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On Tuesday morning, January 7, 1975, Ansel Raney, Bill Barrett (Drilling Muds) and I, opened a bag of the new granulated Flosal, asbestos mud additive to examine its appearance. We found that the material was not in a pelletized form, but rather in a flake (or granule) form. Moreover, there appeared to be minute particles of asbestos mixed in with the flakes.

We poured a portion of a 50# bag of the Flosal into a fiberboard drum, simulating the manner in which the additive user would add the Flosal into the drilling mud. A cloud of dust rose out of the drum and was visible to all present.

Bill Barrett then agreed to set up an appointment, at the earliest date, to test the Flosal dustiness in actual use at a drilling rig. This was quite a turnabout because even 10 minutes before our inspection Barrett kept telling us that this matter was in the hands of Jack Howe and Frank Shell.

It was agreed that if this test did not take place within the next 30 days we would go to Jack Howe.

We also talked briefly about the precautionary statements on the Flosal bags. The notice appears to be inadequate and is located within a few inches of the bottom on the rear side of the bag. We talked briefly about the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act and the Company's responsibilities with regard to the marketing of Flosal (asbestos). This matter will be pursued further after our tests have been made.

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