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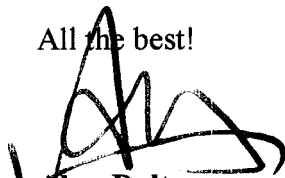
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Please find enclosed some more letters of support.

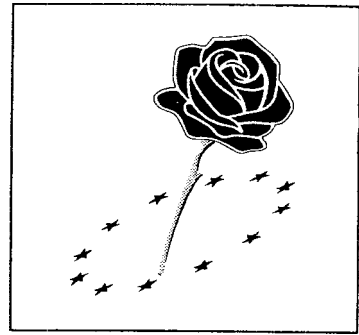
In the New Year, it would be nice to have some dates to work around; for demos, letters etc.
Do you have any key ones (eg trial start date)?

All the best!



Alan Dalton

Health and Safety Co-ordinator



30th November 1998
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Dear Alan

The Eternit (Brazil) lawsuit against Brazilian Labour Inspector and Safety Engineer, Fernanda Giannasi - Eternit (Brazil) is a subsidiary of the French multinational, St Gobain

I have asked Michel Rocard, former Prime Minister of France and a Member of the Committee I chair in the European Parliament to raise this directly with the Chief Executive of St Gobain in France.

I will keep you posted on developments.

Best wishes

Stephen S Hughes MEP

(dictated by Mr Hughes and
signed in his absence)

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A J P Dalton
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18 November 1998

Dear Mr Dalton,

Thank you for the correspondence you sent me with regards to the law suit that is taking place in Brazil, and which I'll read with interest.

As you know I have been very involved in the whole campaign in the Council of Europe on asbestos, so the documentation you sent me will obviously be of enormous benefit to me.

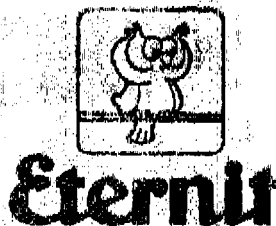
Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Cox', written over a horizontal line.

TOM COX

Dear Please
Translate,
B.



Osasco, 23 de novembro de 1998

Ilmo.(a) Sr.(a)
JONAS SAVICKAS

O fim do ano está próximo e as realizações deste ano merecem uma comemoração. Nosso desejo seria reunir todos em uma festa de confraternização, porém, em face de termos mais de 6500 ex-colaboradores em nossa mala direta, as dependências da ARCE já não comportam todos com o conforto necessário. Optamos, conforme deliberado em nossa reunião de sábado dia 21 de novembro de 1998, pela distribuição de uma cesta de Natal para registrar as festividades de final de ano e para que em pensamento possamos juntos comemorar.

Todos os ex-colaboradores que desejarem receber esta cesta deverão comparecer, até o dia 04 de dezembro de 1998, ao escritório da Eternit em Osasco para cadastramento. Os ex-colaboradores que já realizaram ou aguardam a realização dos exames médicos não terão necessidade de fazer este cadastramento. O nosso objetivo é conhecer a quantidade necessária de cestas para a posterior distribuição.

Todos os cadastrados nas condições acima poderão retirar sua cesta de 10 a 23 de dezembro de 1998, no escritório da Eternit em Osasco.

Nossos colaboradores permanecem à sua inteira disposição para esclarecer eventuais dúvidas através dos telefones (011) 7082-4514 / 7084-0403 / 7084-1338, ou pessoalmente em nosso escritório em Osasco, localizado na ARCE, Rua Paulo Lício Rizzo, 260 - Edifício 1, Bela Vista - Osasco - SP.

Atenciosamente,

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December 4, 1998

MM. Sr(a). Dr(a). Juiz(iza) de Direto da Vara Criminal

Dear Judge:

I am writing to protest the filing of charges by Eternit S.A. against Dr. Fernanda Giannasi seeking prosecution for defamation under the Penal Code. In this we join with the Society for Occupational and Environmental Health, the American Public Health Association, the White Lung Association, and many unions in Brazil, the United Kingdom, and other European countries.

Dr. Giannasi has done nothing more than exercise what we in the United States refer to as the right of freedom of speech. She has rightly criticized Eternit for sending lawyers to trick former employees into signing complex legal documents offering indefinite compensation in return for releases from liability. She has justifiably criticized the asbestos industry for publishing propaganda in medical journals of the Third World, specifically an Argentine medical journal whose publication of Asbestos Institute literature was publicly condemned by leading asbestos experts from around the world.

It is appalling that the company would try to use the criminal courts of Brazil to threaten and try to silence Dr. Giannasi. The threat is felt throughout the Ministry of Labor where Dr. Giannasi has served for 15 years as a distinguished public servant. It is therefore incumbent upon the court to firmly reject this effort to intimidate Dr. Giannasi and other labor inspectors whose job it is to protect workers from health and safety hazards in Brazil. It is also appropriate that the court make it clear to companies such as the French corporation of which Eternit is a subsidiary, that Brazil will not accept the discredited technologies banned in other countries and punish those who speak out against this injustice.

We therefore ask you to promptly dismiss all the charges against Dr. Giannasi.

Respectfully,

Peg Seminario
Director
Department of Occupational
Safety and Health

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