cold due to the powerful extraction within that area. All three of us then walked to an area in the factory where there were some routers and I remember that there was some concern regarding the guarding of some of the routers. Annette was speaking to Ian MAVERS about this. The next place I remember being in the factory was an area where they were transferring powder coating by hand. I advised that a suitable mask and gloves should be worn during this process. I remember seeing the oven which was made from a converted dustbin lorry and I also remember some form of conversation with Ian MAVERS about this oven, but I can't remember exactly what we said.

5. I have seen the focus contact (report) made by Annette following our visit. On it I see that she has, during our visit to the factory, made a revitalising inspection, that is shown at the foot of the contract by a data string. Despite the fact that we had attended at the factory in relation to a specific complaint, it wouldn't be unusual for Annette to conduct a revitalising inspection, whilst she was there. [ICL/ 012831]
6. Our usual procedure when conducting a revitalising visit would be to primarily look at the topics that have been identified by the HSE as the major causes of accidents and ill health nationwide, they were at the time; slips, trips, falls from height, workplace transport. The health topics are: Musculoskeletal disorders, hand and arm vibration syndrome, noise, occupational asthma and mental health/stress. However, if an inspector saw something of evident concern or an employee voiced a concern during a visit we would take the appropriate action.
7. Neither Annette nor myself contemplated looking at the underground pipework throughout our visit as this was not part of our work

instructions. Underground pipework was not raised as a matter of evident concern by any person in the employ of ICL Tech. Therefore we did not refer to any guidance that was available on underground pipework at that time.

I confirm that the contents of this statement are true

Witness signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_