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Dear Tom,

## Blue African Asbestos

Thank you for your letter of the 1st July which I have had the opportunity of discussing with Harry Hardie.

We both feel that before taking any action regarding a possible ban on the use of BAA you should be aware of the attitude of the Asbestos Information Association in North America the address of which is - 1660 L Street NW, Washington DC 20036 and the Director of which is Mr R H Mereness, telephone (202) 223-4885. Are you a member of the Association or, if you are not is the Fluid Sealing Association? It may be that the views of the AIANA regarding blue asbestos are influenced by those of Professor Selikoff who seems to believe that all types of asbestos fibre are equally dangerous.

The preponderance of expert opinion in the United Kingdom on the other hand is that blue asbestos (crocidolite) is the most dangerous in relation to the risk of contracting mesothelioma. If one arranged the types of fibre in order of risk in this respect they would run - anthophyllite, chrysotile, amosite and crocidolite. Crocidolite being regarded as the type mainly associated with mesothelioma. I enclose a summary of expert opinion at the Lyon Conference of the International Agency for Research on Cancer of the World Health Organisation in 1972, where you will see these points made quite clear in the answer to question 3. I also enclose a photocopy of the AIRC Monograph No.2, where it deals with the Biological Data Relevant to the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risk to Man, pages 26 to 36, and a short article which appeared in the British Medical Journal on the 5th June 1976.

In the light of such evidence Turner & Newall decided in 1968 to phase the use of crocidolite fibre out of all its operations worldwide and I understand that we no longer have any involvement with crocidolite.

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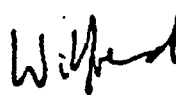
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Thus we have no objection to your presenting the evidence to which I have referred in order to explain the action that Turner & Newall have taken but we cannot advise you to carry a banner for a ban on crocidolite fibre in the United States. I have discussed this with Michael Norris of Engineering Components who concurs.

The Fluid Sealing Association in our view should make their decision on their own assessment of the facts as presented to them.

Yours sincerely,



V P Howard  
Group Public Relations Adviser

P.S. Michael Norris and I would like to take this opportunity of repeating the point we made to you when you were last over here, that in view of the general suspicion that workers are developing of blue asbestos, you should seriously consider using a dye of some other colour for the asbestos material incorporated in your industrial gaskets.

cc: HDSH  
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