PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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The purpose of this letter is to discuss the asbestos free joint cement program with the end in view of a better understanding of what we have done and what we need to do to meet OSHA requirements. I will ask those copied for comments, corrections and additions where called for.

1. Acme has shipped asbestos free Triple-Duty to Denver for trial. The material has been used with apparent satisfactory results. This was an unsupervised trial. Additional material is en route to Denver which will be followed by Mr. Winter.

2. Asbestos free Topping manufactured at Akron has been used successfully in Detroit. Additional material is available at Akron for shipment to Detroit when an order is received. Dale McCubbin's help will be needed in setting this up. I will appreciate Dale and Alex Petraline working together on this.

3. On 8-28, 8-29, 30 bags of Akron asbestos free material will be field tested in Rochester. Mr. Petraline will furnish a report on this.

4. Asbestos free gypsum based vinyl bagged goods are being used successfully in Texas.

5. We need additional help in setting up and conducting field trials. I would like to ask Alex Petraline's assistance in this starting in Pittsburgh with additional trials as soon as possible.

As I understand the problem, we are required to keep the air-borne concentration of a certain length asbestos fiber below a certain measurable level. As time goes by the requirements become tighter.

The engineering department abatement schedule for reducing the dust concentration at Akron has been accepted by the state of New York.

As stated previously the purpose of this letter is to clarify our position in regard to the overall asbestos program primarily for my own benefit. Comments from those copied will be appreciated.

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