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Cory,
Christy Minerals Company would like to compliment you and Wear Concepts, Inc. on the improvements you have made on our hammer mill system, specifically the hammers themselves. The bi-metal hammers you provided us with have performed just like you predicted. They have become the hammer of choice for us. We have been working on finding a better hammer and/or build up and hard facing materials for our hammers over the last 7 years. During this time I have tried every new hammer or welding rod every salesman proposed with out any success. We had all but accepted the life we were getting when you proposed the Bi-Metal hammer. Our hammer life on a 29 pound hammer was between 900 and 1,300 tons of raw fire clay. Your 27 pound Bi-Metal hammer tripled the tons produced per set based upon our prior best figures. We no longer have the expenses of, 252 man hours, 78 pounds of chrome carbide welding rod, and 390 pounds of manganese welding rod to rebuild our old style hammers every year. We also saved, 48 man hours/year for replacing hammers, which translates to 24 hours increased up time. The Bi-Metal hammer maintained its height until the very end of the campaign which translates into more uniform finished product sizing. You also alleviated all of our safety concerns regarding welding with manganese rods. We are truly excited to try the new hammer design which will put the Bi-Metal hammer in the 29# range. This should give us 1/3 longer life and an even better comparison to the old style hammer.

Sincerely

Gift of Peter

Jeffrey W. Porter
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