

## Occupational Cancer in Construction and Timber Trades

Building Solidarity  
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### Cancers in Construction and Timber Trades: Problems

- Large number of cancer causing substances
- + Unsafe work methods, informal, temporary employment and exploitative labour practices
- = millions of workers routinely exposed in both industrialised and developing countries
- Vicious Cycle. Social invisibility of ill health caused by workplace exposures: no information or training; recognition of occupational origin; no proper treatment, compensation, regulation or link to workplace prevention.

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**BWI : Cancer? No Thanks!**

Specific information and training for trade unions:

- typical workplace exposures in our sectors- Know What You're Using
- Laws, standards, trade union rights, employers' obligations, sources of information and help, networking
- Ideas for prevention measures, substitution, engineering and work organisation controls and PPE. Reduce inventory, potential exposures and number of people exposed.
- Building confidence and activism of trade union organisers, workplace reps and members to remove or reduce exposures

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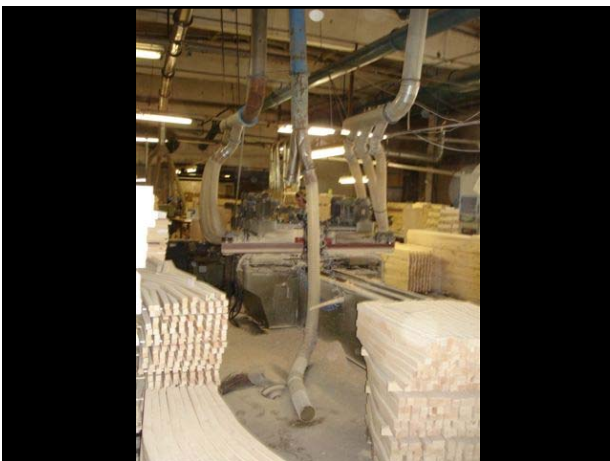
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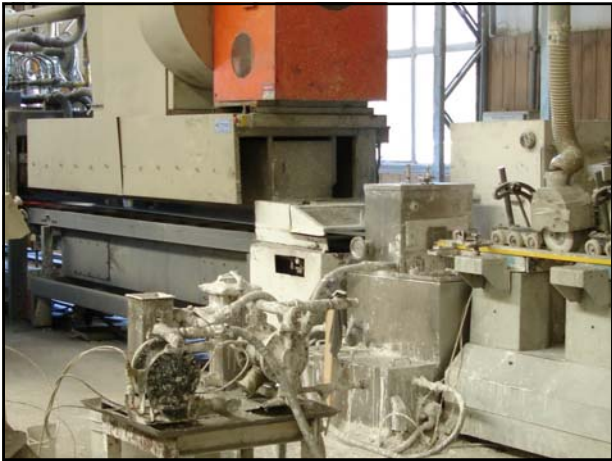
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### Cancer? No Thanks!

- Agreements and lobbying activities
  - Institutional work with ILO, WHO, ISSA and IALI on asbestos and silica and carcinogens
  - EU Carcinogens Directive: silica, formaldehyde, nano particles
  - National governments and local authorities in role as client and employer (in construction and forestry procurement) and as legislator and enforcer (ILO C139)
  - World Bank and Multilateral Development Banks
  - Companies exclusions lists

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### Asbestos Problems

- 100,000 deaths a year from diseases caused by asbestos
- 90% of chrysotile asbestos is used in cement products
- Increasingly aggressive asbestos marketing campaigns in developing countries
- Dumping in those countries where laws and standards are weak and where information is not readily available
- Unsafe work methods, uncontrolled and informal work

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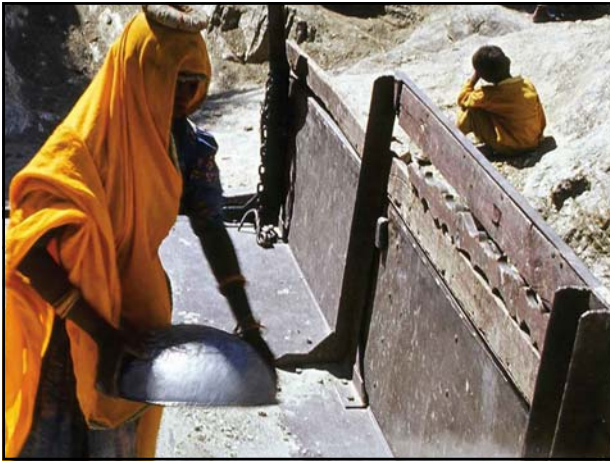
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**Four Action Areas**

1. Address the global industry marketing campaign by asbestos producing and exporting countries, led by Canada.
2. Address importing countries on alternative materials and the need to reconvert the asbestos cement industry
3. Protect workers (and other users) from exposure to asbestos
4. Promote the rights of those affected by exposure to asbestos

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**2008 asbestos work**

- Continue to work with International Institutions and all of our trade unions in a concerted Global Campaign on asbestos, National Plans EAD
- BWI Conference on asbestos in Vienna 5 - 7 February, follow up activities
- International Workers Memorial Day 28th April - occupational cancers and asbestos. Letter writing, meetings.
- World Congress on Safety and Health Seoul 29 June - 2 July. Push on C162

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