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On the ground of these findings the Degussa Toxological Committee has withdrawn its permission to market asbestos products. Public opinion in Europe and especially in this country has, during the last few months, been greatly pre-occupied with the problems of environmental protection and it must be expected that administrative measures will be taken to limit the use of suspect materials. We fear that asbestos products will fall into this category.

Enclosed please find a list of all available expert opinions on toxological matters and other publications concerning the health hazards connected with the use of asbestos fibre products.

For the reasons outlined above we do not intend to enter into a new agreement with you and therefore hereby cancel our oral temporary arrangement as agreed upon after expiration of the contract of April 15th, 1969.

On account of the strike situation in the US ports we have, unfortunately, set up a large store which totals approx. 70 tons at present in our warehouses. We intend to annouce our withdrawal from the market, effective from December 31st, 1971, and we forsee a further 3 months as a run-down period (until March 31st, 1972). Should our stocks still not be exhausted by that date we will approach you for a agreement with respect to your taking back the remainder.

We do regret that the pleasant collaboration with your company in the field of asbestos fibre products has to come to an end for reasons beyond your and our own control. However, we do hope that the near future will being about new chances and prospects for a new co-operation in some other field of mutual interest.

With the best wishes for the future and hoping to enter into new business relations with your company, we remain, dear Mr. Rawlings,

Yours truly,

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