

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 40:

See General Objections. Abex further objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous and speculative.

Abex further objects to this interrogatory on the ground that the terms "any meeting," "occupational health," "exposure" and "asbestos" are undefined or insufficiently defined, and call for speculation.

Abex further objects to this interrogatory on the ground that it purports to shift the burden of establishing causation from plaintiffs to the defendant.

Abex further objects to this interrogatory to the extent to which it seeks information regarding time periods and products that are not at issue in this case, on the ground that such information lacks relevance, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. To the extent to which it seeks information regarding the working conditions of Abex employees, this interrogatory is objected to further on the ground that such information lacks relevance to the issues arising in this case, and it not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Abex further objects to this interrogatory on the ground that it assumes the truth of matters not established or matters not in evidence.

Abex further objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is over broad, oppressive, harassing and otherwise unduly burdensome, and calls for speculation to the extent to which it requests knowledge, information or materials which are not within the personal possession or control of Abex, its employees or agents, or which may be ascertained or derived, if at all, only from a page-by-page review of the existing voluminous business records and documents of Abex.