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TALC AND THE
OSHA ASBESTOS STANDARD 1910.93a

As of March 1, 1975, Cyprus certified all of its talc products as meeting the criteria for asbestos reported by the National Paint and Coatings Association Health and Safety Bulletin No. 20 of December 5, 1974.

Cyprus laboratories have continued extensive evaluations of our own and competitive talcs under actual production conditions since that time.

This program involved monitoring of our own mine and mill production, competitive products, and airborne dusts in both our own and talc consuming plants. The results of this work show:

All Cyprus Montana talcs are entirely free of asbestos minerals even at improved minimum limits of detectability by X-ray diffraction and electron microscopy.

Cyprus California talcs generally show no asbestos minerals at these lower limits, but occasionally may show trace (0.1%-0.3%) amounts of tremolite by X-ray diffraction.

Airborne dust samples at all Cyprus manufacturing plants are negative for asbestos minerals including tremolite.

The occasional presence of trace amounts of tremolite in Cyprus California talc has therefore no practical effect on airborne dust under plant operating conditions.

The Food and Drug Administration is currently developing criteria fixing the permissible level of asbestos impurities in the food, cosmetic, and drug applications. Pending establishment of these standards, we continue to recommend only Montana talcs for food, drug and cosmetic uses.

We attach a list of Montana and California talcs for your reference and suggest that this letter be kept with previous correspondence on this subject.

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PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT
CAM-380

MONTANA TALCS

BEAVERWHITE 200
BEAVERWHITE 325
CASCADE 200
CASCADE 325
GLACIER 200
GLACIER 325
GLACIER 400
SIERRA HI-GLOW
STEAWHITE 200
STEAWHITE 325
SUPREME USP TALC
SUPREME USP TALC DENSE
YELLOWSTONE

MISTRON FROST
MISTRON MONOMIX
MISTRON RCS
MISTRON RCS #2
MISTRON SUPER FROST
MISTRON VAPOR
MISTRON VAPOR COMPACTED
MISTRON VAPOR COMPACTED R
MISTRON ZSC

CALIFORNIA TALCS

C-300
C-400
C-500
FURNACE CREEK
FURNACE CREEK COARSE
SIERRA CLOUD
SIERRALITE
SIERRA WHITE 200
SIERRA WHITE 325
SIERRA WHITE IR
SPECIAL TEXTILE
SUPREME 200
SUPREME 325
TH SPECIAL 500
TRINITY SUPER
TRINITY SUPERFINE

MISTRON 139
MISTRON F-128
MISTRON FROST P
MISTRON FROST P COMPACTED
MISTRON HGO-55
MISTRON HGO-75
MISTRON MSC
MISTRON SUPER FROST P
MISTRON T-076

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