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P.S.	TR-1900	Cape-Blue Asbestos Fibre
P.S.	TR-1905	Norca-Blue Asbestos Fibre
P.S.	TR-1910	Australian-Blue Asbestos Fibre
P.S.	TR-1915	KCB-Blue Asbestos Fibre

Attached hereto in duplicate, are copies of proposed purchase specifications for each of four vendors of blue fibre for use in Transite Pipe. Since it has been obvious from the test results this past year that one blue fibre purchase specification would not satisfactorily fit all four vendors, it was decided to write a separate specification for each vendor. Thus it will permit of maintaining as tight a set of limits as possible for each vendor rather than relaxing the limits for all vendors to meet the specifications of Cape which are the most relaxed as far as McNett screen is concerned.

The specifications for Norca and KCB have the same limits as previous specifications, there being no change in the values.

The Australian specification, at their suggestion, shows limits of 69% Minimum for the +14 Mesh which is tighter than the 67% Minimum now in effect. However, the -100 Mesh fines has been relaxed from 20 to 25%. As shown on the plotted data, last year's shipments would fail the new limits but since Colonial has recommended these new values it is hoped that they will raise the quality level to meet such specifications. In agreeing to <u>their</u> recommended limits, failure on their part to meet the limits in the future should warrant our asking for compensation or corrective action.

The Cape specification, while far from our desired specification, shows limits based on the 1957 referee sample to which we agreed for 1957. Their 1958 referee sample was of similar quality and they have recommended these limits. It should be noted, however, that they failed their own recommended minimum of 55% for the +14 Mesh fibre approximately 52% of the time. To meet the limit means that they will have to materially improve their quality. This is much desired. If they agree to the limits shown, which they recommend, then if the shipments fail to meet the limits, once again we feel that J-M is warranted in asking for a price adjustment or other compensation or corrective action.

We are asking Mr. Lyons to take up the proper proposed specification with each vendor, pointing out particularly the basis for acceptance of lots as is reflected by paragraphs 3 and 4. Each lot should be judged for acceptance based on individual composite samples, not on the average of several samples nor on the yearly average.

Other addressees should indicate approval of these specifications by signing one copy of each specification and returning it to the writer or advising wherein

they recommend changes to the specification.

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