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GEORGIA-PACIFIC

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

DATE: November 20, 1972

TO: Mr. C. W. Lehnert

LOCATION: Tigard

FROM: W. N. Gettel

LOCATION: Tigard

SUBJECT: ASBESTOS REPLACEMENT - ACME JOINT SYSTEM PRODUCTS

cc: Mr. T. W. Richards - Tigard
Mr. O. E. Burch - Portland
Mr. K. W. Brown - Acme
Mr. R. D. Meyer - Portland
Mr. W. D. Brooks - Carrollton THIS COPY FOR
Mr. L. E. Winter - Acme
Mr. S. R. Clark - Acme

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A 2000 lb. batch of this new formula was made up with no difficulty. Subsequent lab tests indicated that the joint cement was of good quality.

On November 15 Lloyd Winter and I took 10 bags of this new product to Oklahoma City for a field test. The field test was conducted by Leon Harner who was described to us as being of the top three or four applicators in the Oklahoma City area and also as being very honest.

Leon's comments on the working properties follow:

1. Mixed good.
2. Pinholes not bad.
3. The mud does not drop from Ames tools.
4. Goes good through Ames tools.
5. Body seemed to be real good.
6. Rock marking not bad.
7. Good in corners with hand tools.
8. Feathered out good along edges.
9. Works good around windows (deep fill on corner beads).
10. Crossed over wet joints real good - does not pull existing mud out.
11. Sands as good as U.S.G. All Purpose Ready Mix.
12. Flares out a little on knife when spotting nails.
13. The mud works better than the present G-P All Purpose."

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During my stay at the Acme plant, I made spot checks for quality and grit on eight random batches of four-gallon box Ready Mix. The batches were made on various dates from 10/2/72 to 11/11/72. The Ready Mix was of excellent quality and no evidence of grit was found.

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FOR MESSRS. LEHNERT, RICHARDS, BROWN, WINTER, AND CLARK ONLY:

Raw Materials cost of this new formula is approximately $.365/bag compared to $.55/bag for the present All Purpose formula. Attagel Clay is confidential information and should not be related to anyone outside our own manufacturing organization.