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CAUTION NOTICES
CELITE DIVISION PRODUCTS

For many years we have provided a caution notice on bags of calcined diatomite. A copy of this notice is attached as Exhibit A.

Some of our products also contain asbestos fiber, and some contain both asbestos fiber and calcined diatomite or cellulose fiber. We have not, to date, referred to asbestos in our caution notices.

We are now informed by Dr. Spiel that we must include a caution notice. I propose that as soon as possible the Division will adopt the following procedures.

1. On bags of natural (uncalcined) diatomite - no caution notice - continuation of present practice.

2. On bags containing calcined diatomite - caution notice as per attached Exhibit A - continuation of present practice.

3. On bags containing asbestos only - or a combination of asbestos and cellulose fibers - or a combination of asbestos and natural diatomite - caution notice reading as follows:-

"Caution" (3/8" lettering)
"This bag contains chrysotile asbestos fiber. Person exposed to this material should use adequate protective devices as inhalation of this material over long periods may be harmful." (in 3/16" lettering)

This is the exact wording of the notices used by our Asbestos Fiber Division.

4. On bags containing both asbestos and calcined diatomite - caution notice as follows:-

"Caution" (3/8" lettering)
"This Celite® product consists of amorphous diatomaceous silica plus varying percentages of inverted microcrystalline silica, and chrysotile asbestos fiber. Inhalation of diatomaceous earth dust or of chrysotile asbestos fiber may be harmful. Avoid breathing this dust. Dust should be kept to a minimum by proper controls. Respirators or dust masks approved by U. S. Bureau of Mines for silica dust and asbestos fiber are recommended." (in 3/16" lettering).

May we have your comments on this proposal?

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EXHIBIT "A"

CAUTION

This CELITE* product consists of amorphous diatomaceous silica plus varying percentages of inverted microcrystalline silica. Inhalation of diatomaceous earth dust may be harmful. Avoid breathing this dust. Dust should be kept to a minimum by proper controls. Respirators or dust masks approved by the U.S. Bureau of Mines for silica dust are recommended.

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