PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held December 8, 1955 at the Essex House, New York, N. Y.

IN ATTENDANCE:

F. J. Waken, President
JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan

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

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
E. Beale
K. Q. Beyard
L. R. Hoff
E. A. Schuman
W. C. Seeds
E. H. Wells

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.
C. R. Frederick
R. L. Lanz
A. E. Whitfield
D. W. Widmayer

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes
J. A. Brown
B. W. Luttenberger
M. W. Oliver
R. B. Smith

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS COMPANY
G. S. Fabel
J. T. Griffis
R. S. Hulse
G. J. Harris
J. D. McCluer
J. D. Beatty
O. C. Fehrens

ASBESTOS CORPORATION, LTD.
J. A. Marcotte

CAPE ASBESTOS COMPANY
R. E. Cryor

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

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
H. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by President Waken and an address of welcome extended to everyone in attendance.

2. The Secretary presented the minutes of the last meeting of the Institute for reading, however, since all members had received copies of these minutes and were therefore familiar with the actions there taken, it was moved by Mr. Widmayer, seconded by Mr. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that the reading should be omitted at this time.

3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer, Mr. J. G. Schoepf. Following a discussion of this report it was moved by Mr. D. W. Widmayer, seconded by Mr. G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted as read, and that it be entered as a part of the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Schoepf also reviewed the actions taken by the Board of Governors related to the budget of the Institute for 1956 and thereupon revealed that a budget in the amount of $21,900.00 had been approved for the ensuing year by that body.

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

President Wakem next called upon Legal Counsel, H. I. Ruddock, to address the meeting regarding the legal aspects of current matters of interest to the membership. Mr. Ruddock discussed various matters including possible new legislation regulating mergers and the powers and procedures of the Federal Trade Commission in the case of false and misleading advertising of products sold in interstate commerce.

6. The following segment of the meeting was devoted to the reports of committee activities as presented by the chairman of the respective committees.

a) The first committee report was delivered by Mr. D. R. Holmes, Chairman of the Air Hygiene Committee. This group is currently engaged in considerations directed to the attention of reducing and eliminating the dust hazards at various points in the manufacturing operations as pursued in the mills of our industry. It is felt that a determined exploration of the possibilities here involved will be significantly helpful in combating the physiological problem which may result from such conditions. A copy of the formal report is attached as a part of these minutes.

b) The second committee report was given by Mr. J. T. Griffis, Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee. The work of this committee covers a wide range of subjects and efforts are continually being made to expand and promote an understanding of and new applications for asbestos textiles. The formal report as presented by Mr. Griffis at this meeting is attached as a part of these minutes.

c) The Technical Committee report was presented by Mr. N. W. Oliver, Chairman of the Technical Committee. This committee also has a wide variety of subjects under consideration covering Federal Specification revisions, industry-wide evaluation of cloth, tapes and braids, and the development of significant test methods. The formal report as presented at this meeting is attached as a part of these minutes.

d) The Fellowship Report was presented by Dr. H. C. Shaw and included studies related to "Elevated Temperature Characteristics of Industrial Tapes", Recommendations for a Standard Heat Aging Test Method" and "Magnetic Coefficient Classifications". The entire report is attached as a part of these minutes.

e) The report for the Fiber Committee was presented jointly by Mr. G. S. Fabel and Mr. J. A. Marcotte. Mr. Fabel briefly described his impressions gained during a recent visit to the mines and noted the many advances that have been made in the mining and milling of asbestos during recent years. Mr. Marcotte spoke briefly regarding fiber availability and observed that fiber in all grades below crude are in adequate supply to meet all demands, however, the production of crudes is below the demand and the prospects for any appreciable improvement in this situation are not bright.

7. Under items of new business, President Wakem announced that Union Asbestos & Rubber Company had presented their resignation as a member of the Institute to the Board of Governors during the quarter just concluded. Action on this matter was taken by the Board of Governors and the resignation was regretfully accepted.

8. It was also announced that the June, 1956, meeting of the Institute is scheduled to be held at Thetford Mines, Canada, and plans for a very interesting meeting at that time are now being arranged.

9. There being no further business to come before this meeting, President Wakem announced that Mr. J. A. Marcotte had obtained a copy of the new film "Its Asbestos" for showing at this meeting and that it would be presented as the final part of this meeting. The thirty minute film in color and with sound presented an excellent picture of the mining and milling of asbestos as pursued in the Thetford Mines area and was well received by everyone in attendance. Many requests were received for permission to show it at the plants of the member companies.

10. Following the film presentation the meeting was adjourned for luncheon.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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