



Palabora Mining Company Limited

Vermiculite Business

Messrs. Mitsubishi Corporation, TOK/LZ-L Dept.
16-2, Konan 2-chime, Minato-ku,
Tokyo 108-8228, Japan

RE: ASBESTOS FIBER ANALYSIS SYSTEM

Dear Sirs,

Palabora Mining Company maintains a strict sampling and analysis policy (Ref No: Lab 13-0) through which all products dispatched by Palabora Mining Company are tested.

Summary of the Palabora Mining Company Fiber Detection and Analysis Procedures:

- The Palabora Mining Company Fiber Management System (Ref No: Lab13-0) is based on the internationally accepted protocol for the sampling and identification of asbestos fibers in bulk materials (MDHS77 issued in 1994 by the Health and Safety Executive of the United Kingdom, Department of Trade and Industry) and is attached hereto together with the MDHS77 document.
- The sampling method
 - Approximately 500 grams of vermiculite is drawn from each one tonne bulk bag (i.e. 20 samples weighing around 10 kilogram are taken for each 1 container shipment of 20 tonnes).
 - The combined 10 kilogram sample goes through a process of being mixed and divided until a composite sample of approximately 50 grams is made available for testing.

Palabora Mining Company hereby confirms that all the shipments dispatched to Mitsubishi Corporation since the inception of DDM and RSU were sampled and analysed according to the Palabora Mining Company ISO9002 accredited and audited quality assurance procedures and found to contain no amphibole or chrysotile asbestos fibers in excess of 0.01% on weight percentage basis.

Yours Sincerely,


B-R SCHÄFFLER
VERMICULITE BUSINESS MANAGER

26/10/2005
DATE