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GBSC Member Celebrates Victory to Have Asbestos Banned In Canada, as Federal Government Announces Legislation

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Mr. Rick Jamison, President of ABS Friction and senior member of the Global Brake Safety Council, celebrated a victory last Thursday, December 15th, as the Canadian Minister of Science, Kristy Duncan, announced a ban on the use of asbestos by 2018. In an announcement attended by the Canadian Ministers of Health, Public Services and Environment, Duncan announced a plan to have legislation in place by 2018 that changes the rules and regulations to effectively ban the use of asbestos in any application or product within Canada.

While Rick is ecstatic over the announcement, representing a successful end to a 15 year process of lobbying the Canadian Government, he sees it as just the first win for the brake friction industry, and one that is long overdue.

Long identified as a human carcinogen, asbestos has remained in the North American market even in the face of its impact on human lives. Even today, years after massive court awards were leveled, asbestos is still being used in brake pads in North America, with no effective legislation yet in place to either identify or ban the use of brake products.

“The announcement in Canada is a big step and we’re looking to see what sort of enforcements the Canadian government will put in place, but its only part of the job’, Rick stated Friday. “I’m hoping that the GBSC can help champion the fight across U.S. and get brake products that continue to use asbestos identified and banned, if not by the respective North American Governments, then by the industry itself”.

About the GBSC

The Global Brake Safety Council (GBSC) was established with the intent to uphold the highest standards in brake safety and is dedicated to responsible manufacturing in the automotive industry. Utilizing over 150 years of combined industry experience, this group of technical experts is composed of: professional engineers, OE design engineers, product development, and R&D professionals. This team is committed to raising awareness of issues that are critical to public safety through education.

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