MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held October 7, 1954 at the Warwick, Philadelphia, Pa.

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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IN ATTENDANCE:

D. W. Widmayer, President
Keasbey & Mattison Co.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan
J. W. Weber

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
D. V. Asten
D. R. Holmes
J. G. Schoepf

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
W. G. Hoffer
E. A. Schuman
W. M. MacAlpine
J. L. Tucker
F. J. Waken

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.
C. K. Frederick
A. E. Whitfield
E. Muehleck

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes
J. A. Brown
H. W. Oliver
R. S. Smith
G. W. Marshall

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
G. S. Fabel
G. J. Harris
J. T. Griffis
O. H. Fehrens
J. D. McCluer
Mr. Holz

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
A. R. Byrnes
J. F. Corcoran

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LTD.
Paul E. Leclerc

JOHNSON'S COMPANY LTD.
A. W. G. Gibb

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DE L'AMIANTE
Maurice Sallee

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
H. C. Shaw

GUESTS:
H. B. Sharpe, Washington D. C.
R. E. Cryor, North American Asbestos Corporation
J. L. Christian, Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Ltd.
Mr. Tigert, Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Ltd.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Widmayer and an address of welcome extended to all members and guests in attendance. Following the opening remarks each person arose and introduced himself to the group.

2. The President called for the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute and the Secretary offered them for presentation, however, since all members had received copies of these transactions and were familiar with the proceedings therein recounted, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by J. G. Schoepf and unanimously agreed that the reading of the Minutes be omitted at this time.

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3. The Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer A. J. Scanlan and, following a discussion of the report, it was accepted upon the motion by G. S. Fabel, seconded by F. J. Haken and unanimous approval of the members. Copies of this report are attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

4. The Secretary's report was presented by H. C. Shaw and a copy of the report is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

5. The Legal Counsel, Mr. A. I. Ruddock, was next asked to address the meeting on legal developments that might be of interest to members. Mr. Ruddock spoke on the continuing efforts of the courts and congress to reconcile the "hard" and "soft" approaches to competition set forth in the Sherman and original Clayton Act on one hand and the Robinson-Patman act and Fair Trade Laws on the other. He also discussed new developments in the Federal Trade Commission's approach to Trade Practice conferences.

6. The first committee report was presented by Mr. D. E. Holmes for the Air Hygiene Committee. The report covered the work of this committee in session on October 6th, at which time the regular committee members met with Doctor representatives of the several member companies. The discussions pursued during the course of this session covered a wide range of subjects concerned with the relationship between asbestosis and diseases of the heart and the respiratory system. The full text of the report is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

On the basis of the discussions undertaken during these committee sessions, two proposals for action were recommended for consideration at the General meeting. The first proposal was in the form of a recommendation by Dr. Theodos suggesting that the individual companies voluntarily participate in a program of study to be undertaken by Dr. Theodos which would provide case histories related to the relationship of asbestosis to ailments or diseases of the heart. Such a study would be a long range program wherein each company would provide suitable employee patients for study and observation by Dr. Theodos at a clinic or hospital in Philadelphia. The results of these studies, it is felt, would provide basic data upon which a better understanding of the relationship between asbestosis and heart ailments. The proposed program in no way would involve the financial support or responsibilities of the Asbestos Textile Institute but all such responsibilities will be voluntarily borne by the companies concerned and the individuals selected for such observations. Following a discussion of this proposal, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by G. H. Marshall and unanimously agreed that the individual members give full support to the program.

The second program proposed for action concerned the establishment of a study designed to determine the relationship, if any, between asbestosis and lung cancer. It is proposed that such an investigation be carried out using white rats as the subjects for study. The program as presented was in a very general form and the cost of carrying on such an investigation was not suggested. Following a discussion of this latter proposal it was suggested that the Air Hygiene Committee reconsider the subject and prepare a more specific program for consideration at the next meeting.

Upon the conclusion of the presentation of this report, President Widmayer extended to the members of the Air Hygiene Committee the grateful appreciation of the Asbestos Textile Institute for the aggressive action being taken by this committee in pursuance of the air hygiene and related

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problems confronting our industry. It was further recommended that the Secretary prepare a letter of appreciation to be sent to each of the Doctors who have participated in these discussions and have contributed so much to the constructive thinking and action now in effect.

7. The report of the Sales Promotion Committee was presented by Mr. A. E. Whitfield. Under the direction of this committee a subcommittee has been activated to provide a contact group between the various Federal agencies and the asbestos textile producers as represented by members of the Institute, for the purpose of clarifying asbestos textile fiber availabilities. This subcommittee is composed of Mr. G. S. Fabel, Chairman, J. A. Bettes and A. E. Whitfield. Mr. G. S. Fabel reviewed the activities of the group during the preceeding quarter and the essence of his remarks are included as a part of the full committee report submitted by Mr. Whitfield and attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting. The activities of this committee continue to be constructively productive and in recognition of the efforts exerted in promoting the best interests of the asbestos textile industry, President Widmayer extended the appreciation of the Institute membership.

8. The Fellowship report was presented by M. C. Shaw and copies of the full report were distributed at the time of the presentation. A resume of the full report was presented and the results of investigations covering two of the Fellowship Projects were reviewed. Copies of this report are attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

9. The Technical Committee report was presented by J. D. McCluer, Chairman of the Technical Committee. This committee met on October 6 and considered a full agenda of subjects and, as part of the afternoon session, met with the Sales Promotion Committee for discussions of mutual interest to both committees. Copies of the Minutes of the meeting of this committee and the report for committee, presented at this General meeting are attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

10. There being no further committee reports for presentation, President Widmayer acknowledged the activity extended by all of those participating on the several committees and expressed the thanks of the Institute for the tireless efforts directed toward the proper functioning of these committees as they carry out the important assignments with which they have been charged.

11. The next order of business presented for consideration concerned matters of old business.

a) Presented at the last meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute was a letter written by Mr. A. L. Penhale, on behalf of the Quebec Asbestos Miners Association, wherein the present and the anticipated asbestos fiber availabilities for the Canadian producers was outlined. This letter was subsequently circulated in the press and among the several agencies in Washington concerned with this matter. As a result of this dissemination the fiber availability picture has been clarified and certain inconsistancies and inequities which have existed for some time are now being rectified. In view of the assistance offorded by Mr. Penhale, through his letter, the President wrote an appreciative acknowledgement on behalf of the Asbestos Textile Institute and a copy of this correspondence is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

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b) During the quarter just concluded, the Fellowship laboratory moved from Rutgers to the Philadelphia Textile Institute. In acknowledgement of the establishment of our laboratory at P. T. I. and the receipt of a monetary grant to the school, a letter was read from Mr. J. W. Hayward, President of Philadelphia Textile Institute, and this letter is attached as a part of these Minutes.

c) Several member companies of the Institute have expressed an interest in the purchase of an Abradoller for their laboratories. The Secretary was directed to obtain, at the earliest possible date, a quotation covering the cost for such a machine.

12. Under the subject of new business, a formal application for membership as an Associate member was presented by the Cassiar Asbestos Corporation, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Following the review and consideration by the Board of Governors of the Institute, it was recommended by the Board that the application be approved. It was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the membership be approved.

13. The next order of business presented for action at this meeting was the election of officers and Board of Governors members to serve the Institute for 1955. The President asked the Legal counsel to read the sections in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Asbestos Textile Institute which define the rules for such elections. Following this reading the elections were conducted in conformance with the established requirements.

The first elections to be held were for members of the Board of Governors to serve for one year. The nominating committee, previously appointed by the President and composed of G. W. Marshall, J. G. Schoepf and G. S. Fabel was asked to prepare a list of candidates for these offices, and chairman G. S. Fabel submitted the following nominees:

J. F. Corcoran, Union Asbestos & Rubber Co,
G. S. Fabel, Southern Asbestos Co.
G. W. Marshall, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc,
A. J. Scanlan, American Asbestos Textile Corp.
J. G. Schoepf, Asten-Hill Mfg. Co.
F. J. Wakem, Johns-Manville Corp.
D. W. Widmayer, Keasbey & Mattison Co.

Following these nominations, the President asked for additional candidates, however, none were recommended and the nominations were closed. It was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by G. S. Fabel, and unanimously agreed that the members nominated be elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the Asbestos Textile Institute for the year 1955, assuming office at the December, 1954, meeting.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Governors elect the officers to serve the Institute from their membership. In view of this, the General meeting was placed in recess while the Board of Governors met in special session for the purpose of electing the officers to serve the Institute. Following this election,

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the General meeting was called to order and the results of the election announced, as follows:

President---------- F. J. Wakem, Johns-Manville Corp.
Vice-President---------- J. F. Corcoran, Union Asbestos & Rubber Co.
Treasurer---------- J. G. Schoepf, Asten-Hill Mfg. Co.
Secretary & Asst. Treas. H. C. Shaw, Asbestos Textile Institute

14. Mr. Wakem, President-Elect, addressed the meeting briefly and expressed his appreciation for the honor extended to him. Mr. Wakem was one of the small group of men who organized and founded the Institute and he recounted the growth and achievements of the Institute since its founding.

He expressed the hope and sought the assistance of every member in this purpose, that the association would continue to grow and serve the industry in the future as it has in the past.

15. The next part of the meeting was devoted to remarks by new members and guests in attendance. Those introduced were:

Mr. Harry B. Sharpe, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. Mr. Sharpe expressed his interest in the work of the Institute as an association of asbestos textile manufacturers that may well serve his agency as well as the other agencies of the federal government through a closer relationship that may provide a better understanding among all concerned. He also suggested the possible advisability of providing one of our Visual Aid Displays for exhibition in the Commerce Building.

Mr. Maurice Sallee, Societe Francaise De l'Amiante, Paris, France. Mr. Sallee extended a brief greeting to the members.

Mr. J. D. Christian, Cassiar Asbestos Corporation, Ltd. Mr. Christian spoke in behalf of his company and expressed pleasure upon attaining associate membership in the Institute. Full cooperation on their part was assured.

Mr. Tigert, Cassiar Asbestos Corporation, Ltd. Mr. Tigert expressed interest in all of the work of the Institute and was especially interested in the activities of the Technical and Air Hygiene Committees.

Mr. R. E. Cryor, North American Asbestos Corporation. Mr. Cryor expressed his pleasure upon being invited to attend this meeting and indicated that perhaps his company may, at an early date, make application for associate membership in the Institute.

Mr. A. W. G. Gibb, Johnson's Company Limited. Mr. Gibb extended the greetings of his company to the members in attendance. In addition, for the past year, there has been in Canada one of our Visual Aid Displays and Mr. Gibb has undertaken the responsibility of seeing that it is exhibited in that country most effectively. The whereabouts and future plans for the display were briefly discussed.

Mr. Paul E. Leclerc, Asbestos Corporation Limited. Mr. Leclerc extended the greetings of his company and advised that Mr. Marcotte was presently in Australia, accounting for his absence at this meeting.

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16. The final action in this meeting was an address by Mr. Widmayer, who, after having served as President of the Institute for two years, was now turning the office over to President-Elect Wakem. Mr. Widmayer expressed his grateful appreciation for the cooperation extended by all of those officers, committee chairmen and members who were so instrumental in bringing about the many accomplishments and advancements that have been made during recent years. He expressed the wish that Mr. Wakem might enjoy the same cooperation during his tenure of office and expressed the feeling that if such was the case, still further advancements will be made.

17. There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was moved by C. S. Fabel, seconded by H. J. Wakem and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned for luncheon. Immediately following the luncheon there was an inspection tour of the Philadelphia Textile Institute and the new headquarters of the Asbestos Textile Institute.

April C. Shaw,
Secretary

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