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December 11, 1972

Mr. Eugene O'Neill
Haveg Industries, Incorporated
900 Greenbank Road
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Gene:

I will attempt to recap my conversation with you on 12/8/72, so that I and my company can go on record with regards to our future intentions on the manufacture of T-41 Asbestos paper.

We completed the run of T-41 on 12/7/72, and shipped 18 pallets, 54 rolls, 16,448 lbs. to you on 12/7/72. The balance of approximately 24,000 lbs. will be shipped the week of 12/11/72.

Due to indescribable difficulties encountered in preparing for the run, manufacturing the paper and cleaning up after the run we wish to go on record and state that we will not under any circumstances consider manufacturing this grade again.

As you well know, asbestos fiber is an extremely hazardous fiber to handle. In order to process your paper and keep the hazards to a minimum, all of the asbestos had to be re-skidded and then soaked in a large tank to minimize dusting throughout the mill. Protective clothing and masks were used by all mill personnel during and after the run. Extensive wash-up procedures were necessary, (it is now eighteen hours after the completion of the run and we have yet to complete the clean up), in order to eliminate traces of the asbestos fiber and we will not know for some time to what degree the machine and stock systems have been contaminated. All in all, it was an experience which we do not wish to repeat and therefore, we are forced to terminate the manufacture of this grade as of now.

x { As to the future, we stand ready to assist you in finding another source for this material and would suggest as a starter that you approach Nicolet Industries in Norristown, Pennsylvania, who have manufactured asbestos papers for a number of years.

I have asked our production department to gather together information covering the preparation and manufacture of this grade and we will send along to you as complete a file as we can come up with in order

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to provide as smooth a transition to another source as is possible.

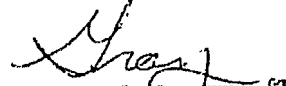
I am very sorry that things worked out the way they did, but I can assure you that Hollingsworth & Vose expended every effort possible to supply you with an acceptable product. Hopefully, whatever source you establish will be better equipped to handle your requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the above or on future developments, I hope you will feel free to call on us.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

HOLLINGSWORTH & VOSE COMPANY


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