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**EC Provides Money to Improve Safety for British  
Mining and Steel Workers**

The European Commission today approved financial aid to three British research projects on safety and health in mining and other industries.

Under Article 55 of the European Coal and Steel Community Treaty approval has been given to two safety research projects undertaken by the NCB.

The first grant of £ 40,000 is towards the development of a triggered barrier for suppressing explosions in low, wide roadways in mines. Work has been carried out on this project by the Safety in Mines Research Establishment in Sheffield.

The second grant of £ 92,000 is towards research into the detection and prevention of spontaneous combustion, and the treatment of timber to prevent the spread of flames. This has been the subject of research by the National Coal Board Research Establishment in London.

The third substantial grant of £ 400,000 is for studies on chronic respiratory ailments also carried out in Britain. The grant applies to nine studies being done in the Institute of Occupational Medicine, Edinburgh, and one by medical services of the British Steel Corporation and the National Coal Board.