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An Open Letter to Pipe-Laying Contractors:

We believe you have seen or heard much of the recent publicity in the news media associating asbestos with occupational health. As a contractor, whose crews may install asbestos-cement pipe from time to time, you may be wondering if you should be concerned.

Fundamentally speaking, asbestos-cement pipe, such as our Transite, is perfectly safe for a municipality to use to transport water. Because of all the publicity relating to asbestos and health, a/c pipe has been very thoroughly tested by a variety of agencies - far more extensively than any other type of pipe - and it has been proved to be entirely safe for this use.

From a pipe-laying point of view, handling and installing a/c pipe is equally safe. Providing you use the manufacturer's recommended work practices, no special precautions or procedures are required. The only mistake your men could make would be to cut the pipe with an abrasive saw. These saws, when cutting dry, create a cloud of dust that contains asbestos fibre particles that could be hazardous if inhaled by your men on the job. For that reason we strongly urge you to, either use the shorter lengths we provide with each shipment or, alternatively, use a chain cutter to snap off the pipe to the required length. The chain cutter works easily and often is faster to use than the saw.

Don't let your men take chances with their health. Make sure they are working safely. Asbestos-cement pipe is good pipe. It is perfectly safe to handle and install with just one exception!

DO NOT CUT IT DRY WITH AN ABRASIVE SAW!

If you need more information talk to your local J-M sales representative or refer to the enclosed literature. Please remember no one has ever regretted making a sound investment in safety.

Yours truly

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I WILL NOT PERMIT ANYONE TO USE AN ABRASIVE DISC SAW TO CUT ASBESTOS-CEMENT PIPE OR PIPE PRODUCTS ANYWHERE ON THESE WAREHOUSE PREMISES OR ANY PLACE WITHIN MY JURISDICTION.

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Warehouse Manager

Location: _____

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Warehouse Manager

Location: Winnipeg

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S. H. Butterfield

Signed: R C Lemaire
Warehouse Manager

Location: Fort Nash.

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