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Mine Safety and Health Administration
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In Reply Refer To:
MSHA:A&CC:PAR 88957
Record File No. IC-152/08

August 29, 2003

Giuseppe Ranieri
Alfagomma Industrial SpA
Nucleo Industriale
64020 S. Atto (Teramo)
ITALY

Dear Mr. Ranieri:

The review of your application dated June 30, 2003, Company Code No. 131000, for the Type 131000 Hydraulic Hose Jacket compound is complete.

This construction and the information provided meet the requirements of Interim Fire Criteria for Acceptance of Products Taken Into Underground Mines.

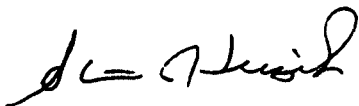
The following requirements apply to this acceptance:

1. Acceptance Marking No. "MSHA IC-152/8" must be permanently marked on the product with letters at least 1/4" high and at intervals not exceeding 3 feet. Other types of permanent markings may be used with prior approval of MSHA.
2. The accepted material thickness is 1.0mm to 3.2mm \pm 0.2mm.
3. You are obligated, as the manufacturer, to maintain the quality of the product to insure the requirements of this acceptance are being met.
4. Any change in product composition or in any other factors that may affect this acceptance must not be made without prior authorization from MSHA.
5. We have the right to revoke this acceptance for cause at any time.
6. This product's acceptance is limited for use as hydraulic hose jacket material, not fire fighting hose.
7. We must be notified of any transfer of production or ownership of this product.

An invoice for the cost of processing this action will be forthcoming.

If you have any comments or questions relative to this letter, please refer them to Mark Schwartz at 304-547-2083.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. J. Luzik".

Steven J. Luzik
Chief, Approval and Certification Center