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ROUTE TO:

SQUARE COMPANY

INTER-OFFICE

TO DM FROM WM

ATTENTION C. W. Denny III BY F. J. Hitchcock DATE March 29, 1973

SUBJECT Clean Air Act of 1970 C.C.

RE: Emission Standards for Pollutants:
Asbestos, Beryllium, and Mercury

The following is an up-date of my November 16, 1972 letter written in response to H. J. Rathbun's October 26, 1972 letter, above subject.

Additional information received since my letter indicates that we may have molding materials containing asbestos fibers that would require us to comply with certain provisions of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Part 1910.93a - Asbestos. These molding powders and their monthly usage are:

<u>Compound Designation</u>	<u>Monthly Usage/Pounds</u>
Durez 23639	30,000 lbs./mo.
Rogers 368	22,000 lbs./mo.
Plenco 509	190,000 lbs./mo.
Union Carbide (Bakelite 6935)	45,000 lbs./mo.

The first two of the above materials, Durez 23639 and Rogers 468, are termed long fiber material. The fibers of these are basically not encapsulated. The other two materials contain bakelite short fibers which are considered to be encapsulated. There is a reasonable degree of certainty that the handling and machining of the long fiber materials will release unencapsulated asbestos fibers into the atmosphere. The compounds containing encapsulated asbestos fibers probably would not release exposed asbestos fibers into the atmosphere during normal handling procedures. But, when parts made of these materials are machined, filed, or abraded in any way then there is a potential of re-leasing exposed asbestos fibers into the atmosphere.

We are taking immediate steps to have our atmosphere sampled to determine if we are in compliance with OSHA standards. We expect to have these tests completed by mid-April.

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