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Only could find a couple of sites on the web about this. They do refer to newspaper articles.

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Relevant part quoted below:

ASBESTOS LITIGATION: Court Orders Eternit to Help With Asbestos Probe

A court ordered Eternit AG, the building-materials company owned by Switzerland's Schmidheiny family, to send a list of former workers to an Italian prosecutor investigating asbestos-related deaths, SonntagsZeitung reports.

A regional court in Eternit's home canton of Glarus told the company, a subsidiary of Holcim Ltd., the world's second-largest cement maker, to aid investigator Raffaele Guariniello in Turin, Italy, because there were indications of involuntary manslaughter.

Guariniello is probing whether Eternit, which left the asbestos business in the 1990s, took the necessary precautions to protect its workers. Asbestos cancer allegedly caused the death of at least 45 former Eternit workers so far. Eternit is mulling an appeal to the Federal Court, Switzerland's highest, SonntagsZeitung said, citing Chief Executive Officer Anders Holte. The Company set aside about 1 million Swiss francs (\$720,000) to cover the costs of legal action, according to Eternit spokesman Roland Walker.

Eternit always observed the regulations set up by Suva, the dominant insurer of employees against work-related accidents, Walker told SonntagsZeitung.

Also, a little background material:

Dr. Barry Castleman wrote:

Swiss billionaire charged with manslaughter by Italian prosecutor in Turin, Dec. 9, 2002, I can't find my file and need the text of the story for 5th Ed. Can you help.

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