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UNITED STATES MINERAL PRODUCTS COMPANY

May 12, 1986

John Graham Company
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Attn: Mr. Bob Sundin,
Project Architect

Re: Madigan Hospital - Fireproofing specifications

Dear Sir:

Our representative in your area, The Peyser Companay, has been very diligent in working closely with your firm to insure that a open fireproofing specification is made available on this large, publicly financed project.

I want to thank you for the time that you spent in preparing Amendment #4, which effectively assisted in making the project partially non-proprietory. However, there are certain points that must be brought to your attention that need immediate rectification on your part. They are as follows:

1. Your amendment #4 is in violation of it's own intent. While we are not interested in seing that the specifications abuse any one company the only commercial supplier of cementitious fireproofing, mainly the W.R. Grace & Co. is manufacturing a product that utilizes vermiculite which may inherently contain tremelite asbestos in one form or another. Whether or not they comply with current EPA laws is for you to value.

However, in item #6.1 amendment #4, you state as follows: "with aggregate formulated for spray on application and free of all forms of asbestos". I have attached to this letter the latest W.R.Grace & Co. Form 10-K, which is presented to The Securities Exchange Commission, Washington D.C. This report dated for the year 1985. Please reference page 3, paragraph 4 which states: "various governmental agencies have expressed concern regarding the levels of naturally occuring tremolite asbestos contamination associated with the mining and processing of vermiculite".

I have further attached a certification letter from the Chairman of the U.S.Mineral board, that we are totally free of asbestos. In order for you to comply with you own specifications and keep Monokote in the picture Item 6.1 will have to be re-written so that asbestos in one form or another is permitted on this project. We are pointing this out, not with the thought of endeavouring to close this specification, but rather from the standpoint that your firm potentially will be subjected to serious product liability potential if it is not amended.

Since CAFCO DC/F Fireproofing is an approved Type II product without over-spraying, Item 6.2 must be amended as no test has been run at ULI that requires our material to be sealed with an over-spray. In effect, when you place this clause in the specification from an economic standpoint you are closing the specification to only one type of material.

It will also be necessary for you to refer to the established GSA specifications for bond adhesion, which states that fireproofing products are required to have no more that 80 lbs. of bond strength per surface foot. Your statement 6.1.3 Cohesion/Adhesion is not in compliance with the requirements of GSA. The reference to test ASTM E-736 is merely how the test should be performed, not the amount of adhesion that is permissable. Here again, if this is not amended, you will be closing the specification, which I an sure is not the intent.

The reference to the UL designed numbers should also be amended to include the comparable CAFCO designs which we have in full compliance

We want to thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and I will be looking forward to hearing from you by letter that you will be in compliance with this project as outlined.

Another addendum to the fireproofing specifications will be required.

We cannot allow our materials to be inadvertably written out of public funded project specifications. I am sure this is not your desire.

Sincerely yours,

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