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ADVOCATE BAG MARKINGS

Today we received a rather urgent Telex from Eric DeBruin that Eternit, Holland had been receiving fiber in bags with the caution labels attached to them.

As you know, Eternit considers this a very serious matter and in their meetings with Dimitry last year asked him to be sure that none of their shipments would have these caution labels attached as in their opinion it could present unnecessary problems if the workers were able to read and interpret these labels.

Would you be so kind as to instruct the people at Advocate that no future shipments to the Eternit people should have these caution labels either printed on or attached to the bags, whatever is the case.

As a matter of standard procedure, none of the shipments to our International customers should have these caution labels attached. This would mean also that the forthcoming shipment to Mr. Walter of South Africa should not have these labels attached either.

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BRUXELLES 1, le 23rd. December 1969.
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Mr. D. POUTIATINE, Vice-President,
JOHNS-MANVILLE INTERNATIONAL CORP.
22, East 40th. Street,
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016.-
U.S.A.

Dear Dimitry.

Advocate.-

I confirm you my yesterday's telex reading as follows :

"ATTENTION MR. POUTIATINE
"ETERNIT HOLLAND JUST INFORMS US THAT ALL ADVOCATE BAGS THEY HAVE
"RECEIVED SINCE 26/11 HAVE THE "CAUTION"LABELS. THIS CAUSES
"EMOTION AND TROUBLE WITH CONSEQUENCES NOT YET FULLY VALUABLE BUT
"FOR WHICH THE SUPPLIER'S RESPONSABILITY IS AT ANY CASE ENGAGED.
"PLEASE TAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO AVOID THAT SUCH BIG MISTAKES
"HAPPEN AGAIN. REGARDS. DE BRUYN."

Your company knowing very well our position concerning these labels, I have immediately understand that this is due to a mistake.

Unfortunately, it is difficult to know exactly the harm it has caused as well as the future consequences it will involve.

I must already confirm you, in name of all the Eternit groups, that we very much regret what has happened. We shall most probably have to talk about it again later on.

In the meantime, I remain,

Yours sincerely.

SERVICE AMIANTES
Le Directeur,

Eric De Bruyn

11/29 - cc: NWH