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November 13, 1973

Mr. W. C. Thurber
Mining & Metals Div.
Union Carbide Corporation
270 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017

Re: Nippon Asbestos - Synthetic Asbestos

Dear Mr. Thurber:

According to your letter of November 7, 1973 with Chem Marketing Reporter on Nippon Asbestos' Synthetic Asbestos, we have received the first hand information through Mr. Saga of Tomoe. He has close contact with Nippon Asbestos, who will be our Grafoil, CPD product, fabricator and distributor.

The synthetic asbestos has been developed, due to pollution and ecology problems aroused in the government as well as the public now. It is mainly $SiO_2$ with properties better than natural asbestos in acid and alkaline resistance.

At present, the primarly use of synthetic asbestos is to replace natural asbestos as insulator materials. The production is still in the pilot plant stage and the regular production has not been started as yet.

Therefore, we have no immediate fear of competition in our field of applications. But we will keep close watch and try to obtain further information and let you know later.

We hope above information will be of assistance to you and if you have further questions, please let us know.

Best regards.

Yours very truly,

F. S. Wada

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