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Stevens

Disposition of E.R. Stevens 1/24/89

- 59 ret. Keene Bldg. Prod. Div., has testified for Keene, still gets pension
60 grad. MIT in 1928 - mech. eng. \$25,000/yr
went to work for J-M at Manville in 1928
- 63 left J-M for E-P as a salesman, mgr. of Chicago ofc. 1933
- 65 E-P make mineral wool blankets good up to 1200°; left for B-H in 1937
- 65-66 left E-P for Baldwin Hill, became VP sales until retirement (from Keene)
he acquired a 25% interest in BH, became Exec VP in 1950, Pres. in 1959
- 67 retired Nov. 1968
- 68 BH made no asb. insulation in 1937, all mineral wool.
Asb. added to an insulating cement they made in 1938-39, B.H. #1
BH acquired Therminsol ~1940 in Kalamazoo, to make Monoblock
- 70 Western Rockwool, Huntington, W, acquired next (non-asb.)
- 71 Elbert & BH merged in 1959
- 74 In 1968 Stevens became a consultant to US Mineral Prod. in NY
He formed Insulation Industries in 1978, still going - sells insul. cements
- 76 Asb. used in insulation for resistance to deterioration and "hinge" action
- 78 describes insulation products technology
- 83 A substituted by adding mineral fiber & substituting types of clays
This could have been done in the 1950's.
- 84 The A-Free prod. worked just as well as the Asb. cement
- 85 Super Powerhouse Cement intro. in 1943, a finishing cement just incl. min. wool
(asb. in short supply, well known)
- 93 SP was a better product than conventional asb. insulating cement
- 94 SP sold to US Navy had to have some asbestos (spec), but was no better
(169 - never understood by USN reg. A)
- 97 mineral wool blanket had better insulating value than 85% mag. in
but it was more difficult to apply
- 99 Fiberglas was better than 85% Mag. in thermal cond. and density
- 100-101 Monoblock sold 1940-1968 (or later) as substitute for 85% Mag.
- 148, 102 small amt. of asb. put in as sales gimmick - a mistake to have used A
- 103 Monoblock cut easier than 85% Mag.
- 106 REH calcium silicate was called Therminsol (1959-), no better than Monoblock
- 155 Stevens attended MARS conf. in 1968, first heard of A's
- 160 first Keene warning labels
- 166 Asb. hard to replace because it imparted strength to products
- 167 Asb. product sales a small percentage prior to merger w/ Elbert
- 172 Asb. use in insul. cement a sales gimmick (N.A. for cal. silicate & magnesia)
- 188 relied for info on Cadwell, W. L. & W. L. + Taft, 711011A
- 190 went on National Mineral Assoc. N. & W. 11/12/88, fit 7.6

- 192 He says no one from CEN attended the WYPS mtg in 1961, he attended some other mtg w/ Silidoff in 1964 and heard of preliminary findings - "no immediate problem." At Playa Hotel. A meeting of the Association, incl. J.M. OCF,
- 193 J.S. told them of 8 insulators w/ deteriorating lung conditions.
- 194 If your granddaughter was about to use a product that was dangerous, would you rather see on the product the word caution or danger? A. I refuse to answer the question.