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CHRONOLOGY OF T&N DEVELOPMENT FROM 1920-1972

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1920 Formation of Turner & Newall Ltd.

1925 Acquired virtually all the share capital of Ferodo Limited, the leading UK manufacturer of brake linings, clutch facings and other friction materials.

1926 T&N acquired interests in asbestos mining in Southern Rhodesia, South Africa and Swaziland.

1928 Purchase of Bell's United Asbestos Co. Ltd. (BUA) a group of companies manufacturing asbestos-cement building products: pressure pipes for water supply systems, asbestos textiles and asbestos papers and paper laminates for electrical insulation. BUA had factories in Harefield, Middx., Erith, Kent and Widnes, Lancashire. BUA also held an interest in Raybestos-Belaco Ltd., a company formed in 1922 jointly with the Raybestos Company of Bridgeport, Connecticut, itself a subsidiary of Raybestos-Manhattan.

1929 A re-organisation dissolved the links to TBA and established a new company, Turners Asbestos Cement Ltd. (TAC) to administer the Trafford Park works and former BUA companies. Asbestos Cement Building Products, a marketing organisation, was set up to handle sales. The first Board of Turners Asbestos Cement Ltd. was appointed on 8 August, 1929.

1929 Acquisition of Siluminite Insulator Co. Ltd., a producer of electrical insulating and arc resisting mouldings, the manufacturing and marketing of which was taken on by Turners Asbestos Cement Co. Ltd.

1929 Asbestos Cement Building Products Ltd. formed by T&N to act as a sales organisation for TAC products

1930 Acquired the Quasi-Arc Company

1930 Merger of T&N asbestos mines in Southern Rhodesia and the Union of South Africa with the mining properties of the Rhodesian & General Asbestos Corporation Ltd.

1930 Turners Asbestos Fibres Ltd. (TAF) set up to sell asbestos fibre.

1933/4 In a company rationalisation TAC became wholly responsible for operating the factories at Widnes and Erith and for the sale of asbestos-cement products, the subsidiary companies previously responsible becoming non-operational.

1934 Acquired control of the Bell mine in Thetford, Quebec by securing a majority interest in its parent company, the US firm of Keasbey & Mattison.

1934 Acquired Keasbey & Mattison. Co. including factories at Ambler, Pa. and St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

1935 TAC bought factory at Rhoose, S.Wales and built factory at Dalmuir, near Glasgow (opened in 1937).

1936 Keasbey & Mattison becomes a wholly owned T&N subsidiary.

1941 TAC took over asbestos-cement factory at Tamworth, Staffordshire.

1947 Formation of Turner & Newall (Canada) Ltd

1949 Completion of new factory in Montreal, Canada; formation of Turner & Newall (Overseas) Ltd. in Canada.

1949 Turner Brothers Asbestos Co. Ltd. (TBA) opened new factory in Hindley Green, South Lancashire.

1950 Sale of plant and machinery of Siluminite Insulator Co. Ltd.

1953 Acquired small shareholding in Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Ltd., owners of Cassiar mine in British Columbia and since 1967 of the Clinton mine in the Yukon.

1960 New Ferodo factory opened in Caernarvon, N.Wales.

1961 Purchase of Stillite Products Ltd. of Stillington, Co. Durham and its subsidiary: Mineral Wood Products Ltd. of South Bank, Middlesbrough.

1961 TBA acquired stock, items of plant and the goodwill of George MacLellan & Company.

1961 Purchased British Industrial Plastics (BIP) with plants in the Midlands plus a small subsidiary in Maryport, Cumberland.

1962 TAC Dalmauir factory closed.

1962 TAC opened new factory in Ditton, Lancashire.

1962 Formed Asbestos Cement Pipes Ltd. by joining forces with Cement Ltd. of Dublin.

1963 Liquidation of Keasbey & Mattison.

1964 Asbestos Cement Pipes Ltd opened pipe making plant at Drogheda in the Irish Republic.

1964 Newalls Insulation and Washington Chemical Company (WCC) amalgamated to form Newalls Insulation and Chemical Co. Ltd.

1965 TBA acquired most of the plant and the goodwill of Albion Asbestos Co. Ltd., a small manufacturer of asbestos textiles.

1965 Merger of T&N company, Glass Fabrics Ltd. Dungannon, Northern Ireland, with TBA.

1966 T&N acquired from Cape certain textile and related interests.

1966 Acquisition of the Engineering Components Ltd. group of companies, head office in Slough and factories in Slough, Abergavenny, Chingford, Reading, Heckmondwike and Cleckheaton.

1967 TAC set up asbestos-cement sheeting plant at Ballyclare, N.Ireland.

1969 Turners Asbestos Cement (Northern Ireland) Ltd. formed a new joint company with Cement Ltd. to run Ballyclare operation; T&N took a large minority interest in Cement Ltd.'s asbestos-cement sheet plant at Athy, the Republic of Ireland.

1969 New BIP factories built in Whiston, Lancashire and Maryport, Cumberland; other BIP facilities were in Oldbury, near Birmingham and Streetly.

1970 T&N absorbed insulation contractors: C L Whitaker & Co Ltd., Grimsby.

1970 TAC absorbed J.W.Roberts' operations and formed TAC Construction Materials Ltd.

1972 TAC Ltd. evolved into Tenmat Ltd.