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Mr. Pedro Blazquez
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Dear Mr. Blazquez:

Mr. Jack Sauber wrote to me while he was on his recent European trip asking that I confirm the composition of our Flosal fiber. I asked our supplier, Johns-Manville, for a statement from them. It was a little slow forthcoming so Mr. Sauber returned to Bartlesville before I could get an answer to you. I am enclosing Johns-Manville's reply.

Flosal asbestos fiber is, indeed, Canadian chrysotile asbestos. Asbestos coming from different locations or even from different parts of the same deposit may differ slightly in color. We have furnished Flosal fiber which has varied from nearly snow white to a slightly grayish-white. Material which has a little gray color in it is darkened by moisture. Chemically, there is no difference. We have never tried to determine why some material is off-white, but I can assure you that there is no crocidolite in Flosal fiber. It is pure chrysotile.

If we can help you further, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Dr. F. J. Shell, Manager
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