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Legal Section
Industrial Commission of Ohio
246 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
R. E. Kramig Company, Inc.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215

Attention: Judy Spencer

Dear Ms. Spencer:

A visit was made to the offices of the R. E. Kramig Company in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 14, 1986. The purpose of the visit was to investigate the occupational disease claim filed by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] alleges that he developed asbestosis as a result of exposure to asbestos while working as an insulation worker.

Employment records of R. E. Kramig indicate [REDACTED] was employed by the company from March 1, 1958, through September 9, 1985, his last day worked. His job title was mechanic. A company representative did indicate the claimant was involved in the installation and removal of asbestos containing insulation materials while employed by R. E. Kramig. Job locations included power plants, boiler rooms, etc., as reported by the claimant and contained in the file.

[REDACTED] was diagnosed with asbestosis by Dr. Arthur Frank on November 12, 1984, and by Dr. Michael Kelly on February 14, 1985. Dr. Kelly's letter in the file states that his diagnosis was based on radiographic abnormalities and early pulmonary function changes which are consistent and corroborate the symptoms and physical findings. Dr. Kelly states that the present impairment amounts to 20%.

The relationship between exposure to asbestos and the development of asbestos related diseases is well known and well documented in the literature. Exposure to significant concentrations of asbestos has resulted in asbestosis, mesothelioma and cancer of the lungs and digestive tract.

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With regard to asbestosis, it is a lung fibrosis that usually develops gradually over a 10-30 year period of exposure. However, rapid development has been observed from relatively high exposures. Asbestosis is commonly associated with restrictive physiological lung impairment in which the earliest impairments are those involving gas exchange and diffusion capacity. These early impairments may be detected only during periods of activity. In the latter stages of the disease, symptoms resulting from gas exchange and diffusion abnormalities are detectable at rest and are related to a reduction in pulmonary functions.¹

In summary the claimant, [REDACTED], was employed as an insulation worker for R. E. Kramig for approximately 27 years. There is evidence to support his exposure to asbestos some of which may have been extensive.

Respectfully submitted,

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References:

1. NIOSH, Occupational Diseases, A Guide to Their Recognition. DHEW, 1977.

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