

# Georgia-Pacific



PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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## intracompany memo

to Mr. Irv Wiebel

location Akron N Y

from D. C. Corkill

location Portland

subject CHASE BAG CO.

date March 26, 1975

Be sure that material sent to Chase Bag Co. for repackaging in 5# packages and #2 joint compound is asbestos free. We are okay in this regard at present. For future orders be sure you have an asbestos free formula.

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cc: O. E. Burch - Portland  
E. B. Hollingsworth - Wilm Del Gyp  
C. W. Lehnert - Tigard Lab

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JOINT SYSTEM MEETING AGENDA  
March 28, 1975

GENERAL

1. Complaint and field service procedures
2. Formulation objectives related to cost savings and raw material procurement

CHICAGO

1. Non-asbestos products
2. Ready Mix (Cincinnati problem)
3. New Ready Mix - status of market testing
4. Special Speed Set for Milwaukee

MARIETTA

1. Evaluation of new polyvinyl alcohol source
2. Wall texture trial with gypsum fibers

MILFORD

1. Baltimore-Washington quality problem
2. New formula Ready Mix trials

ACME

1. New formula Ready Mix trials
2. Houston formula

AKRON

1. Non-asbestos Ready Mix - status

*Next shipment to Denver*



## intracompany memo

to See Below location --  
from C. W. Lehnert location Tigard  
subject GRIT IN READY MIX date April 25, 1975

TO: Mr. R. V. Favero - Marietta  
Mr. H. W. Scharf - Milford  
Mr. I. E. Weibel - Akron

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cc: Mr. E. B. Hollingsworth - Wilmington  
Mr. O. E. Burch - Portland  
Mr. D. C. Corkill - Portland  
Mr. E. L. Assen - Portland  
Mr. G. F. Fowler - Marietta

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As you know, each of you has been asked to check retained ready mix samples for grit accumulation. Marietta and Milford have reported finding grit in batches manufactured as recently as December 1974. These grit particles are smaller and more uniform in size than those we experienced previously. Nevertheless, these particles remain on a 50 mesh screen, so they are large enough to cause complaints and induce customers to discontinue using our product.

In order to avert another siege of grit complaints, we recommend eliminating Calgon T from all ready mix immediately. We are reasonably sure the grit is caused by the Calgon in view of previous analyses and the fact that the problem has not been observed at Chicago where we don't use Calgon.

There is always the risk of adverse field reaction, but we are having good field acceptance of ready mix without Calgon at Chicago. Also, we will of necessity be making another change which will create some change in the product. This change is the result of a strike by our supplier of asbestos. Every effort is being made to minimize the effect of this substitution, but there will be some change nevertheless.

We will not advise Sales and we urge the plants not to either. Mr. Burch and Mr. Corkill reserve the right to inform the field Sales people if they think it is advisable.

After Eastern Operations has an opportunity to consider this recommendation, and presuming it is accepted, we will issue revised formulas. We will also ask Purchasing to dispose of our Calgon inventories.

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*C. W. Lehnert*  
C. W. L.

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Gypsum Products



5<sup>th</sup> bag asbestos!

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to Mr. I. F. Weibel  
Mr. R. V. Favaro  
from Mr. H. W. Scharf  
J. B. Moss

location Akron  
Marietta  
location Milford  
Eastern Operations  
date April 29, 1975

subject: READY MIX GRIT

cc: Messrs.: E. B. Hollingsworth, Wilmington  
C. W. Lehnert, Tigard  
O. E. Burch, Portland  
D. C. Corkill, Portland

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Confirming our phone conversations you will remove the Calgon from the Ready Mix Formula at once. You may remember the last time we did this, the market fell to half our former volume.

This still seems wiser than subjecting ourselves to a repeat of the \$50 000 in complaint costs experienced from grit.

In order to determine if the growth can be controlled you will do the following:

- (1) Set aside and identify a can of normal production with Calgon.
- (2) Make a single batch with double the normal fungicide and set aside a can for testing later.
- (3) Set aside a can of the new production without Calgon, but normal fungicide.

In about 6 months, open all 3 cans and determine whether grit has formed. Keep all 3 for re-inspection at intervals of a couple of months thereafter.

This is a terrible time to be forced to this kind of a decision.

J. B. M.

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