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Gentlemen:

On August 9th at approximately 7:40 AM you had a news story regarding a law suit against Johns-Manville Corporation with regard to asbestos fiber.

When a news service is giving information out with regard to civil law suits, I think you have an obligation to be a little more careful of your facts. You stated, for instance, that "test results on laboratory animals has proven that asbestos causes cancer".

I am very closely involved in the asbestos industry and to my knowledge there have been no tests results on any laboratory animals which have any indication of carcinoma as a result of asbestos exposure. If you have information to the contrary, I would appreciate your letting me know of your source.

The United States government has commissioned a number of studies on test animals with regard to ingestion of asbestos fibers all of which have been negative. I know of no other test animal reports which have been brought to the attention of us in the industry.

If negative information with regard to asbestos test information was available, I'm certain that we would have heard of it.

Very truly yours,

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