

INTERROGATORY NO. 17: State the first and last dates on which any asbestos-containing product was specified, sold, distributed, applied and/or installed within the United States by:

- (a) Defendant;
- (b) each and every predecessor; and
- (c) each and every related company.

ANSWER TO INTERROGATORY NO. 17:

Abex objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, compound, vague and ambiguous and calls for speculation.

Abex also objects to this interrogatory on the ground that it purports to shift the burden of establishing product identification from plaintiffs to Abex.

Abex further objects to this interrogatory to the extent it purports to seek information or materials regarding time periods and products that are not at issue in these cases, on the grounds that such information or materials lack relevance and are not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Abex objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that the information or materials it purports to seek otherwise lack relevance to the issues arising in these cases and are not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Abex also objects to this interrogatory on the ground that it assumes the truth of matters not established or matters not in evidence.

Subject to and without waiving these objections, and insofar as Abex understands this interrogatory, see Answer to Interrogatory No. 19.