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FYDRAUL LABELS - The Midland Ross Co.

Your Call Report 8/23/60

Mr. R. A. Culberson
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In Dr. Kelly's absence, I would like to comment on the reference Call Report.

A few months ago, all Pydraul labels were revised and the new ones contain information not appearing on the old labels. We now indicate that all of our fluids (where this is the case) contain chlorinated hydrocarbons and secondly, that repeated and prolonged skin contact should be avoided. The information about composition is required because of new legislation pertaining to labeling of hazardous materials adopted by a number of industrial states. The precautionary statement about exposures is consistent with sound labeling and precautionary information policies and practices within Monsanto and the chemical industry.

Obviously, the composition of the fluids has not changed and one would not expect any more dermatitis or skin irritation from the handling and use of our fluids than in the past. At the same time, to meet moral and legal obligations, and parenthetically, to assist in forestalling more restrictive legislation, the new labels are not only appropriate, but necessary.

I am afraid you will have to tell Midland Ross that all future shipments of Pydraul, either F-9 or A-200, will bear a label similar to the new one which caused difficulty with the shop workers.

A brief statement concerning or outlining the hazards involved in handling any of the Pydrauls is included in our technical and sales bulletins. Essentially, what we have tried to say is that our fluids can be handled and used safely as long as workers do not "bathe" in the fluids and as long as they are not used in any application where the fluids, when heated to several hundred degrees F., evolve vapors into the working environment without any ventilation to remove the vapors.

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Joseph M. Verna - Reporter

Our fluids are certainly in use in many other installations where the UAW is involved and to our knowledge, in no case has the union caused a great deal of difficulty when some simple explanation is presented for labeling and precautionary information.

If Mr. Ed Melgun of Midland Ross has specific questions about any of the fluids concerning their toxicological properties or effects, please ask him to write directly to me or Dr. Kelly.

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