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Mine Safety and Health Administration  
Approval and Certification Center  
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In Reply Refer To:  
MSHA:A&CC:PAR 96189  
Record File No. IC-252/00

February 9, 2009

Mr. Nuno Monteiro  
Balflex Portugal  
Rua Bouca dos Estilhadouros 226/254  
Zona Industrial Alto Vilar  
4445-044 Alfena  
Portugal

Dear Mr. Monteiro:

The review of your application dated December 2, 2008, Company Code No. 290755, for "Balflex Outer Hose Cover" (hydraulic hose cover) is complete.

This construction and the information provided meet the requirements of the Standard Application Procedures for Acceptance of Flame-Resistant Solid Products Taken into Mines.

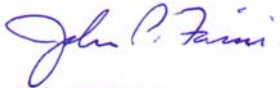
The following requirements apply to this acceptance:

1. Acceptance Marking No. "MSHA IC-252/00" 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 nominal accepted material thickness is 2 mm.
3. You are obligated, as the manufacturer, to maintain the quality of the product to assure 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. 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 blue ink, reading "John P. Faini". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent part.

John P. Faini  
Chief, Approval and Certification Center