INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM 001045

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT USM-296

To: F. M. Stumpf

From: J. P. Verhalen

Date: November 3, 1969

Subject: Asbestos-free Products

It is not possible to choose words sufficiently forceful to express the urgency with which we need to announce our line of asbestos-free products.

We should have done it yesterday.

The continuous blending system is now in to manufacture the products.

Please place your immediate attention on developing a detailed plan showing every essential sequence of remaining development, laboratory and field testing required, along with a time table for completion of each element, so that we know with the best degree of planning accuracy, when this announcement to the trade can be made.

This has been, and is, your department's highest priority. Let us review your plan before the end of this week.

JPV/deo

cc: E. H. Dahly

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