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Re: Bishop Tube HSCA Site Request for Information

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

This acknowledges receipt of my letter from your Department dated April 4, 2007.

I have never had files pertaining to Christiana Metals Company, Inc. or those of Bishop Tube Company in my personal possession. At the time I was affiliated with these corporations, I was a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Wolf, Block Shore & Solis-Cohen. I retired from that firm in or about 1984. I have requested the firm to obtain for me the related files from its long-term storage, and I shall contact you again as soon as possible after I review the files.

As I now recall, I was a director of Bishop Tube Company, but I know that I was never involved in its daily management. I was a founder of Christiana Metals and its second Chairman and CEO. It was formed to purchase Bishop Tube. The Operating Manager and I believe a President was Victor Barbato. He is the only one I know of that would be able to furnish you with the information you have requested. I hasten to inform you of this, since you may wish to locate him. I shall be able to furnish you with some information from my memory that perhaps may be relevant. It is doubtful that the files will have such information. I am attaching the index of the files from the law firm's records. I have had no contact with Mr. Barbato since about 1984. I know that he retired from Bishop with a pension, and it is possible that he still lives in our area. Bishop Tube was owned by an Italian company since my departure from Christiana in about 1984, as I now recall. Obtaining the files may refresh some personal recollection.

Sincerely,


Donald W. Hedges

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