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PRELIMINARY RESULTS
OF ASBESTOS SCREENING PROGRAM

Ten departments reported 36,454 employees and 591 pensioners evaluated for asbestos-related X-ray abnormalities.

1.1% (405) of the active employees had asbestos abnormalities. 4.4% (26) of the pensioners also had abnormalities. It must be noted that 168 evaluations are incomplete in C&P, PP, and Engineering.

403 employees and pensioners were referred to a pulmonary specialist, but 431 were diagnosed as having abnormalities. The conclusion must be that 28 abnormalities were diagnosed without the benefit of a specialist examination or the reported figures are incorrect.

More specific incidence data should be available within the next year to include pensioners.

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ASBESTOS MEDICAL PROGRAM

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DEPARTMENT	NUMBER WITH POSSIBLE ASBESTOS RELATED X-RAY ABNORMALITIES	NUMBER REFERRED FOR PULMONARY EVALUATION	NUMBER OF CASES				VISITS WITH PHOTO REPS.						
			BENIGN		MALIGNANT								
			ASYMPTOMATIC ABNORMALITIES	SYMPTOMATIC	ASYMPTOMATIC ILLNESS	PHOTO REPS.							
EMPL.	PENS.	EMPL.	PENS.	EMPL.	PENS.	EMPL.	PENS.						
BIOCHEMICALS	774	33	14	13	32	15	12	10	0	1	0	0	0
ENT. RES. & DEV.	3045	303	51	8	0	1	51	7	0	1	0	0	Severa
HEM. & PIGMENTS	11000	--	416	--	--	--	159	--	43	--	--	--	--
ENGINEERING	2136	--	36	--	13	3	7	2	1	0	0	0	0
LAB. & FINISHES	1089	--	30	--	42	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	3
INT'L (BUENOS AIRES)	2064	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
RETROCHEM.	6226	--	14	--	14	--	14	--	--	--	--	--	--
PHOTO PROD.	2574	90	39	--	11	--	39	--	--	--	--	--	--
POLYMER PROD.	2450	--	50	--	25	--	10	--	5	--	--	--	--
TEX. FIBERS	4954	165	279	21	223	16	47	5	11	0	0	0	--
REM. ARMS	142	--	19	--	8	--	0	--	0	--	0	--	2
TOTALS	36454	591	948	42	368	35	345	24	60	2	0	0	5

DIAGNOSIS INCOMPLETE

HEM. & PIGMENTS	121
ENGINEERING	22
POLYMER PROD.	25
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