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in comparison to the heavier paper currently employed. Larger scale runs are now scheduled to establish the indicated $75,000 per year savings.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS DIVISION (South Bound Brook)

There are indications that high exposure for many years to insulation dust is hazardous to health. Some data shows that Amosite fiber is more detrimental than Chrysotile. In addition, deliveries of Amosite from South Africa, the only source, could be restricted. R&D is undertaking studies on replacing Amosite in Calsilite insulation with Chrysotile type. To date, the strength and certain other characteristics have not been adequate with the Canadian fiber but work will continue. R&D is also investigating a means of fiberizing Amosite asbestos to reduce the amount of loss through the plant dust system.

Laboratory studies indicated stretching of the wet flooring felt web would decrease moisture expansion characteristics of the finished felt. Tests with the newly installed bowed roll at Gloucester stretched the sheet 1/2% in the initial trial but only slight improvement in dimensional stability was obtained. More work is intended during subsequent B-10 runs. So far, there have not been Softred expansion problems similar to those experienced last year.

A repeat trial run of 6-foot wide asbestos was made at Erie using TCD's SBR latex as a substitute for the regular Naugatex 2758. The previous difficulty with low tensile strength was not encountered and rolls were shipped to Whitehall for evaluation. If successful, a major run will be made for the next shipment. A special low caliper asbestos flooring felt was made as a trial order for Wilcox Woolford Company, a small sheet flooring manufacturer. A second roll of asbestos flooring felt