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Subject: FW: Court response statement on Anniston
Attachments: Anniston response to South America court RR corn issue.doc

I think this is an effective response. I added a couple commas, but I think this looks good.

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From: HELSCHER, THOMAS M [AG/1000]
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Bob, Would appreciate your final proofing of this. T

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I didn't do it, but we could address the issue that PCB's are not a "poison" in the sense that we made something we knew was harmful. PCB's were a chemical widely used for decades as safety fluids to insulate and cool heavy-duty electrical equipment. They were made in Anniston from 1929 to 1971. When concern arose about these materials, the plant stopped making them eight years before the U.S. Congress banned any further manufacturing of PCB's in 1979.

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From: PEIRCE, BOB [AG/1000]
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Tom--

I've added some material in bold face. The reason for adding it is to show that Monsanto did not hide behind a corporate "shell game" and avoid moral responsibility; we actually stepped up and addressed the issues in Anniston, which have been largely resolved.

The material in bold has legal approval and was used earlier this year in a PCB individual injury case involving PCB's in state court in Birmingham. These were plaintiffs who claimed they developed illness because of PCB exposure from the Anniston plant. Monsanto won the case. The bold-face material was developed to address questions about how we acted as a corporation in the Anniston case.

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