

Performance Materials

> Cabot Supermetals 1608 County Line Road Boyertown, PA 19512 January 29, 2003

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Ms. Elaine Brummet U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Licensing and International Safeguards Branch Two White Flint North 11545 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738

Re: Request for Additional Information on the License Renewal Application for the Cabot Boyertown Facility, SMB-920 (L52461), Cabot Performance Materials, Docket Number 40-6940.

Dear Ms. Brummet;

In response to your Request for Additional Information (RAI) received on January 15, 2003 and as agreed upon in our meeting on November 20, 2002 I am requesting an extension of the deadline for our response. The supplemental information that you are requesting for items 1, 2, 3, 11 and 12 required a field sampling exercise for which a work plan was written in December and field work / sample collection was executed in January 2003. However, sample turnaround is 28 days for the radiological analyses and the data are not expected until late February. In addition, your RAI included additional details for several items requiring that we expand the work we had initiated in drafting our response. Due to these additional requirements we respectfully request that you extend the deadline for our response to March 31, 2003.

If this extension is not acceptable, or if you need further information or explanations of this request please contact me at (610) 369-8520.

Sincerely,

Cc:

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