Brakeblok Division of that company. In 1943, the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Company changed its name to the American Brake Shoe Company. In 1966, the American Brake Shoe Company changed its name to Abex Corporation.

In 1968, Abex Corporation became a wholly owned subsidiary of Illinois Central Industries, Inc. Illinois Central Industries, Inc. later changed its name to IC Industries, Inc. Abex later became a wholly owned subsidiary of IC Products Company, itself a wholly owned subsidiary of IC Industries, Inc. (IC Industries, Inc. changed its name to Whitman Corporation in 1988).

In 1988, Abex Corporation was sold to PA Holdings Corporation. In 1990, Abex Corporation was absorbed into PA Holdings Corporation, which later changed its name to Pneumo Abex Corporation. In 2004, Pneumo Abex Corporation was merged into Pneumo Abex LLC.

Abex purchased The S.K. Wellman Company in 1963. To the best of current and reasonably available information and belief, The S.K. Wellman Company did not manufacture or distribute asbestos-containing products prior to Abex's purchase of The S.K. Wellman Company. Further, to the best of current and reasonably available information and belief, following its purchase by Abex, The S.K. Wellman Company business may have sold asbestos-containing automotive friction products. Abex sold The S.K. Wellman Company in 1971.

In addition, there may be additional corporate acquisitions involving Abex which are potentially responsive to this interrogatory but due to the passage of time, the change of the nature of its business, and the change in personnel, Abex lacks current knowledge of any such acquisitions. Abex discontinued the manufacture and sale of asbestos-containing railroad friction