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Gentlemen:

Re: UNITED SIERRA AND ASBESTOS-FORM TALC

United Sierra Division of Cyprus Mines Corporation has elected to market only platy magnesium silicate pigments which are free from asbestos contamination.

In order to conform with the Government's definition, "asbestos" includes chrysotile, amosite, crocidolite, tremolite, anthophyllite, and actinolite.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor published regulations in the Federal Register, Volume 37, No. 110, which became law on July 7, 1972. The OSHA regulations published concern the allowable amounts of asbestos dust in the air of a manufacturing plant.

To insure compliance, we at UNITED SIERRA state that our talcs do not contain detectable amounts of asbestos. By detectable amounts, we mean less than 1% as determined by X-Ray Diffraction techniques, the limits of accuracy of the test method. This applies to all talcs produced after July 7, 1972.

If we can be of any further help, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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