PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
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cc: BB- Mr. Heim
MP- Mr. Page

MEMORANDUM

In Reply to *Date* 5/26/72 *From* BBQ *To* Mr. Koopmann
Pacific Division

Subject REINFORCED ASBESTOS FLASHING

In reply to your request for information on the Reinforced Asbestos Flashing the Norwood plant made a trial lot of approximately 1500 one square rolls on 3/6/72.

The glass scrim reinforced asbestos felt used as a base was purchased from Nicolet and is called #452 Nicosat. This felt has a basic weight of 13# per 100 sq. ft., and is reinforced with a 16 x 8 glass scrim.

There is no standard card available; however the Norwood mill was given the following specifications:

REINFORCED ASBESTOS FLASHING

The felt will be saturated and then coated both sides. The face is to be surfaced with #36 Talc and the back with #42 Talc slurry. The glass scrim will be on the top side and the coating should be distributed with approximately two-thirds on the face and one-third on the back. No lines are required. The finished material is to be wound into rolls 36 inches wide and 36 ft. long, and wrapped in a plain wrapper. A printed label with the following information should be affixed to each roll:

Bird & Son, inc.
E. Walpole, Mass. 02032
Reinforced Asbestos Flashing
Contains one roll - 108 sq. ft.
Length: 36 ft.
Width: 3 ft.

Materials	Lbs./108 sq. ft. Roll Net	Gross	Lbs./100 sq. ft.
13# Asbestos Felt (#452 Nicosat)	14.0#	14.8#	13.0#
Saturant (50%)	7.0	7.2	6.5
Coating Asphalt	13.2	13.6	12.2
Filler (50%)	13.2	13.6	12.2
#36 Talc	2.3	2.5	2.1
#42 Talc	0.2	0.2	0.2
Weight/roll	49.9#		
Finishing Materials	0.2		
Shipping Weight	50.1#		

The Norwood mill ran the Reinforced Asbestos Flashing without any great difficulty. It was found that in order to make a clean cut-off at the winder the knife needed to be in good condition and properly adjusted.

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