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Asbestos thickening agents A 14 and A 28
Sales-stop until December 31, 1971

Dear Sirs,

You have been a regular customer of ours for some time and have no doubt come to appreciate the advantages of our asbestos fillers.

Although these products have much to offer technically, we have decided to withdraw them from the market between now and the end of the year. We are doing so mainly because of our misgivings regarding the possible health effects of asbestos fibres. It has long been an established fact that the inhaling of asbestos dust in larger amounts can cause **asbestosis** which it is possible to prevent, however, by adherance to the relevant safety regulations. Only more recently has statistical evidence begun to build up from which it appears that asbestos dust cannot be ruled out as a possible cause of lung and peritoneal cancer, even when these regulations are observed.

We consider it our duty, therefore, to withdraw this material from the market although, as far as we know, not all who offer such products for sale share our misgivings.

As a result, you will to our great regret be faced with the problem of having to revise any formulations of which A 14 and A 28 are constituent parts. We can offer you our AEROSIL as alternatives although they are not in every respect functionally fully equivalent substitutes. You may rest assured, however, that our service technicians will be only too pleased to help you with the necessary formula modifications that such a change entails.

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If, in spite of our misgivings you decide you need to continue using A 14 and A 28 for the time being, we are prepared to meet any orders reaching us up to and including the 31st december 1971 at your risk.

We trust that you will appreciate our reasons for taking this action and remain,

yours faithfully,

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