PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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The Industrial Commission
Of Ohio
Division Of Safety & Hygiene
246 N. High St., Col., O. 43215

July 17, 1984

Ms. Patti Mater
Owens Corning
Case Avenue
Newark, Ohio 43055

Dear Ms. Mater:

On July 10, 1984, in response to an employee complaint an unannounced visit was made to your facility at Case Avenue, Newark, Ohio. The purpose of this visit was to evaluate the potential for employee exposure to asbestos in the Machine Parts Maintenance Service (MPMS).

After our initial discussion pertaining to the purpose and objectives of this visit a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the material in question (Transite II) was provided.

Provided with the MSDS was the following explanation. Transite II closely resembles Transite I which contains asbestos and is no longer used. A request from another Division of your company to machine a part from Transite II was made and the employees not aware that this was a different non asbestos containing material became concerned and this prompted the complaint.

This explanation had already been presented to the employees. A brief discussion and reiteration of the explanation with the shop union representative seemed to reveal that the employee concerns had been relieved. It was settled that Transite II did not present an asbestos exposure problem and that its use was not a part of the normal production routine. It was also stated that before use of a product of this nature a MSDS would be made available to the employees to eliminate the potential for additional concerns.

The courtesy given to Mr. Dobbins and myself was greatly appreciated. In the future if the Division of Safety and Hygiene can offer any further information or assistance, please feel free to contact our office at 1-800-282-3045, Extension 5563.

Respectfully submitted,

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