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RE: Asbestos in Buildings

cc: Messrs. C. N. Graf
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I am writing to the operating group executives in my role as group executive of the Corporate Technical Group.

The great publicity surrounding the injuries suffered by people who were subjected to high exposures of asbestos in occupational settings (e.g., shipyards in World War II), has produced an attitude bordering on hysteria on the part of segments of the general public whenever it is discovered that there is asbestos in a public building. Some have precipitously engaged in expensive removal procedures which are unnecessary and which can in some instances cause an increase in the number of airborne asbestos fibers in the building.

The Company has available to it technical expertise which can be utilized whenever your Group considers the question of whether the presence of asbestos in a building poses a hazard or requires any type of abatement procedure. In order to evaluate prudently such questions and to avoid needless expense, you are requested to refer all such questions to John Hamilton of the Company's Construction Products Division (telephone (617) 876-1400, Ext. 3640). You are also requested to prepare a report of any questions of this sort your Group or any of its divisions have experienced in the past. The report should identify the operating entity, the building involved, the entity's connection with the building (i.e., owner, lessee, etc.), the date such

question arose, the action taken, if any, and the individual most familiar with the facts. The report should also be addressed to Mr. Hamilton at the Company's Cambridge, Massachusetts facility.

Please forward this Memorandum to the appropriate persons within your Group as you deem appropriate.

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