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Dear Bill:

Thank you for the reprint of the paper, "Mortality Study of Talc Miners and Millers," by Giovanni F. Rubino, et. al.

This certainly helps provide a "clean bill of health" for pure talc mineral. It would also seem to increase the difficulties with those talcs containing various asbestos minerals such as tremolite, chrysotile, and anthophyllite.

Our position with respect to labelling and being completely candid in our definition of what our products really are is the only approach a responsible producer of these materials could take. This was a difficult business decision but is becoming more comfortable under the circumstances.

I have circulated a copy of Rubino's paper among the various interested people here.

Sincerely,

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