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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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El Paso Plant
L. W. Castor, Unit Manager

July 31, 2000

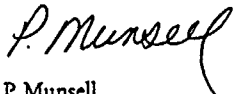
6004 N. Mesa
El Paso TX 79912

Dear Mr. Burton,

On approximately July 12th, 2000 WestVac employees Ben Reyes and Celso Garcia were involved in tearing down a pipe rack located at the old Sulfur Pilot plant. While in the process of tearing down the rack, insulation was found, removed, and bagged. On July 20th, a sample was collected and sent in for asbestos analysis. The material was found to contain 25-30% chrysotile. The pipe rack was not known to contain ACM (Asbestos Containing Material).

The El Paso Plant strives to meet OSHA 29 CFR 1926.1101 asbestos regulations. Please review the standard to ensure compliance with the regulation and that employee training requirements are being met.

Sincerely,



P. Munsell
Safety & Health Director

CC: G. Parham

*stated that he had
spoken with Chuck and they
had discussed this w/ his
employees. P. Munsell 8/1/00*



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July 20, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Certificate No. 00-0253
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Date Received 07/20/00
Date Analyzed 07/20/00

Asarco Incorporated
P.O. Box 1111
El Paso, TX 79999

Attention: Peggy Munsell

Re: Pipe Rack To Zinc Plant

LAB NO.	SAMPLE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MATRIX	FIBROUS	ASBESTOS TYPE
B00-3324	ZN-Pipe	White Friable	Calcium Carbonate	None Detected	Chrysotile 25-30%

Priscilla Acuna
Microscopist

Method EPA-600/M4-82 "Interim Method for the Determination of Asbestos in Bulk Insulation Samples"; EPA/600/R-93/116 "Method for the Determination of Asbestos in Bulk Building Materials," July 1993. Assigned percentages based on visual vol. percentages based on visual vol. procedures and chart aides, corresponding approx. standard error of $\pm$ or - 5% for (1-10% range) and $\pm$ or - 10% for (11-90%). Microscopists are graduates of McCrone Research Institute's "Microscopical Identification of Asbestos," Chicago, ILL. or equivalent. National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) Lab ID 101870-0.

PLM is not consistently accurate in detecting asbestos in low percentages in certain samples, thus, negative PLM results cannot be guaranteed. A sample can be confirmed to be negative by either TEM or SEM. The above analysis relates only to those items tested. This report is confidential and cannot be reproduced without full written approval by Sun City Analytical, Inc. This document does not represent and endorsement by NIST/NVLAP or any agency of the U.S. government.

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