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December 3rd, 1964.

Dr. H. Siemens,
Director, Division of Industrial Health,
Government of Alberta,
328 Administration Building,
EDMONTON. ALTA.

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Dear Dr. Siemens,

We have been aware for some time that periodically our Zonolite Plant in Calgary is dusty and in the past we have checked this out with the Zonolite Co. of America regarding harmful effects. There has been no evidence whatsoever of any harmful effects to personnel working in the many Zonolite Plants throughout North America - this lack of evidence however does not mean that we are not concerned constantly about the health of our employees because we are.

I have sent the copy of your letter to our Head Office and in the meantime we are gathering all possible information about the previous background and working conditions of the nine regular employees at the Zonolite Plant in Calgary.

We certainly respect your opinion that a more detailed study of these men by a chest specialist would be desirable and would appreciate your giving us the names of the seven men who showed breathing abnormalities.

I questioned our Superintendent Mr. Paul Schuldt regarding the two respirators which appeared to be dusty and in an unhygienic condition. These two respirators should have been thrown out because they have not been used for some time and are not those in use by our employees during the manufacture of Mono-Kote.

We realise the danger from asbestos in the mixing of this product which could cause lung fibrosis and our employees must at all times wear sanitary respirators when mixing this product - if an employee mixes Mono-Kote without the use of a clean and satisfactory respirator, he is disciplined immediately. The employees know this and therefore do wear them at this time.

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You will be hearing further from us by letter as soon as we receive word from our Head Office regarding this matter because I know that they will be just as concerned as we are regarding the health of our employees.

Sincerely,

T.A. Williams
Manager

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