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Considerable concern has recently been expressed by various interests on the use of asbestos in joint systems. It is therefore proper that you should be aware of what is being done to eliminate this raw material from our joint system product line.

After considerable work, what appears to be a suitable replacement for asbestos has now been found. However, it will take some time to remove all the problems associated with any new raw material. Our present plans call for a replacement of asbestos from Ready-Mix which would eliminate asbestos from approximately 50% of our production - thereafter the bagged products will be changed. (In case of Acme the reverse approach will probably be taken.)

To this end it is hoped to manufacture one trial batch of Ready-Mix at Marietta and one batch of bagged joint compound at Acme before the end of this year. If this proves successful it is further hoped that some asbestos-free joint compound (both Ready-Mix and bagged goods) will be available, on a very limited basis, within the first half of next year.

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