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For the attention of U. Potanovs, Chief Vendor Inspection Branch

Our ref: P/PEH/JL

Your ref:

Thursday,
5th March, 1981.

Subject: Docket No. 99900086/80-02

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter of 2nd February 1981 requesting additional information relative to item A1 in the notice of deviation of your letter of December 4th 1980. It is to be noted that the subject deviation, i.e. lack of specified radii, was first detected during your audit of June 23-27th 1980, and was listed as deviation C in your letter of 31st July. In our response to that letter, on 17th September 1980 we pointed out that Design Office had been made aware of this deviation and asked to ensure that future drawings were fully detailed with respect to such radii, and we therefore feel that this aspect has been adequately dealt with.

Preventive action to prevent the use of engineering practices (e.g. Design Concessions) that are not addressed in the Q.A. Programme has been dealt with by means of a memo issued to the Q.A. Manager, Chief Inspector and Design Office Manager, who are the people responsible for the preparation of deviations and corrective actions, and a copy of this note is included as exhibit A1-1.

We trust that the above information is adequate for your purposes.

Yours faithfully,
for HOPKINSONS LIMITED.,

P. E. Holt.
Quality Assurance Executive

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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

FROM: Mr. P. E. Holt

TO: Mr. R. Barrow

DATE: 4th March, 1981

COPIES TO: Mr. H. Robinson, Mr. R. A. Grimston
Mr. J. K. Clayton, File.

SUBJECT: Work to ASME Manual

During the NRC audit in June 1980, a deviation was discovered in which machined radii on castings were not specified on certain drawings. This matter was initially resolved by the issue of a Design Concession accepting these unspecified radii provided they exceeded a certain dimension.

During the subsequent NRC inspection, during October 1980, it was pointed out that this use of Design Concessions to specify drawing dimensions is not permitted by our Q.A. Manual, and we therefore amended the drawings in question. It is essential that similar occurrences are not permitted in future, and to this end I request that all deviations are considered relative to their interaction with the Q.A. Manual requirements. No corrective action shall be permitted unless it can be justified on the basis of the actions permitted and required by the Q.A. Manual.

P. E. Holt