

LAKE ASBESTOS OF QUEBEC, LTD.

CALL REPORT 72-17

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

ASA-205

May 8, 1972

TALKED TO: Davis Weaver, President
Lee Taylor, Sales Manager
Charles Cobb, Plant Manager
(See attached listing of personnel)

CALL BY: E. A. Farrell

CALL DATE: April 27, 28, 1972

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Davis Weaver advised E. Corson, based on current cash flow projection, they should be payment current by August-September. They would pay fully for current fibre use and gradually reduce total by August-September.

I was surprised to note that pre-steam autoclave cure treatment is all dry heat. Their moisture tests after dry heat cure shows enough moisture (12%) for the cement to hydrate and cure, but I think we should determine the effect on the inner and outer surfaces. I would like to see a test on the variation of cross section moisture before autoclaving, and also a cement component study (DTA, TGA) after autoclaving. It is possible that the surfaces are not fully cured, and this could effect installed performance such as internal erosion.

I also mentioned to Davis Weaver that the recently indicated more toxic nature of "blue" crocidolite fibre compared to white, should make us consider elimination of blue, or reduction of blue in the future. He said JM had tried to eliminate blue but were not successful. Mr. Weaver's immediate plan is to start using some JR in place of blue and maybe cut it to 10% as a first step.

I recommend that our research asbestos cement equipment which has been dismantled and put in the basement be reinstalled, and that we institute an immediate program to learn how to eliminate blue.

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I can see the need for a CAPCO full time, experienced Research Chemist or engineer at South Plainfield, reporting to Mr. Stiefken. This is required to remain abreast of the advancing portland cement - asbestos cement technology.

Further, I recommend that Mr. Stiefken start making regular monthly trips to assist Capco in fibre formulation and treatment changes, etc.

Mr. Weaver approved the visit of Mr. M. L. Gupta of Shree Digvijay Cement Co., Bombay, for June 7, 8, 9. Mr. P. Buchholts should go with him. They could arrive in Birmingham on the 7th and consult with Mr. Weaver, then visit Ragland on the 8th and depart on the 9th.

See separate memo for comments on substitution of PVC for A-C pipe.

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