# IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA SYDNEY REGISTRY

No S313 of 2010

BETWEEN:

**DASREEF PTY LIMITED** 

Appellant

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THE REGISTRY SYDNEY

Respondent

and

NAWAF HAWCHAR

#### APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY

### 10 PART I: PUBLICATION ON THE INTERNET

The appellant certifies that this chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

## PART II: LIST OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS LEADING TO THE LITIGATION

Date	Event		Appeal Book Ref
1 March 1971	Respondent born in Leb	anon.	
Around 1995 – 1996 (for a period of about 1 year)	Lebanon in the course of	f periodic	
1996	Respondent immigrates to Australia.		
21 October 1999	employment by Appellar	nt. Initially	
1 July 2000	Respondent obtains an ABN. Works thereafter for Appellant as a contractor.		
2000 – 2001	Respondent becomes more proficient and experienced and undertakes more stone cutting, shaping and laying.		
Filed on behalf of the Appellant: Moray & Agnew Lawyers Level 24 233 Castlereagh Street		Tel: (02) 9232 22 Fax: (02) 9232 10 Ref: STJ:304517	55
	1 March 1971  Around 1995 – 1996 (for a period of about 1 year)  1996  21 October 1999  1 July 2000  2000 – 2001  Filed on behalf of the Moray & Agnew Lawyers Level 24 233 Castlereagh Str	Around 1995 – 1996 (for a period of about 1 year)  Pespondent exposed to Lebanon in the course of employment in family storic business.  Respondent immigrates  Commencement of Respondent by Appellar employed as a labourer.  July 2000  Respondent obtains an athereafter for Appellant at the reafter for Appellant at cutting, shaping and laying Filed on behalf of the Appellant:  Moray & Agnew Lawyers Level 24	1 March 1971 Respondent born in Lebanon.  Around 1995 — Respondent exposed to silica dust in Lebanon in the course of periodic employment in family stonemasonry business.  1996 Respondent immigrates to Australia.  21 October 1999 Commencement of Respondent's employment by Appellant. Initially employed as a labourer.  1 July 2000 Respondent obtains an ABN. Works thereafter for Appellant as a contractor.  2000 – 2001 Respondent becomes more proficient and experienced and undertakes more stone cutting, shaping and laying.  Filed on behalf of the Appellant:  DX 106 SYDNEY Moray & Agnew Lawyers Level 24 Ref: STJ:304517 Date of Document

	2002 to 2005	From time to time Respondent undertakes private stonemasonry work (during which he was exposed to silica dust) on weekends and after work hours on weekdays. Respondent also undertakes stonemasonry work at his own house and at his sister's house.
10	1999 to 2005	The exposure standard for respirable silica dust applicable to the Appellant, as mandated by the Worksafe Australia standard, was 0.2 mg/m3 for an 8-hr work day time weighted over a 40 hour week.
	July / August 2004	Respondent experiences joint pain and diffuse finger swelling. Pain sufficiently severe to interfere with his work.
20	Late 2004	Respondent diagnosed with scleroderma.
	May 2005	Scleroderma develops to a level at which Respondent is unable to work.
	May 2006	Respondent diagnosed with early stage silicosis.
30	October 2007	Respondent commences proceedings in the NSW Dust Diseases Tribunal seeking common law damages on account of his scleroderma and his silicosis.
	27 October 2008	Trial commences before Curtis DDTJ.
	5 November 2008	Evidence of Professor Kenneth Basden:
		- Examination in Chief
40		- Cross Examination
40		- Re-examination
		- Further Cross Examination
		- Further Re-examination
	15 May 2009	Judgment reserved.
50	22 May 2009	Judgment on liability (\$131,130.43 plus costs).

15 July 2009

Judgment on costs.

6 July 2010

Judgment of Court of Appeal.

Dated: 1 February 2011

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