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Dear Jose:

I understand that you are the newly appointed General Manager for the Asbestos de Mexico operations. My congratulations to you.

I am writing this letter about the most recent dust surveys that were performed by our Mr. Bill Reitze at your asbestos-using plants within Mexico. As you will agree, there are some very serious problems, particularly at the Guadalajara and Hermosilla plants. In the past, I have been working with Ricardo Cabrera, indicating to him that it is absolutely essential to clean up these plant operations. In fact, I have been through the plant at Barrientos and have noted much progress in the past two-three years.

I strongly urge that you (as the new Manager) take personal charge to see that these environmental problems are corrected in the shortest possible period of time. I am suggesting that you immediately put into effect a mandatory respiratory-wearing program at the Guadalajara and Hermosilla plants, if this has not already been done. This should be followed up by proper engineering controls to get the dust counts down below 2 fibres and the correction of all of the individual problems pointed out in the dust surveys for each plant.

The dust levels, as they now exist, are unacceptable and are causing disease among your employees. I am disappointed that more progress has not been made, particularly in view of prior assurances made to me by the management of Asbestos de Mexico. To reduce your own and your company's liability, I suggest that you give dust control your Number 1 priority above all other things.

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Also, it is necessary for me, as a supplier of asbestos fibre to your company, to assure that our liability is no longer exposed. Therefore, I request that you inform me on the actions you have taken, and follow this up with periodic reports every three months until the next dust surveys are scheduled.

As long as you are making progress in eliminating this problem and are enforcing a respirator-wearing program, we can continue to ship fibre to you. However, if the proper precautions are not taken and with the proper sense of urgency, we will have no choice but to stop shipping our asbestos fibre to you.

We will help you in every way possible, so please ask us for any assistance needed.

Sincerely,

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