

materials regarding time periods and products that are not at issue in these cases, on the grounds that such information or materials lack relevance and are not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Abex further objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that the information or materials it purports to seek lack relevance to the issues arising in these cases and are not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Abex objects to this interrogatory to the extent to which it purports to seek information or materials that have been gathered, received, or prepared in the course of litigation, or which are otherwise subject to the attorney-client privilege, protected by the attorney work-product doctrine, the rule protecting materials prepared in anticipation of and/or in connection with litigation, or any other applicable privilege.

Subject to and without waiving these objections, Abex Corporation, Pneumo Abex LLC's predecessor, as defined herein, was incorporated as the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Company in New Jersey in 1902, and was reincorporated as that company in 1916 in Delaware. In 1926, the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Company caused to be incorporated a New York corporation named American Brake Materials Corporation. In 1933, American Brake Materials Corporation changed its name to American Brakeblok Corporation. In 1937, American Brakeblok Corporation merged with the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Company, and was thereafter operated as the American Brakeblok Division of that company. In 1943, the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Company changed its name to the American Brake Shoe Company. In 1966, the American Brake Shoe Company changed its name to Abex Corporation.

In 1968, Abex Corporation became a wholly owned subsidiary of Illinois Central Industries, Inc. Illinois Central Industries, Inc. later changed its name to IC Industries, Inc. Abex