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Dear Mr. Clowers:

Our Mr. Paul Munford has apparently been in contact with you regarding water base gasket compound. I am also advised that you are interested in the status of such programs at Midland.

It is entirely possible that we have misunderstood some remarks supposedly made about our company, and our ability to produce, water base gasket compound.

1. Midland is committed to an ongoing program to provide water gasket compounds for both beer and beverage ends and ends for use on sanitary cans.
2. Our BC3-150A water base compound has passed all initial performance and flavor testing at a major brewery via a major can producer and is now scheduled for larger scale production runs.
3. Our BC3-150A compound has passed microbiological testing at a major can company and larger scale production runs are now scheduled.
4. We presently are capable of making millions of pounds of water base gasket compound on "in place", high speed, modern equipment. This equipment is available for your personal viewing at any time you might desire and our engineers would be willing to discuss in detail the exact capability of the equipment.
5. If you are planning standards, relative to 1981, we would be in a position to increase any of our production sites in far less than two years to reach any production level beyond our present capability.

In effect we are saying: We are ready. We are not speaking for our competition or anyone other than Midland, but we are ready.

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If you need additional information, if you wish to view our facilities, if you want our capability confirmed or if we may be of any additional help please let us know.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Caplan

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