

June 30, 1942

Mr. E. F. Dittenhoefer
500 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Dittenhoefer:

Information obtained from E.T. Duke at Gloucester 6/16/42
(a) Berlin Brick & Sand Co. at Berlin, N. J. was producing
microporite blocks for insulation purposes - Mr.
Schmuck associated with Owens-Illinois Co.
(b) Franklin Tile Co. of Lanesdale Pa. makes a form of
tile similar to Celulite (Empress of Sand, has a
bentonite with asbestos fibre) !!!

CALSTILITE

Confirming the advices I gave you today, I quote a letter which I received from Mr. S. B. Avery dated June 23, as follows:

"Having heard that the Berlin Brick and Sand Co. at Berlin, N. J. were rebuilding their plant I stopped in to see Mr. Schmuck and discovered the following -

"About 7 months ago their plant was leased to the Owens Corning Fibreglass Co. and a pilot plant was set up for the manufacture of products under the Microporite patents. After six months trial the plant was again leased for 18 months.

"They are now in production on slabs for roof decks. This material weighs 40 pounds per cubic foot. They will start production on insulation as soon as their forms arrive. The insulation weighs 15 pounds per cubic foot, and is made with silica flour, bentonite and lime, but without fibre.

"Should you desire more definite information I shall be glad to obtain it."

The two patents, in which the Berlin Brick and Sand Co., Berlin, N. J., were originally interested in connection with Microporite were the following:

No. 1,932,971 - October 31, 1933 - Erik Rüttemann and Wolfgang Csernin
No. 2,105,324 - January 11, 1938 - Erik Rüttemann and Wolfgang Csernin

I question very much whether the material which is now being turned out for roof decks will conflict with the patent application filed by Mr. Lloyd (Serial No. 441,235 of April 30, 1942). However, we will obtain samples of their forthcoming insulation material containing bentonite, if and when this is manufactured, and will keep you informed regarding same.

Very truly yours,

President

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