PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
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The Industrial Commission Of Ohio
Division Of Safety & Hygiene
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R. E. Kramig & Co., Inc.
Cincinnati, OH 45215

Attn: Judy Spencer

Ms. Spencer:

On January 30, 1985, a visit was made to the R. E. Kramig & Company, Inc., 323 S. Wayne Avenue by Ms. Hanan Kerr and the undersigned. This visit was made to obtain information relative to the claimants work history and any information regarding the conditions under which he may have worked.

According to the claim file the claimant has worked for about 35 years as an asbestos worker. According to a company representative, the claimant did work for them on numerous occasions starting as early as 1948. However, the claimant was not a full-time employee of R. E. Kramig & Co., Inc., but was hired through the Asbestos Workers Local 8. An attempt was made to obtain any information available from the local Business Representative, however, this information has not been forthcoming as of the writing of this report. The only hiring dates available at this time are hand printed in the claim file since the employer did not have extensive records available during this visit.

According to the claim file the claimant was hired for an unknown length of time starting on each of the following dates: 1/7/48, 1/30/57, 3/15/68, 12/8/70, 4/17/72, and 7/6/82. Whether the claimant worked for one day, one week or several months or even years could neither be verified nor denied during this visit. According the the company representative, when the company would need additional employees for a specific contract, they would hire the workers out of the local union for that specific job. When that job was completed, so was that worker's contract with the company until the next job. There was no disputing the possibility or even the probability that the claimant had a potential for exposure to asbestos while working under any contract with the company, particularly during the early portion of the claimant's work history.

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Asbestos fibers find entry into the body by inhalation and ingestion. The fibers are retained in the body tissues throughout the lifetime of the host, even long after cessation of exposure. Fibers may migrate to other organs following retention in the lung. Asbestosis and certain malignancies are related to exposure to fibers of the asbestos minerals.

Asbestosis is a progressive restrictive pulmonary fibrosis associated with inhalation of asbestos fibers. Malignancies related to the inhalation and possibly ingestion of asbestos fibers by epidemiological studies include carcinomas of the lung, mesotheliomas of the pleura and peritoneum, and neoplasms of other sites.

Asbestos has a synergistic effect with cigarette smoking in producing carcinoma of the lung. Asbestos workers who are smokers have over 90 times the risk of non- exposed non-smokers of contracting lung cancer.

In conclusion, if the medical diagnosis supports an asbestos related disability, the claimant undoubtedly had a potential for exposure to asbestos during his 35 year work history. However, as of the writing of this report, there is no specific information available to document the amount of time the claimant was actually employed by R. E. Kramig & Company, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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