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Re: CAL-OSHA, Asbestos Standards

Dear Mr. Borg:

I enjoyed meeting you yesterday at the CAL-OSHA Standards Board meeting on asbestos.

As I indicated to you yesterday, our client is very concerned with the present and proposed health and safety laws and regulations as they affect products with trace amounts of noncommercial asbestos contamination. In the case of our client's products, there is no likelihood that airborne asbestos concentrations will exceed or even approach the maximum amounts permitted during the entire life cycle of the product, form application and use through disposal. Further, even to the extent that minimal airborne concentrations of asbestos fiber appear, they are tremolite and/or actinolite, on which there is apparently no evidence of harmful effect, even in fibrous forms. We believe that no labelling, reporting, or other regulatory requirements should apply to such products.

I am sure that our view is shared by many California businesses who are aware of asbestos contamination of their products, and probably would be shared by many, many more, who are presently unaware of the trace elements of asbestos minerals in their products, or are unaware of the applicability of the CAL-OSHA regulations to them. In this connection, I recommend to you the enclosed copy of "Asbestos in Your Future", by Dr. C. S. Thompson of the Research and Development Division of the R. T. Vanderbilt Company, Inc. (a talc producer) which provides a dramatic description of the breadth and effect of current and proposed asbestos regulations.

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We are very anxious to have these views considered by the Asbestos Advisory Committee, of which you are a member. Toward this end, I would greatly appreciate it if you would keep me advised of the proposals and developments in the Committee and, at your convenience, contact me as to the manner in which our views can be presented for consideration by the Committee.

I look forward to working with you in connection with these matters.

Very truly yours,

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Bcc: Mr. Robert H. Locke