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Gentlemen:

Re: UNITED SIERRA AND ASBESTOS-FORM TALC

United Sierra Division of Cyprus Mines Corporation has elected to market only MISTRONS that are free from asbestos contamination as measured by established test methods.

The Government's definition of "asbestos" includes chrysotile, amosite, crocidolite, tremolite, anthophyllite, and actinolite. These minerals are covered by the term "asbestos-form particles" as stated in the recent FDA Proposal.

We have therefore eliminated these minerals from all of our MISTRON products manufactured since July 7, 1972.

MISTRON VAPOR, MISTRON FROST, and MISTRON SUPER FROST continue to carry the GRAS status, as described in the FDA Proposal in the Federal Register (Vol. 37, No. 157, pp. 16407-8). These products are free of "asbestos-form particles" as measured by X-Ray Diffraction techniques.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, has published regulations in the Federal Register, Vol. 37, No. 110, which concerns the allowable amount of asbestos and asbestos-type particles to be present in the air of a manufacturing plant. MISTRON VAPOR, MISTRON FROST, and MISTRON SUPER FROST do not contain asbestos and asbestos-type particles so are not affected by these OSHA regulations.

Neither agency of the Government has yet established firm methods of measurement to properly qualify either set of regulations. When these test methods are clearly defined we will again contact you as to these test methods.

Sincerely,

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