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Gentlemen:

Our records show that you have been a purchaser and user of our 1600 ASBESTOS filler and due to a notification that we received today from our source of supply on this asbestos waste material from Arizona, we find it necessary to advise you that we will not be producing this item after January 1, 1974.

We received notification today from our source of supply that they are being forced to abandon their loading and storage facility on this particular product by the Environmental Protection Agency and they forwarded a copy of their letter to us stating that this condition that existed at their plant was not in compliance with National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants and that they had to comply by all the standards and laws no later than January 1, 1974. It was their decision, rather than to try to comply and meet this standard, that they would discontinue this low grade of shorts and wastes that in no way would justify the expensive investment that would be required to meet the government regulations.

Of course this is a very bad piece of news as far as Western Chemical and Manufacturing Company is concerned and I'm sure it will affect all users of this product that we have been supplying now for the past 15 or 20 years. However, when our raw material source of supply is no longer available, we have no choice but to discontinue the production of this particular item.

We do wish to advise you though that we still do handle other grades of asbestos fiber that come from other production and we feel that in most instances by reformulating around our 7EM2 or 7EM3 ASBESTOS FIBERS and then looking very closely at our 7C-16 ASBESTOS FIBER, that there are products that can be developed and used by reformulation. At the same time we wish to offer our services both technically and physically that we have to offer, in that if there are particular blends that you would require where this material be mixed with either limestone or talc, we can take these basic fibers and do this compounding for you since we do have the facilities here at our plant. Our sales representative will be in touch with you very shortly and any and everything that we can do to work with you to help maintain your flow of material will be done.

Very truly yours,

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