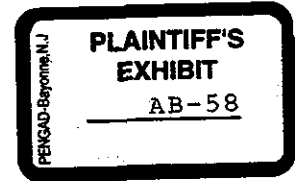


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To All Abex Heavy Duty Distributors,

As you are aware, the use of asbestos materials has come under increased scrutiny within government, commercial enterprise, and consumer groups. The resulting publicity and legislation have made the use of this material in our products much more difficult and costly.

These events have led Abex Corporation to make the decision to exit the asbestos friction materials business.

However, Abex will continue to fill orders for part numbers in asbestos material until such inventory is depleted. In the event that certain asbestos part numbers on an order cannot be filled completely, Abex will substitute non-asbestos product at the asbestos product price, one time only, to ease your transition into the new friction material.

Effective September 1, 1986, Abex will not accept the return of asbestos product for credit. However, any information or assistance that you may require in depleting your inventories will be readily provided.

Your continued support is appreciated as Abex completes the transition to non-asbestos products.

Very truly yours,

Ronald V. Bagley
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