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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

THE BANK OF ALTON,
as Executor and Special
Administrator of the Estate of
RICHARD JAMISON, Deceased,

Plaintiff,

v.

A. P. GREEN REFRACTORIES,
et al.,

Defendants.

Cause No. 87-L-1230

DEFENDANT NORTH AMERICAN REFRACTORIES COMPANY
SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 220 ORDER

COMES NOW defendant North American Refractories Company ("North American"), by and through its attorneys, Coburn, Croft & Putzell, and for its supplemental compliance with the court's Rule 220 Order regarding the disclosure of expert witnesses for the above-captioned case, states as follows:

1. In addition to those witnesses listed in its initial Compliance with Rule 220 Order, filed July 29, 1988, defendant may call the following individuals as witnesses in the trial of the above-captioned case:

a. Gary Bayer will testify as disclosed in the letter dated June 5, 1989 to Randall Bono from Mark Howard, a copy of which is attached hereto.

b. Brian J. Kinman will testify to his evaluations of the economic loss sustained as a result of the death of Richard Jamison, including the assumptions and opinions of plaintiff's expert, Dr. Leroy Grossman. A curriculum vitae for Mr. Kinman will be provided as soon as it is available.

2. Defendant North American reserves the right to adopt any experts offered by any of the other defendants.

Respectfully submitted,

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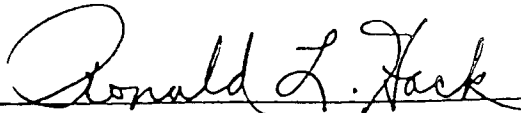
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1 Q When you had this meeting, was that the first time
2 they had ever heard that asbestos might be hazardous?

3 A I can't speak for them.

4 Q What steps did you then take to go forward with
5 the elimination of asbestos?

6 A We agreed to set up a series. We agreed to set up
7 a research project to eliminate the use of these materials.

8 Q What was the name of the project? Do you recall
9 the name of the project?

10 A Elimination of asbestos.

11 Q Is there a file somewhere at NARCO that contains
12 the written material pertaining to that project?

13 A It is possible.

14 Q Would that be located in the research department
15 somewhere?

16 A If it exists.

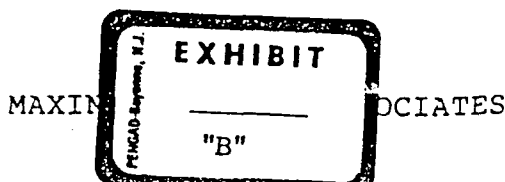
17 Q How often did your group meet?

18 A Well, we didn't really meet on that issue. We met
19 at that time, I was meeting with staff on an every-two-or-
20 three-month basis to review their work.

21 Q All right.

22 A At that time we would have covered what was going
23 on.

24 Q Would there be records pertaining to what actually
25 occurred in this research project to eliminate asbestos?



1 A Yes.

2 Q Where would those records be?

3 A At the technical center.

4 Q You believe they are still there?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Have you reviewed them in preparation for your
7 testimony?

8 A Yes.

9 MR. BARON: Counsel, do you have those
10 records?

11 MR. HEINTZMAN: I don't have them with me at
12 this time, no.

13 MR. BARON: I believe we requested those
14 records in our request for production.

15 MR. HEINTZMAN: I'm not sure you did. You
16 requested records which dealt with the potential
17 health hazards of asbestos. These records don't
18 specifically go into the potential health hazards,
19 regarding the project to eliminate the asbestos
20 from the products. I do not have those with me at
21 this time.

22 MR. BARON: We will request that you produce
23 them posthaste, within the next week or so. Would
24 that be possible?

25 MR. HEINTZMAN: Provided one thing, the

1 records also refer to other products and may
2 contain some privileged communication. If we can
3 work out an arrangement regarding the
4 confidentiality of these. As you know, many of
5 their competitors are also defendants in this
6 liigation. To produce records which might have
7 technical information about other products, that
8 can create a problem for us. We would have to
9 protect that privilege.

10 MR. BARON: The only problem is they will
11 have a hearing on this case on August 2nd. We
12 feel that it is critical that we have those
13 documents before August 2nd to review, to utilize
14 those at the hearing.

15 So if you are going to insist on that, we
16 need to do it very promptly. I hope that we would
17 not have to have court intervention.

18 MR. HEINTZMAN: I don't think court
19 intervention is necessary. We will be in contact
20 with Ron Heck and those fellows. Just to protect
21 the confidentiality of that.

22 MR. BARON: Fine. And we can bring it up at
23 the Thursday meeting so we can be sure that we are
24 going to get those documents.
25

1 BY MR. BARON:

2 Q Were there problems involved with the removal of.
3 asbestos from these products from an engineering point of
4 view?

5 A Yes. That's why we used the material in the firs
6 place.

7 Q Okay.

8 A They had good features. They gave good features.

9 Q NARCO has been in business as NARCO since 1929?
10 Has it not?

11 A Yes.

12 Q It has been producing specialty products since
13 1929?

14 A I can't answer that.

15 Q Well, certainly it was producing specialty
16 products prior to 1963. Was it not?

17 A I think so, yes.

18 Q Now, based on the list that had been given to me,
19 the very first time that asbestos was ever used in any
20 product manufactured by NARCO was in 1963?

21 A That is what the records show.

22 Q Was NARCO unable to manufacture commercially
23 usable specialty products prior to 1963.

24 A I don't know. I can't answer that. I wasn't
25 here.

BRIEF REVIEW OF
MAJOR SPECIALTY PROJECTS

OCTOBER 28, 1980

11. RA-835: ELIMINATION OF ASBESTOS FROM GUN MIXES

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A. Completion of Work Outstanding:

A new data sheet has been issued for Aerogun.

This program is completed.

K. B. L.

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JANUARY 4, 1980

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A work order is being made to substitute a clay mineral for the use of attapulgit in NARCOLITE.

Under this assignment work has also been carried out which involves the testing of a modified AEROGUN which was made at Farber for several special accounts. This mix had been changed unilaterally by the Farber personnel and we had never really examined it in detail. Testing is completed with the exception of a chemical analysis. A data sheet will be issued to revise the properties of AEROGUN since the replacement of asbestos has resulted in slightly denser mix and a product with much less magnesia than before due to the removal of the asbestos (a magnesium silicate).

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March 11, 1975

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The initial feeling was that a simple substitution of a less harmful fiber-type material could be used in place of asbestos and retain the current gunning characteristics of the various basic gun mixes. Fibers ordered and tested included milled fiberglass, soft wood flour, alpha cellulose, sisal fibers, cotton flock, fiber flax (chopped), rayon and nylon flock. Each of these materials was added to NARMAG OH gun mix and each mix in turn was gunned cold without premoistening into panels for rebound and strength data. Hot gunning of the same mixes was also carried out where it was felt that the cold gunning showed some promise. Based on the results of our laboratory work, we would like to find a location where we could try a trial of NARMAG OH gun mix to verify the gunning characteristics found experimentally; this mix would include wood flour as a substitute for asbestos.

Cold gunning of CM-18 indicates that wood flour will also be a good candidate for a substitute for asbestos in this product; therefore, we would like to secure a trial for this material, too.

CRB-347 and PD-345 have also been gunned cold with several binders, but at this time no acceptable alternative has been found. Work will continue on these products. Future work in this area will involve additional hot gunning trials using NARMAG OH gun mix as the base in order to evaluate several substitutes that in cold gunning did not look too good, but might do quite well in hot gunning. The idea of using fine shredded paper has some merit and will be explored. Finally, numerous large organic chemical companies will be canvassed inquiring about potential application of some of their products as a substitute for asbestos with respect to our needs. Several products, such as EMA, CMC and Methyl cellulose, fall in this category. After these avenues of approach have been tried with respect to a direct substitution and have not been successful, then we will have to go back to each mix and see what is required to change the mix in order to eliminate the asbestos and yet obtain good gunning characteristics. Hopefully, we can find a simple substitute although at this point, it does not look too promising.

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SEPTEMBER 3, 1975

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A letter has been written to nine companies asking for help in finding a substitute for asbestos. This action is in addition to what we have been doing in the laboratory as reported in our last Products Committee Review on this subject. One company has responded with samples of a beneficiated bentonite which we will investigate. A second company has suggested the use of CMC and related compounds; we will have to establish how to proceed with screening materials which customers are sending us other than simply gunning.

We also plan to discuss this matter with personnel at Franklin Institute in Philadelphia to see whether they can be of any assistance to us in this program.

This project is a toughie!

BRIEF REVIEW OF
MAJOR SPECIALTY PROJECTS
DECEMBER 16, 1975

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We have received several additional additives; however, there has been no benchwork devised to test these and, in lieu of the lack of the Allentown Gun, no work has been accomplished on this assignment. When the Specialties Installation and Service Crew are in their new quarters in Pittsburgh, we will ask them to continue our regular testing program if no other methods of tests have been developed at that time.

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MARCH 9, 1976

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Our program will soon recommence. NARCOGUN PD-345 has been chosen as the mix to use because it has shown less tendency to be produced with anything but asbestos. Additions to be tested include cellulose gums, hydroxyethyl cellulose products, xanthum gums, micas and several types of fibers. So far, eleven batches have been produced and will be gunned shortly. Rebound, cold strength and bulk density will be principal properties of interest. If successful here, the additive will, of course, be tried in our other gun mixes where asbestos is used.

The 11 mixes reported to have been batched in the last Project Review have not been gunned. Twelve additional mixes have also been batched. All mixes involve NARCOGUN PD-345 because of its success with asbestos and nothing else to date. The mixes will be gunned and evaluated for rebound only at this point in time.

BRIEF REVIEW OF
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JUNE 8, 1976

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MAJOR SPECIALTY PROJECTS

SEPTEMBER 28, 1976

2. RA-835: ELIMINATION OF ASBESTOS FROM GUN MIXES

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Fifteen mixes of PD-345 employing both physical and chemical additives were gunned since the last report period. One additive, an attapulgate clay, gave rebound data very similar to that for asbestos. Based upon these data, work orders were issued to Womelsdorf to manufacture PD-345 and CM-18 with this additive, WO-1006 and WO-1007, respectively. One and one-half times as much attapulgate was required in comparison to asbestos, but this amount is so small anyway (1.5 to 2.0%) that we don't anticipate any problems. The work orders were also gunned and found to have excellent rebound, 17 and 9%, respectively. The usual physical properties are also being evaluated from these gunned panels.

In the meantime, a survey of the other asbestos-containing mixes has revealed only three additional products sold during 1975 and 1976 that contain asbestos--NARCOLITE, NARCOGUN CO and AEROGUN. NARCOLITE is by far and away the most active product of the three and plans are being made to experiment with attapulgite replacements in this product first, followed by the others.

As physical results are completed on each product, we will gradually switch to the new additive and carefully monitor service reports on gunning and life.

BRIEF REVIEW OF
MAJOR SPECIALTY PROJECTS
JANUARY 11, 1977

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Work orders of PD-345 and CM-18 with an attapulgate clay substituted for asbestos have been completely evaluated; based on the good data obtained, new mix sheets for PD-345, PD-345A and CM-18 will be written and issued which show the use of this substitute. Future service results should be carefully monitored. NARMAG OH GUN MIX with the similar replacement has been made; the product cold guns all right. However, the Research Center gun became inoperative so further evaluation, including hot gunning, will be delayed.

Alumina-silica specialties mixes are also undergoing evaluation for feasibility of using the same substitute where necessary. NARCOLITE was studied in the laboratory and preliminary data suggests that attapulgate will work as an asbestos replacement, although a version with no asbestos or replacement also looked promising. Gunning properties of NARCOLITE with asbestos and attapulgate vs. NARCOLITE GUN will be compared next. Again, the gun repairs are holding up this work.

These mixes are essentially our major selling products using asbestos so chances are very good that asbestos will be out of all specialties before long.

A new mix that affects this program was encountered by the unilateral reinstatement by the Sales Department of SD-336. The attapulgate substitution was arbitrarily made in this product formulation; Mt. Union management was verbally informed of this decision on December 23, with paperwork to follow.

BRIEF REVIEW OF
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MAY 17, 1977

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Laboratory work carried out under this project during the last several months can be itemized below:

- A. Conversion of NARMAG OH GUN. Hot gunning will be required in order to complete testing on this product and this cannot be completed until city water is returned to the Research Center.
- B. Conversion of NARCOLITE. The use of Attagel 50 as a replacement for asbestos in this castable appears to be okay. A new mix sheet will be issued to the Curwensville plant reflecting this change. In the meantime, we will continue to look at possible less expensive ways of manufacturing NARCOLITE with, for example, the use of more plastic clays. We have found from our work that NARCOLITE and NARCOLITE GUN exhibit significantly different properties both as cast and gunned indicating a definite need for both products.
- C. Substitution of Attagel 50 in SD-336. Cold gunning of several varieties of this mix with Attagel 50 were examined; none of the materials exhibited data sheet properties after drying at 230°F or firing at 2000°F for modulus of rupture, cold crushing or density. This matter needs to be discussed before we proceed with too many trials. The field reports will really tell us whether we have a problem.

In summary, then, for Farber there are no mixes requiring asbestos. At Curwensville, we believe that with the conversion of NARCOLITE to Attagel 50 that there are no more specialties using asbestos. Womelsdorf needs only to have the NARMAG OH GUN completed and we will have all specialties made without the use of asbestos.

BRIEF REVIEW OF
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DECEMBER 19, 1977

5. RA-835: ELIMINATION OF ASBESTOS FROM GUN MIXES

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In the last report it was mentioned that, although we had converted NARCOLITE to Attagel 50, we would continue to look for less expensive ways of manufacturing NARCOLITE. The use of more plastic clays was one approach mentioned. Gleason clay, M&D clay and mixtures of the two proved to be detrimental to properties such as strength, plasticity or water retention. Several types of bentonites were investigated next, Hector and western. Again, strengths were affected and, also, imparted "thixotropic" tendencies to the body of the castable.

Another look at western bentonite is felt in order. In addition a less expensive grade of attapulgite will be checked out.

One product we should incorporate in this program is AEROGUN if the tonnage is sufficient. Does Sales have thoughts on this? Your input is badly needed.

BRIEF REVIEW OF
MAJOR SPECIALTY PROJECTS

JULY 25, 1978

6. RA-835: ELIMINATION OF ASBESTOS FROM GUN MIXES

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No work was carried out under this assignment during this period.

BRIEF REVIEW OF
MAJOR SPECIALTY PROJECTS

MAY 9, 1979

12. RA-835: ELIMINATION OF ASBESTOS FROM GUN MIXES

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The only work that has to be carried out on this assignment involves the optimization of the proper amount and type of clay mineral which we are now using in NARCOLITE as a replacement for asbestos; no further work, however, has been done.

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JANUARY 11, 1977

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Work orders of PD-345 and CM-18 with an attapulgitic clay substituted for asbestos have been completely evaluated; based on the good data obtained, new mix sheets for PD-345, PD-345A and CM-18 will be written and issued which show the use of this substitute. Future service results should be carefully monitored. NARMAG OH GUN MIX with the similar replacement has been made; the product cold guns all right. However, the Research Center gun became inoperative so further evaluation, including hot gunning, will be delayed.

Alumina-silica specialties mixes are also undergoing evaluation for feasibility of using the same substitute where necessary. NARCOLITE was studied in the laboratory and preliminary data suggests that attapulgitic will work as an asbestos replacement, although a version with no asbestos or replacement also looked promising. Gunning properties of NARCOLITE with asbestos and attapulgitic vs. NARCOLITE GUN will be compared next. Again, the gun repairs are holding up this work.

These mixes are essentially our major selling products using asbestos so chances are very good that asbestos will be out of all specialties before long.

A new mix that affects this program was encountered by the unilateral reinstatement by the Sales Department of SD-336. The attapulgitic substitution was arbitrarily made in this product formulation; Mt. Union management was verbally informed of this decision on December 23, with paperwork to follow.

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JULY 25, 1978

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No work was carried out under this assignment during this period.

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JANUARY 4, 1980

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A work order is being made to substitute a clay mineral for the use of attapulgite in NARCOLITE.

Under this assignment work has also been carried out which involves the testing of a modified AEROCUN which was made at Farber for several special accounts. This mix had been changed unilaterally by the Farber personnel and we had never really examined it in detail. Testing is completed with the exception of a chemical analysis. A data sheet will be issued to revise the properties of AEROCUN since the replacement of asbestos has resulted in slightly denser mix and a product with much less magnesia than before due to the removal of the asbestos (a magnesium silicate).

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OCTOBER 28, 1980

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A. Completion of Work Outstanding:

A new data sheet has been issued for Aerogun.

This program is completed.

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MAY 17, 1977

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Laboratory work carried out under this project during the last several months can be itemized below:

- A. Conversion of NARMAG OH GUN. Hot gunning will be required in order to complete testing on this product and this cannot be completed until city water is returned to the Research Center.
- B. Conversion of NARCOLITE. The use of Attagel 50 as a replacement for asbestos in this castable appears to be okay. A new mix sheet will be issued to the Curwensville plant reflecting this change. In the meantime, we will continue to look at possible less expensive ways of manufacturing NARCOLITE with, for example, the use of more plastic clays. We have found from our work that NARCOLITE and NARCOLITE GUN exhibit significantly different properties both as cast and gunned indicating a definite need for both products.
- C. Substitution of Attagel 50 in SD-336. Cold gunning of several varieties of this mix with Attagel 50 were examined; none of the materials exhibited data sheet properties after drying at 230°F or firing at 2000°F for modulus of rupture, cold crushing or density. This matter needs to be discussed before we proceed with too many trials. The field reports will really tell us whether we have a problem.

In summary, then, for Farber there are no mixes requiring asbestos. At Curwensville, we believe that with the conversion of NARCOLITE to Attagel 50 that there are no more specialties using asbestos. Womelsdorf needs only to have the NARMAG OH GUN completed and we will have all specialties made without the use of asbestos.

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DECEMBER 19, 1977

5. RA-835: ELIMINATION OF ASBESTOS FROM GUN MIXES

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In the last report it was mentioned that, although we had converted NARCOLITE to Attagel 50, we would continue to look for less expensive ways of manufacturing NARCOLITE. The use of more plastic clays was one approach mentioned. Gleason clay, M&D clay and mixtures of the two proved to be detrimental to properties such as strength, plasticity or water retention. Several types of bentonites were investigated next, Hector and western. Again, strengths were affected and, also, imparted "thixotropic" tendencies to the body of the castable.

Another look at western bentonite is felt in order. In addition a less expensive grade of attapulgite will be checked out.

One product we should incorporate in this program is AEROGUN if the tonnage is sufficient. Does Sales have thoughts on this? Your input is badly needed.

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JUNE 8, 1976

3. No RA: ELIMINATION OF ASBESTOS FROM GUN MIXES

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The 11 mixes reported to have been batched in the last Project Review have not been gunned. Twelve additional mixes have also been batched. All mixes involve NARCOGUN PD-345 because of its success with asbestos and nothing else to date. The mixes will be gunned and evaluated for rebound only at this point in time.

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SEPTEMBER 28, 1976

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Fifteen mixes of PD-345 employing both physical and chemical additives were gunned since the last report period. One additive, an attapulgite clay, gave rebound data very similar to that for asbestos. Based upon these data, work orders were issued to Womelsdorf to manufacture PD-345 and CM-18 with this additive, WO-1006 and WO-1007, respectively. One and one-half times as much attapulgite was required in comparison to asbestos, but this amount is so small anyway (1.5 to 2.0%) that we don't anticipate any problems. The work orders were also gunned and found to have excellent rebound, 17 and 8%, respectively. The usual physical properties are also being evaluated from these gunned panels.

In the meantime, a survey of the other asbestos-containing mixes has revealed only three additional products sold during 1975 and 1976 that contain asbestos--NARCOLITE, NARCOGUN CO and AEROGUN. NARCOLITE is by far and away the most active product of the three and plans are being made to experiment with attapulgite replacements in this product first, followed by the others.

As physical results are completed on each product, we will gradually switch to the new additive and carefully monitor service reports on gunning and life.

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DECEMBER 16, 1975

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We have received several additional additives; however, there has been no benchwork devised to test these and, in lieu of the lack of the Allentown Gun, no work has been accomplished on this assignment. When the Specialties Installation and Service Crew are in their new quarters in Pittsburgh, we will ask them to continue our regular testing program if no other methods of tests have been developed at that time.

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MARCH 9, 1976

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Our program will soon recommence. NARCOGUN PD-345 has been chosen as the mix to use because it has shown less tendency to be produced with anything but asbestos. Additions to be tested include cellulose gums, hydroxyethyl cellulose products, xanthum gums, micas and several types of fibers. So far, eleven batches have been produced and will be gunned shortly. Rebound, cold strength and bulk density will be principal properties of interest. If successful here, the additive will, of course, be tried in our other gun mixes where asbestos is used.

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SEPTEMBER 3, 1975

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A letter has been written to nine companies asking for help in finding a substitute for asbestos. This action is in addition to what we have been doing in the laboratory as reported in our last Products Committee Review on this subject. One company has responded with samples of a beneficiated bentonite which we will investigate. A second company has suggested the use of CMC and related compounds; we will have to establish how to proceed with screening materials which customers are sending us other than simply gunning.

We also plan to discuss this matter with personnel at Franklin Institute in Philadelphia to see whether they can be of any assistance to us in this program.

This project is a toughie!

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March 11, 1975

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The initial feeling was that a simple substitution of a less harmful fiber-type material could be used in place of asbestos and retain the current gunning characteristics of the various basic gun mixes. Fibers ordered and tested included milled fiberglass, soft wood flour, alpha cellulose, sisal fibers, cotton flock, fiber flax (chopped), rayon and nylon flock. Each of these materials was added to NARMAG OH gun mix and each mix, in turn, was gunned cold without premoistening into panels for rebound and strength data. Hot gunning of the same mixes was also carried out where it was felt that the cold gunning showed some promise. Based on the results of our laboratory work, we would like to find a location where we could try a trial of NARMAG OH gun mix to verify the gunning characteristics found experimentally; this mix would include wood flour as a substitute for asbestos.

Cold gunning of CM-18 indicates that wood flour will also be a good candidate for a substitute for asbestos in this product; therefore, we would like to secure a trial for this material, too.

CR8-347 and PD-345 have also been gunned cold with several binders, but at this time no acceptable alternative has been found. Work will continue on these products. Future work in this area will involve additional hot gunning trials using NARMAG OH gun mix as the base in order to evaluate several substitutes that in cold gunning did not look too good, but might do quite well in hot gunning. The idea of using fine shredded paper has some merit and will be explored. Finally, numerous large organic chemical companies will be canvassed inquiring about potential application of some of their products as a substitute for asbestos with respect to our needs. Several products, such as EMA, CMC and Methyl cellulose, fall in this category. After these avenues of approach have been tried with respect to a direct substitution and have not been successful, then we will have to go back to each mix and see what is required to change the mix in order to eliminate the asbestos and yet obtain good gunning characteristics. Hopefully, we can find a simple substitute although at this point, it does not look too promising.