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Gentlemen:

We are contacting your firm as a manufacturer of equipment which may contain one or more of the Therminol®FR series heat transfer fluids. Therminol®FR series includes Therminol® FR Lo-Temp, Therminol®FR-0 and Therminol®FR-1. As you are probably aware, the Therminol®FR series contains polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) of various types.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the PCB concentration in our environment has increasingly come under the scrutiny of various governmental agencies and scientific laboratories. In some studies, certain PCBs have been found to be persistent, an environmental contaminant and, possibly, injurious to certain forms of bird, aquatic and animal life. Accordingly, it is very important that PCBs be kept out of the food chain.

Effective immediately, we are instituting a policy of restricting sales of the Therminol®FR series to existing heat transfer systems which are presently utilizing the Therminol®FR series and do not involve food or food related products. We would appreciate your discontinuing the use of the Therminol®FR series in any new equipment sales and discontinuing any recommendation of the Therminol®FR series in your literature. In accordance with this policy, the Therminol®FR series will no longer be available to your firm.

We would like to point out, however, that certain Monsanto products which are sold under the Therminol® trademark, namely, Therminol®55, 66, 77 and 88 do not contain PCBs and will continue to be available for new heat transfer systems as well as for replacements of existing systems. While these are not classified as fire-resistant, proper design, operation and maintenance and the use of appropriate protective devices should minimize any added fire risks. We would appreciate your continued use

and recommendation of Therminol®55, 66, 77 and 88 in both new and existing systems.

Should you have any questions, please contact your local Monsanto representative or me.

Sincerely,

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