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To: G. W. Sperberg
Springfield

Subject: VCM - Monsanto Mexicana

Overseas Sales has made a request to limit the polyrate of VCM shipped to Monsanto Mexicana to 5.6 dilatometer.

We will do our best to accommodate this request by setting aside any car which through abnormal process variation falls below 5.6. However, since with normal process capability we do not produce such low polyrate material, it is unlikely such material will be available when a shipment to Mexico is desired.

Your letter states that Monsanto Mexicana has had no particular problem with 5.9 dilatometer VCM. If this is the case, reconsideration of the request to limit the polyrate to 5.6 seems appropriate.

A coordinated effort has been under way for several months between the Texas City VCM department and the Springfield PVC department for improvement of quality of both VCM and PVC. It is suggested that the group responsible for requesting this limit on the VCM shipped to Monsanto Mexicana consult with Mr. Clark for a better understanding of the need to reevaluate this request. Consultation with the PVC department on use of > 5.6 dilatometer VCM is also suggested.

In the immediate future we would expect to have available VCM of minimum polyrate in the range of 5.8 to 6.0. If Springfield is successful in current trials of use of higher polyrate VCM, our near future capability will most likely be in the 6.3 to 6.7 range.

Reconsideration of the limit of 5.6 polyrate for Monsanto Mexicana is requested.

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