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September 14, 1972

Mr. George E. Best
Vice President
Manufacturing Chemists Association
1825 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

Dear Mr. Best:

We have considered your letter of September 1, 1972, and we are in agreement with the August 16 letter from ICI.

Please advise us when you have completed a formal agreement.

Yours truly,

Marvin Rosen, Director
Research and Development

MR:cm

cc: Mr. J. Lamb
Mr. G. Rozand
Mr. A. Waddill

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VICE PRESIDENT
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

September 1, 1972

To the Prospective Sponsors of Research
on the Carcinogenic Potential of
Vinyl Chloride
(Distribution list attached)

Dear Sirs:

Much more time has elapsed than anticipated when I wrote to you on May 26. Thank you for your patience. For the most part this has been due to awaiting a communication regarding liaison with the European research program, copy attached, with the remainder on account of my vacation absence.

In acknowledging the August 16th letter from ICI, I have expressed confidence you would find its terms acceptable, but subject to your unanimous concurrence. If no word from you to the contrary reaches me by September 20, I will construe this to denote your acceptance, and proceed with a formal agreement accordingly.

Financial commitments to the program proposed for MCA administration are nearly sufficient, with strong interest in some cases for taking full advantage of information from the European program before final confirmation of support.

Inasmuch as Dr. Dinman of The University of Michigan is no longer in Europe and hence not available to make liaison contacts there in this connection, some other arrangement will need to be made. (Note especially the last sentence of the ICI letter.) Your suggestions are invited.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Best

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Attachments

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Carcinogenic Potential of Vinyl Chloride

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For the attention of Mr G E Best

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Date
16 Aug 72

PROPOSED MCA RESEARCH PROGRAMME ON THE
CARCINOGENIC POTENTIAL OF VINYL CHLORIDE

Dear Mr Best

As you probably know, there has recently been a meeting of the European companies who are already sponsoring a programme of experimental work aimed at investigating the possible carcinogenic properties of vinyl chloride monomer. The work in Europe has now been under way for about twelve months and preliminary results are beginning to become available.

The meeting discussed the relationship of the European programme to the work about to be started by MCA. It was agreed by the participating companies that benefits to both sides could be achieved if there was co-ordination between the programmes so as to make the results mutually supportive as far as possible. At the same time, the opportunity to be able to control the disclosure of information arising from the European toxicological studies was emphasised.

Against this background the European Group agreed in principle to collaborate with the MCA and disclose the experimental protocol and, at an appropriate time, the results on the following conditions:

- a) That the companies sponsoring the European work should be represented in both the MCA VCM Research Sponsorship Group and in the project's Technical Co-ordinating Task Group.
- b) No disclosure of information arising from the European investigation should be made outside the individuals comprising the Technical Co-ordinating Task Group without the specific consent of the European Group. At the same time, the members of the European Group would accept the restriction on communication of the MCA results as originally expressed in the draft research programme dated 27th January 1972.
- c) No financial contribution will be required from members of the European Group who shall have equal status to other contributing sponsors.

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From: R I Lindsell
ICI, Mond Division

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To: Manufacturing Chemists Association
Washington

Date: 16 August 1972

We have been asked to write to you, on behalf of the European Group, to invite your comments on these proposals. If they are acceptable to the MCA we suggest that they be written up as a formal agreement. After signature, we would then be happy to receive a member or members of the Technical Co-ordinating Task Group in Europe to disclose appropriate technical information on our programme.

Yours faithfully

D m Powell

for R I Lindsell
Director
Solvents & Monomers Group