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JANUARY 5TH, 1971

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT USM 73

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

C.T. MR. LIEFF, MR. VERHALEN, MR. STUMPF
MR. BINGER, MR. JAHN

GENTLEMEN:

I AM SORRY THAT I NEGLECTED TO SEND OUT BEFORE NOW A COPY OF A LETTER THAT WE RECEIVED HERE FROM THE ASBESTOS MAGAZINE, ON DECEMBER 14TH. I THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT WE ANALYZE THE SITUATION AND ARRANGE FOR SOME PRESENTATION TO THE ASBESTOS MAGAZINE, SO THAT THE THING DOES NOT GO UNANSWERED. I AM ASKING AL, BY COPY OF THIS LETTER, TO PUT THIS MATTER ON THE AGENDA AND WANT EVERYONE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE LETTER BEFOREHAND, SO WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT IS THAT HAS TO BE DISCUSSED.

THE PARTICULAR PARAGRAPH WHICH IS REFERRED TO IN THE LETTER FROM THE ASBESTOS MAGAZINE IS THE ONE THAT READS AS FOLLOWS:

"SOME PROBLEMS WITH CONSTRUCTION FEATURES HAVE PROVED TO BE PARADOXICAL. THE MODERN TECHNIQUE OF SPRAYING STEEL GIRDERS WITH AN ASBESTOS MIXTURE, FOR INSTANCE, IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE THEM HEAT-RESISTANT SO THEY WON'T MELT AND BUCKLE. BUT A STEEL INDUSTRY STUDY RECENTLY FOUND THAT THE SYSTEM WAS FAR FROM DEPENDABLE. "IN MANY CASES WORKMEN JUST STRIPPED THE FIRE PROTECTION OFF TO PERMIT INSTALLATION OF DUCT WORK," EXCLAIMS AN INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN. "IT DOESN'T STAY ON. IT CAN BE BRUSHED OFF WITH YOUR HAND." THAT THIS TECHNIQUE, HE NOTES, IS USED IN SCORES OF MODERN BUILDINGS."

WITH KINDEST REGARDS.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

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H. L. LEVINE

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RE-TYPED VERSION OF EXHIBIT #3798

January 5, 1971

To: Board of Directors

ct Mr. Lieff, Mr. Verhalen, Mr. Stumpf, Mr. Binger, Mr. Gahn

Gentlemen:

I am sorry I neglected to send out before now a copy of a letter that we received from the Asbestos Magazine, on December 14. I think it important that we analyze the situation and arrange for some presentation to the Asbestos Magazine, so that the thing does not go unanswered. I am asking Al, but copy of this letter, to put this matter on the agenda and want everyone to have a copy of the letter before hand, so we know exactly what it is that has to be discussed.

The particular paragraph which is referred to in the letter from the Asbestos Magazine is the paragraph that reads as follows:

> "Some problems with construction features have proved to be paradoxical. The modern technique of spraying steel girders with an asbestos mixture, for instance, is supposed to make them heat resistance so they want melt and buckel. But a steel industry study recently found that the system is far from dependable. 'In many cases workmen just strip the fire protection off to permit installation of duct work,' exclaims an industry spokesman. 'It doesn't stay on. It can be brushed off with your hand.' That is that this technique, he notes, is used in scores of modern buildings."

With kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

Sprayed Mineral Fibers Association
H. L. Levine