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Gentlemen:

Periodically, we are asked by the E.P.A. and state agencies to provide a list of current askarel transformer and capacitor manufacturers.

Some transformer manufacturers have recently indicated their intention to stop offering askarel transformers on a certain date. Others are planning to abandon askarel, but have not yet made an announcement.

Since a number of changes in recent months have impacted the manufacture and future of askarel transformers, we would like to take this opportunity to update the status of askarel transformer manufacture at each of our accounts. Therefore, would you please advise when you expect to announce the termination of askarel transformer manufacture and the effective date of such action. Let us assure you that details of the timing of your future plans will be maintained confidential within Monsanto, but we obviously do not wish to inadvertently misrepresent your company's position if you have ceased production of askarel units.

Since some of our customers are establishing plans for phasing out of PCBs in transformers, we would like to remind all of our customers of the policy which we established in 1972 to supply only to manufacturers of transformers.

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Under this still current policy, Monsanto will not sell PCB fluid for make-up or transformer repairs to a company which has ceased manufacture of askarel transformers. Should your plans include a limited demand for such activities after you have ceased manufacture of units, please note that you should purchase this material before stopping production.

Sincerely,

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