

copia p. c. PROF. NATTA

Milan, August 28th, 1957.

→ Mr. J.G. McNally
Tennessee Eastman Company
Research Laboratories
Kingsport, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. McNally,

Thank you for yours of August 23rd.

Should you be in Europe during the month of October, as per your letter, I shall be very pleased to see you in Milan whether our town is not too far from your route. In fact, I do not intend to ask you to come to Milan on purpose since the events I hinted to at the beginning of this year, which would allow our Company to have useful conversations about the granting of patents and know-how covering polypropylene fibers or relevant copolymers, have not yet occurred. Our researches continue intensely and the results achieved prove out to be really interesting. Anyway, we are not yet in a position to start negotiating the licensing of our experience.

I hope, in spite of all, to have the pleasure of seeing you during your trip to Europe and beg you to accept my most cordial regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Ing. Piero Giustiniani)

Milan, December 20, 1956.

Dr. James C. White
President
Tennessee Eastman Company
Kingsport, Tennessee.

Dear Dr. White,

I received your letter of December 12th, 1956.

The question covering fibers is to be considered exhausted following what I wrote to you and, therefore, I do not further dwell on it.

I have to my regret to stick to the position taken by us with regard to exporting to Countries other than the United States and Canada the polpropylene film support alone and not incorporated in finished films. I am sorry that during the talk we had with Dr. Mc Nally here in Milan a misunderstanding has originated. If we accept your request we should greatly reduce the value of the licenses which we propose to grant, in future, to European Firms concerned and, in general, to Firms of Countries other than the United States and Canada. I must, therefore, confirm to you that our license is limited only to the United States and Canada and allows Eastman to export to other Countries only polypropylene film incorporated in films finished and ready to be used in photographic cameras.

I understand quite well the considerations put forth by you with regard to the advisability to put off once more the date for the acceptance by your Company of our proposal. To please you, I agree to postpone such term from December 31st, 1956 to January 31st, 1957. Beyond such date it is, to my regret, impossible to go, for reasons of various nature which you can well understand.

Please accept, dear Dr. White, my best personal regards and the wishes of the season.

Yours sincerely,

(Ing. Piero Giustiniani)

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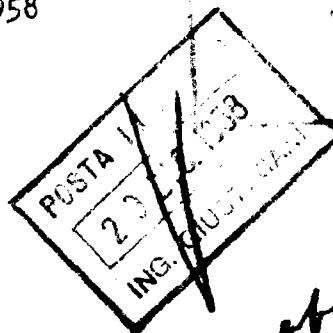
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TENNESSEE EASTMAN COMPANY

DIVISION OF EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY

KINGSFORT, TENNESSEE

December 23, 1958



Dr. Ing. Piero Giustiniani
Societa Montecatini
Via F. Turati, 18
Milan, ITALY

Dear Dr. Giustiniani:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 9, 1958.

We wish to thank you for the assurances you have given with respect to licensing Eastman under U. S. patents on polypropylene and its uses that may be granted to Montecatini.

With kindest regards and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Yours very truly,

TENNESSEE EASTMAN COMPANY

James White

President

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Milan, December 9, 1958

Dear Mr. White,

I received your letter of November 25th, 1958.

It is quite right that after four years, that is since we had our first exchange of views on polypropylene, the patent position cannot yet be considered as clarified and such to allow having useful talks for eventual understandings.

Unfortunately, the main cause of this considerable delay is to be found, not so much in the field to be covered by the patents, that is in its extent and importance, but in the slightly peculiar procedure which characterizes the granting of patents in your Country.

I do, however, hope that, in the long run, as we could already notice, the clarification will be expedited and that those who really intend to respect the intellectual property of others may enter into honest, fair and mutually interesting agreements.

Dr. McNally has told me about Eastman's intention to produce polypropylene in the near future. I am very pleased having our Company since long foreseen the particular characteristics of this product and its interesting uses. The confirmation given by a Group of your standing that our evaluation was right sounds quite satisfactory to me.

With regard to the request addressed to us by Dr. McNally, and which you put forth again in your letter, I wish to confirm to you that if, as we expect, our Company is granted U. S. patents on polypropylene and its uses, we shall be glad to examine, at that time, agreements for the licensing of such patents to your Company on a basis of mutual satisfaction.

With my best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ing. Piero Giustiniani)

Mr. James C. WHITE
President
Tennessee Eastman Company
KINGSPORT, Tennessee.

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Sept. 11, 1962

Dr. R. H. Hasek,
Tennessee Eastman Company,
Division of Eastman Kodak Co.,
Kingsport, Tennessee (USA)

our ref. 682/lv

Dear Doctor Hasek:

Last year you kindly sent me a sample of the dimer of dimethylketene. Now, I would mostly appreciate your sending me a sample of about 4 kg. of the same product.

Thanking you very much in advance, I send you my kindest regards.

G. Natta

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November 10, 1961



Dr. R.H.Hasek
Tennessee Eastman Company
Division of Eastman Kodak Co.
Kingsport, Tennessee (USA)

our ref.849/eg

Dear Doctor Hasek,

Thank you for your kind letter of
October 18, 1961.

I would very much appreciate your
sending me a sample of the dimer of dimethylketene of
the order of some pounds; our aim is to study whether
it can be applied to our purposes.

With kindest regards,

G.NATTA

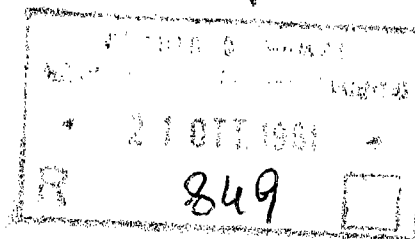
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October 18, 1961



Professor G. Natta
Istituto di Chimica Industriale del Politecnico
Piazza Leonardo da Vinci, 32
Milano, ITALY

Dear Professor Natta:

In your letter of September 13 (ref. 732/lv), you asked about the commercial production of dimethylketene. It is being produced by this company and two basic derivatives are available in quantity. These are the dimer, tetramethyl-1,3-cyclobutanedione, and its corresponding glycol, 2,2,4,4-tetramethyl-1,3-cyclobutanediol. A new derivative, 2,2,4-trimethyl-3-hydroxy-3-pentenoic acid β -lactone (the lactone dimer of dimethylketene) was recently made available.

Dimethylketene cannot be shipped, due to its tendency to dimerize spontaneously and to form dangerously explosive peroxides in contact with air; thus, we cannot quote any prices for the monomeric material. In quantities of the order of 10,000 tons per year, the dimer could be offered at about 50 cents per pound.

Yours very truly,

TENNESSEE EASTMAN COMPANY

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Sept. 13, 19

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Dr. R. H. Hasek,
Research Laboratories,
Tennessee Eastman Company,
Division of Eastman Kodak Co.
Kingsport, Tennessee, USA

ref. 732/lv

Dear Doctor Hasek:

Thank you very much for your letter of Aug. 21 *→ Ho*
and for the report on your work on dimethylketene.

I have noticed that a great number of U. S. companies are interested in the polymerization of dimethylketene, thinking that dimethylketene can be produced in the States at a fairly low cost.

I would most appreciate your kindly informing me about the cost of production of dimethylketene in the U. S. for a commercial production on the order of some ^{thousand} ten⁴ ton/year. Moreover-I would like to know whether such a production was set up either in a commercial or pilot plants, and the yields of these processes.

Best thanks and kindest regards,

G. Natta

Dec. 28, 1960

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Dr. Virgil G. Peck,
Tennessee Eastman Co.
Division of Eastman Kodak Co.
Kingsport, Tennessee (USA)

our ref. 1047/lv

Dear Doctor Peck:

Thank you for inviting me to the
Symposium "Macromolecules".

Since this Symposium will be held
in 1962, it is too early for me to take engagements
for that time. On the other hand, neither my co-workers
nor I have directly dealt with the electron spectrogra=
phy in the field of macromolecules.

With my best wishes, and regards,

G. Natta

TENNESSEE EASTMAN COMPANY

DIVISION OF EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY

KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE

November 29, 1960

Dr. Guido Natta
Montecatini S. A.
Via Albania, 18
Milan, ITALY

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Dear Dr. Natta:

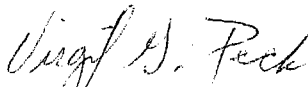
Mr. Sidney Breese, program chairman for the 1962 International Meeting of the International Federation of Electron Microscope Societies, has requested me to organize a symposium entitled "Macromolecules." After obtaining comments from several people in the polymer field, it appears desirable, if possible, to have two sections in the symposium: (1) Naturally occurring large molecules including proteins, and (2) Synthetic polymers. It is also my desire to keep the symposium very broad and not restricted to observation of discrete molecules.

Although the organization of the symposium is still very nebulous, it is certainly desirable to obtain information as to whether you or one of your co-workers would present a paper, probably 10 to 15 minutes in length, on some phase of your recent work. I suspect that you or someone from your group will be at the meeting and could join the symposium. It is possible that either Professor H. Mark of Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute or Dr. A. Frey-Wyssling of Zurich may be the moderator.

Currently, we need only know the general field into which your paper might fit for organizational purposes, since formal invitations will probably be made by the selected moderator.

We will be looking forward to hearing your comments and sincerely hope that you will be able to contribute to the meeting.

Yours very truly,



Research Laboratories

Virgil G Peck
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