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CAREY CANADA INC.

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Dear Sir:

It has been and continues to be the policy of Carey Canada Inc. to encourage and promote the safe use of our asbestos fiber. We at Carey Canada Inc. are making every effort to eliminate asbestos-associated diseases among all persons who may be exposed to asbestos fiber including employees who are exposed on their jobs to airborne asbestos fiber. This is, we feel, an achievable goal. Carey Canada Inc. is fully prepared to do its part and your direct and continuing efforts are equally essential in order to accomplish this objective.

Epidemiological studies indicate that exposure to elevated concentrations of airborne asbestos fiber is associated with a significantly increased risk of developing asbestosis, cancer of the lung and mesothelioma (a fatal cancer of the chest or abdominal cavity). There also is some indication from unconfirmed studies that there might be a greater incidence of cancer of the digestive tract in persons exposed to excessive amounts of airborne asbestos. In addition, studies indicate that asbestos workers who smoke have a significantly increased chance of contracting lung cancer.

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CAREY CANADA INC.

Carey Canada Inc. has been examining means of improving the protection of its own employees and its customers' employees. Concerning the latter, we urge that those of your employees who are or may be exposed to asbestos dust and especially those employees who smoke, be warned that inhaled asbestos fibers may cause or contribute to asbestosis and possibly to certain types of cancer. To help inform your employees of the health risks, Carey Canada Inc. has placed an expanded label on its bags of asbestos. This label, which takes the existing Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) warning and adds some additional information, reads as follows:

CAUTION
CONTAINS ASBESTOS FIBERS
AVOID CREATING DUST
BREATHING ASBESTOS DUST MAY CAUSE SERIOUS
BODILY HARM, INCLUDING CANCER AND ASBESTOSIS.
IF DUST IS CREATED, PERSONS EXPOSED TO THIS
MATERIAL SHOULD USE ADEQUATE PROTECTIVE DEVICES.
SMOKING GREATLY INCREASES THE RISK OF SERIOUS BODILY HARM.

** It is possible that there are employees who may be exposed to asbestos dust who will not see this label. Because of this problem we have prepared a booklet (a copy of which is attached) which outlines the potential health hazards associated with asbestos and the precautions which should be taken by your employees. We strongly urge you to review the material set forth in the booklet and to actively organize and support programs to train your employees in the proper handling and use of asbestos fiber. In our opinion, the attached booklet forms an integral part of such a training program. We suggest that you have the booklet distributed to your employees and use your best efforts to assure that the booklet is read and that its advice is followed. We are mailing, under separate cover, a number of copies of the booklet. There is no charge for these booklets and if additional copies are needed, please inform us.

To achieve the goal of eliminating asbestos-related disease, each workplace in which asbestos fiber is used should conform to the highest feasible level of industrial hygiene. It is important that proper personal protective devices be available and used when necessary. Also your compliance with applicable OSHA and other governmental requirements is a necessary step in the protection of your employees' health. We confidently expect that you will cause workplaces under your control to so comply.

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We feel that you should consider it your obligation to inform persons who purchase your asbestos products of the above dangers and proper handling instructions. Employees of your customers may be among those exposed to airborne asbestos fiber. We ask that you promote among your customers information programs to educate all concerned about the risks in working with asbestos products and the steps to be taken to protect each worker's health. Also, we will make copies of our booklet available to them upon request.

Further, we ask that you obtain and study a copy of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and OSHA regulations pertaining to asbestos in order to determine your obligations thereunder.

If Carey Canada Inc. can be of further assistance in these important matters, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,
CAREY CANADA INC.

A.H. Bagenstose
Vice-President - Marketing & Sales

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