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Statement of Principles

concerning

CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA

ICD CODE: 155.1, 156.1, 156.8, 156.9

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(2)

- 1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **cholangiocarcinoma and death from cholangiocarcinoma** can be related to operational service rendered by veterans, peacekeeping service rendered by members of Peacekeeping forces and hazardous service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **cholangiocarcinoma or death from cholangiocarcinoma** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) suffering from chronic hepatobiliary infestation before the clinical onset of cholangiocarcinoma; or
 - (b) suffering from sclerosing cholangitis before the clinical onset of cholangiocarcinoma; or
 - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for cholangiocarcinoma.
- Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs
 1(a) to 1(c) must be related to any service rendered by a person.

- 3. The factor set out in paragraph **1**(**c**) applies only where:
 - (a) the person's **cholangiocarcinoma** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
 - (b) the relationship suggested between the **cholangiocarcinoma** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(d) of the Act.
- 4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

"cholangiocarcinoma" means an adenocarcinoma of the extrahepatic or intrahepatic ducts attracting ICD code 155.1, 156.1, 156.8 or 156.9;

"hepatobiliary infestation" means an infestation of the extra hepatic biliary tree by the liver flukes *Clonorchis sinensis*, *Opisthorchis viverrini* or *Opisthorchis felineus*;

"ICD code" means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the tenth edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* 9th Revision, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472;

"sclerosing cholangitis" means a disorder characterised by a progressive, inflammatory, sclerosing and obliterative process in the bile ducts, attracting ICD code 576.1.

Dated this	day of	1995
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Repatriation Medical Authority)
was affixed to this instrument)
in the presence of:)

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN