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Mr. Kermit Hayden
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Mr. Hayden:

I am writing you at the request of Jack Dutton, of E. S. Browning Company, our California distributor.

Jack has asked me to send you data on "Asbestos/Health Hazards" that has been bandied about in the last year or two.

As you expect, we have collected an abundance of data over this period. I find it difficult to find any single article to point an accusative singular finger at asbestos no more than they could any of the other insoluble dusts that collect in the air we breath.

We've been in the asbestos business since 1918 and can find no reported conditions of asbestosis or lung disease claims they have been trying to associate with asbestos.

Under critical industrial concentrations of dust, asbestos is just as dangerous as mineral wool, fibre glass, clays, talcs, etc., if proper precautionary measures are not taken.

At our mill at East Broughton we have eight 100,000 cu. ft. fans used to lift the fibre and enclosed systems in which we move the product from one milling stage to another.

At the packing machines where we bag the asbestos, the men use face masks or respirators even though the area is apparently dust free...as a precaution.

Jack tells me your company policy requires that face masks be used in areas where common sense caution should be applied. Your finished product is a cement plastic slurry and should not cause any health hazzard condition. Therefore, California Portland Cement should have no concern regarding asbestos as a health hazzard as long as your good housekeeping rules are continued.

EXHIBIT A

Mr. Kermit Hayden
California Portland Cement Co.

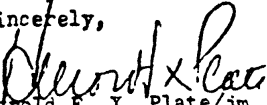
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I have attached some recent articles on this topic. These presentations should give you a reasonable rapport on the present thinking and activity in this matter.

If you have any further questions you would like to ask, please don't hesitate to contact me. You are also free to write the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health, Suite 1210, IBM Building 5, Place Ville Marie, Montreal 2, P.Q., Canada. Attention: Mr. Paul Filteau.

I am delighted to have this opportunity to write you... hope I can meet up with you on my next trip to the West Coast.

Sincerely,



Harold F. X. Plate/jm
Sales Manager

Attachments

cc: Jack B. Dutton