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Dear Mr. Kupsaw:

My purpose in writing this cover letter for the [illegible] is primarily because other than talking briefly over the telephone we have never met and I feel an explanation as to the nature of the work we are proposing to do for you. I would like to get up to Rogers in the very near future to meet you and go over in some detail what we are offering.

In talking with Ed Sweeney and Ab Dontje at Manchester, I got the feeling that they initially thought we were going to provide them with more or less on the spot general engineering service. J-M used to provide this service to its good fiber customers such as yourself, but the policy has now been set that we will provide detailed industrial hygiene surveys and engineering services on a fee basis. We did make several suggestions to Ed for improving the operation of the existing dust collectors.

In touring your Manchester facilities with Ed and Ab, there were several areas that it was apparent that engineering work would be required to correct existing air pollution problems such as the cyclone discharge from the Kneaders and the weighing and feeding of materials to the pre-blender in the Milled Plastic Area.

There are several other areas where minor revisions to the existing dust and fume control systems may be sufficient or they are sufficient as they presently operate.

With these parameters in mind, it is our recommendation that an in plant industrial hygiene survey be conducted in the areas in question. This survey will not only point out the level of airborne asbestos people are being exposed to during the various operations, but will also give the levels of other airborne contaminants, dust and vapors, that are present. This survey will present an overall picture of dust and fume concentrations allowing a corrective program to be set up for the correction of emissions over the Threshold Limit Values. The attached proposal outlines the areas where we are proposing to conduct the survey and the methods used to conduct the survey. A detailed report will be issued to you upon completion of the survey.

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In regard to dust and fume emissions that will require engineering design time to correct, Johns Manville is fully capable of doing this engineering. Under separate cover, I will be forwarding Ed Sweeney some information he requested pertaining to water filtration.

In regard to asbestos emissions at your Rogers Plant, I looked at the operation with Dennis Harmyk and being as this set up is similar to the conditions at Manchester, I would recommend we see what these test results show.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future and discussing our services with you. I also hope the attached proposal meets with your favorable approval.

Very truly yours,

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