PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

KG-300

KAISER GYPSUM COMPANY, INC.

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT ASBESTOS FIBER

The attached recap shows the type of asbestos and amount used in our Accessory products, ranging from a low of 1% to about 10%. This asbestos fiber is a basic part of each product to provide reinforcement and resistance to cracking of the material on drying. In addition, the asbestos controls other product performance such as mixing water, coverage, and application qualities.

If Legislation banning the use of asbestos fiber is restricted to construction products that are spray-applied, our accessory products affected will be K-Spray, Wall Texture, Radiant Heat Compound (Santa Ana) and Radiant Heat Surfacing Compound. All of these formulas require some fiberous raw material for effective job performance. The Walltex formulas use a very short fibered asbestos, while the other three products use a longer fiber (7D and 3Z grades). A substitute raw material may be available, such as cotton fiber, which will replace the long fibered asbestos with no loss in the product quality and performance.

If asbestos fiber is banned from all of our accessory products, we will be faced with a more difficult problem of substitution or reformulation. The Wall Texture and all of the joint and finish compounds use a short fiber asbestos. In one product (Topping Compound) we have reduced the fiber percentage to less than 1%, but we do not have any experience on product development with no asbestos fiber.

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Attachment

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ASBESTOS RECAP

	SANTA ANA			ANTIOCH			DELANCO			SEATTLE			JACKSONVILLE		
	%	Type	9 mo.use (tons)	%	Type	9 mo.use (tons)	%	Type	9 mo.use (tons)	%	Type	9 mo.use (tons)	%	Type	9 mo.use (tons)
Vinyl Premix, Dual Purpose	5.91	1600	425.0	3.10 .62	7TF 7RF	38.0 7.6	2.48	7RF	40.0	2.47	7RF	39.8	3.94	7TF	44.5
Vinyl Premix Top	.93	SG210	13.0	.93	SG210	7.5				.92	SG210	3.4	.92	SG210	0.1
Dry Powder Jt Comp				7.27 1.45	7RF SG210	26.0 5.2	10.46	7RF	13.4	9.91	7RF	37.4			
Dry Powder Fin Comp				3.28 2.02	7TF SG210	6.6 4.0	9.51 1.43	7TF SG210	1.5 0.2	4.99	7RF	14.6			
Dry Powder 3-Pps Com				3.28 2.02	7TF SG210	2.4 1.5	9.47 1.42	7RF SG210	18.8 2.8				6.58 .93	7TF SG210	0.7 0.1
1 Day Joint Compound	3.40	7RF	0.4	3.40	7RF	0.1	3.40	7RF	0.6	3.40	7RF	0.6			
K-Spray Ceiling Tex	1.38	3Z	17.5							3.81 (6.60)	7D1 (7RF)	22.8 12.2	5.23	7D1	7.7
Cover-Tex Wall Tex	7.73 (8.23)	7RF (1600)	3.8 32.0	7.14	7RF	7.6				7.62	7RF	31.5	6.60	7RF	0.7
Laminating Comp	7.50	7RF	0.7												
Radiant Heat Comp	3.26	7RF	22.3												
Filler Compound										4.94	7RF	2.0			
Radiant Heat Surf Cpd										1.98 2.97	7RF 7D1	0.6 0.9			

Jan. - Sept. 1971 (by type):

SG 210	37.9 tons	7RF	280.7 tons
1600	457.0 tons	7TF	93.7 tons
3Z	17.5 tons	7D1	30.5 tons
	512.4		404.9

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.75 = 1223 T/Y.

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