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Mr. Paul E. Matheny, Manager
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Dear Mr. Matheny:

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We have previously written you on September 19th concerning your asbestos fiber analysis (laboratory #589431) done for Roger G. Troy Inc. Due to an oversight on our part you were given incorrect information as to the formulation of our product.

As indicated, our own sampling and testing confirmed that the product was Zonolite Monokote (type MK-4). MK-4 contains no glass fiber. It is a dry, factory-mixed blend of vermiculite, gypsum, organic (non-asbestos) fibers and a small quantity of an air entraining agent. The material is mixed with water at the job site for application. The product is formulated without the addition of commercial asbestos.

Your analysis indicates the presence of asbestos at a level of 3%. We believe that your analysis has mistaken as asbestos the organic fibers which are part of the product formulation. Further, the EPA banned asbestos containing products in 1973 so that no commercially available product would contain asbestos fibers.

We would suggest that you review your original data or conduct a follow-up analysis on the retained sample. I am sure that this follow-up will indicate that the product does not contain asbestos.

This mistake, if left unchecked, has serious implications on future sales of Monokote. I would ask that you contact Roger Troy Inc. with the results of your subsequent analysis and send us a copy of this follow-up laboratory report.

Please contact me if you have any questions on the above.

Regards,

Robert A. Merther

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