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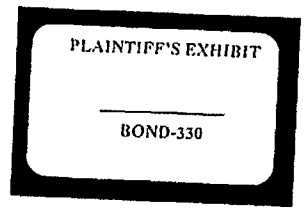

December 22, 1977

Mr. Barry Bresnick
Paint Buyer
ZAYRE CORPORATION
Framingham, MA 01701

Dear Mr. Bresnick:

In answer to your question, a number of our wall patching compounds, in the past, contained asbestos. Those purchased by Zayre or Housewares Corporation included our SX Joint Cement, Wood Putty, Water Putty, as well as Resurfo Spachtling Powder and Paste, containing Tremolitic Talc.

Reformulation and elimination of asbestos was begun some 12 to 14 months ago, however, no wall patching compounds containing asbestos were produced after May 1, 1977.

You are probably aware of the fact that distributors and retailers have until June 11, 1978, before they will be prohibited from selling, offering for sale, or distributing these products.

Your inventory turn over may very well have already eliminated any problems and this certainly will be the case with the added time remaining, particularly if all items now in stock are sold prior to June 11, 1978. We trust this will provide you the information you require.

Sincerely yours,

BONDEX INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Julius K. Nemeth

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