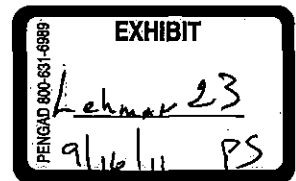


STATE OF ALABAMA)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF TALLADEGA)



AFFIDAVIT OF LUKER VAN STEWART

LUKER VAN STEWART being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I live at 458 Flagpole Road, Childersburg, Alabama.
2. I worked for American Talc Company from 1962 until 1979.
3. During my employment with the American Talc Company, I served as the mine superintendant at multiple talc mines. Throughout my career, I understood that American Talc did not want to receive or process talc that contained asbestos.
4. From 1962 until 1968, I worked at the talc mine in Winterboro, Alabama. During that time, there was never any tremolite or asbestos in the talc ore mined at Winterboro.
5. From 1968 until 1970, I was the mine superintendant at the talc mine in Murphy, North Carolina. The ore mined at the Murphy mine was called "Regal." During that time, there was never any tremolite or asbestos in the talc mined at Murphy called "Regal." Earlier this year, a lawyer with the first name of Audrey came to my home to ask me questions about mines in which I had worked. She asked me repeatedly if the North Carolina mine that yielded "Regal" talc ore contained tremolite, and I repeatedly told her no, it did not.
6. From 1970 until 1979, I was the mine superintendant at the talc mine in Willow Creek, in Montana. The talc mined at Willow Creek contained no asbestos. In 1974, I began to notice trace amounts of tremolite at the footwall of the talc deposit, but trace amounts I detected were not asbestos, as they were not fibrous. *called LVS*
7. To my knowledge, the Alpine plant never processed and distributed talc from the Dadeville, Alabama mine. As I understand it, at some point, American Talc simply tested the Dadeville talc, but decided not to mine or process it commercially.
8. I have never been diagnosed with any asbestos-related disease, and I have never heard of any American Talc Company miner or Alpine plant employee becoming sick from working with talc.

I swear that this is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Notary Public, State of Alabama
James Stephens Jr.
Alabama State At Large
My Commission Expires February 3, 2014

Luker Van Stewart
LUKER VAN STEWART
Sworn to before me this 24th day of July 2010
My Commission Expires February 3, 2011