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TX 7104632940 R.T. VANDERBILT COMPANY ,.INC

NORWALK CONNECTICUT

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RE PUBLICITY RELEASE DATED APRIL 1, 1977. WILL YOU CERTIFY TALC

AS BEING RSXX FREE OF ASBESTOS? PLEASE TELEX REPLY TO

J.K. NEMETH BONDEX INTERNATIONAL, INC

TELEX #985418

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MEMORANDUM

RS-7

FROM: Doug Wood

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TO: Julius Nemeth

DATE: April 7, 1977

SUBJECT:

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Dear Julius:

This is the article I made reference to in my telax the other day. We are spending a lot of man hours trying to formulate around the Vanderbilt Talc. In view of these recent findings do you think we would be safe in continuing to use Nyal 200?

Best regards,

DW/bp
enc

R. T. VANDERBILT COMPANY, INC.
33 WINFIELD STREET
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 06855

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April 1, 1977

To Our Talc Customers

Gentlemen:

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MEMORANDUM

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FROM TOM SULLIVAN
TO JULIUS ROSETH
DATE APRIL 12, 1977 SUBJECT
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JULIUS --

I'm sure that you'll be interested in the attached.

-- TOM

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April 1, 1977

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