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Australian Government Repatriation Medical Authority

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

Section 196G of the

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) gives notice under section 196G of the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (the VEA) that, pursuant to subsection 196B(7A) of the VEA, it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of the definition "being exposed to benzene" in the following Statements of Principles:

Condition: acute lymphoblastic leukaemia	Instrument Nos.: 75 of 2012	
aplastic anaemia	50 & 51 of 2012	
chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma	84 of 2014	
myeloma	69 of 2012	
non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	28 of 2010, as amended	

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of the investigation:

- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act* 1986;
- a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation* and Compensation Act 2004 (the MRCA);
- an organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of the Peacekeeping Forces, members within the meaning of the MRCA, or their dependants;
- the Repatriation Commission or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; and
- a person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

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The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this investigation on 1 December 2015.

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission should obtain a copy of the *RMA Submission Guidelines* from the RMA website [*www.rma.gov.au*] or by contacting the RMA Secretariat at the address or telephone number below.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address below no later than 20 November 2015.

The Common Seal of the Repatriation Medical Authority was affixed at the direction of:

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO 21/08/2015

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