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Subject: FIBRE HANDLING - HOW BEST TO SOLVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

We are setting up a Task Force to study all aspects of fibre handling - from our mill production lines to the customers' finished product. Our objective is to determine the best long term answer to how fibre should be handled to reduce the environmental hazard to the lowest possible level.

The Task Group will work with our plants and selected customers. For our Plants we will first work with the Waukegan paper mill of E. Truax's Division. We will offer to cover all costs associated with Technical Project runs that will be required to achieve our objective. Immediately after, or perhaps concurrently, we will offer the same deal to an A/C sheet plant and to the Pipe Plants.

For our Domestic and International customers, we will choose key plants that offer good prospects of success in solving their environmental problems associated with handling asbestos. In the domestic market, we will put the heat on Armstrong concerning their use of Paperbestos #5 and we will select a good A/C grade user who will cooperate with us. Internationally we will start with the block concept for Paperbestos #5 to VanGelder.

This is an important project - success is imperative, lack of it could mean our demise.

The Task Group members are D.P.R. Smyth, E. B. McKenna, G. Lambert with Des responsible for reporting to us.

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