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March 22, 1976

Dr. E. Estrin
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Dear Dr. Estrin:

Since 1971 Whittaker, Clark & Daniels has been the sole supplier of all of the talc used by The Mennen Company. During this period, they have certified that the talc supplied has no detectable asbestiform minerals. The periodic testing done by Whittaker, Clark & Daniels has already been reported to you.

In the future, in addition to the testing done by our supplier, The Mennen Company plans to conduct a regular program of screening talc raw materials for the presence of asbestos using McCrone Associates as the testing laboratory. At the present time, they are also testing a variety of Mennen raw materials and finished product samples.

On March 16, 1976, I had a telephone conversation with Dr. Langer of Mt. Sinai Medical School concerning his analysis of asbestos in talc, particularly on the samples of Mennen shave talc and Mennen bath talc. The bath talc sample, which he found to be free from asbestos, was identified by code date 25DE as having been produced on May 25, 1973. The talc used was a blend of Italian and Montana talc. The shave talc, which was identified as having a low level of asbestos, had a code date of A19CJ, which was produced September 19, 1972. The talc used at this time was 100% Italian Talc.

I visited Dr. Langer on March 18, 1976, and discussed the analytical techniques and results on the Mennen samples. He showed me the results of continuous scan and step scan X-ray diffraction on the shave talc sample. These data, he claimed, showed the presence of a low level of Tremolite. At my request, new samples were taken and analyzed by continuous scan X-ray diffraction in my presence. The analysis was rerun approximately ten times using various instrument conditions and in each case, Dr. Langer was not able to confirm the presence of Tremolite.

Dr. Langer plans to rerun this sample by step scan X-ray diffraction, and promised to report these results to me. It is also my understanding that the sample of Mennen shave talc was run by Dr. Pooley of the University College, Cardiff, Wales.

Dr. N. Estrin

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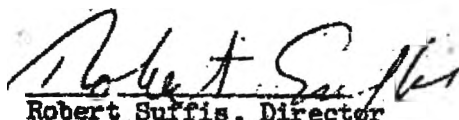
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I am informed that his data is at variance with those of Dr. Langer, since he did not show the presence of asbestos in this particular sample.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

THE MENNEN COMPANY


Robert Suffis, Director
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