

SECOND AMENDED ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 43:

Abex objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, compound, vague and ambiguous and calls for speculation.

Abex also objects to this interrogatory to the extent it purports to seek information or materials regarding time periods and products that are not at issue in these cases, on the grounds that such information or materials lack relevance and are not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Abex further objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that the information or materials it purports to seek otherwise lack relevance to the issues arising in these cases and are not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Abex objects to this interrogatory to the extent to which it purports to seek information or materials that have been gathered, received, or prepared in the course of litigation, or which are otherwise subject to the attorney-client privilege, protected by the attorney work-product doctrine, the rule protecting materials prepared in anticipation of and/or in connection with litigation, or any other applicable privilege.

Subject to and without waiving these objections, and insofar as Abex understands this interrogatory, any tests conducted by Abex on its asbestos-containing automotive friction products would have been quality control tests to ensure that Abex's asbestos-containing automotive friction products performed their intended task of slowing or stopping a moving vehicle. Any further information or materials related to performance tests lack relevance to the issues arising in these cases and are not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Abex has made a reasonable and good faith effort to obtain the requested information, to