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Dear Dr. Spolyar:

Your February 26 letter addressed to our Mr. G. K. Willis
Alexandria Plant Manager has been referred to me.

We manufacture Thermacoustic by mixing ingredients as
follows:

Granulated Mineral Wool Type X
Amosite (asbestos)
Portland Cement
Starch
Cut Fungicide

Even though our mixing operation is enclosed and exhaust
ventilation is used we make available for the men who
operate the mixers a Mine Safety Appliances (Comfo) Dust
Respirator, BM-2130 for Fibrosis producing dusts and mists.
We feel this protection is necessary because of the asbestos
used in the product.

If there is dust present where Thermacoustic is being applied
on the job at Ft. Harrison, in my opinion, the applicators
should wear the same equipment.

You may recall that I worked with your Mr. Bumbstead several
years ago on a problem at Alexandria and as the result
gained respect for your department. If there is anything
further you would like to know that pertains to the Ft.
Harrison job please do not hesitate to ask.

Very truly yours,

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