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KG-309

KEENE GYPSUM COMPANY, INC.

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO R. H. James
AT Delanco

DATE April 10, 1974

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FROM H. C. Dupuis
AT KB-2458

SUBJECT JOINT COMPOUND - ASBESTOS

This refers to your memo of April 5, 1974 on the same subject.

We are working on reformulation of joint compounds without asbestos but can give you no definite date as to when we will have a saleable product.

I am curious as to your statement that asbestos fibers in joint compound products continues to affect sales, because to my knowledge all other companies are also using asbestos in their products. Is some other product being used in place of joint compound?

The label warning is required by OSHA. Its use by all gypsum companies will be a subject of the forthcoming Gypsum Association meeting.