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RM 3562

F. Bilton reports that Interpace is unwilling to commit to a contract guaranteeing the supply of RM 3562 which is essential to the new non-asbestos recipe. They apparently will commit to some sort of letter of intent.

If you are convinced that the new recipes -

a. will work (many problems at this point),

b. will require RM 3562 in amounts up to 1000 tons per month;

I would suggest that we should look for a more definite means of ensuring our supply.

I see two possible alternatives:

a. Re-investigate the idea of installing a grinding plant for this material on site in Cleveland.

b. Purchasing Department make further attempts to get a contractural guarantee of supply from Interpace.

Please advise which direction should be pursued.

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