

that such information or materials lack relevance and are not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Abex objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that the information or materials it purports to seek lack relevance to the issues arising in these cases and are not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Abex also objects to this interrogatory to the extent to which it purports to seek information or materials regarding entities other than Abex.

Abex further objects to this interrogatory to the extent to which it purports to seek information or materials that have been gathered, received, or prepared in the course of litigation, or which are otherwise subject to the attorney-client privilege, protected by the attorney work-product doctrine, the rule protecting materials prepared in anticipation of and/or in connection with litigation, or any other applicable privilege.

Subject to and without waiving these objections, and to the best of current and reasonably available information and belief, unknown. Abex has made a reasonable and good faith effort to obtain the requested information, to the extent that it is not equally available to plaintiffs, by making a good faith search of locations where documents containing this information, if it exists, should be found, where appropriate, by inquiry to other natural persons or organizations.

Abex's lack of personal knowledge is due to the following: Abex discontinued the manufacture and sale of asbestos-containing railroad friction products in 1977 and asbestos-containing automotive friction products in 1987 and no longer operates any friction product manufacturing facilities. There are no current Abex employees, officers who worked for Abex, or directors who sat on its Board during the period Abex manufactured and sold friction products with personal knowledge of the information contained in all the records and documents that