EXHIBIT
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PRICE INDEXES
average)

	Last	July 18
	Month	1975
	166.93	161.30

rices See Page 42.

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TERIALS

MPOUNDS—Durez Divi-
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Production (1,000 lbs.) 1976	1975
19,825	15,360
70,897	55,253
91,697	72,275
111,653	75,989
17,870	8,687
92,319	55,050
8,625	9,177
422,624	256,857
267,367	170,601
505,045	320,506
246,618	146,374
10,203	11,011
286,308	220,232

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tery applications ... pound in hopper cars and ... in truckload bag shipments.

PRIME PIGMENTS

LEAD OXIDE—Hammond Lead Products has echoed recently announced price hikes on lead metal with price increases of its own on July 9. Prices rose between $1.70 and $2.00 per hundredweight.

Litharge now sells for $29.25 per hundredweight, two dollars higher than before. All grades of red lead also jumped by $2.00, to $30.00 per hundredweight for the 95 percent grade, $30.25 per hundredweight for 97 percent, and $30.75 per hundredweight for 98 percent.

Granular lead monosilicate moved up $1.70 to $27.60 per hundredweight, and ground monosilicate rose similarly, to $28.60 per hundredweight. Both grades of tribasic lead silicate were boosted by $1.85, with granular now going for $29.65 per hun- ... and ground at $30.65 per hun- ... carbonate jumped

merce ... the previous month ... during the first quarter, but was healthy ... 5.8 percent. Compared to April of last year sales were 25.6 percent higher, picking up over $85 million.

Trade sales showed good gains over March, bringing in $32.5 million more, or a jump of 16.6 percent. Production also rose by 10 percent in that one month period, and by almost 20 percent compared to April 1975.

Industrial product sales, after having shown a steady climb since last December, slipped 4.7 percent, or $9 million from March. Production in that time span also fell slightly, as about .6 million gallons less were turned out. Against 1975, however, the increase remained substantial, with a 27 percent gain in production, or about 9 million gallons.

MISCELLANEOUS

ADHESIVE EMULSIONS—Air Products ... prices of its polymer adhesive ... "Vinac XX" homopo- ... 20c. per

TRIBUTYLTIN—M&T Chemicals Chemical Division will boost the prices of selected tributyltin chemicals on July 20. The increases, ranging from 10c. to 50c. per pound, are necessary to recover costs incurred in testing for registration required by EPA as well as rising raw materials costs and the installation of equipment for pollution abatement, according to the company.

On the new schedule, "bioMet TBTO" is up 40c. to $4.75 per pound; tributyltin fluoride is 10c. higher at $6.00 per pound; tri-n-butyltin chloride is 40c. more at $4.80 per pound; TBT sulfide is up 50c. to $5.60 per pound; TBT linoleate rises 50c. to $4.50 per pound, as does TBT benzoate; TBT resinate jumps 44c. to $3.40 per pound; TBT acetate moves up 46c. to $5.63 per pound; and TBT adipate is up 45c. to $4.97 per pound. Prices are for one to four drum shipments.

In addition, M&T will begin charging a $200 deposit on all shipments of chemicals in tote bins on August 1 to spur return of the 300-gallon containers.

Consumer Groups Ask For Asbestos Product Ban

A ban on the marketing of patching compounds containing asbestos was proposed in a petition filed last week with the Consumer Products Safety Commission by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Consumers Union. A substantial risk of cancer from inhaling the asbestos fibers was the basis of proposal.

Patching compounds are taping, spackling, and joint sealing compounds used in drywall repair. The petition said that approximately one-third to one-half of the patching compounds sold in the US contain asbestos, and reach more than one million consumers a year. The petition proposed a recall of such compounds on the market and in the hands of consumers.

CPSC was also advised that hundreds of other consumer products including fake fire-place ash and paper mache contain asbestos which may be released into the air. The agency was asked to examine these products and determine the extent of the asbestos content and to ban those products determined to present a significant health risk.

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