

"CABLE HEDMAN"



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March 25, 1974

Mr. Frank Neat, Vice President
Fosco Canada Limited
201-207 Alice Street
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Dear Frank:

Thank you for your letter of March 22nd, 1974.

With respect to paragraph 2 of your letter and so there won't be any misunderstanding which might pose problems with ORF, I would like to clarify the situation.

After clearly outlining to ORF what was needed to assist Hedman with respect to world wide environmental and health regulations, they looked at a small sample of HF. Their verbal remark was that at first glance it looked like chrysotile asbestos; however upon a brief examination under the electron microscope they were inclined to go along with the NJZ findings. They did not put this on paper.

As a result of the foregoing, ORF were satisfied that they could establish the necessary facts and submitted their proposal and cost estimate.

Having acquainted ORF with HCF one would expect that this knowledge will circumvent them mistaking HF for chrysotile asbestos when working for Stelco and others. It might be more impressive if they reported their findings at Stelco without being aware that HCF is involved. Or do you think Stelco should make ORF aware that HF is involved?

Yours very truly,

HEDMAN MINES LIMITED

[Signature]
President & Managing Director

J.J. Mangan/jpm

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March 22, 1974

Mr. J. J. Mangan,
President & Managing Director,
Hedman Hines Limited,
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Dear Pat:

Many thanks for your two recent letters with copies of your advice to Stelco and their response of March 6 to you. Ian Hazlehurst has copies.

Gerry Wetherelt told me yesterday that he had learnt, during a conversation with you, that by electron microscopy O.R.F. have satisfied themselves of the veracity of your company's claims as to the nature of Hedman fibres. Will they now affirm their conclusions in writing or will their position remain as Ian stated after a recent conversation with you. My understanding from him was that O.R.F. are unlikely to publish their revised opinion unless you commission them to conduct yet further investigational work.

Did O.R.F. draw their new conclusion from a run of the mill Hedman C.F. sample which you provided, or from the board and SEAL-Oil ring samples which Stelco split between O.R.F. and yourselves?

We were naturally very pleased that Stelco emphasized their impression of H.J.Z. competence in so readily discerning the Ferro Engineering product from ours.

We will look forward to your continuing advice as further developments arise, and in our turn we will offer you anything tangible which we may learn.

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Yours sincerely,

FOSECO CANADA LIMITED

FRANK NEAT

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March 13, 1974

Mr. Frank Neat
Poseco Canana Limited
201 Alice Street
GUELPH, Ontario

Dear Frank:

Enclosed is a copy of Stelco reply dated March 6th, 1974. My letter of March 6th, 1974 enclosing NJZ report crossed.

Note comment "impressed" in paragraph 4, page

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I may call Clarke after discussing the matter with

NJZ.

Since we have acquainted ORF with HF and they now understand better, I may suggest they just have ORF do the sampling and testing and hold half the sample in case we want to check it.

Regards.

Yours very truly,

HEDMAN MINES LIMITED

President & Managing Director

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Attention: Mr. J. J. Mangan
President & Managing Director

Dear Sir:

AMBIENT DUST SAMPLES - B.O.F. HOT TOP PREPARATION

We acknowledge your letter dated Feb. 27/74 and have reviewed the sampling locations which were used.

At the time of sampling, we were not aware that the Steelmaking Department has been using two suppliers for the fibre boards and seals. The samples which were shipped were obtained from the north preparation line which used materials from the Ferro Engineering Company. The hot tops which are prepared on the north line are returned to the north stripping system. Both the Ontario Research Foundation and the New Jersey Zinc Company received sample specimens which came from the same line. The collected samples were split in two.

It is our intention to repeat the ambient sampling on the south line early next week. The samples will be forwarded according to the previous arrangements.

Our concern for asbestos fibre emission applies for all products which could contain asbestos-like materials. With prior knowledge, both preparation lines would have been sampled and submitted for investigation. We are impressed that without the specific background details it was possible for you to differentiate between Ferro and Fosco materials.

We appreciate that you have brought the matter to our attention. We are still interested in receiving the report on the samples from the north at the earliest so that we may compare the O.R.F. data with the N.J.C. results.

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Ambient Dust Samples

D.O.F. Hot Top Preparation

Mar. 6/74

We will be sampling the new location in the same manner. If the procedure is inadequate, would you please contact us.

Yours very truly,

THE STEEL COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED

A. C. ELLIOTT
Superintendent
Utilities Department

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