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With further reference to the general subject of pressure packed asbestos and the resulting need for an asbestos opening operation, we are prepared to submit an appropriation request covering the installation of the two Moody openers furnished gratis by Johns-Manville for our dry mix operation. Considered strictly as a cost saving feature, this project is not particularly attractive. The following information is given for your review and comment.

The estimated cost of installing the two units which primarily involves the necessary dust collection for the operation is as follows:

2 - Moody Asbestos Openers		N/C
2 - 5 HP TEFC Motors		$ 380.00
2 - Cyclone Systems, including fans and fan motors		1,550.00
Sheet Metal Work		1,200.00
Installation		
Materials	$400.00	
Labor	580.00	
Burden @ 85%	485.00	1,515.00
		$4,745.00

An average year's consumption of asbestos fiber for dry mix is 2,500,000 #. The Production Department has previously estimated a labor saving of 60¢/ton in unloading time. This results in an estimated annual saving of $750.00. There are, of course, other savings primarily in warehouse space and a possible reduction in rejects in certain formulations. At the same time, it is not certain that this additional operation can be performed by the dry mix personnel as a part of the machine loading procedure without effecting the overall cycle. There are, of course, definite indications of product quality improvement.

Your specific comment and recommendations are requested.

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