PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION

TECHNICAL CENTER

SOUTH CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

MEMORANDUM

July 16, 1986

BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL

RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

PRESENT PRACTICES AND FUTURE TRENDS IN INDUSTRY

COMPANY: DuPont, Beaumont, Texas

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1. *Asbestos insulation is no longer being used. There is no target date for removal on asbestos insulation but it is being removed and replaced with non-asbestos products as reinsulation is required. The standard protective practices are used to protect personnel and the environment when removing asbestos insulation.*

2. *DuPont has made no policy decision to stop using asbestos gaskets and packing. They are encouraging the use of substitute gasket and packing material where such substitution can be made. They are utilizing gaskets based on Nomex and Kevlar fibers both in utility and process streams to a maximum temperature of 550°F. They are aware that the "non-asbestos" gaskets are not suitable in all process streams.*

3. *DuPont flags a caution in all their standards that refer to asbestos, but they are still buying asbestos gaskets and packing.*

4. *Kobrin is aware of no special handling requirements when installing or removing asbestos gaskets or packing.*

G. B. Elder

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