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Dear Valued Distributor,

Due to increase in raw material cost and general operating expenses, distributor prices will be increased six percent (6%) effective January 1st 2009. This increase will also apply to all O.E.M. and special pricing agreements already in place.

New price sheets will be mailed to you in December 2008, any orders placed before January 1st 2009 will be billed at current pricing regardless of ship date.

We take this action with much regret and appreciate your understanding. We look forward to your continued support and would like to advise you of the following updates at American Braiding:

ISO Certification: As of July 1, 2006 we are an ISO 9001:2000 registered company. Certificate U506/616.0.

DuPont Approval: As of July 1, 2006 12 styles of American Braiding packing have been added to the SU1C Active Packing Codes. They are as follows:

R25 (300); R36 (8000LC); R37 (4000G); R39 (5000I); R49 (8000T); R54 (344); R54S (344BIL); R61 (344BIL-VSC Round); R72 (3030INA); R74 (3000N), R74S (3000T); and R75 (8011).
This DuPont document (revised July 2006) can be emailed upon request.

Style "TZ" Packings: We now offer most of our styles in a trapezoidal construction. Please visit our website, <http://www.abmco.com> for more information. Please contact our sales department for pricing and availability.

FDA Packing: Our new style of premium grade FDA packing is now available for 2009. Our new style 344FDA-L is made from a new high end filament yarn that can also be used in oxygen service when cleaned and certified as such. Our standard FDA will still be available at the current price levels. Contact our sales department for further information and pricing on our new 344FDA-L and 344-OX packings.

Product Improvements:

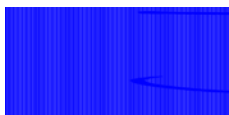
3030INA Valve Stem Packing – We have upgraded this packing from a plasticized to a flexible graphite core, ensuring that the packing does not become hard and brittle, making it easier to form into rings.

4000 & 4000G Carbon Yarn Packing – We have upgraded both the yarns and construction of these products to conform with present industry requirements. These upgrades will now give 4000 and 4000G full acceptance with all the major pulp and paper mills.

Upgraded Packaging: Last year, we introduced our new boxes and labels with great acceptance. Our more cosmetically appealing blue box, with red and white labels now have all operating parameters listed as well as style, size, and weight.

In closing, we would like to thank you for your business and consideration. As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

We hope to hear from you soon.



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