

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

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CORPORATION Subsidiary of Armstrong Cork Company

101 SHAW ROAD
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
April 3, 1959

Mr. Ivan A. Schwab
Hanna & Brophy
1540 San Pablo Avenue
Oakland 12, California

Subject: Bergit A. Swartout
(Widow of John E. Swartout)
vs. Mundet Cork Corp., et al
I.L.C. No. 169-171

Dear Mr. Schwab:

Please refer to your letter dated March 24, 1959 on the above subject.

There is no affirmative evidence that can be produced at this time to establish that there was no exposure to asbestos during or any part of the employment of Mr. John E. Swartout by the Armstrong Cork Company. Our contract records on the jobs in question have been destroyed in keeping with our normal retention schedule.

On each of the jobs referred to in your letter, with the exception of No. 1, Carnation Company, Stockton a Magnesia product which contained 15% or less Asbestos long fibers was used. On the Carnation milk job, cork covering containing no asbestos fiber was used. The additional fact that on the Pacific Gas & Electric Company job, the Alaska work, and the Bethlehem Pacific Shipyard work a goodly portion of the materials used contained no asbestos fiber. Such materials as cork covering, and mineral wool products were also employed.

With respect to his employment in Alaska, no written contract was involved in the hiring. He was hired through Local No. 97 of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers of Anchorage, Alaska, on an open call for men. The type of work involved applying insulation on a government housing project at Fort Richardson near Anchorage, Alaska. Materials installed consisted of Fiberglas, and Wool Felt pipe covering for the Heating and Plumbing systems. A small quantity

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of 85% Magnesia block was used for the hot water storage tank.

We hope the above information will be of service to you. Please let us know if there is any further assistance we can give.

Very truly yours,

ARMSTRONG CONTRACTING & SUPPLY CORP.

John S. Taylor
District Manager

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cc: Travelers Insurance Company, Oakland
Standard Accident Insurance Company, San Francisco
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