July 11, 1951

C. E. Ernst

Pratt & Whitney Inquiry re:
Fibrous Adhesive and Insulkote
June 27, 1951

The following is suggested in answer to this inquiry:

In answer to your letter requesting information as to the basic materials incorporated in our products known as "Fibrous Adhesive" and "Insulkote", please be advised that our Fibrous Adhesive is composed of a mixture of asbestos fibre and silicate of soda and our Insulkote of asphalt emulsion, asbestos fibre and inert mineral fillers.

Of course, it is well recognized that asbestos fibres in the form of dust constitute an occupational disease hazard where there is exposure to excessive quantities over long periods of time, but it is inconceivable that asbestos fibre as incorporated in these materials could create such a hazard. Moreover, we know of no instance where workmen engaged in manufacturing or applying these materials have contracted a dermatosis that could be attributed to them. There is always the possibility that a hypersensitive person might be allergic to one or the other of the ingredients of the materials but in our experience we have never encountered such a case.

Trusting the foregoing will be satisfactory for your purposes, we are

Very truly yours,

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