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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

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Mr. Wilfred P. Howard
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Dear Wilfred:

I could not reply to your February 11 letter until we had held a meeting of the J-M Environmental Health Policy Committee.

The Committee has now met and it has been decided that we will proceed immediately to ship all asbestos fibre in Canada and the USA with the caution label printed on the bag. While, as you pointed out in your letter, this decision may not be greeted enthusiastically by AIC and AFIC members, I'm sure you realize it was made by us in good conscience and with the fairest consideration given to both domestic (Canada-USA) and overseas public relations aspects. We feel it is our obligation to bring the asbestos-health factors to the attention of our customers and most particularly to the workers on the production line in Canada and the USA. We could do no less for them than we are doing for the employees in our own J-M plants. We feel the best way to do it is to print the caution words on the bag itself.

The wording will be as you had it in your February 11 letter. It had already been printed on the initial supply of bags some time ago and we were just awaiting our final decision before releasing this first supply of bags to the asbestos fibre packaging line.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Steve Holmes, Alex Cross, Mike Brazier, Colin Mann and Anthony Masterton-Smith. I hope you will all look upon it with the most considerate understanding of our desire to bring word directly to the worker on the production line.

Sincerely,

F. J. Solon, Jr.
Vice President for
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cc-Dr. S. Holmes, Turner Brothers Asbestos Co.Ltd.
Mr. A. A. Cross, The Cape Asbestos Company Ltd.
Mr. M. J. Brazier, Asbestos Fibre Importers Committee
Mr. Colin Mann, Hill & Knowlton International
Mr. Anthony Masterton-Smith, Hill & Knowlton International