

ROGER HOBBIE

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1 MR. BARTELS: Urban 7? 2 MR. HAFNER: Urban 7. Was that previously 3 marked today or not? 4 MR. BARTELS: No. 5 (Exhibit 19, inter-office 6 correspondence-2/13/84, was marked.) 7 Q For the record, while we are waiting, I want to say 8 Eaton Corporation Bates 324, that may not be correct. Is that 9 your Bates number or Eaton's Bates number? 10 MR. QUICK: Eaton's Bates number is in the 11 lower right-hand corner and it should be 018743. 12 MR. HAFNER: Patrick, is that your Bates 13 number in the center bottom of the page? 14 MR. BARTELS: Yes. 15 MR. HAFNER: For the record, it is P-EAT-0432. 16 A Okay. 17 Q Mr. Hobbie, have you seen that document before 18 beginning your deposition today? 19 A I think in reviewing the disclosures. I didn't see 20 it back in 1984 but when I went through the files, yeah. 21 Q I think we covered who Mr. O'Boyle was, did we not? 22 A Yes. 23 Q Mr. Singh? 24 A He was the axle brake -- I think he was chief 25 research and development engineer for the brake product at	1 customers such as International? 2 A Yes, for instance, Walther, his accounts were 3 Kenworth, essentially. 4 Q How about Mr. VanWarmer? 5 A I don't know if he was a sales manager, like a brake 6 product line sales manager or something like that in that 7 area. 8 Q And I just asked you about Mr. VanWarmer, right? 9 A Yes. 10 Q Mr. Valentine? 11 A Sales coordinator at that time. 12 Q We have talked about Mr. Hoenes before, correct? 13 A Engineering manager. 14 Q What was your position in this time frame of 15 February 1984? 16 A '84, I would have been general service manager for 17 Eaton truck components marketing. 18 Q I think the name came up before, Mr. Barnhart in 19 this time frame. Who was he? 20 A Axle brake division sales account manager for 21 International Harvester, Navistar. 22 Q In the first sentence, IH engineering brake group 23 has advised that both Carlisle and Abex are withdrawing all 24 current testing on nonasbestos lining. The reasons given are 25 incurring in -- it probably should say incurred -- the
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1 that time. 2 Q Mr. Pipik? 3 A Pipik at that time would have been the axle brake 4 tech service manager. 5 Q Mr. Billian? 6 A Probably at that time probably a sales coordinator. 7 Q Mr. Lawrence? 8 A Global product manager for the brake product for 9 axle brake division. 10 Q Mr. Welser? 11 A Probably sales coordinator, axle brake division. 12 Q Mr. Young? 13 A Axle brake division, sales manager. 14 Q I missed the last part. 15 A Sales manager. 16 Q Mr. Hopper? 17 A Sales account manager for axle brake. 18 Q Mr. O'Connor? 19 A Probably sales coordinator. 20 Q Mr. Zalar? 21 A Sales coordinator. 22 Q Mr. Walther? 23 A Sales account manager for axle brake division. 24 Q When you are referring to sales, whether account 25 manager or manager, you are talking about sales by Eaton to	1 problems incurring in one, excessive wear compared to 2 asbestos; two, drum problems; three, composition of 3 materials - very sporadic. Were you familiar with that 4 situation as referenced in that memo? 5 A No, not at the time. I think this is probably based 6 on lab dynamometer testing. That's what I'm guessing. To my 7 knowledge, that didn't occur on any of the field tests 8 applications that were out there. 9 Q And whose lab dynamometer testing are you referring 10 to? 11 A I don't know. It could be the lining suppliers or 12 it could have been Rockwell, Eaton, I don't know. 13 Q The next sentence reads, based on this input, IH has 14 temporarily stopped their NAB program until such time, and it 15 seems to be missing a word, the lining suppliers can develop a 16 nonasbestos lining that meets or exceeds the current asbestos 17 lining being produced today. 18 Were you aware of IH in this period stopping 19 its nonasbestos brake program because of the issues addressed 20 in this memo? 21 A No, I was not. 22 Q Were you aware of any other OEM manufacturers 23 besides International at any point stopping their efforts to 24 go to nonasbestos brakes because of problems encountered with 25 the nonasbestos material being supplied?

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