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July 21, 1980

Mr. J. R. M. Hutcheson
Chairman of the Board
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Dear Bob:

We received your letter of July 4, 1980 advising of the IOEH decision regarding AIA/NA's request for a contribution from QAMA toward our legal costs incurred in the defense of the asbestos industry in the United States and, needless to say, we are extremely disappointed.

In addition to our disappointment, we are very much concerned about the impact of the decision on our association's membership and our ability to carry out an effective defense.

As I think we pointed out during our visit with you in March, we have already lost several members because they did not feel the asbestos producers were carrying a fair share of the financial burden associated with fighting for survival of their product. Other members, while they have not yet gone so far as to resign, have strongly echoed that view. Many of the members feel that they would be better off investing their resources in the development of substitute materials for their products than in continuing the battle for continuation of asbestos with all of the marketing and legal problems associated with it. We greatly fear that the decision expressed in your letter will further influence their thinking in those directions.

We, as an association, must now assess the impact of your decision and reconsider our priorities and strategies in regard to reaction to legislative and regulatory initiatives involving asbestos.

Thanks, Bob, for your efforts in our behalf. I don't know whether or not there is any possibility of QAMA reconsidering its position in this most important and serious situation, but, if there is, I strongly urge them to do so for their own sake.

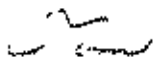


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We shall look forward to hearing from you concerning the status of the IRDA contribution and, hopefully, a reconsideration by QAMA.

Best regards,


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cc: AIA/NA Executive Committee
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Dear Tom:

Further to our discussions at the Montebello conference concerning your request to I.O.E.H. for a contribution towards AIA/NA's legal costs incurred in defence of the asbestos industry, I regret to inform you that I was unable to obtain unanimous approval by the Directors.

It has been the custom of I.O.E.H. that approval be unanimous in matters such as your request. Two of the six Directors declined approval for reasons that have been explained.

I will approach the Directors of I.R.D.A. concerning a contribution but can offer only modest hope of success.

Sincerely.

cc: M.J. Messel
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