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Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

December 14, 1972

The Williams Club, New York City

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held pursuant to notice on December 14, 1972 at 10 A.M. at The Williams Club, New York, New York. The following directors were present:

George Barge	Atlas Asbestos Company Ltd.
A. E. Alpine (Proxy)	Certain-teed Products Company
Martin Sendeki (Proxy)	Congoleum Industries, Inc.
A. R. Hooker	The Flintkote Company
Paul I. Weiner, Esq.	GAF Corporation
F. J. Solon, Jr.	Johns-Manville Corporation
A. H. Fay	National Gypsum Company
J. K. Whittaker	Nicolet Industries, Inc.
E. C. Bratt	H. K. Porter Company, Inc.
J. H. Marsh	Raybestos-Manhattan
Kurt Schwarz	Supradur Corporation
W. N. Johnson (Proxy)	Union Carbide Corporation
Wes Sauerland	Jim Walter Corporation

Also present were E. M. Fenner and R. P. Carter, Esq., Johns-Manville; Frank Zimmerman, National Gypsum; C. N. Coddling, Jim Walter Corporation; M. M. Swetonic, Executive Secretary, AIA/NA; Katherine Buchman, AIA/NA; David Mallino, Government Research Company; Mike Isser, Cunningham & Walsh; and Bradley Walls, Burns, Van Kirk, Jube & Kafer.

Mr. Marsh, the President, presided, and Mr. Walls, the Secretary, kept the minutes. The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 14, 1972 were on motion duly made and seconded, unanimously approved as reproduced and distributed.

The Treasurer reported that the monthly bank statement had not been as yet received. A check with the books and with the bank indicates that we are within budget and that there are

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on hand \$32,825 in the checking account and a \$50,000 sixty-day note which comes due in mid-January, 1973. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Environmental Control

Mr. Fenner summarized the preliminary report from LFE Environmental Analysis Laboratories Division entitled Statistical Evaluation for the Procedure of Counting Asbestos Fibers on Membrane Filters, a copy of which had been made available to each director. He interpreted the conclusions set forth in that study as indicating that the accuracy of the method is plus or minus 40% with a 95% confidence level.

Mr. Fenner reported that the final report is expected in approximately two weeks. It was the consensus of the Board that a study of microscope variation should be sponsored if the Environmental Control Sub-Committee believes it is important to do so.

It was also the consensus of the Board that gravimetric studies appear to be useless and there was no need to pursue work in that area.

Compliance Manual

Mr. Fenner reported that the Compliance Manual is about two-thirds completed and that the finished draft will be made available to all Directors as soon as possible.

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Coal Mine Asbestos Standard

Copies of the proposed rulemaking by the Bureau of Mines which would establish a two fiber asbestos dust standard in surface coal mine operations were distributed to the Directors, together with Mr. Swetonic's letter of December 6, which analyzes the proposed standard. Mr. Swetonic noted that it is essential members should make a record with the Bureau of opposition to this proposal. The standard proposed by the Bureau of Mines of two fibers is more strict than the OSHA standard. Mr. Swetonic stated that comments on behalf of AIA/NA will be prepared and submitted to the Bureau of Mines on or before December 22nd. Copies of these comments will be sent to all members.

Mr. Swetonic noted that a new asbestos mine standard of five fibers per cc should be forthcoming in the near future. It is essential that material should be developed for presentation at possible hearings on this standard.

Mr. Swetonic also noted that there is a movement in Washington to transfer mining health standard development and enforcement from the Bureau of Mines to OSHA.

EPA Asbestos Standard

Mr. Swetonic reported that a demolition standard, which had been eliminated from the draft proposals for the EPA asbestos emission regulations, has now been reinstated. It is expected that the final draft of the EPA asbestos standards will be issued by the middle of February 1973.

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Washington Round-Up

David Mallino of Government Research Company reported that 1973 will be an important year for labor contract negotiations. Compromise will be necessary if the unions are to adhere to voluntary wage controls. Otherwise, if the unions either strike or ignore the guidelines, the entire structure of Phase III will be destroyed.

It was Mr. Mallino's opinion that labor Secretary designate Brennan will have a difficult job convincing labor to hold the wage control line. One way of placating unions would be to take more active steps regarding occupational safety and health. It is apparent that the new Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA will have to be a man acceptable to the unions. There is considerable speculation as to Mr. Guenther's successor.

Mr. Mallino noted that an under secretary of labor must be named first. Thereafter, the Assistant Secretary will be named. It was his opinion that an active unionist (an anti-Nixon man) would not be eligible as under secretary. It is likely that a non-controversial type union leader or a professional bureaucrat would be appointed to that post. With respect to contract negotiations in 1973, it is expected the unions will use increased productivity figures to justify wage claims.

Lyon Conference

Dr. George W. Wright was unable to attend because of illness. However, he submitted a copy of a report of the Advisory Committee on Asbestos Cancers, which summarizes the information

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presented at the International Meeting in Lyon in October. The underlining in the report was done by Dr. Wright.

Chest Auscultation Study

This proposal, submitted by Dr. Murphy at the request of Dr. Wright, was distributed to the members. It was requested that each member consult with his medical advisor and be prepared to make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Epidemiological Study of Chrysotile Asbestos Plant

Dr. Wright has, for a long time, been looking for a plant using nothing but Chrysotile Asbestos. Mr. Whittaker suggested that Nicolet's Norristown plant be used for this study. It has been in operation for nearly 100 years and medical records from 1934 on are complete. The number of employees involved, however, (150 to 200) may not be sufficient to provide the basis for a satisfactory study. The smallest cohort used by Dr. Selikoff was 650. Dr. Mc Donald's study of Chrysotile mines included 10,000. The subject will be discussed further with Dr. Wright.

Radio & TV Guidelines

Mr. Swetonic commented briefly on the radio and TV guidelines which had been distributed previously. It was agreed these guidelines should be followed in order to avoid the unfortunate experience suffered by Johns-Manville when taped interviews were edited greatly to the disadvantage of the company.

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Report Series on OSHA

A copy of the November 27 issue was distributed. This is one of the few favorable articles published recently and was accomplished with the cooperation of Mr. Swetonic. Additional copies are available.

Asbestos Magazine

AIA/NA will take a full page ad in an upcoming issue. This should be helpful in our campaign to attract new members. The magazine has also agreed to run quarterly reports written by Mr. Swetonic on developments in the asbestos-health area.

Cunningham & Walsh Activities

Mr. Mike Isser of Cunningham & Walsh described his activities to date. A full package of new position papers will be delivered to Mr. Swetonic before the end of the year.

Employee Safety & Health Guide

Mr. F. Zimmerman of National Gypsum objected to publication of the Employee Safety and Health Guide on the grounds that it would attract compensation cases. It was agreed that the outline would go back to Mr. Swetonic for revision.

AIA/NA Brief for IUD-OSHA Law Suit

It was agreed to submit the third draft of the AIA/NA brief prepared by AIA legal counsel to Mr. L. Field of Kansas City for review. Attorney Field is recognized as the leading authority in asbestos compensation cases.

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Industry Affairs

In September Mr. Swetonic asked all members to submit to him information concerning customer problems in order that we might identify the areas of greatest concern. There was very little response to this request. For this reason the President polled each member at the Directors' meeting to try to determine what the problems are. Replies were mixed. However, the area of greatest concern seemed to be the possibility of engineering asbestos out of many applications where suitable substitutes could be found. Part of the Cunningham & Walsh program will be addressed to this very question by emphasizing the essential uses of asbestos.

Mr. Solon reported on a joint AIA/NA-QAMA meeting. He reported that the QAMA people were quite astonished at the depth and scope of AIA's activities and he is hopeful that there will be further meetings to encourage cooperation between the two associations.

Mr. Whittaker agreed to be chairman of a revitalized Membership Committee. The opinion was also expressed that the mining companies ought to make more significant contributions.

Compiled from the notes of
Bradley M. Walls, John H. Marsh
and Matthew M. Swetonic

Submitted by Matthew M. Swetonic,
Executive Secretary

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