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to Branch Managers

from G. F. Baitinger

subject OSHA REGULATIONS REGARDING ASBESTOS IN JOINT COMPOUNDS

location

location Portland

date February 11, 1977

We are currently manufacturing joint compounds with and without asbestos fiber. For those products which contain asbestos we comply with the OSHA regulations regarding the use of asbestos. These regulations include the level of asbestos fiber in the air at our plant locations.

For the past two years we have been making measurements of the asbestos in the air at each plant location. The measurements are in fibers per cubic centimeter of air. The present OSHA regulation, effective July 1, 1976, calls for a maximum of two fibers/cc. Our bi-annual measurements show that we are well below the new standard of two fibers/cc. Also, we comply with all of the other OSHA requirements such as product identification, housekeeping, etc.

We have received reports that OSHA inspectors have said that our products cannot be used on jobs and that competitive salesmen are claiming that our product is illegal. These statements are totally false and cannot be substantiated. There was also a report that OSHA has a maximum requirement for the amount of asbestos a product can contain. This is also false.

Apparently these reports come from misinformed OSHA inspectors and competitive sales people. Incidents where these false claims hurt our sales should be reported to O. E. Burch and include the customer or job involved, the name of the individual who made the statement and any other circumstances that may be pertinent.

The most important message we want to get across is that we are in compliance with all the OSHA regulations regarding asbestos.

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