FRICTION MATERIALS STANDARDS INSTITUTE, INC., EAST 210 ROUTE 4, PARAMUS, NJ 07652

May 14, 1982

To: Officers and Board of Directors

Subject: Invitation to representative(s) of the Asbestos Compensation Council to address the Institute's June 1982 Membership Meeting

The Institute Membership, and Members of the Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, have indicated over the past many months that a main area of concern is the asbestos litigation which some asbestos products manufacturers face. The Workmens Compensation now in effect has not shielded Manufacturers from third party suits--usually in the form of litigation from employees of customers of the manufacturer. Friction materials manufacturers have been brought into suits as defendants for not having warned their customers of the dangers from asbestos exposure.

Several proposals for federal legislation to enact compensation statutes have been made over the past several years. To mention three: The Fenwick Bill - House; The Miller Bill - House; the Hart Bill - Senate.

The Asbestos Compensation Coalition was formed in 1981 by nine firms who have born the brunt of the litigation in this area. They had expressed interest in presenting their viewpoints to the Institute. On April 28, 1982, the Institute's Health and Environmental Affairs Committee met with repreeentatives of the Asbestos Compensation Council. At that meeting, it was decided to extend an invitation to the Council to have a representative present its case to the Institute at the June Meeting. This invitation was endorsed by Mr. Carrigan, President of the Institute. An invitation was extended.

While we have been verbally assured that a Council representative will address our Membership on Wednesday June 16, 1982, we do not have details on who exactly that person will be. And while the invitation has been accepted verbally, we do not have anything in writing. At this point I am advising the Officers and Board of Directors of this planned presentation by the Asbestos Compensation Council at our Meeting. When I have more details, I will so advise.

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March 29, 1982

To: Officers and Board of Directors

Subject: Agenda Items Suggested for June 1982 Meetings

I have enclosed a copy of a letter received from Mr. Stuart Comins. I believe his letter is self-explanatory.

I will plan to have these items on the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting this June at Sawgrass. These will be:

1. Institute Sponsored Credit Reporting Service

2. Support of Federal Compensation Program for Workers Exposed to Asbestos

I am forwarding Mr. Comins' remarks on third party suits and asbestosis to Mr. Armstrong, Chairman of the Institute's Health and Environmental Affairs Committee.

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March 25, 1982

Mr. Ed Drislane
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Dear Ed:

As our annual meeting draws near, there are two items that I would like to have taken up by the Board of Directors and the Membership:

1. In these times when all of our customers are becoming stretched out and slow pays, and with bankruptcies being on the up-turn, I think it would behoove the FMSI to set up some sort of credit reporting service similar to CFS or MEMA. Whether it is a blind set-up through an accounting office or some other arrangement, each of us should report those people who are slow pay or bad pay, as well as those with whom we are having problems, so that other people in the industry will be able to get the information.

2. I am sure that most of the other members are also being called into suit as third party defendants in many of the asbestosis cases that are going on around the country. The U. S. government has set up a national pool for black lung disease and for doctors, etc. I believe it is in our interest to somehow lobby congress to make sure that asbestos is covered in the same way. If the cases come down on a standard amount per year for year of exposure, I am sure that many of our members will find that, in prior years, they were not carrying as much umbrella insurance as they are now.

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I think that both of these items would be of interest to the total membership.

Very truly yours,

P.T. BRAKE LINING COMPANY, INC.

Stuart Comins

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