IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BEAUMONT DIVISION

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SAMUEL R. POTTER	§	
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vs.	§	CIVIL ACTION
	.	NO. 6329
FIBREBOARD PAPER PRODUCTS	§	
CORPORATION, ET AL	:	
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CROSS-ACTION OF PITTSBURGH CORNING CORPORATION AGAINST UNARCO INDUSTRIES, INC.

TO THE HONORABLE THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE EASTE RN
DISTRICT OF TEXAS, BEAUMONT DIVISION
AND THE HONORABLE THE JUDGES THEREOF:

Comes now PITTSBURGH CORNING CORPORATION, one of the Defendants in the above-styled and numbered cause, and for a separate Cross-Action against UNARCO INDUSTRIES, INC., successor in interest to UNION ASBESTOS AND RUBBER COMPANY, named herein as one of the Defendants, alleges as follows:

I.

At all of the times herein mentioned, PITTSBURGH CORNING CORPORA TION was, and still is a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, with its principal offices and place of business located in the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvani a.

II.

Unarco Industries, Inc. is the successor in interest to Union Asbestos and Rubber Company, an Illinois corporation, with principal offices and place of business located at 111 West Perry Street, Bloomington, Illinois, 61701 . A copy of this Cross-Action has been served upon its counsel of record in this case, Gerald P. Coley, Esq., Vinson, Elkins, Searles and Connally, First City National Bank Building, Houston, Texas 77002, by cert ified mail, return receipt requested.

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III.

SAMUEL R. POTTER, on May 27, 1969, filed his Original Complaint against this Defendant, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, and other Defendants, which are named in the Original Complaint, to all of which reference is hereby made, said Complaint having been filed in the United States District Court in and for the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division, claiming damages for personal injuries and for an occupational disease, in the sum of $500,000, and for exemplary damages in the sum of $500,000, alleging that said Plaintiff contracted asbestosis as a result of handling and working with insulation materials containing asbestos fibers.

IV.

In the Original Complaint filed herein on behalf of the said Plaintiff, it is alleged that the personal injuries and occupational disease and other damages suffered and incurred by him, were the result of the negligence of this Defendant, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, its agents, servants and employees, and other manufacturers of asbestos insulation materials, all of which allegations are false, and which this Defendant has denied in its Answer heretofore filed herein.

V.

This Defendant would show that at all of the times and places mentioned and set forth in the Complaint herein, Union Asbestos and Rubber Company, predecessor in interest to Unarco Industries, Inc., manufactured an insulating material having a trade name of UNIBESTOS, and that the said Original Complaint, particularly in Paragraphs numbered 5 and 6, specifically alleges that the said Plaintiff, while working as an insulator on certain jobs mentioned therein between the years 1940 and 1967, came in contact with certain insulation materials containing asbestos fibers.

VI.

Defendant, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation would show this Court that on or about June 30, 1962, an Agreement of Purchase was entered into by and between Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, one of the Defendants herein, and Union Asbestos and Rubber Company, predecessor in interest to Unarco

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Industries, Inc., wherein Pittsburgh Corning Corporation agreed to purchase a plant located near Tyler, Smith County, Texas, from Defendant, Union Asbestos and Rubber Company, which plant produced an asbestos type high temperature insulation product with filler, the same having been marketed by Union Asbestos and Rubber Company as UNIBESTOS pipe and block insulation; that the Defendant, Union Asbestos and Rubber Company, likewise, by said contract of sale, sold to Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, all of its patents and patents applications and its trademarks "UNIBESTOS," " SUPER UNIBESTOS," and "SUPERBESTOS;" that by the terms and provisions of said contract of sale this Defendant, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, did not take possession of said plant in Tyler, Texas, or of the above-mentioned trademarks or inventory of the said Union Asbestos and Rubber Company, until July 2, 1962; that there was a considerable backlog of orders which had been received and processed by Union Asbestos and Rubber Company, prior to the date that Pittsburgh Corning Corporation took possession of the said plant in Tyler, Texas, and of the other facilities of Union Asbestos and Rubber Company; that Defendant was required by the terms and provisions of said contract to complete and ship said orders by virtue of that certain formula which was set out in Paragraphs 8(a), (b), (c) and (d) of said Agreement of Purchase.

VII.

Defendant, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation would show that if the Plaintiff, Samuel R. Potter, contracted the disease of asbestosis as he alleged in his Original Complaint, by reason of his having worked as an insulator on the jobs mentioned and set forth in his said Complaint, that such work was performed and his exposure to UNIBESTOS or any of the other products of Union Asbestos and Rubber Company was at a time when the said Defendant was manufacturing and marketing said products, and that if this Court should find that the said Plaintiff did, in fact, contract said disease by virtue of his having come in contact with, or worked with UNIBESTOS, that Union Asbestos and Rubber Company, predecessor in interest to Unarco Industries, Inc. should be liable and responsible for the damages allegedly sustained by the Plaintiff,

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Samuel R. Potter.

VIII.

Defendant, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, would further show this Court that the injuries and damages, if any, alleged to have been received or sustained by Plaintiff, were not caused by or contributed to by Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, its agents, servants and employees, but that the same were due solely to the negligence of the said Union Asbestos and Rubber Company, predecessor in interest to Unarco Industries, Inc., for all of the reasons set forth and alleged in Plaintiff's Original Complaint, In addition, this Defendant, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, would show this Court that if the Plaintiff was injured and damaged as he alleges in said Original Complaint, by virtue of his having come in contact with UNIBESTOS, that the Defendant, Unarco Industries, Inc. is obligated, under the above-mentioned Agreement of Purchase, to indemnify and hold harmless Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, from any and all damages, which may have been sustained by the said Plaintiff by a specific provision contained in said Agreement of Purchase, dated as of June 30, 1962, which said contract provided, in part, as follows:

> "7. UNION (meaning Union Asbestos and Rubber Company, predecessor in interest to UNARCO INDUSTRIES, INC.) will indemnify PC (Pittsburgh Corning Corporation) against liability and hold it harmless from loss in respect of any claim which may be asserted against PC arising from, or as a result of, or related to UNION's conduct or operation of the H-T product business to and including the closing date thereof, whether such claim is asserted in respect to UNION's obligation under any contract or agreement, which at PC's request, it has assigned to PC pursuant to Paragraph 2 of this Article VI, or otherwise. UNION recognizes its responsibility to its customers for claims, if any, for damages caused by or arising out of the manufacture and sale of its H-T products which heretofore have been sold or distributed by UNION prior to closing date, and in the event of any such claim, UNION will promptly notify PC of any such claim which may be asserted against UNION in respect to the H-T products which it had made, used or sold prior to closing date."

IX.

This Defendant, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, therefore alleges and avers that if Plaintiff, Samuel R. Potter shall obtain any award against it, it is entitled to full indemnity from the Defendant, the said Unarco Industries, Inc., successor in interest to Union Asbestos and Rubber Company, including, without limitation, the recovery from said Defendant, of

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a reasonable sum as attorneys' fees and disbursements incurred, or to be incurred by the said Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, in defending said cause against the claim of the said Samuel R. Potter.

WHEREFORE, PITTSBURGH CORNING CORPORATION prays that process in due form of law issue against UNARCO INDUSTRIES, INC., successor in interest to UNION ASBESTOS AND RUBBER COMPANY, and that said UNARCO INDUSTRIES, INC. be cited to appear and answer all and singular the matters aforesaid in the Plaintiff's Original Complaint set forth; that if any recovery be decreed against Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, Defendant herein, that there be a decree over against the said UNARCO INDUSTRIES, INC., requiring it to pay the amount of such recovery to PITTSBURGH CORNING CORPORATION, and to indemnify and exonerate Pittsburgh Corning Corporation against any and all liability herein, including, without limitation, the recovery from said Defendant of a reasonable sum as attorneys' fees, and disbursements incurred or to be incurred by the said Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, in defending said cause against the claim of SAMUEL R. POTTER; and that your Defendant, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, have such other and further relief to which it may be entitled, and this Court competent to grant.

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Certificate of Service

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Cross-Action of Pittsburgh Corning Corporation against Unarco Industries, Inc. has been mailed on this the 2nd day of July, 1969, to the following attorneys of record:

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