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BRAND INSULATIONS, INC.
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Jack Roberts handed me the attached letter from Brand Insulations. You mentioned that many people are running scared because of the asbestos fiber problem and this certainly would be the case with B. I. In fact I don't see how they can put out a letter such as this because they have so many jobs on which Colloid Silicate Materials must be used.

I assume that the Chicago Headquarters of Brand is aware of this letter as people from Chicago are referred to in the letter.

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THE BRAND INSULATION COMPANY
BRAND INSULATION COMPANY, INC.
CHICAGO, ILL.

Gentlemen:

In the past, Calcium Silicate and Asbestos Insulating Company have been a minority of the insulating industry. Today, we are faced with a new set of laws and regulations which is forcing the thermal insulating contractor to revise his usage of these materials.

The proposed emergency regulation under the OSHA law would make the thermal insulating contractor, mechanical and general contractors as well as the architects and engineers liable for conditions leading to asbestosis. We, the contractors as well as the engineers and architects could be buried under an avalanche of personal injury and class action suits if we do not take immediate and rapid action to alleviate this situation. Court awards lately have been generous, these suits could easily climb to the multi-million dollar range.

We could be responsible for:

1. Mandatory air samples at 15 minute intervals.
2. Physical examinations of any tradesman who claims exposure to asbestos dust.

The alternative to this problem is as follows:

1. Delete all references to calcium silicate products. We would recommend mineral wool or glass fiber.
2. The standard use of asbestos cement on fittings should be deleted and a Poly Vinyl Chloride type fitting covers should be standard. This would mean using mineral wool wrapping under the PVC cover, rather than fiberglass blanket at temperatures above 450°F.

At this time we ask that you assist us in bringing these problems to the attention of the engineers, architects and if need be owners and assist us in obtaining the required specification changes.

If we at Brand can be of any assistance, feel free to contact Mr. Eugene Saloff or Mr. L. J. Schuller at (312) 738-2515 Chicago or Mr. F. P. Ray (317) 396-6593 Indianapolis.

Very truly yours,

BRAND INSULATIONS, INC.