PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT
GF-1568

I. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS (South Bound Brook)

A. Felts and Papers

Flooring Felt

The last plant run of asbestos flooring felt at Erie using TCD latex was processed at Whitehall and approval has been received to make another longer (180 ton) trial. During this run a repeat attempt to reuse white water will be made.

Asbestos Flooring Felt

Laboratory evaluation of various grades of asbestos in flooring felt furnish showed that substitution of J-M Paperbestos #5 for 7MS5 results in a product with 50% higher tensile strength, improved freeness, better smoothness and slightly higher split resistance. A plant run will be scheduled based on these findings.

A laboratory series has been completed using clay to impart whiteness to asbestos flooring felt for National Floors Co. Additional formulation work is being conducted with a whiter grade of fiber (Carey) and TCD latex. Both improve brightness.

Some interesting laboratory results have been obtained through the use of Gafloc N-71 in an asbestos furnish containing TCD carboxylated latex. Drainage rate has been improved along with tensile strength at both room temperature and 350°F. The white water also appears much clearer. Confirming tests are being performed prior to arrangements for a plant trial.

Automotive

R&D has been working with Engineering to explore various types of molding equipment to produce preformed automotive sound deadening products. A number of trial runs have been scheduled with various alternates to the vacuum forming approach which has been under investigation. Samples of molded products were shown to various automobile manufacturers who express great interest; however, they did comment that the odor of the composition was somewhat objectionable. A laboratory program is underway to formulate a mastic with low odor potential.

A successful plant trial was made of a non-staining mastic formulation and the product has passed the specification stain test. Samples are now under evaluation by Chrysler and information on the initial performance is encouraging.