Asbestos

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

BOND-297

May 17, 1977

Mr. John Wisniewski, Buyer
Ace Hardware Co.
2200 Kensington Court
Oak Brook, IL 60521

Dear John:

With regard to the so called ban on wall patching materials, please be advised that this, for the present, is a proposed ban and not now in effect.

Although our Spackling Powder and Paste have never been formulated with asbestos, in anticipation of a possible future ban, you will be interested to know that as of April 28, 1977 production of all BONDEX products containing asbestos (with the exception of roof coating) was discontinued and all such products are now being produced on an asbestos free formulation and including the elimination of asbestine tremolitic talc.

Within the next six weeks, we expect to be completely out of stock on any such asbestos containing products and well in advance of any proposed ban which we have been advised is at least six months in the future.

Sincerely yours,

BONDEX INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Julius K. Nemeth

JKN/jlj

cc: Leon Klesman
Jim Kiste