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Subject Asbestos

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After our meeting on Wednesday, I was not sure that we, Manufacturing, R & D, Marketing and the Operations Team had a clear understanding of our objective relative to Asbestos Formulations particularly relative to the Unit C product mix.

I would like to restate the Manufacturing's understanding of the objective from the justification letter for the bulk handling of pelleted asbestos by J. L. Goodson dated April 4, 1973.

We have committed our efforts and communicated to our wage people a plan to substitute 50% pelleted asbestos and 50% $CaCO_3$ for the Carey Asbestos for heat resistant products all to be produced on Unit B. Other products would be reformulated to eliminate the use of asbestos. The target completion date is the end of 1973.

Currently the asbestos bulk handling project is greater than 50% complete with regard to the mechanical installation. We are capable of utilizing bulk asbestos now; however, until the expanded woodflour storage portion of the project is complete we may be required to pay some demurrage charges for storing woodflour in box cars.

As we totally expect and plan to have this facility 100% complete by the end of 1973, we are willing and prepared to make the necessary commitments to have the new formulations, manufacturing and field proved by that date.

This project was also an element of a series of materials handling projects to be completed during the latter part of 1973 that, combined, would reduce our staffing by 10 wage, saving $120,000 annually.

Delay in implementing the program will effect full appreciation of these savings in our current timetable which is planned for the end of the 3rd quarter.

The related projects are:

I. Coarse Woodflour Bulk Handling
Status: Installation Complete July 16

II. Bulk Handling CBS Recycle
Status: Installation Complete July 16

III. Building 6 Warehouse
Status: Demolition Contract to be let early July. Completion September 1, 1973.

IV. Asbestos Bulk Handling
Status: Process Installation Complete. Increased woodflour storage complete 12/73.

Delay in implementing the asbestos formulation changes may cause a significant loss of good will with the wage organization, as all the facilities to handle bulk asbestos will be installed and highly visible to them upon their return to work July 16.

This asbestos project is primarily justified for safety considerations. Asbestos is a recognized hazard and handling it in bags offers the ever present opportunity for excessive exposure.

Our current procedures effectively meet the letter of OSHA Law from the standpoint of exposure. This law also requires that asbestos dust handling facilities be registered and that a documented program of maintenance and performance be maintained.

We are not confident that these procedures can effectively guarantee meeting the 1976 proposed law whether it be implemented then or advanced to an earlier date.

Finally we should not overlook that exposure is directly proportional to production line rate and future changes increasing our capacity may be negated by these exposure limitations on Unit C.

I believe that it is important for all of us integral to the Molding Material business to come to a common stated objective relative to asbestos. We in Manufacturing understand we had one, which may not have been the best answer. It certainly speaks to and will resolve the Manufacturing problem.

If this is not acceptable, I'm sure there are other solutions.

We should select one promptly so that we may all proceed to a common goal without any wasted effort.

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