PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held on April 12, 1951 at the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

IN ATTENDANCE:

R. E. Cryor, President
UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
J. G. Schoepf

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
S. V. Dillon
L. R. Hoff

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.
A. E. Whitfield

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes
G. W. Marshall
J. M. Weaver

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
G. S. Fabel

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
J. H. Balch
A. R. Byrnes
A. F. Jerome

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
M. I. Ruddock

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
M. C. Shaw

VISITORS
Carl Bindman
Johnson Company, Thetford

C. H. Carlough
Carolina Asbestos Co.

1. The meeting was called to order by the President and a brief message of welcome extended to all those in attendance. As a part of the opening remarks the President reviewed some of the actions taken at the Board of Governors meeting held on the evening of April 11th. Particular reference was made regarding the election of a new Institute member, the Asten-Hill Manufacturing Co., and official recognition and welcome was extended to that company's representative in attendance, Mr. John G. Schoepf. Mr. Schoepf responded briefly with an expression of appreciation for having been invited to participate as a member of the Institute and offered the full cooperation of his company in the execution of the activities of the association.

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2. The President directed the Secretary to read the Minutes of t last General Meeting of the Institute held in Philadelphia on December 14, 1950. There being no additions or corrections t the Minutes, as read, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded b A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that the Minutes be appr

3. The Treasurers report was submitted by A. E. Whitfield, in th absence of Treasurer D. W. Widmayer and was read by the Secre tary. It was moved by S. V. Dillon, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously approved that the report be accepted and ent as a part of the Minutes of this meeting. (Report attached)

4. The report of the Sales Promotion Committee was presented by Committee Chairman, J. A. Bettes.

a) The first subject presented in this report covered new Institute publication "The Story of Asbestos Textiles". Copies of this four page folder were distributed at this ti and a general expression of satisfaction was voiced by all r It was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by A. R. Byrnes and unanimously approved that the Sales Promotion Committee be e tended a vote of appreciation by the members assembled for excellence of the task completed.

In consideration of methods of distributing 25,000 cop of this publication, two procedures were agreed upon. Firs it was moved by S. V. Dillon, seconded by G. S. Fabel and u nously agreed that up to 15,000 copies should be offered to National Science Teachers Association for circulation throu that organization. Second, it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by S. V. Dillon and unanimously agreed that 100 c

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5. The Secretary's report was read and there followed a discussion covering the several points presented.

Regarding the circulation of literature issued by U. S. Department of Commerce, National Production Authority, by the Secretary, it was agreed that those members desiring a continuance of this service should so indicate their desires and thereby have their names placed on an active list to be used by the Secretary for this purpose.

Following the discussion of the full Secretary's report it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the report be approved. (Report attached).

6. The Technical Committee report was presented by Chairman J. M. Weaver.

Item II of this report, covering revisions of Fellowship projects 3,4, 5 as adopted at the joint meeting of the Board of Governors and the Technical Committee held on July 27, 1950, contained recommendations that the proposed revisions be adopted. Following a discussion of this subject it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that the revisions be accepted.

Item III of this report included three new projects for inclusion in the program of the Fellowship work. The discussion revealed an interest in these new projects and there was general agreement that their inclusion would be desirable but priority should be extended to those projects originally established. Paragraph A under Item III covering chemical, X-ray and spectrographic analysis of chrysotile was thoroughly discussed and opinions varied as to the immediate usefulness of such

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information. It was finally agreed that a series of spectrographic analysis should be conducted and an evaluation of fiber characteristics be attempted on the basis of this information. Paragraphs B and C under Item III were also discussed and interest in the intent of the projects listed was evidenced, however, it was recommended that consideration of this work by the Fellow be deferred until prior committments had been fulfilled.

Following a discussion of the remainder of the Technical Committee report it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted and an expression of gratitude to the committee for the services rendered be extended by the members assembled. (Report attached).

7. The Fellowship report was presented by M. C. Sharp. A report was read wherein there was a review of the work of the Fellow in pursuance of the pipe covering tests. The report set forth recent work in which aluminum foil was applied to asbestos cloths and the unit thus assembled investigated as a possible pipe covering and heat protective material. Following a discussion of the report it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by G. W. Marshall and unanimously agreed that "The Technical Committee should determine the practicability of the aluminum faced commercial grade pipe covering cloth by taking it up with manufacturers. Only if found to be practical is the idea to be presented to the Navy Department for consideration as a possible construction material."

It was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by G. W. Marshall and unanimously agreed that the Fellowship report be accepted.

8. The next subject on the agenda concerned the amendment of certain sections of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute.

a) In the course of the December 14th meeting of the Institute, the President with the approval of the members, directed the legal counsel to revise Section 6 of the By-Laws, related to Initiation Fees, Dues and Assessments, so that there might be a clearer understanding of the provisions there embodied. The revision was submitted at this time and, after a full discussion, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by L. R. Hoff and unanimously agreed that the proposed revision be adopted and incorporated as a part of the By-Laws in replacement of Section 6 as heretofore recognized.

b) In the Constitution under Article I, second paragraph, it states "The principal office of the Institute shall be situated at Washington, D. C." Since this condition is not and has not for some years been consistant with fact, it was moved by A. J. Scanlan, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that this paragraph should be stricken from the text of the constitution.

9. Several companies, not now members of the Institute, have expressed interest in the activities and work of our association and it was agreed that an opportunity should be provided these interested parties to become active members of the Institute. It was therefore moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that Russel Mfg. Co. and U. S. Rubber Company be extended invitations to join the Institute, the invitations to be proffered by the President of the Institute.

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10. The final Committee report presented at this meeting was that of the Fiber Committee. President R. E. Cryor reviewed the general discussion pursued at the Board of Governors meeting covering this subject and indicated certain actions which were there recommended to expedite the solution of the several problems which now confront our industry and which may be served through the concerted action of the Asbestos Textile Institute. It was recommended by the Board of Governors that the Fiber Committee be hereafter referred to as the Fiber Supply Committee and that the Chairman of this committee should be G. S. Fabel with a committee membership consisting of G. W. Marshall, A. J. Scanlan, J. G. Schoepf and R. E. Cryor. Further, it was agreed that this committee would meet with the Canadian fiber producers to discuss the present problems of fiber supply and to indicate the sincerity and the authentic basis for increased demands now being made by our industry. In order to properly present this picture it was felt desirable to have figures and statistics available which would serve to indicate the probable demands for textiles which will be directed to our industry during the coming year, principally by the Navy and other governmental agencies. To this end, the President delegated the Sales Promotion Committee to make a survey and to obtain the necessary data to serve as a basis for these discussions. It was proposed that a meeting of the Fiber Supply Committee and the Canadian producers should be held during the last week in April or the first week in May, at some convenient location in Canada. The members in attendance expressed unanimous approval of the recommendations of the Board of Governors.

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Following the discussion of the report of the Fiber Committee, President Cryor introduced Mr. Carl Bindman, Johnson Company, Thetford, Canada, and invited him to speak on the subject of fiber supply. Mr. Bindman addressed the meeting with a frank and factual portrayal of the fiber supply picture as viewed by the producers. It was pointed out that figures available to the producers would indicate that something less than 28 thousand tons of spinnable fibers will be produced in Canada this year not withstanding the fact that this figure is presently being used as the basis for fiber supply consideration in this country. During the period from 1946 to 1950, excluding 1949 at which time production was curtailed due to the strike, an average of 18 thousand tons of Group 3 fiber were supplied yearly to the United States and some of these fibers were used by the 85% magnesia and compressed sheet trade. Seventy percent of all the Group 3 fiber mined in Canada is sold in the United States with the remaining 30% being distributed over a wide area of foreign trade. The cement pipe industry desires Group 4 fibers, however, due to shortages in this grade of fiber, some Group 3 fiber has been diverted to this industry. In closing, Mr. Bindman stressed the fact that we are at war and that under such conditions all spinnable fibers must be directed to defense orders and that non-defense business should be curtailed if the essential needs for our armed forces are to be met. Mr. Bindman expressed agreement with the proposed action of the Fiber Supply Committee to meet with the Canadian producers and indicated that Mr. George Foster, President of Q.A.M.A. and the members of that organization would be happy to exchange ideas regarding the immediate problem.

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11. At this point in the meeting, the President called for a recess and the group was served a luncheon. Following the luncheon the President paid his respects and expressed the appreciation of the Institute to Mr. L. R. Hoff, Johns-Manville Corp. for his interest in the work and activities of the Institute. A rising vote of thanks by the members assembled was extended to Mr. Hoff. In response, Mr. Hoff addressed the meeting and expressed his views regarding the important place trade associations, such as the Asbestos Textile Institute, have in industry today. He also suggested that an extra effort be made by the Institute to have the top executives of the member companies attend the meetings so that they may be better informed of the work and activities of the association.

Following the address by Mr. Hoff, action was promoted regarding his suggestion that the company executives receive particular attention through an effort to have them attend our meetings more frequently. Following a discussion of this subject it was unanimously agreed that the next General Meeting of the Institute should be held in New York on June 14, and should be designated as Founders and Executives day. The President appointed a program committee for this occassion to be composed of Mr. G. W. Marshall, F. J. Wakem and G. C. Fabel.

12. The Legal Counsel, Mr. K. I. Ruddock, briefly addressed the group with a general discussion of the legal considerations which bear upon operations of the Institute during the present national emergency and heavy defense demands for the existing

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fiber supply, pointing out that the government must handle the problem of allocating the available supply of fiber between defense and civilian uses if we reach the point where both cannot be handled.

13. Mr. G. W. Marshall briefly addressed the meeting and paid respect to Mr. L. R. Hoff for his sincere devotion to the interests of the Asbestos Textile Institute.

14. There being no further business to come before this session, it was moved by L. R. Hoff, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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