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COMPANY CONFIDENTIAL

The following are the major items on which the MICC Law Department is working, broken down by Division and Group.

FUNCTIONAL PRODUCT GROUPS

PCB - Bloomfield Silo Company. As a result of Lon MacFarland's visit with the vice president of Bloomfield Silo Company and its attorney, Bloomfield's $28,000 claim has been reduced to around $16,000. We are reviewing this matter with respect to possible settlement of this claim and the development of a working relationship similar to that which has been developed with Monteagle Silo Company.

I'd like to know more of this

Diphenyl. An article in a recent Finnish magazine described the effects of diphenyl inhalation on several Finnish workmen who were apparently employed in undesirable working conditions. We are following this matter with MICC business personnel and the Medical Department.

Alden-Leeds. A final meeting with Alden-Leeds and counsel is now scheduled for March 16 in Newark.

DETERGENT & FINE CHEMICALS DIVISION

TCC. We continue to assist the product group in its attempts to enforce the Company's sales policy recommending use of this product only in bar soap applications. During the last month we have tried to help in the handling of various European accounts which have been reluctant to comply with the policy; and, in this connection, we have been in contact with our Brussels law group and have solicited its cooperation in working with the European marketing force.

HSS. Following P&G's award of a three-year commitment to our Trenton plant for its conversion of hydrous sodium silicate by spray drying P&G's liquid sodium silicate, we have begun review of the contract language P&G is proposing and will continue attempts to secure appropriate modifications thereof.

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Discussed w/ EJP at luncheon 3/20/73. He was satisfied with info. I told him we would up-date him when investigation has been completed & course of action developed. - PSP

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① PSP - Many Thanks - JFS

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Soda Ash. Having secured approval to continue contacts with Texas Gulf representatives, the business group is now requesting a time extension to make its evaluation of Monsanto's possible interest in participating in that company's anticipated trona production. With Bill Rogers we are keeping current on developments and advising re preferred structuring from a legal point of view.

Canyonlands 21st Century Corporation. In coordination with Bill Rogers and a Patent Department representative, we prepared a sales contract which was executed with this company providing for its purchase at Soda Springs of our plant's treater dust with the purchase price being dependent upon the gallium content thereof. We will now review a proposed licensing of Monsanto technology which the purchaser would use for the gallium recovery.

Hoffman LaRoche. We have been working with the Food and Fine Chemicals group in connection with its current negotiations with LaRoche to terminate an existing BMT supply agreement and to replace it with a new arrangement whereby Monsanto's supply of this L'Dopa intermediate would continue through 1974 on a cost plus basis.

Miranol. We continue to coordinate with various internal personnel in preparation for opening negotiations with this possible acquisition candidate. Specific attention has been directed to the structure and presentation of a "decontamination" letter in a form satisfactory to the Miranol principals.

RUBBER & PROCESS CHEMICALS

Phthalates. We continue to work with the Plasticizers Business Group and other Monsanto personnel in reviewing marketing policy, bulletin preparation, etc., concerning phthalate esters, which some studies have shown can, in certain applications, migrate into materials consumed or received by man.

Salt Mine Sale. At a meeting with the lessor of the Cote Blanche property on February 21, the royalty disagreement which had existed for several years was apparently settled. A Settlement Agreement, which should put this matter to rest, is being prepared. A number of documents have been requested by and sent to Domtar's attorneys in connection with its continued interest in purchasing the mine from Monsanto and Interpace. No further meetings of counsel for the three companies are scheduled at this time.

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THE PLANTS

The Krummrich Plant is being assisted in the development of programs under which liquid wastes from the plant will receive secondary treatment, as required by Illinois Regulations. Among other things, this requires the development of a cooperating organization made up of the Village of Sauget, East St. Louis, Cahokia, National City, the East Side Levee and Sanitary District and the Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

The Long Beach plant has been granted a six-month variance from the air emission opacity regulations by the California Pollution Control District. We will assist the plant during this period in developing a record so that appropriate action can be taken when the variance expires.

MISCELLANEOUS

Toxic Substances Control Act. Two forms of this bill have been introduced in the Senate (S.888 - Administration Bill; S. 426 - Magnuson Bill). We understand that three forms of the bill have been introduced in the House (HR. 1014 by Roe - somewhat similar to Administration Bill; no copies are yet available of the other two bills). The MCA is scheduled to testify before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce on March 16 and before the Senate Committee on Commerce on March 21. The MCA testimony for presentation at both hearings is being prepared by a committee chaired by Phocion Park.

Chlorine Barge Sale, M-21 and M-22. Closing on the purchase of the barges has been held up because of difficulty in obtaining certain information as to title, registration, etc.; it is anticipated that purchase of these barges and sale of same to Georgia-Pacific will be accomplished soon.

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(Dictated by Mr. Stapleton; signed in his absence)

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