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Mr. C. K. Ballard, Works Manager
Columbia-Southern Chemical Corporation
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Ballard:

It gives me extremely great pleasure and satisfaction to extend congratulations to the employees and management of our Lake Charles plant upon completion of one year of operations without a lost time injury.

The real significance of this achievement is noted in the fact that you and your employees worked well over a million man-hours to reach this goal of making your plant one of the safest places in the nation in which to work.

Statistically speaking, you have reduced your accident frequency and severity to zero - a perfect record. This record is all the more not worthy when compared with the National Safety Council rates for the chemical industry; i. e., frequency 5.1 and severity .55, and for industry in general, frequency 8.4 and severity .88.

But more than this, your safety record means that the Lake Charles plant is actually a safer place in which to work than is the average home. It means that Columbia-Southern employees and their families have been spared the physical discomfort and economic loss resulting from accidents.

Obviously, this could not have been accomplished without the active interest and participation of all concerned. It is an excellent example of what can be done through mutually cooperative efforts.

Again permit me to congratulate both management and employees for this excellent safety record. I am honored to have the privilege of extending to every employee at Lake Charles the Certificate of Merit to mark this event, and I deeply regret that as much as I would like to, circumstances make it virtually impossible for me to personally award these certificates. It is my earnest hope that all employees will continue to maintain their present high standard of safe working practices.

Yours sincerely,

E.T. Asplundh
President

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