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ALUMINIZED ASBESTOS CLOTH STYLE T2120

About a week or so ago, Mr. E. A. Schuman spoke with you concerning any possible involvement we might experience in connection with patents of aluminized asbestos cloth thought to be held by Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co. The end use and principal use of this cloth is in the safety clothing field.

We were for some months endeavoring to develop our own aluminized finish but more recently have been able to purchase a very satisfactory cloth in every way similar to the 3M cloth from Turner Brothers, Rochdale, England.

This, therefore, brings up the question in our mind as to whether or not by purchasing this cloth from Turner Brothers and reselling same in the U.S.A. we might be infringing any existing patents.

You have assured Mr. Schuman that we have no exposure and have advised him to proceed with this program. In addition, I have today received verbal advice from the U.S.A. representative of Turner Brothers that "this product (Turner Bros. KST 424) is clear of any patent difficulties."

This letter is merely to go on record with you that we are proceeding with this program and from a patent angle with your verbal assurance to Mr. Schuman and this statement from Turner Brothers we are assuming that this satisfies any patent problem.

W. S. Hough

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