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Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AT ASBESTOS DE MEXICO

Attached is the industrial hygiene report done by our Denver area industrial hygienists. As you can see, there are many problems both with asbestos fiber and silica at this location. Some problems are extremely critical. It is my impression from talking with both the International Division people, as well as the onsite Mexican managers, that everyone is fully aware of the problems. I believe the International Division has received verbal commitments from both the Mexican bank authorities and the Mexican managerial personnel that they recognize the problem and intend to do something to correct the situation. In both my meetings and correspondence, I have assured both the International Division and the Mexican managerial staff that Health, Safety and Environment and I, personally, would be very happy to give them any aid and assistance they may need in correcting the rather severe industrial health problems that exist at the Asbestos de Mexico facility in Mexico City.

I would recommend that we pursue this with all due haste and make every effort to assist them with their problems. If for some reason or other the Mexican authorities, either the bank or the managerial staff at the plant, are not serious in their discussions, then I believe Johns-Manville must consider other alternatives. At this point in time, however, I believe they are very serious in their will to improve environmental health conditions at the Asbestos de Mexico plant in Mexico City.

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