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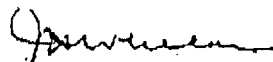
CARBIDE & CARBON CHEMICAL CO.
TEXAS CITY, TEXAS PLANT
KAYLO 20 BLOCK COMPLAINT

We have taken immediate action here at the plant to correct the quality problems you encountered at Texas City on our Kaylo 20 block. All future Kaylo 20 block production will be side trimmed as well as end trimmed.

Our previous decision not to trim these sides came about because of our wish to furnish as close to a full 6" width as possible, when vertically cutting our 18" poured slabs to 6" pieces. We are convinced now that the lesser of the two evils is to trim the sides and to get the largest nominal 6" wide pieces from the trimmed slab. It is very possible that this width might drop as low as 5-13/16". We are presently in process of pouring Kaylo 20 block, and should be finishing this material early next week. When we have finished it, we will advise all concerned of the actual widths we are making our 3", 6", and 12" Kaylo 20 block.

Bruce has already explained to you that we had an impossible stripping problem on Kaylo 20 block until we made use of corrugated paper strips, placing them in one side and one end of each flatware pan. The original strips we used were not the full length of the pan, and some of them were not as wide as the pans are deep. Because of this the stripped piece could have an edge protruding all along one top side, and more frequently a "chunk" at each end. Efforts to remove the chunks only, resulted in tearing the block.

We have recently been using full length and width strips, which obviously accounts for the better quality you reported on our later shipment to Texas City. However, since even this is not 100% perfect we will trim the sides as described, and trust there will be no more Kaylo 20 block quality problems on this account in the future.


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