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SUBJECT: Updated Talc & Asbestos Definitions

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Attached are copies of new forceful definitions for Talc and for Asbestos. They are from a current book published by ASTM. They are important because they carry the weight of the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Bureau of Mines behind them.

The article on Asbestos refutes allegations that a mineral particle of 3:1 aspect ratio is asbestos. It states that a mineral particle is not demonstrated to be asbestos if its ratio is less than 20:1. This will be very useful against any future allegations that our talcs contain asbestos.

The article on Talc states the USBM position on what talc is and also on what is not, namely asbestos.

The articles and the book containing them are the direct result of some ASTM committee work covering Dusts, Talc and Asbestos in which we have had a key position over the past few years. Mrs. Rondelli now has a copy of the book in our Library.

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