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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11215

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November 21, 1972

Mr. John L. Myers, Marketing Manager
Union Carbide Corporation
Mining & Metals Division
P.O. Box 579
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14302

Dear Sir:

Mr. C. W. Nixon asked me to answer your letter pertaining to the asbestos fiber count which you made on our samples. Following are our counts compared with yours.

Sample Number	Union Carbide	Kentile Floors*
1	1.19	2.7
2	2.09	6.0
3	1.06	1.3
4	1.99	3.8
5	3.39	6.8
B-36	1.14	1.8
B-37	1.22	0.66
B-38	2.10	2.4
B-39	2.66	2.5
B-40	2.50	1.6

* Fibers per milliliter greater than 5 microns long - performed on a Nikon microscope utilizing phase contrast illumination at 400 X and a Nikon reticle; type - squares with field area of 0.0625mm^2.

The black specks, large black agglomerate, etc. you found in addition to the asbestos fibers could be one or all of the following substances:

1) Vinyl Resins
2) Limestone
3) Pigments
4) Talc plates
5) extraneous dust

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In view of the large count differences between our laboratory and other laboratories, including governmental, which we have encountered in the past, we are pleased that our two laboratories obtained similar counts.

We appreciate the help which you have given us.

Very truly yours,

KENTILE FLOORS INC.

D. C. Seaman
Safety Director

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November 14, 1972

Mr. C. W. Nixon
Kentile Floors Inc.
Brooklyn, New York 11215

Dear Chester:

The remainder of the samples you sent for asbestos fiber counting are in the mail to you and our results are tabulated below.

Sample Number	Count*	Comments on Filter Appearance
1	1.19	Somewhat dirty, black specks
2	2.09	Fairly clean
3	1.06	Some black specks
4	1.99	Some black specks
5	3.39	Some black specks
B-36	1.14	Quite dirty, many black specks and agglomerates
B-37	1.22	Very dirty, large black agglomerates
B-38	2.10	Quite dirty
B-39	2.66	Very dirty
B-40	2.50	Some black specks

*Fibers per milliliter greater than 5 microns long - performed on a Leitz microscope utilizing phase contrast illumination at 400X and a Patterson Globe & Circle reticle.

If such information is not proprietary, I would like to see your fiber counts for the above samples along with a "non-revealing" description of the sample conditions. I would like to add this information to our growing amount of data which show that asbestos can be, and usually is, used without exceeding regulatory limits.

I look forward to seeing you in the next few weeks to discuss your 1973 asbestos requirements.

Very truly yours,

John L. Myers

John L. Myers
Marketing Manager

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bcc: E. J. Kleber