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8 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
10 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

11 In re:  
12 WESTERN ASBESTOS COMPANY,  
13 Debtor.

Case No. 13-31914-HLB

Chapter 11

**SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
AND ACCOUNTING, AUDITED  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND  
CLAIM REPORT**

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16 Date: June 17, 2021  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Via Zoom<sup>1</sup>  
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18 The Trustees of the Western Asbestos Settlement Trust by and through their counsel, Eve H.  
19 Karasik of Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill, hereby file the Seventeenth Annual Report and  
20 Accounting, Audited Financial Statements, and Claim Report.  
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25 <sup>1</sup> Due to the courthouse closure, all hearings will be conducted by telephone or video conference (unless otherwise  
26 noted). No hearings will be conducted in person. Parties should review the instructions on the specific calendar page  
(pdf) posted on <https://www.canb.uscourts.gov/judge/blumenstiel/calendar> for telephone or video appearances. There  
27 is no charge for either service.  
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1 Respectfully submitted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.  
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1 **SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTING**  
2 **OF WESTERN ASBESTOS SETTLEMENT TRUST**

3 The Trustees of the Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (“Trust”) hereby submit this  
4 Seventeenth Annual Report and Accounting (“Annual Report”) covering Trust activities occurring  
5 from January 1, 2020 to and including December 31, 2020 (“Accounting Period”), and certain  
6 activities of the Trust that took place outside the Accounting Period. This Annual Report is  
7 submitted to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco  
8 Division (“Bankruptcy Court”), *In Re Western Asbestos Company*, Case No. 13-31914-HLB, in  
9 accordance with the *Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization* Docket No. 1002 (“Plan”); the  
10 *January 27, 2004 Order Confirming Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization and Granting*  
11 *Related Relief* Docket No. 1205 (“Confirmation Order”); Eighteenth Amendment to and Complete  
12 Restatement of Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Agreement (“Trust Agreement”); Fourth  
13 Amendment to and Complete Restatement of Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Bylaws  
14 (“Bylaws”); Fifth Amendment to and Complete Restatement of the Western Asbestos  
15 Company/Western Mac Arthur Co./Mac Arthur Co. Asbestos Personal Injury Settlement Trust  
16 Distribution Procedures (“TDP”); and Third Amendment to and Complete Restatement of Western  
17 Asbestos Settlement Trust Case Valuation Matrix (“Matrix”)<sup>2</sup>, established pursuant to the Plan,<sup>3</sup>  
18 and pursuant to the laws of the State of Nevada, where the Trust is organized and where it resides.  
19 Section 7.11 of the Trust Agreement states that the Trust is governed by Nevada law. Section  
20 164.015 of the Nevada Revised Statutes allows the Trust to render an accounting and seek approval  
21 for its past actions. The factual statements in this Annual Report are supported by the Declaration  
22 of Steven L. Bray, Executive Director, in Support of Motion to Approve and Settle Western  
23 Asbestos Settlement Trust’s Seventeenth Annual Report and Accounting, and the Audited Financial  
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25 <sup>2</sup> True and correct copies of each of the current governing documents consisting of the Trust Agreement, the Bylaws,  
the TDP and the Matrix, are attached here to as Exhibits A, B, C and D, respectively.

26 <sup>3</sup> The Appendix to the Twelfth Annual Report and Accounting of Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Docket Nos. 1841-  
27 2 through 1841-7; 1847 includes the Plan; Confirmation Order; certain other controlling documents approved by the  
Bankruptcy Court; and other documents as indicated.

1 Statements and Claim Report, as described in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8, *infra*. Capitalized terms not  
2 defined herein are as defined in the Glossary of Terms for the Plan Documents, which may be found  
3 in Exhibit 1 to the Plan.

4 1. Effective Date: In compliance with Sections 4.1 and 7.2 of the Plan and the Glossary  
5 of Terms for the Plan Documents, the Effective Date of the Trust is April 22, 2004.

6 2. Trustees: Sandra R. Hernández, M.D. and John F. Luikart currently serve as Trustees  
7 of the Trust. Mr. Luikart also serves as the Managing Trustee of the Trust. Steven M. Snyder,  
8 former Managing Trustee of the Trust, has continued to provide services to the Trust as a consultant  
9 pursuant to a Consulting Agreement approved on June 1, 2019.

10 3. Trust Advisory Committee (the "TAC"): Alan Brayton, Jack Clapper, David M.  
11 McClain and Michael R. Strom currently serve as members of the TAC.

12 4. Futures Representative: The Honorable David F. Levi currently serves as the Futures  
13 Representative to the Trust.

14 5. Fiscal Year and Tax Obligations: The Trust is required by the Internal Revenue Code  
15 to account for and report on its activities for tax purposes on a calendar-year basis. Therefore, the  
16 Trust's fiscal year is the calendar year. Except where otherwise stated, all reports attached to this  
17 Annual Report cover the Accounting Period. Section 2.2(b) of the Trust Agreement requires the  
18 Trustees to file income tax and other returns and statements in a timely manner, and comply with  
19 all withholding obligations as legally required, including fulfilling requirements to maintain the  
20 Trust's status as a Qualified Settlement Fund. The Trust has complied with its tax obligations on a  
21 quarterly basis. The 2019 federal tax return was filed by its extended due date of September 15,  
22 2020 and the 2020 federal tax return will be filed by its extended due date of September 15, 2021.  
23 The Trust resides in Nevada, and Nevada has no state income tax. Although the Trust is not subject  
24 to tax in California, the Trustees file a tax return in California each year, attaching a copy of the  
25 Trust's federal tax return, but showing no California taxable income or state tax liability.

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1           6.     Annual Report: Section 2.2(c)(i) of the Trust Agreement provides in pertinent part:

2                     The Trustees shall cause to be prepared and filed with the Bankruptcy  
3                     Court, as soon as available, and in any event within 120 days following  
4                     the end of each fiscal year, an annual report containing financial  
5                     statements of the Trust (including, without limitation, a statement of the  
6                     net claimants' equity of the Trust as of the end of such fiscal year and a  
7                     statement of changes in net claimants' equity for such fiscal year)  
8                     audited by a firm of independent certified public accountants selected by  
                    the Trustees and accompanied by an opinion of such firm as to the  
                    fairness of the financial statements' presentation of the equity presently  
                    available to current and future claimants and as to the conformity of the  
                    financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the  
                    United States, except for the special-purpose accounting methods....

9                     The Trust's financial statements are prepared using special-purpose accounting methods that  
10                    depart from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in certain respects in order to better  
11                    disclose the amount and changes in net claimants' equity.

12           7.     Audited Financial Statements: In accordance with the requirements of Section  
13                   2.2(c)(i) of the Trust Agreement, the Trustees have caused the Trust's financial statements to be  
14                   audited by Eide Bailly, LLP, the independent certified public accountants retained by the Trust to  
15                   perform the annual audit of its financial statements. The Trust's audited financial statements for the  
16                   year ended December 31, 2020 ("Audited Financial Statements") are attached hereto as Exhibit "E"  
17                   and include a Statement of Net Claimants' Equity, a Statement of Changes in Net Claimants' Equity,  
18                   a Statement of Cash Flows and Explanatory Notes. The Statement of Net Claimants' Equity, which  
19                   is the equivalent of a corporate balance sheet, reflects total assets of the Trust at market value and  
20                   on the other comprehensive basis of accounting utilized by the Trust. These Audited Financial  
21                   Statements show, among other things, that as of December 31, 2020, total Trust assets were  
22                   \$498,161,928, total liabilities were \$49,769,723, and Net Claimants' Equity was \$448,392,205.

23           8.     Claim Report: Section 2.2(c)(ii) of the Trust Agreement provides that, along with the  
24                   Audited Financial Statements, the Trustees shall file with the Bankruptcy Court a report containing  
25                   a summary regarding the number and type of claims disposed of during the period covered by the

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1 financial statements. The Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Claim Report as of December 31,  
2 2020 ("Claim Report") is attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

3 Section 5.4 of the TDP provides that the Trust shall pay Pre-Petition Default, Settlement,  
4 and Matrix Claims (as defined in the TDP) (hereafter "Pre-Petition Liquidated Claims")<sup>4</sup> "[as] soon  
5 as practicable after the Effective Date." The vast majority of these claims were paid in 2004 and,  
6 by December 2005, the Trust had paid 99% of all Pre-Petition Liquidated Claims. A proper release  
7 for one (1) Pre-Petition Liquidated Claim was received during the Accounting Period, which  
8 resulted in a payment of \$10,397, reducing the remaining number pending a release to ten (10) for  
9 a total amount unpaid of \$112,069. The representative law firms continue to search for the claimants  
10 and beneficiaries of the remaining ten (10) Pre-Petition Liquidated Claims.

11 9. Public Inspection: In compliance with Section 2.2(c) of the Trust Agreement, the  
12 Annual Report, including the Audited Financial Statements and Claim Report, have been provided  
13 to the Futures Representative, the TAC, the Debtors, and the Office of the United States Trustee  
14 with responsibility for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California.  
15 The Trust has filed the Annual Report, including the Audited Financial Statements and Claim  
16 Report, with the Bankruptcy Court. Accordingly, the Annual Report and related documents have  
17 been made available for inspection by the public in accordance with established procedures.

18 10. Trustees' Meetings: Article II, Section 4 of the Bylaws provides that the Trustees  
19 shall meet in Nevada, or a state other than California, at least four times per year, as close as  
20 practicable on a quarterly basis. The Trustees held four (4) meetings during the Accounting Period  
21 (February 21, 2020, April 17, 2020, September 18, 2020, and November 20, 2020).

22 21. Payment Percentage: Section 4.2 of the TDP provides that, commencing on the first  
23 day of January, after the Plan has been confirmed and no less frequently than once every three years,  
24 the Trustees shall reconsider the Payment Percentage to assure that it is based on accurate current  
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27 <sup>4</sup> See the Oakland Court's February 3, 2004 *Memorandum of Decision after Confirmation Hearing* Docket No. 1265.  
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1 information and may, after such reconsideration, change the Payment Percentage, if necessary, with  
2 the consent of the TAC and Futures Representative. The April 14, 2004, "Order Under  
3 Fed.R.Bankr.P. 9019 Approving Compromises with Settling Insurers", approved a Payment  
4 Percentage to the Trust's claimants of 31.5%. The Trust fiduciaries have evaluated and, based on  
5 such evaluations, modified the Payment Percentage at times over the years. After completion of the  
6 preliminary review of the Payment Percentage conducted in the Spring of 2018 and the final review  
7 in 2019, the Payment Percentage was increased to 51.1% on May 24, 2019.

8 12. Maximum Annual Payment: Section 2.4 of the TDP requires that the Trust calculate  
9 an annual payment limit for claims ("Maximum Annual Payment") based upon a model of the  
10 amount of cash flow anticipated to be necessary over the entire life of the Trust to ensure that funds  
11 will be available to treat all present and future claimants as similarly as possible. Effective June  
12 1, 2020, Section 2.5 of the TDP was amended, suspending the claims payment ratios, or "collars",  
13 related to claims made against a Trust predecessor company category (claims made against Mac  
14 Arthur Co., occurring primarily in Minnesota and North Dakota vs. claims made against Western  
15 Asbestos Company and Western Mac Arthur Co., occurring primarily in California) and claims  
16 made by disease category (non-malignant vs. malignant). At the November 20, 2020 meeting, the  
17 Maximum Annual Payment for 2021 was set at \$46,966,179.

18 13. Adjustments for Inflation: The original Payment Percentage approved by the Oakland  
19 Court was based upon projections of future claim payments adjusted annually for inflation.  
20 Beginning in 2006, all claim payments made during a calendar year include a cost-of-living  
21 adjustment based upon the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' *Consumer Price Index for Urban*  
22 *Wage Earners and Clerical Workers* (CPI-W) announced in January each year. At the November  
23 20, 2020 meeting, the CPI-W to be published in January 2021 was approved for use by the Trust in  
24 making the cost-of-living adjustment for claim payments made in 2021. The CPI-W of 1.4% was  
25 issued on January 13, 2021 and all inflation adjustments are cumulative. Consequently, all claim

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1 payments made during the 2021 calendar year will have a cumulative inflation rate of 36.72% added  
2 to the payment amount.

3 The Trust began indexing the base case values for Economic Loss, Medical Loss, and  
4 Assumed Future Medical Loss and Funeral Expenses in 2018. For claims paid in 2021, the base  
5 case value for Economic Loss is \$273,000, for Medical Loss is \$332,000, and for Assumed Future  
6 Medical Loss and Funeral Expenses is \$124,669.

7 14. Budget and Cash Flow Projections: Prior to the commencement of each fiscal year,  
8 Section 2.2(d) of the Trust Agreement requires the Trust to prepare a budget covering such fiscal  
9 year, and cash flow projections covering the succeeding four fiscal years. The 2021 budget and  
10 four-year cash flow projections were prepared in November 2020. The Trustees reviewed the 2021  
11 budget on November 20, 2020. The Trustees reviewed the four-year cash flow projections on  
12 November 20, 2020. These were provided to the Futures Representative and TAC pursuant to  
13 Section 2.2(d) of the Trust Agreement. The budget for operating expenses in 2021 totals  
14 \$2,198,500<sup>5</sup>.

15 15. Facilities Sharing Agreements: As described in Trust's prior Annual Reports, the  
16 Trust entered into a Trust Facilities and Services Sharing Agreement with the J.T. Thorpe Settlement  
17 Trust ("J.T. Thorpe Trust"), the Thorpe Insulation Company Asbestos Settlement Trust ("Thorpe  
18 Insulation Trust"), and the Plant Insulation Company Asbestos Settlement Trust ("Plant Trust").  
19 The J.T. Thorpe Trust, the Thorpe Insulation Trust, and the Plant Trust agreed to pay negotiated  
20 monthly amounts that were approved by their respective supervising Court.

21 Pursuant to the annual reconciliation of fees presented on February 21, 2020, the Trust and  
22 the J.T. Thorpe Trust agreed that the advance payments would be \$37,000 per month for 2020. The  
23 total amount paid to the Trust by the J.T. Thorpe Trust, after accounts were reconciled for 2020,  
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26 <sup>5</sup> This figure is net of facilities sharing payments which are budgeted for \$1,356,000, and excludes claimant payments  
27 budgeted for \$47,000,000, extraordinary legal fees budgeted for \$1,500,000, income tax payments budgeted for  
28 \$5,000,000, and investment fees budgeted for \$1,500,000.



1 was \$376,706. Pursuant to the annual reconciliation of fees presented on February 19, 2021, the  
2 Trust and the J.T. Thorpe Trust agreed that the advance payments shall be \$37,000 per month for  
3 2021.

4 Pursuant to the annual reconciliation of fees presented on February 21, 2020, the Trust and  
5 the Thorpe Insulation Trust agreed that the advance payments would be \$40,000 per month for 2020.  
6 The total amount paid to the Trust by the Thorpe Insulation Trust, after accounts were reconciled  
7 for 2020, was \$403,375. Pursuant to the annual reconciliation of fees presented on February 19,  
8 2021, the Trust and the Thorpe Insulation Trust agreed that the advance payments shall be \$38,000  
9 per month for 2021.

10 Pursuant to the annual reconciliation of fees presented on February 21, 2020, the Trust and  
11 the Plant Trust agreed that the advance payments would be \$39,000 per month for 2020. The total  
12 amount paid to the Trust by the Plant Trust, after accounts were reconciled for 2020, was \$379,493.  
13 Pursuant to the annual reconciliation of fees presented on February 19, 2021, the Trust and the Plant  
14 Trust agreed that the advance payments shall be \$38,000 per month for 2021.

15 16. Settlement Fund: The Settlement Fund was moved from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to  
16 The Northern Trust Company ("Northern Trust") in 2021 for improved service and reporting.

17 17. Operating Fund: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the Trust's prior bank) required that the  
18 Trust maintain a separate account for its Operating Fund, When the Trust changed banks in 2021 to  
19 the Northern Trust, it initially moved the Operating Fund to Northern Trust. Northern Trust does  
20 not require that the Trust maintain a separate Operating Fund account and, accordingly, the Trust  
21 closed the Operating Fund at Northern Trust and uses other accounts the Trust has with Northern  
22 Trust to process the payments it previously made through the Operating Fund account. The Trust  
23 still maintains \$250,000 with Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union in Reno, Nevada.

24 18. Set Aside Funds: The Trust continues to maintain separate funds for the defense and  
25 indemnification of Ordway and Milwaukee, Van Packer, and Employer Reassurance Corporation  
26 as required by Trust Documents and/or settlement agreements. These accounts hold the legally  
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1 required amounts in cash and securities for certain indemnification obligations. During the  
2 Accounting Period, no claims were made against, and no payments were made from any of these  
3 funds.

4 19. Indemnity Fund (Self-Insured Retention): Section 4.6 of the Trust Agreement  
5 provides that the Trust shall indemnify the Trustees, Trust officers and employees, Futures  
6 Representative, TAC and each of their respective agents. The Trustees, Futures Representative,  
7 TAC and their respective agents have a first priority lien upon the Trust's assets to secure the  
8 payment of any amounts payable to them pursuant to Section 4.7. In addition to the first priority  
9 lien on the Trust's assets, in 2004, the Trust established an indemnity fund ("Indemnity Fund") in  
10 the amount of \$40,000,000 to provide liability coverage for the Trustees, Futures Representative  
11 and TAC, and their agents to pay the expenses, costs and fees (including attorneys' fees and costs)  
12 associated with defending any judicial, administrative, or arbitative action, suit or proceeding, as  
13 described in all the Trust's Annual Reports. Northern Trust became the custodian of the Indemnity  
14 Fund on January 4, 2021. All interest earned by the fund is returned to the Trust quarterly.

15 The Trust also maintains a Directors and Officers/Errors and Omissions policy and a  
16 Directors and Officers/Errors and Omissions Excess DIC policy.

17 20. Special Budget Fund: A Special Budget Fund was approved in the Oakland Court's  
18 May 18, 2005 *Order to Approve and Settle Western Asbestos Settlement Trust's Annual Report and*  
19 *Accounting, Audited Financial Statements, and Claim Report; and to Approve Resolution*  
20 *Regarding the FAIR Act* Docket No. 1595. There has been no change in this fund during the  
21 Accounting Period.

22 21. Settlement Fund Control Account and Security Interest Documents: On December  
23 18, 2020, the Trustees, the TAC and the Futures Representative executed an Account Control  
24 Agreement between the parties and Northern Trust to perfect the security interest in the assets  
25 maintained at Northern Trust, including the Indemnity Fund, accounts, securities, financial assets,

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1 investment property and security entitlements, among other things. Northern Trust subsequently  
2 executed the Account Control Agreement, which supersedes any previous Agreements.

3 22. Legal Disputes:

4 a. *Western Asbestos Settlement Trust v. Michael J. Mandelbrot and Mandelbrot Law Firm*  
5 (*"Mandelbrot"*), Adversary Proceeding No. 13-03205 filed with the Bankruptcy Court. The J.T.  
6 Thorpe Trust and Thorpe Insulation Trust (*"Thorpe Trusts"*) investigated claims submitted to them,  
7 and in a letter dated May 24, 2013, set forth reasons why they would decline to accept further  
8 evidence or claims from Mandelbrot. The Thorpe Trusts filed adversary proceedings based on such  
9 claims (*J.T. Thorpe Settlement Trust and Thorpe Insulation Company Asbestos Settlement Trust*,  
10 U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California (*"Central District Bankruptcy Court"*)  
11 Case No. 2:12-ap-02182BB) (*"Thorpe Trusts Adversary Proceedings"*) that were presided over by  
12 the Honorable Sheri Bluebond (*"Judge Bluebond"*) and continued to a bench trial.

13 As initially described in the Trust's Eleventh Annual Report, on January 23, 2014, the  
14 Trustees entered into an agreement with Mandelbrot, requiring that Mandelbrot transfer all pending  
15 claims to other counsel and immediately cease further claim filing activity with the Trust, the Thorpe  
16 Trusts and the Plant Trust. After entering into the agreement, however, Mandelbrot unsuccessfully  
17 challenged its validity in the Thorpe Trusts Adversary Proceedings. After further hearings, Judge  
18 Bluebond entered judgment reaffirming the validity and enforceability of the agreement (*"Judgment*  
19 *and Order"*).

20 After several appeals by Mandelbrot and remands to the Central District Bankruptcy Court,  
21 Judge Bluebond issued Supplemental Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on Remand on  
22 February 8, 2018.

23 Mandelbrot filed a notice of appeal on February 20, 2018 and then agreed to a dismissal of  
24 the appeal. On May 10, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California entered  
25 its order Granting Joint Stipulation Dismissing Appeal. Accordingly, the litigation with Mandelbrot  
26 has been resolved, and the Thorpe Trusts Adversary Proceedings have been closed.

1 Post dismissal, Mandelbrot has continued to file pleadings and documents in the Thorpe  
2 Trusts' bankruptcies. After a hearing, on December 13, 2018 Judge Bluebond issued an order to  
3 strike certain docket entries from the record and classified certain docket entries as "private".  
4 Mandelbrot was ordered, individually and as a firm, not to represent that Mandelbrot is counsel to  
5 or otherwise represents claimants or beneficiaries in connection with the Thorpe Trusts. Judge  
6 Bluebond also submitted a Discipline Referral Form with Appendix regarding Mr. Mandelbrot to  
7 the California State Bar.

8 As a result, the Trust is not accepting claims from Mandelbrot and all claims previously  
9 submitted by Mandelbrot have been transferred to new counsel. The Trust advised claim filers that  
10 Mandelbrot is not permitted to file claims with the Trust. The Trust has been informed that  
11 Mandelbrot's website has continued to include the Trust in lists of asbestos trusts with which  
12 Mandelbrot files claims, despite the Judgment and Order. Under the circumstances, the Trust  
13 continues to monitor compliance with the Judgment and Order.

14 In addition, Mr. Mandelbrot continues to publish allegations of Trust fiduciary misconduct  
15 similar to those adjudicated before the Central District Bankruptcy Court and to post allegations  
16 against Trust personnel regarding fraud, corruption, bias and preferential treatment on his blog. On  
17 January 22, 2021, Mandelbrot filed a letter to Judge Bluebond titled "Justice Department Files  
18 Statement of Interest Urging Transparency in the Compensation of Asbestos Claims" in the Trust  
19 Bankruptcy Case (the "Letter"). In the Letter, Mr. Mandelbrot reiterated his allegations regarding  
20 Trust fiduciary and personnel misconduct. The Trust previously investigated these accusations  
21 through outside counsel, who reached the same conclusion as had been reached by the Trust in years  
22 past -- that the allegations are meritless.

23 b. *Constance Salerno et al. v. Sara Beth Brown, Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, et*  
24 *al.*, Case No. CV 19-01632, Nevada State Court, Second Judicial District, Washoe County. On  
25 August 21, 2019, Constance Salerno and Darren Salerno ("Plaintiffs") filed a complaint against Sara  
26 Beth Brown and the Trust in the Nevada state district court in Reno. Ms. Salerno was an employee  
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1 of the Trust, and Mr. Salerno is Ms. Salerno's husband; Ms. Brown is the Trust's former executive  
2 director. The complaint alleged that Ms. Brown intentionally battered Ms. Salerno, and it asserted  
3 a claim against the Trust for the alleged conduct of Ms. Brown as being foreseeable and actionable.  
4 As a result, Ms. Salerno claimed to have suffered personal injury and emotional distress; Mr.  
5 Salerno claimed to have suffered a loss of consortium. The Trust conducted an independent  
6 investigation of the matter, denied these allegations and maintained that the Plaintiffs' claims were  
7 without merit. Pursuant to the Section 4.6(a) of the Trust Agreement, the Trust is obligated to  
8 indemnify the Trustees, Trust's officers and employees, Futures Representative, TAC and each of  
9 their respective agents. In addition, Section 4.6(f) of the Trust Agreement provides that the Trust's  
10 indemnification obligation applies to former Trustees, Trust officers and employees, members of  
11 the Committee, Futures Representatives, members of the TAC and each of their Agents are entitled  
12 to indemnification under Section 4.6 of the Trust Agreement, which indemnification obligation the  
13 Trust believes applies to Ms. Brown.

14 On January 13, 2020, the court issued an order dismissing the complaint and allowing  
15 Plaintiffs to file an amended complaint, which Plaintiffs filed. The Trust filed a motion to dismiss  
16 the first amended complaint and Plaintiffs filed their opposition. The court entered an order on  
17 December 7, 2020 granting the Trust's motion to dismiss the first amended complaint. As a result,  
18 the Trust was dismissed as a defendant in this matter. On April 12, 2021, the Plaintiffs entered into  
19 a settlement agreement with Ms. Brown and the Trust and this matter was dismissed in its entirety  
20 with prejudice.

21 c. *Marvie Darden et al. v. Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, et al.*, Adversary Proceeding  
22 No. 20-03026 filed with the Bankruptcy Court. On May 27, 2020, Marvie Darden, individually  
23 and as successor in interest to Mr. Darden, Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence  
24 Darden, Rosalind Darden Keeto, Anita Gardyne, and Angela Newsome ("Plaintiffs") filed a  
25 Complaint for Declaratory Judgment (the "Complaint") against the Trust in the Oakland Division  
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1 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California (Adversary Case No.  
2 20-03026). The Complaint seeks “(i) entry of a declaratory judgment providing that Defendant  
3 must evaluate and pay decedent Eddie Darden’s and Plaintiff’s Asbestos Personal Injury and  
4 Wrongful Death Claims irrespective of the 1986 release, (ii) attorney’s fees and other costs of suit  
5 incurred in prosecuting this action; and (iii) such other relief as is just and proper under the  
6 circumstances.” Shortly after the filing of the Complaint, the Trust and Plaintiffs entered into a  
7 Stipulation that was approved by the Oakland Division of the Bankruptcy Court to transfer the  
8 adversary proceeding to the San Francisco Division of the Bankruptcy Court.  
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10 The Trust filed its Answer and Counterclaims of Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (the  
11 “Answer”) on July 23, 2020. In the Answer, the Trust responded to the assertions in the Complaint  
12 and asserted affirmative defenses and counter claims seeking declaratory judgment against  
13 Plaintiffs holding that (i) Plaintiffs’ personal injury and survivor claims against the Trust were  
14 barred by the doctrines of res judicata and claim preclusion, (ii) Plaintiffs’ wrongful death claims  
15 were preempted, and (iii) Plaintiff Successor in Interest has indemnity and hold harmless  
16 obligations to the Trust on various grounds.  
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18 The Plaintiffs’ claims arise out of the following facts. Mr. Darden was a welder exposed to  
19 asbestos products in Northern California starting in the mid-1960’s. In 1983, Mr. Darden filed a  
20 lawsuit against Western MacArthur (and other asbestos defendants) on the grounds of negligence  
21 and strict product liability (the “Darden Lawsuit”) because he suffered from and in the future  
22 would suffer from injuries caused by exposure to asbestos.  
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24 In 1986, Mr. Darden settled with Western MacArthur, and any predecessors (the “1986  
25 Settlement”), agreeing that the settlement related to “[Mr. Darden’s] injuries resulting from an  
26 alleged exposure to asbestos and/or asbestos containing products [;]” and “all injuries now known  
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1 or those which may arise in the future [;]" and also that the injuries Mr. Darden suffered were  
2 "permanent and progressive". The 1986 Settlement included a broad and complete release for  
3 Western MacArthur and any predecessors, for all harm resulting then and in the future from his  
4 asbestos exposure (the "Release"). Mr. Darden represented that the Release was made "on behalf  
5 of" himself and his heirs and that he agreed to hold Western MacArthur harmless and indemnify it  
6 for any misrepresentations in the release and any claims for wrongful death brought by his heirs.  
7 In 1987, Mr. Darden filed a dismissal with prejudice of the Darden Lawsuit which dismissal  
8 included "any predecessors and/or alternative entities and/or successors" (the "Dismissal").  
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10 Approximately 30 years later, in 2017, Mr. Darden filed a claim with the Trust, based upon  
11 a negligence claim against Western Asbestos Company, contending that he developed asbestos-  
12 related mesothelioma. Later in 2017, Mr. Darden died from mesothelioma. Marvie Darden, as the  
13 successor to any of Mr. Darden's claims that survived his death, pursued his Trust Claim. The  
14 Trust denied the claim based upon the 1986 Settlement, the Dismissal, the Plan Documents (as  
15 defined in the Trust's motion for summary judgment). For these reasons, in the Trust's 16 years of  
16 existence it has never paid or reserved assets to pay claims like those of the Plaintiffs.  
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18 Through the Complaint, Plaintiffs are pursuing Mr. Darden's alleged survivorship claim  
19 through Marvie Darden, as Mr. Darden's successor in interest and their own "independent"  
20 wrongful death claims individually by Marvie Darden and the other Plaintiffs. The Trust contests  
21 Plaintiffs' claims on the grounds that they relate to the same harms that Mr. Darden settled,  
22 released and was paid for in 1987, and that the plan confirmation process in the Bankruptcy Court  
23 pre-empted and/or barred the pre-petition wrongful death claims. In addition, the Trust asserts  
24 counterclaims against Plaintiffs for indemnity and hold harmless obligations contained in the  
25 Release on various grounds.  
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1 The Trust and the Plaintiffs attended a mediation early in the case, and thereafter  
2 conducted discovery. After the expiration of the discovery period, the Trust and Plaintiffs filed  
3 cross motions for summary judgment on March 9, 2021. The parties filed oppositions and replies  
4 to the summary judgment motions on March 25, 2021 and April 1, 2021, respectively. Attached  
5 as Exhibit G is the docket report from March 9, 2021 through April 1, 2021 identifying the  
6 parties' pleadings. As part of Trust's cross motion, the Trust submitted evidence from the  
7 confirmation hearing and thereafter supporting the Trust's interpretation of its Plan Documents.  
8 The Trust also submitted evidence from the Trust's estimation expert, Dr. Thomas Vasquez,  
9 showing the range of significant adverse economic consequences to the qualified settlement fund  
10 assets of the Trust if the Court were to interpret the Trust's Plan Documents to require payment of  
11 Plaintiffs' and similar claims [Dkt. 46]. In that event, Dr. Vasquez also estimated the range of the  
12 decrease in the amount the Trust could pay each future claimant.  
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15 The Court did not set the summary judgment motions for hearing and advised the parties  
16 that the Court will notify the parties if it requires oral argument. As of the date of the Annual  
17 Report, the Court has neither ruled on the summary judgment motions nor set the motions for oral  
18 argument.  
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20 23. Amendments to the Trust Documents: During the Accounting Period and,  
21 additionally, from January 1, 2020 to and including April 16, 2021, revisions were made to certain  
22 Trust controlling documents as follows:

23 Section 2.5 of the TDP (Trust Claims Payment Ratio) was amended effective June 1, 2020.

24 24. Notifications to Beneficiaries: During the Accounting Period and, additionally, from  
25 January 1, 2020 to and including April 16, 2021, the following notifications were placed on the  
26 Trust's Website:  
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- 1 a. Notice of modifications to the TDP (2.3 Trust Application of the Payment Percentage, and  
2 2.5 Trust Claims Payment Ratio (posted January 8, 2020);  
3 b. Notice of appointment of the Executive Director (posted January 13, 2020);  
4 c. Notice of indexed Base Case Values for Economic and Medical Loss, and Future Medical  
5 Loss and Funeral Expenses (posted January 17, 2020);  
6 d. Notice of temporary policy changes regarding Medicare Certification – COVID 19  
7 (posted March 31, 2020);  
8 e. Notice of hearing on the Trust’s Sixteenth Annual Report (posted April 28, 2020);  
9 f. Notice of amended temporary policy changes regarding Medicare Certification – COVID  
10 -19 (posted March 31, 2020 and amended April 28, 2020);  
11 g. Notice of temporary policy changes regarding electronic signatures and direct mailing of  
12 releases – COVID-19 (posted April 29, 2020);  
13 h. Notice of extension of temporary policy changes regarding electronic signature and direct  
14 mailing of releases as well as the temporary policy changes regarding Medicare Certification –  
15 COVID-19 (posted May 29, 2020);  
16 i. Notice of extension of temporary policy changes regarding electronic signature and direct  
17 mailing of releases as well as the temporary policy changes regarding Medicare Certification –  
18 COVID-19 (posted June 16, 2020);  
19 j. Notice of timing requests for consideration at 2020 Trustees’ Meetings (posted July 7,  
20 2020);  
21 k. Notice of extension of temporary policy changes regarding electronic signature and direct  
22 mailing of releases as well as the temporary policy changes regarding Medicare Certification –  
23 COVID-19 (posted August 10, 2020);  
24 l. Notice of modification to California Land Site List (posted September 19, 2020);  
25 m. Notice of deferring claim update requirements (posted October 26, 2020);  
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1 n. Notice of ACH requirements for disbursing claim payments and filling fee refunds (posted  
2 November 17, 2020);

3 o. Notice of extension of temporary policy changes regarding electronic signature and direct  
4 mailing of releases as well as the temporary policy changes regarding Medicare Certification –  
5 COVID-19 (posted December 22, 2020);

6 p. Notice of deferring claims update requirements (posted January 1, 2021);

7 q. Notice of timing requests for consideration at 2021 Trustees' Meetings (posted January  
8 5, 2021);

9 r. Notice of ACH requirements for disbursing claim payments and filling fee refunds (Posted  
10 January 7, 2021);

11 s. Notice of indexed Base Case Values for Economic and Medical Loss, and Future Medical  
12 Loss and Funeral Expenses (posted January 19, 2021);

13 t. Notice of Modified Successor in Interest Documentation Policy (posted March 8, 2021);  
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15 u. Notice of new Trust address (posted March 12, 2021).

16 25. Filing Fee: Pursuant to Section 6.4 of the TDP, the filing fee was reviewed at the  
17 September 18, 2020 meeting and there were no recommended changes to the existing \$250.00 fee  
18 during the Accounting Period or as of the date hereof.

19 26. Trustees' Compensation: Section 4.5(c) of the Trust Agreement requires the Trust to  
20 report the amounts paid to the Trustees for compensation and expenses. For services during the  
21 Accounting Period, Mr. Luikart and Dr. Hernández each earned per annum stipends in the amount  
22 of \$76,955. The total paid to all Trustees in addition to the annual stipends for hourly compensation  
23 and for reimbursement of expenses was \$ 96,144 and \$2,375, respectively.

24 27. Significant Vendors: Although the Trust has many vendors, those who were paid  
25 more than \$100,000 for services during the Accounting Period are listed alphabetically below.

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1 a. Aon Risk Insurance Services West, Inc.: Insurance broker for Directors and  
2 Officers/Errors and Omissions policy and a Directors and Officers/Errors and Omissions Excess  
3 DIC policy;

4 b. BlackRock Financial Management: One of seven investment managers for the Trust  
5 described in paragraph 28, *infra*;

6 c. Eagle Capital Management, LLC: One of seven investment managers for the Trust  
7 described in paragraph 28, *infra*;

8 d. Fergus, a Law Office: Counsel to the Trust;

9 e. Harding Loevner, LP: One of seven investment managers for the Trust described in  
10 paragraph 28, *infra*;

11 f. Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill: Counsel to the Trust;

12 g. Mellon Investments Corporation: One of seven investment managers for the Trust  
13 described in paragraph 28, *infra*;

14 h. Morgan Lewis & Bockius: Counsel to the Trust;

15 i. Park Center Tower, LLC: Landlord for the Trust offices;

16 j. Schiff Hardin LLP: Law firm that acts as outside general counsel for the Trust and  
17 assists with various legal matters as requested by the Trust;

18 k. Silvercrest Asset Management Group LLC: One of seven investment managers for  
19 the Trust described in paragraph 28, *infra*; and

20 l. United Healthcare: Trust employee health insurance plan carrier.

21 28. Trust Investment Management: Article 3 of the Trust Agreement authorizes the Trust  
22 to administer the investment of funds in the manner in which individuals of ordinary prudence,  
23 discretion and judgment would act in the management of their own affairs, subject to certain  
24 limitations. The Trust closely monitors any market volatility with its investment advisors and  
25 continues to comply with its Investment Policy Statement.

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1 Callan, LLC continued to assist the Trust during the Accounting Period as its investment  
2 consultant. BlackRock Financial Management, Inc., Eagle Capital Management, LLC, Harding  
3 Loevner, LP, Mellon Investments Corporation, Segall Bryant & Hamill, Silvercrest Asset  
4 Management Group LLC, and State Street Global Advisors have continued to act as investment  
5 managers to the Trust.

6 The Trust's investment portfolio is diversified across a combination of asset classes with the  
7 objective to achieve, over the long run, a positive return after the payment of taxes, fees, and the  
8 impact of inflation.

9 It has always been the Trust's focus with regard to asset management to maintain principal  
10 in order to ensure the Trust's claimants a fair and reasonable inflation-adjusted settlement in the  
11 future.

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13 The Trustees submit that the Annual Report and attached exhibits demonstrate the Trust  
14 acted prudently and expeditiously in executing its legal obligations during the Accounting Period,  
15 and up to and including the date hereof. The Trust conscientiously worked to execute equitable  
16 claim procedures and process Trust Claims with due diligence during the Accounting Period, and  
17 up to and including the date hereof. Moreover, the Trust worked with its accountants and financial  
18 advisors to preserve and grow Trust assets in order to fulfill the purpose of the Trust established  
19 pursuant to section 524(g) of the Bankruptcy Code –to efficiently, promptly, and fairly compensate  
20 victims and their families who have legitimate claims against the companies. In so doing, the Trust  
21 has carefully complied with the Plan, all Plan documents, and orders of the Bankruptcy Court.  
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## **EXHIBIT “A”**

## EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT TO AND COMPLETE RESTATEMENT OF WESTERN ASBESTOS SETTLEMENT TRUST AGREEMENT

This Eighteenth Amendment to and Complete Restatement of the Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Agreement (this “Trust Agreement”), dated and effective as of the Effective Date of April 22, 2004, as amended April 29, 2004, December 13, 2004, March 24, 2005, April 22, 2005, February 22, 2007, September 20, 2007, April 21, 2010, November 18, 2010, April 21, 2011, November 18, 2011, February 20, 2014, November 20, 2014, April 19, 2018, September 13, 2018, November 15, 2018 and May 24, 2019 is among Western Asbestos Company, a dissolved California corporation (“Western Asbestos”), Western MacArthur Co., a California corporation (“Western MacArthur”) that is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mac Arthur Co., Mac Arthur Co., a Minnesota corporation (“Mac Arthur”), which, collectively, are the debtors and debtors-in-possession in the Reorganization Cases (collectively, the “Debtors”), the Futures Representative, the individual trustees identified on the signature page hereof and appointed at Confirmation pursuant to the Joint Plan of Reorganization, dated as of November 22, 2002, as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time (the “Plan”). All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have their respective meanings as set forth in the Glossary of Terms for the Plan Documents, attached as Exhibit I to the Plan, and such definitions are incorporated herein by reference. All capitalized terms not defined herein or defined in the Glossary, but defined in the Bankruptcy Code or Rules, shall have the meanings ascribed to them by the Bankruptcy Code and Rules, and such definitions are incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREAS, at the time of the entry of the order for relief in the Reorganization Cases, each of the Debtors was named as a defendant in personal injury and wrongful death actions seeking recovery for damages allegedly caused by the presence of, or exposure to, asbestos or asbestos-containing products; and

WHEREAS, the Debtors have reorganized under the provisions of Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in a case pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California (the “Bankruptcy Court”), styled as *In re Western Asbestos Company, Western MacArthur Co., and Mac Arthur Co., Debtors*, Chapter 11 Case Nos. 02-46284-T, 02-46285-T and 02-46286-T (jointly administered under Case No. 02-46284-T); and

WHEREAS, the Plan, filed by the Debtors, the Futures Representative and the Committee, as Plan Proponents, has been confirmed (and affirmed) by the applicable Bankruptcy Court; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Documents provide, *inter alia*, for the creation of the Western Asbestos Settlement Trust; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Plan, the Trust is to use the Trust Assets to pay the Asbestos Related Claims; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Plan, the Trust is intended to qualify as a “qualified settlement fund” within the meaning of section 1.468B-1, *et seq.*, of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under section 468B of the IRC; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Debtors, the Trustees, the Futures Representative and the other parties that the Trust be administered, maintained, and operated at all times as a qualified settlement fund through mechanisms that provide reasonable assurance that the Trust will value, and be in a financial position to pay, all Asbestos Related Claims and Demands that involve similar claims in substantially the same manner, in strict compliance with the terms of this Trust Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides, among other things, for the complete treatment of all liabilities and obligations of the Debtors with respect to Asbestos Related Claims; and

WHEREAS, the Bankruptcy Court has determined that the Trust and the Plan satisfy all the prerequisites for the Injunctions, including the injunctions pursuant to section 524(g) of the Bankruptcy Code, and such Injunctions have been entered in connection with the Confirmation Order.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.2(f)iii and Section 7.3 of the Trust Agreement, the Trustees, subject to the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative, may amend the Trust Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

### AGREEMENT OF TRUST

**1.1 Creation and Name** The Debtors hereby create a trust known as the “Western Asbestos Settlement Trust,” which is the Trust provided for and referred to in the Plan. The Trustees of the Trust may transact the business and affairs of the Trust in the name “Asbestos Settlement Trust.”

**1.2 Purpose** The purpose of the Trust is to assume the liabilities of each Debtor, and each of its respective successors in interest and their Affiliates, arising from or relating to Asbestos Related Claims and to use the Trust’s assets and income to pay holders of Allowed Asbestos Related Claims in accordance with the Trust Agreement and in such a way that all holders of similar Allowed Asbestos Related Claims are treated in a substantially equivalent manner and to otherwise comply in all respects with the requirements of a trust set forth in section 524(g)(2)(B)(i) of the Bankruptcy Code.

**1.3 Transfer of Assets** Pursuant to the Plan Documents, the Debtors have transferred and assigned the Trust Assets to the Trust, free and clear of any liens or other interests of the Debtors or any creditor, shareholder or other entity. The Debtors shall execute and deliver such documents as the Trustees reasonably request to transfer and assign any such Trust Assets.

#### **1.4 Acceptance of Assets and Assumption of Liabilities**

(a) In furtherance of the purposes of the Trust, the Trustees, on behalf of the Trust, hereby expressly accept the transfer and assignment to the Trust of the Trust Assets in the time and manner as contemplated in the Plan Documents.

(b) In furtherance of the purposes of the Trust, the Trustees, on behalf of the Trust, hereby expressly assume all liability for all Asbestos Related Claims. Except as otherwise provided in the TDP, the Trust shall have all defenses, cross-claims, offsets and recoupments, as well as rights of indemnification, contribution, subrogation, and similar rights, regarding Asbestos Related Claims that the Debtors or any of the reorganized Western Asbestos, Western MacArthur or Mac Arthur, have or would have had under applicable law.

(c) In furtherance of the purpose of the Trust, commencing on the Effective Date, the Trustees, on behalf of the Trust, hereby agree to pay, as Trust Expenses, all remaining obligations of any of the Debtors to their present and former attorneys, Faricy & Roen, P.A. ("F&R"), Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP ("Morgan Lewis"), Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP ("Orrick"), Miller, Starr & Regalia ("MS&R") and Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP ("Brobeck"), related to or arising from the Coverage Litigation, whether such obligations shall be then due or thereafter due, owing and payable, as more specifically set forth in that certain Agreement Regarding Continued Representation dated as of about April 29, 2003 (the "April Agreement"), entered into by and among Mac Arthur, Western MacArthur, Morgan Lewis, Brobeck, Orrick, MS&R and F&R, and accepted by the Committee and the Futures Representative, and, to the extent not amended or altered by the April Agreement, that certain letter agreement dated November 21, 2002 among the Debtors, F&R and Brobeck.

(d) In furtherance of the purposes of the Trust, the Trustees, on behalf of the Trust, hereby indemnify the Debtors, and each of their respective successors in interest and Affiliates from any expenses, costs and fees (including attorneys' fees and costs, but excluding any such expenses, costs and fees incurred prior to the Effective Date), judgments, settlements or other liabilities arising from or incurred in connection with, any action related to an Asbestos Related Claim, including, but not limited to, indemnification or contribution for Asbestos Related Claims prosecuted against any of the Debtors.

(e) Nothing in this Trust Agreement shall be construed in any way to limit the scope, enforceability or effectiveness of the Injunctions issued and affirmed in connection with the Plan or the Trust's assumption of all liability with respect to Asbestos Related Claims.



## ARTICLE 2

### POWERS AND TRUST ADMINISTRATION

#### **2.1 Powers**

(a) The Trustees are and shall act as fiduciaries to the Trust in accordance with the provisions of this Trust Agreement and the Plan. The Trustees shall, at all times, administer the Trust and the Trust Assets in accordance with Section 1.2 of this Trust Agreement. Subject to the limitations set forth in this Trust Agreement, the Trustees shall have the power to take any and all actions that, in the judgment of the Trustees, are necessary or proper to fulfill the purposes of the Trust, including, without limitation, each power expressly granted in this Section 2.1, any power reasonably incidental thereto, and any trust power now or hereafter permitted under the laws of the State of Nevada.

(b) Except as otherwise specified herein, the Trustees need not obtain the order or approval of any court in the exercise of any power or discretion conferred hereunder; provided that the Trustees recognize and acknowledge that the Trust is subject to the continuing jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court.

(c) Without limiting the generality of Subsection 2.1(a) above, and except as limited below, the Trustees shall have the power to:

(i) receive and hold the Trust Assets, and exercise all rights with respect to (including sale of) any or all such assets;

(ii) invest the monies held from time to time by the Trust;

(iii) sell, transfer or exchange any or all of the Trust Assets at such prices and upon such terms as they may consider proper, consistent with the other terms of this Trust Agreement;

(iv) exercise all rights granted under the Mac Arthur Pledge Agreement with respect to the shares of common stock of Mac Arthur pledged pursuant thereto, as and to the extent provided therein, and exercise all rights with respect to the Mac Arthur Note, subject to any restrictions set forth therein;

(v) enter into leasing and financing agreements with third parties to the extent such agreements are reasonably necessary to permit the Trust to operate;

(vi) pay liabilities and expenses of the Trust, including, but not limited to, Trust Expenses;

(vii) establish such funds, reserves and accounts within the Trust estate, as deemed by the Trustees to be useful in carrying out the purposes of the Trust;

(viii) sue and be sued and participate, as a party or otherwise, in any judicial, administrative, arbitative or other proceeding;

(ix) amend the Trust Bylaws in accordance with the terms thereof, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Annex A;

(x) establish, supervise and administer the Trust in accordance with the TDP and the Matrix and administer, amend, supplement or modify the TDP and the Matrix in accordance with the terms thereof, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Annex B;

(xi) appoint such officers and hire such employees and engage such legal, financial, accounting, investment, auditing and forecasting and other consultants or alternative dispute resolution panelists and agents as the business of the Trust requires, and to delegate to such persons such powers and authorities as the fiduciary duties of the Trustees permit and as the Trustees, in their discretion, deem advisable or necessary in order to carry out the terms of this Trust;

(xii) pay employees, legal, financial, accounting, investment, auditing and forecasting, and other consultants, advisors and agents reasonable compensation, including without limitation, compensation at rates approved by the Trustees for services rendered prior to the execution hereof;

(xiii) compensate the Trustees, the members of the TAC, the Futures Representative and their respective Agents and reimburse to them all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by such persons in connection with the performance of their duties hereunder, including without limitation, costs and expenses incurred prior to the execution hereof;

(xiv) execute and deliver such instruments as the Trustees consider proper in administering the Trust;

(xv) enter into such other arrangements with third parties as are deemed by the Trustees to be useful in carrying out the purposes of the Trust, provided such arrangements do not conflict with any other provision of this Trust Agreement;

(xvi) in accordance with Section 4.7, indemnify (and purchase insurance indemnifying) the Trustees, the Futures Representative, the TAC, and each of the Debtors, and the respective Agents of the Trust, the Futures Representative, the TAC, and each of the Debtors to the fullest extent that a corporation or trust organized under the law of the Trust's situs is from time to time entitled to indemnify and/or insure such Agents;

(xvii) delegate any or all of the authority herein conferred with respect to the investment of all or any portion of the Trust Assets to any one or more reputable individuals or recognized institutional investment advisors or investment managers without liability for any action taken or omission made because of any such delegation, except as provided in Section 4.4;

(xviii) consult with the Debtors at such times and with respect to such issues relating to the conduct of the Trust as the Trustees consider desirable;

(xix) make, pursue (by litigation or otherwise), collect, compromise or settle, in its own name or the name of the applicable Debtor, any claim, right, action, or cause of action included in the Trust Assets, including without limitation, the Asbestos Insurance Action

Recoveries and the Asbestos In-Place Insurance Coverage, before any court of competent jurisdiction; provided that settlement of any action before the Bankruptcy Court requires the approval of the Bankruptcy Court after notice to such Debtor;

(xx) with the prior consent of the Approving Entities, merge or contract with other claims resolution facilities that are not specifically created by this Trust Agreement or the TDP, provided that such merger or contract shall not (a) subject the Debtors or any successor in interest to any risk of having any Asbestos Related Claim asserted against any of them, or (b) otherwise jeopardize the validity or enforceability of the Injunctions; and

(xxi) with the prior consent of the Approving Entities, establish binding and non-binding arbitration procedures for the purposes set forth in Section 5.9 of the TDP.

(d) The Trustees shall not have the power to guarantee any debt of other Persons.

(e) The Trustees shall give the Approving Entities prompt notice of any act performed or taken pursuant to Subsection 2.1(c)(i), (iii), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xvi), (xix), (xx) and Subsection 2.2(f).

## **2.2 General Administration**

(a) The Trustees shall act in accordance with the Trust Bylaws. To the extent not inconsistent with the terms of this Trust Agreement, the Trust Bylaws govern the affairs of the Trust. In the event of an inconsistency between the Trust Bylaws and this Trust Agreement, the Trust Agreement shall govern.

(b) The Trustees shall timely file such income tax and other returns and statements and comply with all withholding obligations as required under the applicable provisions of the IRC and of any state law and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including without limitation all requirements necessary to qualify and maintain qualification as a qualified settlement fund, and shall timely pay all taxes required to be paid.

(c) (i) The Trustees shall cause to be prepared and filed with the Bankruptcy Court, as soon as available, and in any event within 120 days following the end of each fiscal year, an annual report containing financial statements of the Trust (including, without limitation, a statement of the net claimants' equity of the Trust as of the end of such fiscal year and a statement of changes in net claimants' equity for such fiscal year) audited by a firm of independent certified public accountants selected by the Trustees and accompanied by an opinion of such firm as to the fairness of the financial statements' presentation of the equity presently available to current and future claimants and as to the conformity of the financial statements with accounting principals generally accepted in the United States, except for the special-purpose accounting methods set forth as follows:

1. The financial statements shall be prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

2. The funding received from Western Asbestos, Western MacArthur and their insurers shall be recorded directly to net claimants' equity. These funds shall not represent income of the Trust. Settlement offers for asbestos health claims shall be reported as deductions in net claimants' equity and shall not represent expenses of the Trust.

3. Costs of non-income producing assets, which shall be exhausted during the life of the Trust and will not be available for satisfying claims, shall be expensed when incurred. These costs shall include acquisition costs of computer hardware, software, software development, office furniture, leasehold improvements, and other prepaid expenses such as rent and insurance.

4. Future fixed liabilities and contractual obligations entered into by the Trust shall be recorded directly against net claimants' equity. Accordingly, the future minimum rental commitments outstanding at period end for noncancelable operating leases, net of any sublease agreements, shall be recorded as deductions to net claimants' equity.

5. The liability for unpaid claims reflected in the statements of net claimants' equity shall represent settled but unpaid claims and outstanding settlement offers. A claims liability shall be recorded once a settlement offer is made to the claimant at the amount equal to the expected pro rata payment. No liability shall be recorded for future claim filings and filed claims on which no settlement offer has been made. Net claimants' equity represents funding available to pay present and future claims on which no fixed liability has been recorded.

6. Available-for-sale securities shall be recorded at market. All interest and dividend income on available-for-sale securities, net of investment expenses, shall be included in investment income on the statement of changes in net claimants' equity. Net realized and unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities shall be recorded as a separate component on the statements of changes in net claimants' equity.

7. Realized gains/losses on available-for-sale securities shall be recorded based on the security's amortized cost. At the time a security is sold, all previously recorded unrealized gains/losses shall be reversed and recorded net, as a component of other unrealized gains/losses in the statement of changes in net claimants' equity.

The Trustees shall provide a copy of such report to the Approving Entities and each of the Debtors when such reports are filed with the Bankruptcy Court.

(ii) Simultaneously with delivery of each set of financial statements referred to in Subsection 2.2(c)(i) above, the Trustees shall cause to be prepared and filed with the Bankruptcy Court a report containing a summary regarding the number and type of claims disposed of during the period covered by the financial statements. The Trustees shall provide a copy of such report to the Approving Entities and the Debtors when such report is filed.

(iii) All materials required to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court by this Subsection 2.2(c), other than materials filed under seal, shall be available for inspection by the public in accordance with procedures established by the Bankruptcy Court and shall be filed with the Office of the United States Trustee with responsibility for the Northern District of California. The Trustees shall file materials under seal which they determine should remain confidential.

(d) The Trustees shall cause to be prepared, as soon as practicable prior to the commencement of each fiscal year, a budget and cash flow projections covering such fiscal year and the succeeding four fiscal years. The Trustees shall provide a copy of the budget and cash flow to the Approving Entities.

(e) The Trustees shall consult with the TAC and the Futures Representative (i) on the implementation and administration of the TDP and the Matrix, and (ii) on the implementation and administration of the Trust.

(f) The Trustees shall be required to obtain the consent of the Approving Entities in addition to those instances elsewhere enumerated, in order:

(i) to add to or change the schedule of Asbestos-Related Disease Categories or criteria, or to increase the Allowed Liquidated Values pursuant to the TDP; or

(ii) to merge or participate in the handling of bodily injury claims with any claims resolution facility that was not specifically created under this Trust Agreement or the TDP; or

(iii) to amend any provision of the Trust Agreement; Article I, Article II, Article III Section 4, or Article IV of the Trust Bylaws; or, where required by the TDP, the TDP; or

(iv) to terminate the Trust pursuant to Section 7.2 herein; or

(v) to change the number of Trustees and to appoint successor Trustees; or

(vi) to settle the liability of any insurer under any insurance policy covering Asbestos Related Claims or Demands or to settle any Asbestos Insurance Action; or

(vii) to change the compensation of the Trustees or the Managing Trustee, other than cost-of-living increases;

(viii) to change the Trust claim form used by the Trust to evaluate claims; or

(ix) to amend, supplement or modify the provisions of the Case Valuation Matrix.

(g) Whenever the consent of the Approving Entities is required pursuant to Subsection 2.2(f) above, or elsewhere in this Trust Agreement, such consent shall be deemed given if the Approving Entities are signatories to a document or the minutes of the Trustees' meeting reflect such consent was given orally and said minutes are then subsequently approved by the Trustees.



(h) The Trustees, upon notice from either of the Approving Entities, shall at their next regular meeting or, if appropriate, at a specially called meeting, place on their agenda and consider issues requested by such Approving Entity.

**2.3 Claims Administration** The Trustees shall promptly proceed to implement the TDP.

**2.4 Reimbursement Obligation of the Trust** The Trust and, to the extent necessary for the Trust to act, the Trustees, shall, within fifteen (15) days following recovery from any Asbestos Insurance Company that is not a USF&G Party of any amounts, whether by judgment, settlement or otherwise, reimburse to the USF&G Parties: (a) the amounts advanced under Sections 3.2(a)(i) through (iii) of the USF&G Settlement Agreement; (b) fees and expenses of the USF&G Parties in connection with the USF&G's efforts to obtain Plan Approval to the extent undertaken in the interest of the Debtors, the USF&G Parties and Asbestos Related Claimants, and not solely for the benefit of the USF&G Parties, that were requested in writing to be performed by certain counsel to holders of Asbestos Related Claims, being the law firms of: (1) Kazan, McClain, Edises, Abrams, Fernandez, Lyons & Farrise, PLC, (2) Brayton Purcell, and (3) The Wartnick Law Firm; and (c) interest on (a) and (b) hereof at the 30-day T-bill rate accrued from the dates of payment of the foregoing by the USF&G Parties until the date of payment by the Trust; provided, however, in no event shall such amounts, fees, expenses and interest exceed the amounts recovered by the Trust.

**2.5 Property Damage Claims Defense Fund** For a period of ten (10) years following "substantial consummation" of the Plan, the Trustees shall make available to Western MacArthur and Mac Arthur funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate, for defense of claims (excluding Asbestos Related Claims, but including asbestos related property damage claims) potentially covered by Policies issued by any USF&G Parties to Western Asbestos and described in the form of "Stipulation and Order Re: Determination of Certain Issues and Stay of Trial Against USF&G" entered in *Western MacArthur Company, et al. v. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., et al.*, Case No. 721595-7 (Consolidated with Case No. 828101-2), Superior Court of the State of California, County of Alameda.

**2.6 Johns-Manville Litigation Fund** As more particularly described in the Disclosure Statement, under the terms of the trust established pursuant to Johns-Manville's confirmed plan of reorganization (the "Johns-Manville Trust"), Johns-Manville paid to Western MacArthur \$10,000,000 to fund expenses relating to the Debtors' lawsuits against the Asbestos Insurance Companies. To the extent that Western MacArthur's litigation with respect to such Asbestos Insurance Companies is resolved finally as to all Asbestos Insurance Companies, Western MacArthur is obligated to pay to the Johns-Manville Trust \$10,000,000 (less any undisbursed portion of such amount), plus interest. The fund was fully disbursed in connection with the Coverage Litigation and, following Confirmation of the Plan, the Trust will be required to repay such amount as and when required under the terms of the Johns-Manville Trust.

## ARTICLE 3

### ACCOUNTS, INVESTMENTS, AND PAYMENTS

**3.1 Accounts** The Trustees may, from time to time, create such accounts and reserves within the Trust estate as they may deem necessary, prudent, or useful in order to provide for the payment of expenses and valid Asbestos Related Claims and may, with respect to any such account or reserve, restrict the use of monies therein.

**3.2 Investments** Investment of monies held in the Trust shall be administered in the manner in which individuals of ordinary prudence, discretion and judgment would act in the management of their own affairs, subject to the following limitations and provisions:

(a) The Trust shall not acquire, directly or indirectly, equity in any Person (other than the Debtors or any successor to any of the Debtors, on the terms and conditions in the Plan) or business enterprise if, immediately following such acquisition, the Trust would hold more than five percent of the equity in such Person or business enterprise. The Trust shall not hold, directly or indirectly, more than ten percent of the equity in any Person (other than the Debtors, on the terms and conditions in the Plan) or business enterprise.

(b) The Trust shall not acquire or hold any long-term debt securities unless (i) such securities are rated "Baa" or higher by Moody's, "BBB" or higher by S&P's or have been given an equivalent investment grade rating by another nationally recognized statistical rating agency, or (ii) have been issued or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or (iii) with respect to no more than ten percent (10%) of the total assets of the Trust, such securities are included in a diversified and managed portfolio or portfolios.

(c) The Trust shall not acquire or hold for longer than 90 days any commercial paper unless such commercial paper is rated "Prime-1" or higher by Moody's or "A-1" or higher by S&P's or has been given an equivalent rating by another nationally recognized statistical rating agency.

(d) Excluding any securities issued by the Debtors, the Trust shall not acquire or hold, directly or indirectly, any common or preferred stock or convertible securities, REITS, MLPs and Royalty Trusts ("Stocks") unless such Stock is included in a diversified and managed portfolio or portfolios. The Trust shall not acquire, directly or indirectly, more than forty percent (40%) of the Trust's total assets in such Stock Portfolios, or hold, directly or indirectly, more than forty-five (45%) of the Trust's total assets in such Stock Portfolios.

(e) Except as provided in Section 3.2(d) above, the Trust shall not acquire any securities or other instruments issued by any person (other than debt securities or other instruments issued or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof) if, following such acquisition, the aggregate market value of all securities and instruments issued by such Person held by the Trust would exceed five percent of the aggregate value of the Trust estate. The Trust shall not hold any securities or other instruments issued by any Person (other than debt securities or other instruments issued or fully guaranteed as

to principal and interest by the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof and other than securities or other instruments of the Debtors or any successor to any of the Debtors) to the extent that the aggregate market value of all securities and instruments issued by such Person held by the Trust would exceed five percent of the aggregate value of the Trust Estate.

(f) The Trust shall not acquire or hold any certificates of deposit unless all publicly held, long-term debt securities, if any, of the financial institution issuing the certificate of deposit and the holding company, if any, of which such financial institution is a subsidiary, meet the standards set forth in Subsection 3.2(b).

(g) The Trust shall not acquire or hold any repurchase obligations unless, in the opinion of the Trustees, they are adequately collateralized.

(h) The Trust shall not acquire or hold any options.

**3.3 Source of Payments** All Trust Expenses and all liabilities with respect to Asbestos Related Claims shall be payable solely by the Trust out of the Trust Assets, Asbestos Insurance Settlement Agreements, Asbestos Insurance Policies, and Asbestos Insurance Action Recoveries. Neither the Debtors, their subsidiaries, any successor in interest or the present or former stockholders, directors, officers, employees or agents of the Debtors, or their subsidiaries, nor the Trustees, the Approving Entities, or any of their officers, agents, advisors, or employees shall be liable for the payment of any Trust Expense or any other liability of the Trust.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **TRUSTEES**

#### **4.1 Number of Trustees**

(a) There shall be at least two Trustees and no more than three Trustees.

(b) The Trustees shall designate one of their number to serve as the Managing Trustee.

(c) Trustees shall act by majority vote when there are three Trustees and by unanimous vote when there are two Trustees. When there are two Trustees and the Trustees, having exercised reasonable efforts to discuss their differing views and reach consensus, cannot agree on action that requires a vote of the Trustees the Trustees will promptly so inform the Approving Entities in writing thereby invoking the provisions of Section 4.3(a) requiring the appointment of a third Trustee.

#### **4.2 Term of Service**

(a) Each of the initial Trustees named pursuant to Section 4.1 shall serve from the Effective Date until the earlier of (i) his or her death, (ii) his or her resignation pursuant to Subsection 4.2(c), (iii) his or her removal pursuant to Subsection 4.2(d), or (iv) the termination of the Trust pursuant to Section 7.2.



(b) Each Successor Trustee shall serve until the earlier of (i) his or her death, (ii) his or her resignation pursuant to Subsection 4.2(c), (iii) his or her removal pursuant to Subsection 4.2(d), or (iv) the termination of the Trust pursuant to Section 7.2.

(c) Any Trustee may resign at any time by written notice to each of the remaining Trustees, the Futures Representative, and the TAC. Such notice shall specify a date when such resignation shall take effect, which shall not be fewer than 90 days after the date such notice is given, where practicable.

(d) Any Trustee may be removed in the event that such Trustee becomes unable to discharge his or her duties hereunder due to accident or physical or mental deterioration, or for other good cause. "Good cause" includes, without limitation, any substantial failure to comply with Section 2.2, a consistent pattern of neglect and failure to perform or participate in performing the duties of the Trustees hereunder, or repeated non-attendance at scheduled meetings. If there are three Trustees, a Trustee shall be removed by unanimous decision of the two other Trustees and prompt written notification by the two other Trustees to the Trustee being removed and the Approving Entities of the removal decision specifying the basis for removal. If there are two Trustees, such removal shall be made upon prompt written notification by the removing Trustee to the Trustee being removed and to the Approving Entities of the removal decision specifying the basis for removal and invoking the process for appointment of a Trustee in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.3(a) below.

#### **4.3 Appointment of Successor Trustee**

(a) In the event of a vacancy in the position of Trustee, the vacancy shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustee(s) subject to the consent of the Approving Entities. If, after a vacancy occurs, there are two remaining Trustees, the remaining Trustees may decide, subject to consent of the Approving Entities, not to fill the vacancy. Where such consent is given, thereafter any of the existing Trustees (acting individually), the TAC or the Futures Representative may deliver a written notice to the remaining Approving Entities and Trustees requiring that a third Trustee be appointed. The third Trustee shall be appointed in accordance with this Section 4.3(a). If the vacancy has not been filled within 90 days the matter shall, on application of any such persons, be submitted promptly to the Bankruptcy Court for resolution. In the event that more than one vacancy shall exist, the vacancies shall be filled by the remaining Trustee (if one should exist), subject to the consent of the Approving Entities.

(b) Immediately upon the appointment of any successor Trustee, all rights, titles, duties, powers and authority of the predecessor Trustee hereunder shall be vested in, and undertaken by, the successor Trustee without any further act. No successor Trustee shall be liable personally for any act or omission of his or her predecessor Trustee.

**4.4 Liability of Trustees, Officers and Employees** Neither the Trustees, the Futures Representative, the TAC (or any member of the TAC), nor any of their respective Agents, shall be liable to the Trust, to any person holding an Asbestos Related Claim, or to any other Person, except for such individual's or entity's own breach of trust committed in bad faith or willful misappropriation. Neither the Trustees, the Futures Representative, the TAC (or any member of the TAC), nor any of their respective Agents, shall be liable for any act or omission of

any Agent of the Trust, the Futures Representative, the TAC (or any member of the TAC), unless the Trustees, the Futures Representative, the TAC (or any member of the TAC), respectively, acted with bad faith in the selection or retention of such Agent.

#### **4.5 Compensation and Expenses of Trustees**

(a) The Trustees shall be compensated as follows:

(1) *Hourly Compensation* Each of the Trustees shall receive compensation from the Trust for his or her services as Trustee for each hour spent at an official meeting of the Trustees, an official trip of the Trustees, or dedicated to Trust Business ("Hourly Compensation"). For the period January 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019, the rate for Hourly Compensation for individual Trustees shall remain the same as each has been paid as of January 1, 2019. As of June 1, 2019 the rate for Hourly Compensation for the remaining two Trustees including the Managing Trustee shall be \$587.73.

(2) *Annual Compensation* As of January 1, 2019, in addition to the Hourly Compensation, each Trustee shall receive compensation from the Trust for his or her services as Trustee in the amount of \$74,802 per annum paid quarterly in advance ("Annual Compensation").

(3) *Inflation Adjustment* The Hourly Compensation and the Annual Compensation shall be adjusted each year in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) published in January of each year retroactive to the beginning of that year commencing January 1, 2020.

(4) *Managing Trustee* The Trustee serving as Managing Trustee shall be compensated as established from time to time by the other Trustees, the Futures Representative and the TAC.

(5) *Review of Trustee Compensation* The structure and amounts of Hourly Compensation and the Annual Compensation payable to the Trustees shall be reviewed when requested by the Trustees, the TAC and/or the Futures Representative but no less than every three years beginning in April 2022 and appropriately adjusted with the consent of the Approving Entities.

(b) *Out of Pocket Expenses* The Trust will promptly reimburse the Trustees for all reasonable out of pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Trustees in connection with the performance of their duties hereunder.

(c) *Reporting* The Trust will include a description of the amounts paid under this Section 4.5 in the report to be filed pursuant to Subsection 2.2(c)(i) of this Trust Agreement.

#### **4.6 Indemnification of Trustees and Additional Indemnitees**

(a) The Trust shall indemnify and defend the Trustees, the Trust's officers, and employees to the fullest extent that a corporation or trust organized under the laws of the Trust's situs is from time to time entitled to indemnify and defend its directors, trustees, officers and employees against any and all liabilities, expenses, claims, damages or losses incurred by them in the performance of their duties hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustees shall not

be indemnified or defended in any way for any liability, expense, claim, damage or loss for which they are ultimately liable under Section 4.4.

Additionally, the Committee, the Futures Representative, the TAC, the Debtors, and each of their respective Agents, who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened or pending judicial, administrative or arbitral action, by reason of any act or omission of such Committee, the Futures Representative, the TAC, the Debtors, and their respective Agents, with respect to (i) the Reorganization Case and any act or omission undertaken by them prior to the commencement thereof, (ii) the liquidation of any Asbestos Related Claims, (iii) the administration of the Trust and the implementation of the TDP, or (iv) any and all activities in connection with the Trust Agreement, shall be indemnified and defended by the Trust, to the fullest extent that a corporation or trust organized under the laws of the Trust's situs is from time to time entitled to indemnify and defend its officers, directors, trustees and employees, against reasonable expenses, costs and fees (including attorneys' fees and costs), judgments, awards, amounts paid in settlement and liabilities of all kinds incurred by the Committee, the Futures Representative, the TAC, the Debtors, and their respective members, professionals, officers, and directors, in connection with or resulting from such action, suit or proceeding, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner such Committee, the Futures Representative, the TAC, the Debtors, and their respective members, professionals, officers and directors reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the holders of Asbestos Related Claims whom the Committee, the Futures Representative, the TAC, the Debtors, and their respective members, professionals, officers, and directors represent.

(b) Reasonable expenses, costs and fees (including attorneys' fees and costs) incurred by or on behalf of a Trustee, the Committee, the Futures Representative, the TAC, the Debtors, and their respective Agents in connection with any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, administrative or arbitral, from which they are indemnified by the Trust pursuant to Subsection 4.6(a), shall be paid by the Trust in advance of the final disposition thereof upon receipt of an undertaking, by or on behalf of such Trustee the Committee, the Futures Representative, the TAC, the Debtors and their respective Agents, to repay such amount in the event that it shall be determined ultimately by Final Order that such Trustee or the Committee, the Futures Representative, the TAC, the Debtors and their respective professionals, officers and directors is not entitled to be indemnified by the Trust.

(c) The Trustees shall have the power, generally or in specific cases, to cause the Trust to indemnify the Agents of the Trust to the same extent as provided in this Section 4.6 with respect to the Trustees.

(d) Any indemnification under Subsection 4.6(c) of this Trust Agreement shall be made by the Trust upon a determination by the Trustees that indemnification of such Person is proper in the circumstances.

(e) The Trustees may purchase and maintain reasonable amounts and types of insurance on behalf of an individual who is or was a Trustee, an Agent of the Trust, the Committee, the Futures Representative, the TAC, the Debtors, and their respective Agents against liability asserted against or incurred by such individual in that capacity or arising from his or her status as such.

(f) For avoidance of doubt, former Trustees, Trust officers and employees, members of the Committee, Futures Representatives, members of the TAC, and each of their respective Agents entitled to indemnification under this section continue to be so entitled to the same extent with respect to their conduct or status during their past tenure as Trustees, Trust officers and employees, members of the Committee, Futures Representatives, members of the TAC, or Agents.

**4.7 Trustees' Lien** The Trustees, the Committee, the Futures Representative, the TAC, the Debtors, and their respective Agents shall have a first priority lien upon the Trust Assets to secure the payment of any amounts payable to them pursuant to Sections 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 5.5, 6.5 or 6.6.

**4.8 Trustees' Employment of Experts** The Trustees may, but shall not be required to, retain or consult with counsel, accountants, appraisers, auditors and forecasters, and other parties deemed by the Trustees to be qualified as experts on the matters submitted to them and the opinion of any such parties on any matters submitted to them by the Trustees shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or not taken by the Trustees hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the written opinion of any such party.

**4.9 Trustees' Independence** No Trustee shall, during the term of his or her service, hold a financial interest in, act as attorney or agent for, or serve as any other professional for any of the Debtors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustees may serve as officers or directors of any of the Debtors. No Trustee shall act as an attorney for any person who holds an Asbestos Related Claim.

**4.10 Bond** The Trustees shall not be required to post any bond or other form of surety or security unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court.

## ARTICLE 5

### THE FUTURES REPRESENTATIVE

**5.1 Duties** The Futures Representative shall serve in a fiduciary capacity, representing the interests of the Future Asbestos Claimants, for the purpose of protecting the rights of persons who might subsequently assert Demands. The Trustees must consult with the Futures Representative on matters identified in Subsection 2.2(e), must obtain the consent of the Futures Representative on matters identified in Subsection 2.2(f), and may consult with the Futures Representative on any matter affecting the Trust. Where provided in this Trust Agreement, the TDP or the Matrix, certain actions of the Trustees are subject to the consent of the Futures Representative.

**5.2 Term of Office**

(a) The Futures Representative shall serve until the earlier of (i) his or her death, (ii) his or her resignation pursuant to Subsection 5.2(b), (iii) his or her removal or (iv) the termination of the Trust pursuant to Section 7.2.



(b) The Futures Representative may resign at any time by written notice to the Trustees. Such notice shall specify a date when such resignation shall take effect, which shall not be fewer than 90 days after the date such notice is given, where practicable.

The Futures Representative may be removed in the event he or she becomes unable to discharge his or her duties hereunder due to accident, physical deterioration, mental incompetence, or a consistent pattern of neglect and failure to perform or to participate in performing the duties hereunder, such as repeated non-attendance at scheduled meetings. Such removal shall be made by the unanimous decision of the Trustees.

**5.3 Appointment of Successor** A vacancy caused by resignation shall be filled with an individual nominated by the Futures Representative. A vacancy for any other reason, or in the absence of a nomination by the Futures Representative, shall be filled with an individual selected by majority vote of the Trustees. The successor Futures Representative shall, in either case, be subject to Bankruptcy Court approval.

**5.4 Futures Representative's Employment of Professionals** The Futures Representative may retain or consult with counsel, accountants, appraisers, auditors, forecasters, asbestos experts and other parties deemed by the Futures Representative to be qualified as experts on matters submitted to them, and the opinion of any such parties on any matters submitted to them shall be full and complete authorization and protection in support of any action taken or not taken by the Futures Representative hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the written opinion of any such party, and in the absence of gross negligence. The Futures Representative and his or her experts shall at all times have complete access to the Trust's Agents retained by the Trust, as well as all information generated by them or otherwise available to the Trust or Trustees.

**5.5 Compensation and Expenses of the Futures Representative**

(a) (a) As of January 1, 2019, the Futures Representative shall receive compensation from the Trust for his or her services as the Futures Representative at his or her current hourly rate, such rate being subject to an annual review and adjustment by the Trustees with the consent of the TAC. As of January 1, 2019, the Futures Representative's hourly rate is set at \$865.30 per hour spent at an official meeting of the Trust, an official trip of the Trustees, or dedicated to Trust Business. The hourly amount of compensation payable to the Futures Representative hereunder shall be adjusted each year in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) published in January of each year retroactive to the beginning of that year commencing January 1, 2020. The hourly compensation for the Futures Representative will be reviewed annually when requested by the Trustees, the TAC and/or the Futures Representative, but no less than every three (3) years beginning in April 2022.

(b) The Trust will promptly reimburse, or pay directly if so instructed, the Futures Representative for all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses, including fees and costs associated with employment of professionals pursuant to Section 5.4 and the procurement and maintenance of insurance incurred by the Futures Representative in connection with the performance of his or her duties hereunder and his or her duties in connection with the formulation,

negotiation, and Confirmation of the Plan and Plan Documents. Such reimbursement or direct payment shall be deemed a Trust Expense.

#### **5.6 Procedure for Obtaining Consent of the Futures Representative**

(a) In the event the consent of the Futures Representative is required pursuant to the terms hereof or of the TDP, the Trustees shall promptly provide the Futures Representative and his or her counsel with notice and with all information regarding the matter in question.

(b) The Futures Representative must consider in good faith and in a timely fashion any request by the Trustees and may not withhold his or her consent unreasonably. If the Futures Representative does not notify the Trustees of his or her objection to such request within 30 days after receiving notice and information regarding such request, then the Future Representative shall be deemed to have objected to the request and the procedures set forth in Section 5.7 shall be followed.

**5.7 Lack of Consent of the Futures Representative** In the event the Trustees are unable to obtain the consent of the Futures Representative to any action or decision for which consent is required after following the procedure set forth in Section 5.6 of this Trust Agreement, or if the Trustees and the Futures Representative are unable to reach agreement on any matter on which such consent is required, the matter shall be submitted promptly to alternative dispute resolution if mutually agreeable to the Trustees and the Futures Representative. If the disagreement is not resolved by alternative dispute resolution, the Trustees may apply to the Bankruptcy Court on an expedited basis for approval of such action or decision, and only if such approval is given by the Bankruptcy Court by entry of an appropriate order, shall the Trustees have the authority to implement such action or decision without the Futures Representative's consent.

### **ARTICLE 6**

#### **TRUST ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**6.1 Duties** The TAC shall serve in a fiduciary capacity representing all holders of Asbestos Related Claims (excluding, however, Future Asbestos Claimants). The Trustees must consult with the TAC on matters identified in Subsection 2.2(e), must obtain the consent of the TAC on matters identified in Subsection 2.2(f), and may consult with the TAC on any matter affecting the Trust. Where provided in this Trust Agreement or the TDP, certain actions by the Trustees are subject to the consent of the TAC.

#### **6.2 Term of Office**

(a) Each member of the TAC shall serve until the earlier of (i) his or her death, (ii) his or her resignation pursuant to Subsection 6.2(b), (iii) his or her removal pursuant to Subsection 6.2(c) or (iv) the termination of the Trust pursuant to Section 7.2.

(b) Any member of the TAC may resign at any time by written notice to each of the Trustees and the Futures Representative. Such notice shall specify a date when such resignation shall take effect, which shall not be less than 90 days after the date such notice is given, where practicable.

(c) Any member of the TAC may be removed in the event that he or she becomes unable to discharge his or her duties hereunder due to accident, physical deterioration, mental incompetence, or a consistent pattern of neglect and failure to perform or to participate in performing the duties of such member hereunder, such as repeated non-attendance at scheduled meetings. Such removal shall be made by the unanimous decision of the Trustees and the Futures Representative.

**6.3 Appointment of Successor** A vacancy caused by resignation shall be filled with an individual nominated by the remaining members of the TAC. A vacancy for any other reason, or in the absence of a nomination by the remaining members of the TAC, shall be filled with an individual selected by majority vote of the Trustees. The successor TAC member shall, in either case, be subject to Bankruptcy Court approval.

**6.4 TAC's Employment of Professionals** The TAC may retain or consult with counsel, accountants, appraisers, auditors, forecasters, asbestos experts and other parties deemed by the TAC to be qualified as experts on matters submitted to them, and the opinion of any such parties on any matters submitted to them shall be full and complete authorization and protection in support of any action taken or not taken by the TAC hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the written opinion of any such party, and in the absence of gross negligence. The TAC and its experts shall at all times have complete access to the Trust's officers, employees and agents, and the accountants, appraisers, auditors, forecasters, and other experts retained by the Trust as well as information generated by them or otherwise available to the Trust or Trustees.

**6.5 Compensation and Expenses of TAC Members**

(a) Each of the TAC members or their representatives shall receive compensation from the Trust for each of the following tasks, which are hereinafter called the "TAC Trust Tasks":

- (i) Attendance at meetings of the Trustees;
- (ii) Performance of tasks requested to be performed by the Managing Trustee that the Managing Trustee believes benefits or has benefited the Trust, as opposed to individual client or clients of the member of the TAC.

(b) As of January 1, 2019, each of the TAC members and/or their representatives shall each be compensated as a Trust Expense at the rate of \$534.30 per hour spent at an official meeting of the Trustees, or on an official trip of the Trustees, or in the performance of any other TAC Trust Task. The hourly amount of compensation payable to the TAC members and/or their representatives hereunder shall be adjusted each year in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) published in January of each year retroactive to the beginning of that year commencing January 1, 2020.

(c) The Managing Trustee may, at his or her discretion, pay any invoices from members of the TAC or their representatives in aggregate amounts of up to \$25,000 in any

month that such Managing Trustee believes are appropriate under these resolutions without the necessity of further approval of the Trustees.

(d) The structure and amounts of compensation will be reviewed when requested by the Trustees, the TAC and/or the Futures Representative, but no less than every three (3) years beginning in April, 2022.

**6.6 Reimbursement of TAC Expenses** The Trust will promptly reimburse, or pay directly if so instructed, each TAC member for all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses, including fees and costs associated with employment of professionals pursuant to Section 6.4 and the procurement and maintenance of insurance incurred by the TAC or any TAC member in connection with the performance of its or his or her duties hereunder. Such reimbursement or direct payment shall be deemed a Trust Expense.

**6.7 Procedure for Obtaining Consent of the TAC**

(a) In the event the consent of the TAC is required pursuant to the terms hereof or of the TDP, the Trustees shall promptly provide the TAC and its counsel with notice and with all information regarding the matter in question.

(b) The TAC must consider in good faith and in a timely fashion any request by the Trustees, and the TAC may not withhold its consent unreasonably. If the TAC does not notify the Trustees of its objection to such request within 30 days after receiving notice and information regarding such request, then the TAC's consent shall be deemed to have objected to the request and the procedures set forth in Section 6.7 shall be followed.

**6.8 Lack of Consent of the TAC** In the event the Trustees are unable to obtain the consent of the TAC for any action or decision for which consent of the TAC is required, after following the procedure set forth in Section 6.6 of this Trust Agreement, or if the Trustees and the TAC are unable to reach agreement on any matter on which the TAC's consent is required, then the matter shall be submitted promptly to alternative dispute resolution if mutually agreeable to the Trustees and the TAC. If the disagreement is not resolved by alternative dispute resolution, the Trustees may apply to the Bankruptcy Court on an expedited basis for approval of such action or decision, and only if such approval is given by the Bankruptcy Court by entry of an appropriate order shall the Trustees have the authority to implement such action or decision without the TAC's consent.

**ARTICLE 7**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**7.1 Irrevocability** The Trust is irrevocable.

**7.2 Termination**

(a) The Trust shall automatically terminate on the date 90 days after the first to occur of the following events:



(i) the Trustees in their discretion decide to terminate the Trust because (A) they deem it unlikely that new Asbestos Related Claims will be filed or served against the Trust and (B) all Asbestos Related Claims duly filed with the Trust have been Allowed and paid to the extent provided in this Trust Agreement and the TDP or disallowed by a final, non-appealable order, to the extent possible based upon the funds available through the Plan, and twelve (12) consecutive months have elapsed during which no new Asbestos Related Claim has been filed with the Trust;

(ii) if the Trustees have procured and have in place irrevocable insurance policies and have established claims handling agreements and other necessary arrangements with suitable third parties adequate to discharge all expected remaining obligations and expenses of the Trust in a manner consistent with this Trust Agreement and the TDP, the date on which the Bankruptcy Court enters an order approving such insurance and other arrangements and such order becomes a Final Order; or

(iii) to the extent that any rule against perpetuities shall be deemed applicable to the Trust, 21 years less 91 days pass after the death of the last survivor of all of the descendants of Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr., of Massachusetts living on the date hereof.

(b) On the Termination Date, after payment of all the Trust's liabilities have been provided for, all monies remaining in the Trust estate shall be given to such organization(s) exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the IRC, which tax-exempt organization(s) shall be selected by the Trustees using their reasonable discretion; provided, however, that (i) if practicable, the tax-exempt organization(s) shall be related to the treatment of, research on, or the relief of suffering of individuals suffering from asbestos related lung disorders, and (ii) the tax-exempt organization(s) shall not bear any relationship to any of the Debtors within the meaning of section 468B(d)(3) of the IRC. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan Documents, this Subsection 7.2(b) cannot be modified or amended.

**7.3 Amendments** The Trustees, after consultation with the Approving Entities, and subject to the consent of the Approving Entities where so provided, may modify or amend this Trust Agreement or any document annexed to it, including, without limitation, the Trust Bylaws or the TDP. Any modification or amendment made pursuant to this Section must be done in writing. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Trust Agreement to the contrary, neither this Trust Agreement, the Trust Bylaws, the TDP, nor any document annexed to the foregoing shall be modified or amended in any way that could jeopardize, impair or modify the applicability of section 524(g) of the Bankruptcy Code, the efficacy or enforceability of the Injunctions, the Trust's qualified settlement fund status or the rights of the USF&G Parties under the Plan Documents or the USF&G Settlement Agreement.

**7.4 Meetings** The TAC, the Futures Representative or a Trustee shall be deemed to have attended a meeting in the event such person spends a substantial portion of the day conferring, by phone or in person, on Trust matters with the TAC, the Futures Representative or Trustees, as applicable. The Trustees shall have complete discretion to determine whether a meeting, as described herein, occurred for purposes of Sections 4.5 and 5.5.

**7.5 Severability** Should any provision in this Trust Agreement be determined to be unenforceable, such determination shall in no way limit or affect the enforceability and operative effect of any and all other provisions of this Trust Agreement.

**7.6 Notices** Notices to persons asserting claims shall be given at the address of such person, or, where applicable, such person's Futures Representative, in each case as provided on such person's claim form submitted to the Trust with respect to his or her or its Asbestos Related Claim.

All notices, requests, demands, and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and given by (a) personal delivery, or (b) by established express delivery service that maintains delivery records, or (c) by mail, postage prepaid, or (d) by facsimile, e-mail or other electronic methods addressed as follows, or to such other address or addresses as may hereafter be furnished by any of the Notice Recipients, the Trustees, the Approving Entities or the Debtors, to the other notice recipients in compliance with the terms hereof.

To the Trust through the Trustees: Executive Director  
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All such notices and communications if mailed shall be effective when physically delivered at the designated addresses or, if electronically transmitted, when the communication is received at the designated addresses and confirmed by the recipient by return electronic transmission.

**7.7 Successors and Assigns** The provisions of this Trust Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Debtors, the Trust, and the Trustees and their respective successors and assigns, except that neither the Debtors, nor the Trust, nor any Trustee may assign or otherwise transfer any of its, his or her rights or obligations under this Trust Agreement except, in the case of the Trust and the Trustees, as contemplated by Section 2.1.

**7.8 Limitation on Claim Interests for Securities Laws Purposes** Except as otherwise permitted under the Plan, Asbestos Related Claims and any interests therein: (a) shall not be assigned, conveyed, hypothecated, pledged or otherwise transferred, voluntarily or involuntarily, directly or indirectly, except by will or under the laws of descent and distribution; (b) shall not be evidenced by a certificate or other instrument; (c) shall not possess any voting rights; and (d) shall not be entitled to receive any dividends or interest; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not apply to the holder of an Indirect Asbestos Related Claim that is subrogated to an Asbestos Related Claim as a result of its satisfaction of such Asbestos Related Claim.

**7.9 Entire Agreement; No Waiver** The entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter of this Trust Agreement is contained herein and in the documents referred to herein, and this Trust Agreement and such documents supersede any prior oral or written agreements concerning the subject matter hereof. No failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder preclude any further exercise thereof or of any

other right, power or privilege. The rights and remedies herein provided are cumulative and are not exclusive of rights under law or in equity.

**7.10 Headings** The headings used in this Trust Agreement are inserted for convenience only and neither constitute a portion of this Trust Agreement, nor in any manner affect the construction of the provisions of this Trust Agreement.

**7.11 Governing Law; Submission to Jurisdiction** This Trust Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Nevada without regard to Nevada conflict of laws principles. The Trust is subject to the continuing jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court.

**7.12 Dispute Resolution** Any disputes that arise under this Trust Agreement or under the annexes hereto shall be resolved by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to the Plan, except as otherwise provided herein or in the annexes hereto. Notwithstanding anything else herein contained, to the extent any provision of this Trust Agreement is inconsistent with any provision of the Plan, the Plan shall control.

**7.13 Enforcement and Administration** The provisions of this Trust Agreement and the annexes hereto shall be enforced by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to the Plan. The parties hereby further acknowledge and agree that the Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the settlement of the accounts of the Trustees.

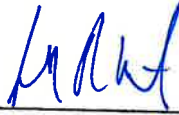
**7.14 Effectiveness** This Trust Agreement shall not become effective until it has been executed and delivered by all the parties hereto.

**7.15 Counterpart Signatures** This Trust Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Eighteenth Amendment to and Complete Restatement of Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Agreement as of this \_\_\_ day of July, 2019.

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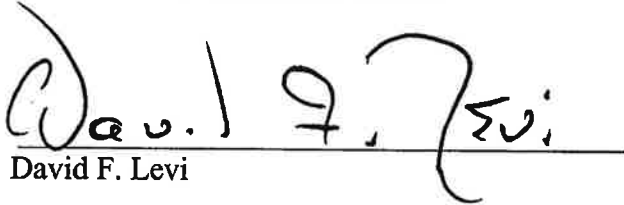


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TRUST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Alan R. Brayton

Title: Chair

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Eighteenth Amendment to and Complete Restatement of Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Agreement as of this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

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## **EXHIBIT “B”**



**FOURTH AMENDMENT TO AND  
COMPLETE RESTATEMENT OF  
WESTERN ASBESTOS SETTLEMENT TRUST BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I – OFFICES**

**SECTION 1. Principal Office.** The initial principal office of the Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (the "Trust")<sup>1</sup> shall be in the County of Washoe, the State of Nevada, or at such other place other than any location in California as the Trustees shall from time to time select.

**SECTION 2. Other Offices.** The Trust may have such other offices at such other places as the Trustees may from time to time determine to be necessary for the efficient and cost-effective administration of the Trust; provided that the Trust may not have any offices in California at any time.

**ARTICLE II – TRUSTEES**

**SECTION 1. Control of Property, Business and Affairs.** The property, business and affairs of the Trust shall be managed by or under the direction of the Trustees, provided that certain decisions of the Trustees shall be subject to the consent of the Futures Representative and the TAC, as provided in the Trust Agreement to which these Bylaws are attached as Annex A.

**SECTION 2. Number, Resignation and Removal.** The number of Trustees and the provisions governing the resignation and removal of a Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee shall be governed by the provisions of Article 4 of the Trust Agreement.

**SECTION 3. Quorum and Manner of Acting.** When there are three Trustees, a majority of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. When there are three Trustees, the vote, at a meeting at which a quorum is present, of a majority of Trustees shall be an act of the Trustees. When there are two Trustees, both must be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. When there are two Trustees, at a meeting at which a quorum is present, only a unanimous vote of the Trustees shall be an act of the Trustees. In the absence of a quorum, the Trustee(s) present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

**SECTION 4. Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Trustees with the Futures Representative and TAC may be held at such time and place as shall from time to time be determined by the Trustees ("Trust Meeting"), provided that the Trustees shall meet at least four

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used herein shall be the meanings ascribed to them in the Glossary of Terms for the Plan Documents, attached as Exhibit 1 to the Plan, and such definitions are incorporated herein by reference. All capitalized terms not defined in the Glossary, but defined in the Bankruptcy Code or Rules, shall have the meanings ascribed to them by the Bankruptcy Code or Rules, and such definitions are incorporated herein by reference.

times per year, as close as practicable on a quarterly basis, pursuant to a schedule announced each year, and provided further that all meetings shall be held in the State of Nevada or such other state (other than California) as may be selected by the Trustees. After there has been such determination, and a notice thereof has been once given to each Trustee, the Futures Representative and the TAC, regular meetings may be held without further notice being given.

SECTION 5. Special Meeting Notice. Special meetings of the Trustees shall be held whenever called by one or more of the Trustees. Notice of each such meeting shall be delivered by overnight courier to each Trustee, the Futures Representative and the TAC, addressed to each such party at the place designated by such party for receipt of such notice, or, failing such designation, at such party's residence or usual place of business, at least three days before the date on which the meeting is to be held, or shall be sent to such party at such place by personal delivery or by telephone or telecopy not later than two days before the day on which such meeting is to be held. Such notice shall state the place, date and hour of the meeting and the purposes for which it is called. In lieu of the notice to be given as set forth above, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the Trustee or Trustees, the Futures Representative or the TAC, entitled to receive such notice, whether before or after the meeting, shall be deemed equivalent thereto for purposes of this Section 5. No notice or waiver by any Trustee, the Futures Representative or the TAC, with respect to any special meeting shall be required if such person or entity shall be present at said meeting. The Futures Representative and the TAC shall be entitled to attend every special meeting of the Trustees. All special meetings shall be held in the State of Nevada or such other state (other than California) as may be selected by the Trustees.

SECTION 6. Action without a Meeting; Meeting by Conference Call. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Trustees may be taken without a meeting of all Trustees, after notice to the Futures Representative and the TAC, consent thereto in writing, and the writing or writings are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Trustees; provided that no such consents may be provided by a Trustee acting in the State of California.

The Trustees also may take action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communication equipment provided that all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other and provided that no Trustee shall participate in such a meeting from the State of California. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this paragraph shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

SECTION 7. Meeting of Trustees Only.

(a) The Trustees may meet outside the presence of the TAC and Futures Representative for the purpose of (i) formulating policies to be presented to the TAC and Futures Representative at a Regular or Special Meeting of the Trustees, TAC and Futures Representative or (ii) meeting with counsel to the Trust regarding Trust documents and the fiduciary duties of the Trustees.

(b) In addition, the Trustees may also meet outside the presence of the TAC and the Futures Representative when necessary for routine administration of the Trust, including personnel, financial, investment or claims matters arising in the course of managing the affairs of the Trust or under circumstances where the Trustees in their judgment conclude that it is a matter requiring prompt action before a regular or special meeting could be scheduled. In all such circumstances, the Trustees shall record, and make available to the TAC and Futures

Representative, the minutes of any meeting held pursuant to this Section 7(b). At the request of the TAC or Futures Representative the subject of any meeting held pursuant to Section 7(b) shall be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled or special Trust meeting.

### **ARTICLE III – OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1. Principal Officers.** The principal officer of the Trust shall be the Managing Trustee, as appointed pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Trust Agreement. The Trust may also have such other officers as the Trustees may appoint after determining that such appointment will promote the efficient and cost-effective administration of the Trust.

**SECTION 2. Election and Term of Office.** The principal officers of the Trust shall be chosen by the Trustees. Each such officer shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified or until the earlier of his or her death, resignation, retirement or removal.

**SECTION 3. Subordinate Officers.** In addition to the principal officer enumerated in Section 1 of this Article 111, the Trust may have such other subordinate officers, agents and employees as the Trustees may deem necessary for the efficient and cost-effective administration of the Trust, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Trustees may from time to time determine. The Trustees may delegate to any principal officer the power to appoint and to remove any such subordinate officers, agents or employees.

**SECTION 4. Removal.** The Managing Trustee or any other officer may be removed with or without cause, at any time, by resolution adopted by the Trustees at any regular meeting of the Trustees or at any special meeting of the Trustees called for that purpose; provided, however, that the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative shall be required for the removal of the Managing Trustee without cause.

**SECTION 5. Resignations.** Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Trustees. The resignation of any officer shall take effect upon receipt of notice thereof or at such later time as shall be specified in such notice and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

**SECTION 6. Powers and Duties.** The officers of the Trust shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be conferred upon or assigned to them by the Trustees.

### **ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENTS**


The Bylaws of the Trust, other than Article I, Article II, Article III Section 4, and this Article IV and any provisions relating to the activities of the Trustees in California, may be amended by the Trustees at any meeting of the Trustees, provided that notice of the proposed amendment is contained in the notice of such meeting. The remaining Bylaws may be amended by the Trustees only after receipt of the consent of the Approving Entities to the proposed amendment.

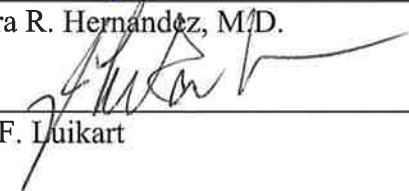
**CERTIFICATION**

Each of the undersigned hereby certifies that he or she is a duly-selected and Bankruptcy Court-approved Trustee for the Trust and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Fourth Amendment to and Complete Restatement of the Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Bylaws authorized by action of the Trust.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the each of the undersigned Trustees set his or her hand this \_\_ day of July, 2019.

TRUSTEES:

  
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Sandra R. Hernandez, M.D.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John F. Luikart

**CONSENT TO FOURTH AMENDMENT TO AND  
COMPLETE RESTATEMENT OF WESTERN ASBESTOS SETTLEMENT  
TRUST BYLAWS**

The Trust Advisory Committee of the Western Asbestos Settlement Trust hereby consents to the **FOURTH AMENDMENT TO AND COMPLETE RESTATEMENT OF WESTERN ASBESTOS SETTLEMENT TRUST BYLAWS** attached hereto.

Executed in the State of Nevada on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019

Trust Advisory Committee of the Western Asbestos  
Settlement Trust

By: Al R. Brayton  
Al Brayton  
Its: Chair

## **EXHIBIT “C”**

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**FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AND  
COMPLETE RESTATEMENT OF  
THE WESTERN ASBESTOS COMPANY/  
WESTERN MAC ARTHUR CO./MAC ARTHUR CO.  
ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY SETTLEMENT  
TRUST DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES**



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### FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AND COMPLETE RESTATEMENT OF THE WESTERN ASBESTOS COMPANY/WESTERN MAC ARTHUR CO./ MAC ARTHUR CO. ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY SETTLEMENT TRUST DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES

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### **FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AND COMPLETE RESTATEMENT OF THE WESTERN ASBESTOS COMPANY/WESTERN MAC ARTHUR CO./ MAC ARTHUR CO. ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY SETTLEMENT TRUST DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES**

This Fifth Amendment to and Complete Restatement of the Western Asbestos Company/Western Mac Arthur Co./Mac Arthur Co. Asbestos Personal Injury Settlement Trust Distribution Procedures ("TDP") contained herein provide for satisfying all asbestos-related personal injury and death claims caused by conduct of, and/or exposure to asbestos-containing products for which, The Western Asbestos Company, Western Mac Arthur Co., or Mac Arthur Co. (collectively, "Western"), its predecessors, successors, and assigns have legal responsibility (hereinafter for all purposes of this TDP defined as "Trust Claims"), as provided in and required by The Western Company Plan of Reorganization ("Plan") and The Western Asbestos Personal Injury Settlement Trust Agreement ("Trust Agreement"). The Plan and Trust Agreement establish The Western Asbestos Personal Injury Settlement Trust ("Trust"). The Trustees of the Trust ("Trustees") shall implement and administer this TDP in accordance with the Trust Agreement. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Glossary, attached as Exhibit 1 to the Plan. This TDP is effective as of June 1, 2020.

#### **SECTION I**

##### **Introduction**

**1.1 Purpose.** This TDP has been adopted pursuant to the Trust Agreement. It is designed to provide fair and equitable treatment for all Trust Claims that may presently exist or may arise in the future in substantially the same manner.

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**1.2 Interpretation.** Nothing in this TDP shall be deemed to create a substantive right for any claimant.

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### SECTION II

#### Overview

**2.1 Trust Goals.** The goal of the Trust is to treat all claimants equitably. This TDP furthers that goal by setting forth procedures for processing and paying claims generally on an impartial, first-in-first-out ("FIFO") basis, with the intention of paying all claimants over time as equivalent a share as possible of the value of their claims based on historical values for substantially similar claims in the tort system. To this end, the TDP establishes for unliquidated claims in the Case Valuation Matrix ("Matrix"), attached hereto as Appendix I, a schedule of five asbestos-related diseases ("Compensable Diseases"), which have presumptive medical and exposure requirements ("Medical/Exposure Criteria"), criteria for establishing liquidated values ("Matrix Values"), anticipated average values ("Average Values"), and caps on liquidated values ("Maximum Values"). The Compensable Diseases, Medical/Exposure Criteria, Matrix Values, Average Values and Maximum Values, which are set forth in the attached Matrix, have all been selected and derived with the intention of achieving a fair allocation of the Trust funds as among claimants suffering from different disease processes in light of the best available information, considering the settlement history of Western and the rights claimants would have in the tort system absent the bankruptcy. The TDP also provides mechanisms for the treatment and payment of Liquidated Claims.

**2.2 Trust Claim Liquidation Procedures.** Trust Claims shall be processed based on their place in the FIFO Processing Queue to be established pursuant to Section 5.3 below. The Trust shall liquidate all Trust Claims that meet the presumptive Medical/Exposure Criteria in

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accordance with the Matrix. Claims that do not meet the presumptive Medical/Exposure Criteria for the relevant Compensable Disease may undergo the Trust's Individual Review Process described in the Matrix. In such a case, notwithstanding that the claim does not meet the presumptive Medical/Exposure Criteria for the relevant Compensable Disease, the Trust can offer the claimant an amount up to the Average Value as defined in the Matrix of that Compensable Disease if the Trust is satisfied that the claimant has presented a claim that would be cognizable, valid and compensable in the tort system.

All unresolved disputes over a claimant's medical condition, exposure history and/or the liquidated value of the claim shall be subject to binding or non-binding arbitration, at the election of the claimant, under the Arbitration Rules. Disputes with the Trust that cannot be resolved by non-binding arbitration may enter the tort system as provided in Sections 5.9 and 7.3 below. However, if and when a claimant obtains a judgment in the tort system, the judgment will be payable (subject to the Payment Percentage, Maximum Annual Payment, Company Category Claims Payment Ratio and Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio provisions set forth below) as provided in Section 7.4 below.

**2.3 Trust Application of the Payment Percentage.** After the liquidated value of a Trust Claim is determined, the claimant will ultimately receive a pro-rata share of that value based on a Payment Percentage calculated as described in Section 4.2 below. The Initial Payment Percentage is expected to be 11.5% based upon currently available information. The Initial Payment Percentage shall be set by agreement between the Asbestos Claimants Committee and the Futures Representative prior to the Effective Date and if no agreement is reached, by the

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bankruptcy court. Any determination by the bankruptcy court will be on a motion by the Asbestos Claimants Committee, the Futures Representative or Western, to be heard before the first date scheduled for hearing on confirmation of the Plan. All parties waive any right to move for reconsideration, to appeal or seek any other method of review of the ruling by the bankruptcy court on the Initial Payment Percentage or to request the bankruptcy court to abstain from ruling. The Initial Payment Percentage will be calculated on the assumption that the Matrix's Average Values will be achieved with respect to existing present claims liquidated under the Matrix and projected future claims.

The Payment Percentage may be adjusted upwards or downwards from time to time by the Trust with the consent of the TAC (as defined in Section 3.1 below) and the Futures Representative (as defined in Section 3.1 below) to reflect then-current estimates of the Trust's assets and its liabilities, as well as the estimated value of then-pending and future claims. However, any adjustment to the Initial Payment Percentage shall be made only pursuant to Section 4.2 below. If the Payment Percentage is increased over time, claimants who have previously been paid by the Trust will receive a proportional additional payment unless the Trust with consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative concludes that the amount is so modest and the administrative costs and burdens are so great in comparison to the benefits to claimants that such additional payments shall be omitted or deferred. To the extent that the designated legal representative of a claimant or heir (or the Trust in the case of *in pro per* claimants), following reasonable efforts, cannot locate a claimant or heir within one year from the approval of any additional payment pursuant to Section 4.2, the legal representatives shall return all funds, which



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must be held in client trust accounts, to the Trust which the Trust shall return to net claimant equity. To the extent the Trust cannot locate a claimant or heir *in pro per* within one year from the approval of any additional payment pursuant to Section 4.2 following reasonable efforts, the entire additional payment shall also be returned to net claimant equity.

**2.4 Trust's Determination of the Maximum Annual Payment.** The Trust shall estimate or model the amount of cash flow anticipated to be necessary over its entire life to ensure that funds will be available to treat all present and future claimants as similarly as possible. In each year, the Trust will be empowered to pay out all of the interest earned during the year, together with a portion of its principal, calculated so that the application of Trust funds over its life shall correspond with the needs created by the anticipated flow of claims (the "Maximum Annual Payment"). The Trust's distributions to claimants for that year shall not exceed the Maximum Annual Payment determined for that year; provided, however, that the Maximum Annual Payment limitation shall not apply to any Pre-Petition Liquidated Claims as defined in Section 5.2(a) below.

**2.5 Trust Claims Payment Ratio.**

Based upon Western's claim settlement history and analysis of present and future claims, two kinds of Claims Payment Ratios have been determined, one relating to the company against which the claim is made ("Company Categories"), and a second relating to the category of disease claim against the particular company ("Disease Categories").

The Company Categories divide claims into those claims made against Western Asbestos Company and Western Mac Arthur Co. collectively, on the one hand, and those claims made

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against Mac Arthur Co., on the other. The Company Categories will be referred to herein as the "WAC/WMC Ratio" (referring to the Claims Payment Ratio applicable collectively to Western Asbestos Company and Western Mac Arthur Co.), and the "MAC Ratio" (referring to the company Claims Payment Ratio applicable to Mac Arthur Co.). The WAC/WMC Ratio has been set at 88.35% for claims of all Disease Categories, and the MAC Ratio has been set at 11.65% for claims of all Disease Categories in Minnesota and North Dakota. The WAC/WMC Ratio and the MAC Ratio apply only to Trust Claims that were unliquidated as of the Petition Date. The Claims Payment Ratios shall not apply to any Pre-Petition Liquidated Claims.

In each year, after the determination of the Maximum Annual Payment, 88.35% of that amount will be available to pay liquidated claims against Western Asbestos Company and Western Mac Arthur Co., 11.65% will be available to pay liquidated claims against Mac Arthur Co. in Minnesota and North Dakota, referring in each instance to claims that have been liquidated since the Petition Date. Because virtually all claims against Western Asbestos Company and Western Mac Arthur Co. have been made historically in California, any claims from other jurisdictions against these companies will be carefully scrutinized. Similarly, because virtually all claims against Mac Arthur Co., when sued individually, have been made historically in Minnesota and North Dakota, any claims from other jurisdictions against Mac Arthur Co. will be carefully scrutinized.

In addition, Claims Payment Ratios have been established separately by Disease Category for the universe of claims against Western Asbestos Company and Western Mac Arthur Co. collectively, on the one hand, and for the universe of claims against Mac Arthur Co., on the other.

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For claims against Western Asbestos Company and Western Mac Arthur Co. collectively, the Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio has been set at 84% for "Category A" claims, which consist of Trust Claims involving malignant claims that were unliquidated as of the Petition Date, and at 16% for "Category B" claims, which are Trust Claims involving non-malignant claims that were similarly unliquidated as of the Petition Date. The Disease Category Claims Payment Ratios shall not apply to any Pre-Petition Liquidated Claims. In each year, after the determination of the Maximum Annual Payment, 84% of that amount will be available to pay liquidated Category A claims and 16% will be available to pay liquidated Category B claims that have been liquidated since the Petition Date.

In the event there are insufficient funds in any year to pay the liquidated claims against Western Asbestos Company and Western Mac Arthur Co. within either or both of the Disease Categories, the available funds within the particular Disease Category shall be paid to the maximum extent to claimants in the particular Disease Category based on their place in the FIFO Payment Queue described in Section 5.3( c) below based upon the date of claim liquidation. Claims for which there are insufficient funds will be carried to the next year where they will be placed at the head of the FIFO Payment Queue. If there are excess funds in either or both Disease Category, because there was an insufficient amount of liquidated claims to exhaust the respective Maximum Annual Payment amount for that Disease Category, then the excess funds for either or both Disease Categories will be rolled over and remain dedicated to the respective Disease Category to which they were originally allocated.

For claims against Mac Arthur Co., except for year 2019 (“**2019 Exemption**”), the

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Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio has been set at 71.5% in Minnesota and North Dakota for "Category A" claims, which consist of Trust Claims involving malignant claims that were unliquidated as of the Petition Date, and at 28.5% in Minnesota and North Dakota for "Category B" claims, which are Trust Claims involving non-malignant claims that were similarly unliquidated as of the Petition Date. The Disease Category Claims Payment Ratios shall not apply to any Pre-Petition Liquidated Claims. In each year other than during the 2019 Exemption, after the determination of the Maximum Annual Payment, 71.5% of the Minnesota and North Dakota amount will be available to pay liquidated Category A claims, and 28.5% of the Minnesota and North Dakota amount will be available to pay liquidated Category B claims that have been liquidated since the Petition Date. For the 2019 Exemption, see below.

In the event there are insufficient funds in any year (other than during the 2019 Exemption) to pay the liquidated claims against Mac Arthur Co. within either or both of the Disease Categories, the available funds within the particular Disease Category shall be paid to the maximum extent to claimants in the particular Disease Category based on their place in the FIFO Payment Queue described in Section 5.3(c) below based upon the date of claim liquidation. Claims for which there are insufficient funds will be carried to the next year where they will be placed at the head of the FIFO Payment Queue. If there are excess funds in either or both Disease Category, because there was an insufficient amount of liquidated claims to exhaust the respective Maximum Annual Payment amount for that Disease Category, then the excess funds for either or both of the Disease Categories will be rolled over and remain dedicated to the respective Disease Category to which they were originally allocated.

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The Company Category Claims Payment Ratios and the Disease Category Claims Payment Ratios (other than during the 2019 Exemption) are depicted in the following table:

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	WAC/WMC COMPANY CATEGORY	MAC COMPANY CATEGORY
		Minnesota and North Dakota
DISEASE CATEGORY A	84% of 88.35%	71.5% of 11.65%
DISEASE CATEGORY B	16% of 88.35%	28.5% of 11.65%
TOTALS ALL DISEASE CATEGORIES	88.35%	11.65%

### 2019 Exemption

During 2019, in the event that the Trustees determine that the allocation of the Maximum Annual Payment for MAC Company Category (Minnesota and North Dakota)/Disease Category B claims (e.g. 28.5% of 11.65%) is greater than the amount required to pay the actual and reasonably anticipated MAC Company Category/Disease Category B claims in 2019, then the Trustees are authorized, with the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative, to allocate as much of the excess MAC Company Category/Disease Category B funds as may be necessary to timely pay MAC Company Category/Disease Category A claims in 2019. In determining the amount of reasonably anticipated MAC Company Category/Disease Category B claims for 2019, the Trustees shall consider all available information, including, but not be limited to, (i) the amount forecast by the Trust's estimation expert as the dollar amount necessary to pay 2019 MAC Company Category/Disease Category B Claims pursuant to the TDP and the Trust's regular procedures and/or (ii) the dollar amount calculated by the Trust as necessary to pay MAC Company Category/Disease Category B claims pursuant to the TDP and the Trust's regular



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procedures based upon the claims submitted that the Trust anticipates will be ready for payment in 2019.

**Adjustments to Forecast.** The Trustees, with the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative, may in a particular year conform the Disease Category Claims Payment Ratios and the Company Category Claims Payment Ratios to the revised estimates of future claims prepared by Dr. Mark Peterson and Dr. Francine Rabinovitz presented to the Bankruptcy Court as part of the confirmation hearing ("Adjustment to Forecast"). There shall be no Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio for North Dakota in the MAC Company Category.

**Fundamental Adjustments.** The Company Category Claims Payment Ratio, the Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio and its rollover provisions shall be continued absent circumstances, such as a significant change in law or medicine, necessitating amendment to avoid manifest injustice ("Fundamental Adjustment"). The accumulation, rollover and subsequent delay of claims resulting from application of the Claims Payment Ratios, shall not, in and of itself, constitute such circumstances. Nor may an increase in the numbers of Disease Category B claims beyond those predicted or expected be considered as a factor in deciding whether to reduce the percentage allocated to Disease Category A. In considering whether to make any Fundamental Adjustment to the Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio and/or its rollover provisions, the Trustees should also consider the reasons for which the Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio and its rollover provisions were adopted, the settlement history that gave rise to its calculation, and the foreseeability or lack of foreseeability of the reasons why there would be any need to make a Fundamental Adjustment. In that regard, the Trustees should keep in mind the interplay

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between the Payment Percentage and the Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio as it affects the net cash actually paid to claimants. In any event, no Fundamental Adjustment to the Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio may be made without the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative pursuant to the consent process set forth in Section 2.2(f) of the Trust Agreement. However the Trustees may offer the option of a reduced payment percentage to either Disease Category for any or all Company Categories in return for prompter payment (the "Reduced Payment Option"), after first obtaining the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative as described above.

The Company Category for a Trust Claim shall be determined by the jurisdiction where the tort action has been filed or litigation commenced. Litigation commenced in Minnesota and North Dakota shall be assigned to the MAC Company Category, and litigation filed in California shall be assigned to the WAC/WMC Company Category. Trust Claims based upon litigation commenced in any other jurisdiction shall be assigned to either the MAC Company Category or to the WAC/WMC Company Category in the sole discretion of the Trust.

### **Suspension of Claims Payment Ratios**

*Notwithstanding any other provision herein*, commencing on June 1, 2020, the Trust shall cease enforcing the Claims Payment Ratios contained in the TDP subject to the ability of the Trustees, the Futures Representative and the TAC to reinstate the enforcement of the Claims Payment Ratios in the manner provided below. During the time that the Trust is not enforcing the Claims Payment Ratios, it shall continue to track and maintain records regarding the funds allocated to the Company Category Claims Payment Ratios and Disease Category Claims

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Payment Ratios and the claims paid that would have otherwise been subject to the Claims Payment Ratios.

Beginning on July 1, 2020, the Trust shall by July 31<sup>st</sup> (for the period January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year) and by February 1<sup>st</sup> (for period July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the prior year) of each such period where the Claims Payment Ratios have been suspended provide the Trustees, the Futures Representative and the TAC a report showing: (a) the amount of the Maximum Annual Payment that would have been allocated to each Company Category and Disease Category for that six month period using the existing Claims Payment Ratios; (b) the amounts paid with respect to claims during such six month period that would have been subject to the Claims Payment Ratios in each category; and (c) the amounts approved for payment (but not yet paid) as of the end of such six month period with respect to claims that would have been subject to the Claims Payment Ratios in each category. The Futures Representative and the TAC shall each have fifteen (15) days from the receipt of each such report to notify the Trust in writing that they are exercising their right to have the Trust begin enforcing the Claims Payment Ratios effective as of the end of the most recent reporting period. In addition, the Trustees may, at any time with notice to the Futures Representative and the TAC, exercise their right to reinstate the enforcement of the Claims Payment Ratios. If the Trustees exercise their right or if the Trust receives a written reinstatement notice from the Futures Representative or the TAC, the Trust shall immediately begin enforcing the Claims Payment Ratios, effective as of the end of the most recent reporting period. If the enforcement of the Claims Payment Ratios is reinstated, all provisions of the TDP relating to the Claims Payment Ratios shall be in effect, but any deficits

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from prior reporting periods or years shall be ignored and any rollover amounts shall be allocated in accordance with the percentages set forth in the Claims Payment Ratios.

**2.6 Trust Indemnity and Contribution Claims.** As set forth in Section 5.6 below, Trust Claims for indemnity and contribution (if any) will be subject to the same categorization, evaluation, and payment provisions of this TDP as all other Trust Claims.

### **SECTION III**

#### **TDP Administration**

**3.1 Trust Advisory Committee and Futures Representative.** Pursuant to the Plan and the Trust Agreement, this TDP will be administered by the Trustees in consultation with a five-member Trust Advisory Committee ("TAC"), that represents the interests of holders of present Trust Claims, and a Legal Representative for Future Asbestos-Related Claimants ("Futures Representative"), who represents the interests of holders of Trust Claims that will be asserted in the future. The Trustees shall obtain the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative to any amendments to these Procedures pursuant to Section 8.1 below, and to such other matters as are otherwise required below and in Section 2.2(f) of the Trust Agreement. The Trustees shall also consult with the TAC and the Futures Representative on such matters as are provided below and in Section 2.2(e) of the Trust Agreement. The initial members of the TAC and the initial Futures Representative are identified in the Trust Agreement.

**3.2 Consent and Consultation Procedures.** In those circumstances in which consultation or consent is required, the Trustees will provide written notice to the TAC and the

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Futures Representative of the specific amendment or other action that is proposed. The Trustees will not implement such amendment nor take such action unless and until the parties have engaged in the consultation process described in Section 2.2(e), or the Consent Process described in Sections 5.6 and 6.6 and if necessary, 5.7 and 6.7 of the Trust Agreement.

### **SECTION IV**

#### **Payment Percentage; Periodic Estimates**

**4.1 Uncertainty of Western's Personal Injury Asbestos Liabilities.** As discussed above, there is inherent uncertainty regarding Western's total asbestos-related tort liabilities, as well as the total value of the assets available to pay such claims. Consequently, there is inherent uncertainty regarding the amounts that holders of Trust Claims will receive. To seek to ensure substantially equivalent treatment of all present and future claims, the Trustees must determine from time to time the percentage of full liquidated value that holders of Trust Claims will be likely to receive, i.e., the "Payment Percentage" described in Section 2.3 above and Section 4.2 below.

**4.2 Computation of Payment Percentage.** The Initial Payment Percentage is expected to be 11.5% based upon currently available information. The Initial Payment Percentage shall be set by agreement between the Asbestos Claimants Committee and the Futures Representative prior to the Effective Date and if no agreement is reached, by the bankruptcy court. Any determination by the bankruptcy court will be on a motion by the Asbestos Claimants Committee, the Futures Representative or Western, to be heard before the first date scheduled for hearing on confirmation of the Plan. All parties waive any right to move for reconsideration, to

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appeal or seek any other method of review of the ruling by the bankruptcy court on the Initial Payment Percentage or to request the bankruptcy court to abstain from ruling. The Payment Percentage shall be subject to change pursuant to the terms of this TDP and the Trust Agreement if the Trustees determine, with consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative, that an adjustment is required. Commencing on the first day of January, after the Plan has been Confirmed, the Trustees shall reconsider the then applicable Payment Percentage to assure that it is based on accurate current information and may, after such reconsideration, change the Payment Percentage if necessary with the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative. Thereafter, no less frequently than once every three years, commencing with the first day of January occurring after the Plan is consummated, the Trustees shall reconsider the then applicable Payment Percentage to assure that it is based on accurate, current information and may, after such reconsideration, change the Payment Percentage if necessary with the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative. The Trustees shall also reconsider the then applicable Payment Percentage at shorter intervals if they deem such reconsideration to be appropriate or if requested to do so by the TAC or the Futures Representative. The Trustees must base their determination of the Payment Percentage on current estimates of the number, types, and values of present and future Trust Claims, the value and liquidity of the assets then available to the Trust for their payment, all anticipated administrative and legal expenses, and any other material matters that are reasonably likely to affect the sufficiency of funds to pay a comparable percentage of full value to all holders of Trust Claims. When making these determinations, the Trustees shall exercise common sense and flexibly evaluate all relevant factors. The Payment Percentage applicable to

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one category of claims may not be reduced to alleviate delays in another category claims payments caused by a backlog in that category. All claims will receive the same Payment Percentage.

**4.3 Applicability of the Payment Percentage.** No holder of a Trust Claim shall receive a payment that exceeds the Trust's determination of the Initial Payment Percentage, or the Payment Percentage in effect at the time of payment in the case of all other Trust Claims unless a Reduced Payment Option applies. If a redetermination of the Payment Percentage has been proposed in writing by the Trustees to the TAC and the Futures Representative but has not yet been adopted, the claimant shall receive the lower of the current Payment Percentage or the proposed Payment Percentage. However, if the proposed Payment Percentage was the lower amount but is not subsequently adopted, the claimant shall thereafter receive the difference between the lower proposed amount and the higher current amount. Conversely, if the proposed Payment Percentage was the higher amount and is subsequently adopted, the claimant shall thereafter receive the difference between the lower current amount and the higher adopted amount.

## **SECTION V**

### **Resolution of Trust Claims**

**5.1 Threshold Requirement for Submitting a Claim to the Trust.** If a Claimant or Injured Person has commenced litigation seeking compensation for asbestos-related injuries or death that are the subject of a claim in a court where one or more of the Debtors liable for such claim was subject to in personam jurisdiction as of July 1, 2002, then that jurisdiction shall



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determine which limitations period, category, Average Value, and base case shall be used subject to the exceptions stated herein. If multiple pre-petition lawsuits in different jurisdictions naming one or more of the Debtors liable for such claim have been filed for an Injured Person or Claimant, then such Injured Person or Claimant may choose the pre-petition jurisdiction (from among the different jurisdictions in which the pre-petition lawsuits naming one or more of the Debtors liable for such claim were filed for that Injured Party or Claimant, so long as in personam jurisdiction existed) in which the limitations period, category, Average Value, and base case shall be used. If a Claimant does not have a pending lawsuit against one or more of the Debtors at the time of the submission to the Trust, then in lieu of having a tort action filed for purposes of this TDP, the Claimant or Injured Person must submit a verified certification under penalty of perjury, either of counsel based upon counsel's records, or of Claimant or Injured Person stating facts which establish in personam jurisdiction in a court where one or more of the Debtors liable for such claim was subject to in personam jurisdiction as of July 1, 2002 or incorporate a lawsuit which asserts those facts, and therefore such person can meet the jurisdictional requirements of the particular state in which the tort claim would have been timely and properly filed. The Trust shall have the right to contest any such certification. The jurisdiction so certified shall determine which limitations period, category, Average Value, and base case shall be used subject to the exceptions stated herein. To the extent that a claim is properly asserted under the foregoing rules against the Trust under a jurisdiction other than California, Minnesota or North Dakota, then the Trustees, in their discretion, may assign a valuation to such claim under one of the valuations provided for California, Minnesota or North Dakota as they deem appropriate. Notwithstanding

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any other provision hereof, the Trust shall not recognize a claim against Mac Arthur under the valuations provided for California, and under no circumstances shall the Trust recognize any liability as against Mac Arthur for any asbestos product sales, distributions and/or installations made by either Western MacArthur or Western Asbestos, nor shall the Trust recognize any liability as against Western Asbestos and Western MacArthur for any asbestos product sales, distributions and/or installations made by Mac Arthur.

**5.2 Statute of Limitations or Repose for Trust Claims.** The statute of limitations and the choice of law determination applicable to claims against the Trust shall be determined by reference to the tort system where a claim against a Debtor was pending on the filing date of these cases, or where such a claim could have been timely and properly filed as asserted by the Claimant or Injured Person.

### **5.3 Ordering, Processing and Payment of Claims.**

#### **5.3(a) Ordering of Claims.**

**5.3(a)(1) Establishment of the FIFO Processing Queue.** The Trust will order unliquidated claims for processing purposes on a FIFO basis except as otherwise provided herein (the "FIFO Processing Queue"). For all claims filed on or before the date six months after the Effective Date (the "Initial Claims Filing Date"), a claimant's position in the FIFO Processing Queue shall be determined as of the earlier of (i) the date prior to November 22, 2002, "Petition Date" (if any) that the specific claim was either served or filed against Western in a court in which Western could properly have been sued or was actually submitted to Western pursuant to an administrative processing agreement; (ii) the date before the Petition Date that a

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claim was filed or served against another defendant in the tort system if at the time the claim was subject to a tolling agreement with Western; (iii) the date after the Petition Date (if any) but before the Effective Date that the claim was filed or served against another defendant in a court in which Western could properly have been sued; or (iv) the date after the Effective Date but on or before the Initial Claims Filing Date that the claim was served or filed with the Trust. Following the Initial Claims Filing Date, the claimant's position in the FIFO Processing Queue shall be determined by the date the claim was filed with the Trust. For all claims filed on the same date, the claimant's position in the FIFO Processing Queue shall be determined by the date of the diagnosis of the asbestos-related disease.

**5.3(a)(2) Effect of Statutes of Limitations and Repose.** All claims barred by the applicable statute of limitations or repose, as determined in Section 5.2 above, at the Petition Date shall remain barred on and after the Petition Date. All claims not so barred shall be tolled as of the Petition Date through and including April 22, 2005 without the need of the claimant to take any action whatsoever.

**5.3(b) Processing of Unliquidated Trust Claims.** Within six months after the establishment of the Trust, the Trustees with the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative shall adopt procedures for reviewing and liquidating all unliquidated Trust Claims, which shall include deadlines for processing such claims. Such procedures shall also require claimants seeking resolution of unliquidated Trust Claims to first file a Trust Claim form, together with the required supporting documentation, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6.1 and 6.2 below. It is anticipated that the Trust shall provide an initial response to the claimant

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within six months of receiving the Trust Claim form. All claims filed with the Trust shall be deemed to be a claim for the highest Compensable Disease for which the claim qualifies at the time of filing, with all lower Compensable Diseases for which the claim then qualifies or may qualify in the future subsumed into the higher Compensable Disease for both processing and payment purposes. Upon filing of a valid Trust Claim form with the required supporting documentation, the claim shall be placed in the FIFO Processing Queue in accordance with the ordering criteria described in Section 5.3(a) above.

The five Compensable Diseases covered by this TDP are set forth in detail in the Matrix attached as Appendix I. The Compensable Diseases, Matrix Values, and Medical/ Exposure Criteria shall apply to all unliquidated claims filed with the Trust.

As a general practice, the Trust will review its claims files on a regular basis and notify all claimants whose claims are likely to come up in the FIFO Processing Queue in the near future.

**5.3(c) Payment of Claims.** Trust Claims shall be paid in FIFO order based on the date their liquidation became final (the "FIFO Payment Queue"), all such payments being subject to the applicable Payment Percentage, Maximum Annual Payment, Company Category Claims Payment Ratio, and Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio, except as otherwise provided herein. For all claims liquidated on the same date, each claimant's position in the FIFO Payment Queue shall be determined by the date of the diagnosis of the claimant's asbestos-related disease.

**5.4 Resolution of Pre-Petition Trust Claims.** As soon as practicable after the Effective Date, the Trust shall pay all Trust Claims that were liquidated by (i) a settlement

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agreement entered into prior to the Petition Date for the particular claim, or (ii) a default judgment, stipulated judgment, Miller Schugart judgment or other judgment entered on or before June 3, 2002, (collectively, "Pre-Petition Liquidated Claims"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, these payments shall be subject to the limitations set forth below in this section. The liquidated value of a Pre-Petition Liquidated Claim shall be the amount agreed to in the binding settlement agreement, or the amount of the judgment, as the case may be, plus interest, if any, that has accrued on that amount in accordance with the terms of the agreement, if any, or under applicable state law as of the Petition Date; however, pursuant to Section 7.2 below, the liquidated value of a Pre-Petition Liquidated Claim shall not include any punitive or exemplary damages.

The amount due on all California default judgments as of June 3, 2002, without regard to any partial satisfaction thereof ("California Liquidated Judgments") shall be processed as follows: twelve (12%) percent of the amount of each of the California Liquidated Judgments shall be deferred ("Deferred Liquidated Value") until the amount collected by the Trust on behalf of all Trust beneficiaries reaches an aggregate amount in excess of \$1.34 billion dollars ("Trigger Point"). Thereafter, the Deferred Liquidated Value shall be included as part of the California Liquidated Judgment amount in the calculation of future distributions from the Trust above the Trigger Point to all Trust beneficiaries. The amount due on all Minnesota default judgments as of June 3, 2002, shall be defined as "Minnesota Liquidated Judgments". The holders of the California Liquidated Judgments and the Minnesota Liquidated Judgments (collectively, "Liquidated Judgments") have already been paid a portion of their respective Liquidated Judgments out of the USF&G Settlement Judgment Escrow ("Escrow Payments"), and the Trust

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shall be entitled to offset the amount of those Escrow Payments dollar for dollar against any amounts the Trust would otherwise be obligated to pay the Liquidated Judgment holders until the full amount of the Escrow Payments has been credited. Thereafter, Liquidated Judgment holders shall participate in all Trust distributions to Trust beneficiaries, subject to the "Trigger Point" as described above for California Liquidated Judgments.

Pre-Petition Liquidated Claims shall be processed and paid within 90 days of the Effective Date, if feasible, or as soon thereafter as is possible. The amounts payable with respect to such claims shall not be subject to or taken into account in consideration of the Maximum Annual Payment, Company Category Claims Payment Ratio or Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio, but shall be subject to the Payment Percentage provisions set forth in Section 4.2 above.

**5.5 Hardship Claims.** At any time the Trust may liquidate and pay certain Trust Claims that qualify as Hardship Claims. Such claims may be considered separately no matter what the order of processing otherwise would have been under this TDP. A Hardship Claim, following its liquidation, shall be placed at the head of the FIFO Liquidation Queue for purposes of payment, subject to the Maximum Annual Payment, Company Category Claims Payment Ratio and Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio described above. A Trust Claim qualifies for payment as an Hardship Claim if the Trust, in its sole discretion, determines (a) that the claimant needs financial assistance on an immediate basis based on the claimant's expenses and all sources of available income, and (b) that there is a causal connection between the claimant's dire financial condition and the claimant's asbestos-related disease.

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**5.6 Contribution Claims.** Contribution Claims that are asserted against the Trust based upon theories of contribution or indemnification under applicable law may not be processed or paid by the Trust unless such claim would not be disallowed by Section 502(e) of the Code if the Trust were a debtor in a case under the Code, and (b) the holder of such claim (the "Indirect Claimant") establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustees that (i) the Indirect Claimant has paid in full the liability and obligations of the Trust to the direct claimant to whom the Trust would otherwise have had a liability or obligation under these Procedures, (ii) the direct claimant and the Indirect Claimant have forever released the Trust from all liability to the direct claimant, and (iii) the claim is not otherwise barred by a statute of limitations or repose or by other applicable law. In no event shall any Indirect Claimant have any rights against the Trust superior to the rights of the related direct claimant against the Trust, including any rights with respect to the timing, amount or manner of payment.

The Trust shall not pay any Indirect Claimant unless and until the Indirect Claimant's aggregate liability for the direct claimant's claim has been fixed, liquidated and paid by the Indirect Claimant pursuant to final judgment and not by settlement.

The credit or offset which a co-defendant is entitled in the tort system for settlement with the trust is the amount of the Trust's Payment to the Claimant shall be (a) the actual amount received to date by the Claimant; or (b) if no funds have yet been received, the amount of the liquidated value agreed to by the Claimant and the Trust, multiplied by the pro rata share in effect at the time the set-off is being applied.



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Contribution Claims shall be processed in accordance with procedures to be developed and implemented by the Trustees, which procedures (a) shall determine the validity, allowability and enforceability of such claims; and (b) only then shall otherwise provide the same liquidation and payment procedures and rights to the holders of such claims as the Trust would have afforded the holders of the underlying valid Trust Claims.

### **5.7 Claim Auditing and Review Procedures.**

**5.7(a) Claims Audit Program.** The Trust with consent of the TAC and Futures Representative may develop methods for auditing the reliability of evidence reasonably related to the value of the claim, including additional reading of x-rays and verification of pulmonary function tests, as well as the reliability of evidence of exposure to asbestos, including exposure to asbestos-containing products manufactured or distributed by Western, and requesting from claimants or other Trusts, claims materials submitted to other Trusts. In the event that the Trust reasonably determines that any unreliable individual or entity has engaged in a pattern or practice of providing unreliable medical or other evidence to the Trust, it may decline to accept additional evidence from such provider in the future. Further, in the event that an audit reveals that fraudulent information has been provided to the Trust, the Trust may penalize any responsible claimant or claimant's attorney by disallowing the related Trust Claim or by other means including, but not limited to, requiring the claimant or attorney submitting the fraudulent information to pay the costs associated with the audit and any future related audit or audits, reordering the priority of payment of all affected claimants' Trust Claims, raising the level of scrutiny of additional information submitted from the medical facility or other source, refusing to

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accept additional evidence from the same, seeking the prosecution of the claimant or claimant's attorney for presenting a fraudulent claim in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152, and seeking Rule 11 sanctions.

### **5.7(b) Review by the Trust for the benefit of the TAC and Futures**

**Representative.** The Trust shall cause a review of the filed claims, paid claims, average payments and disallowed claims by Compensable Disease to be performed bi-annually or upon the request of the TAC or the Futures Representative, sufficient to allow an estimation of the adequacy of the Trust fund to compensate Claimants as compared to the current claims forecast.

### **5.8 Second Disease Claims.**

**5.8(a) Second Disease (Malignancy) Claims.** The holder of a claim involving a non-malignant asbestos-related disease may file a new claim for a malignant disease that is subsequently diagnosed ("Second Disease Claim"). Any payments to which such claimant may be entitled for such asbestos-related malignancy shall be reduced by the amount paid by the Trust and/or the USF&G Settlement Judgment Escrow for the non-malignant asbestos-related disease.

**5.8(b) Second Disease Default Judgment Claims.** Claimants who took personal injury defaults are allowed to file i) a wrongful death claim, if the claimant subsequently died of an asbestos-related disease and/or ii) a Second Disease Claim. These claims will be valued, pursuant to the Matrix, at either i) one-half (½) of the otherwise appropriate liquidated value of the wrongful death or Second Disease Claim award from the Trust; or ii) at full value of the

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new claim, wrongful death claim or Second Disease Claim less a dollar for dollar credit on money actually received out of the Judgment Escrow and amounts paid pursuant to Section 5.4, as the claimant may elect.

### **5.9 Arbitration.**

**5.9(a) Establishment of Arbitration Procedures.** The Trust, with the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative, shall institute Arbitration Rules for resolving disputes concerning the Trust's outright rejection or denial of a claim, or concerning the claimant's medical condition or exposure history for purposes of categorizing a claim. Binding and non-binding arbitration shall also be available for resolving disputes over the liquidated value of a claim. In all arbitrations, the arbitrator shall consider the same medical and exposure evidentiary requirements that are set forth in the Matrix. In the case of an arbitration involving the liquidated value of a claim, the arbitrator shall consider the same valuation factors that are set forth in the Matrix. With respect to all claims eligible for arbitration, the claimant, but not the Trust, may elect either non-binding or binding arbitration. If the claimant elects non-binding arbitration, claimant will be responsible for 1/2 of arbitrator's fees and costs. The Arbitration Rules may be modified by the Trust with the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative. Such amendments may also include adoption of mediation procedures as well as establishment of an Extraordinary Claims Panel to review such claims pursuant to the Matrix.

**5.9(b) Claims Eligible for Arbitration.** A claim is eligible for arbitration, if it has been rejected by the Trust, or the Trust has made an offer which was rejected by the claimant. The claimant must notify the Trust of such rejection in writing.

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**5.9(c) Limitations on and Payment of Arbitration Awards.** The arbitrator shall not return an award in excess of the appropriate Matrix Value for such claim based upon the facts as found by the arbitrator. For an Extraordinary Claim, the arbitrator shall not return an award greater than the Maximum Extraordinary Value for such a claim as set forth in the Matrix. A claimant who submits to arbitration and who accepts the arbitral award will receive payments in the same manner as one who accepts the Trust's original valuation of the claim.

**5.10 Litigation.** A claimant who elects non-binding arbitration and then rejects the arbitral award retains the right to exit to the tort system pursuant to Sections 7.3 below. However, a claimant shall be eligible for payment of a judgment for monetary damages obtained in the tort system from the Trust's available cash only as provided in Section 7.4 below.

## SECTION VI

### Claims Materials

**6.1 Claims Materials.** The Trust shall prepare suitable and efficient claims materials ("Claims Materials"), and shall provide such Claims Materials upon written request. The Trust Claim form to be submitted to the Trust shall include a certification by the claimant or his or her attorney sufficient to meet the requirements of Rule 11(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. A copy of the Trust Claim forms to be used by the Trust for Pre-Petition Liquidated Claims and unliquidated Claims will be created with the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative within three months of the establishment of the Trust. The Trust Claim forms may be changed by the Trust with the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative. The Trust shall also establish procedures for electronic filing of claims.

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**6.2 Content of Claims Materials.** The Claims Materials shall include a copy of this TDP, such instructions as the Trustees shall approve, and Trust Claim forms. The Trust Claim forms shall be submitted with supporting documentation in accordance with the relevant criteria as set forth below and in compliance with Section I of the Matrix. At a minimum, the unliquidated Trust Claim form shall require submission of sufficient information to prove, and any relevant information tending to disprove exposure, disease and damages including:

(a) All relevant information called for in the San Francisco Superior Court General Order 129 Form Interrogatories, Set 1 and Set 2 and Minnesota Plaintiffs Set 1 Answers to Defendant's Interrogatories including the required complete occupational history and identification of other exposures, with the information relevant to exposure used to qualify this claim for the particular category highlighted and the pages tabbed.

(b) If the claimant was involved in any type of asbestos litigation, a complete copy of any litigation interrogatory responses created in support of that claim must be submitted to the Trust regardless of the jurisdiction in which the lawsuit was filed with any information exposures asserted in this claim highlighted and the pages tabbed (or, if applicable, noting that the interrogatories contain no reference to exposures asserted in this claim). In addition, the claimant who was involved in any type of asbestos litigation must identify all prior depositions of the claimant and produce them upon request.

(c) If the Claimant is utilizing the Trust Approved Interrogatories (set forth on the Trust Web site), portions of litigation interrogatories that were amended after the litigation

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was concluded or declarations to establish the Trust Claim, the responses and/or declarations must meet the following requirements:

(i) The interrogatories and/or declarations must be verified or made by a person who is competent to testify to the information stated in the interrogatories and/or declarations and the person must have personal direct knowledge of the factual information relevant to the claim and the answers and/or declarations must provide sufficient background information to explain how the person verifying the interrogatories and/or the declarant(s) acquired the personal direct knowledge of factual matters relevant to this claim, to allow the Trust to determine the credibility of the person verifying the interrogatories and/or the declarants;

(ii) Where the person lacks personal direct knowledge, the answers and/or declarations must provide sufficient information to explain how, when and from what sources the person verifying the interrogatories and/or the declarants acquired any indirect knowledge of factual matters relevant to the claim;

(iii) The interrogatory responses and/or declarant must provide specifics about the claimant's (or claimant's decedent's) exposure and not use boilerplate wording;

(iv) If the person verifying the interrogatories and/or declarants relied upon documents as the basis for the responses given in the interrogatories and/or declarations (i.e. military records, social security records, etc.), those documents must be specifically identified and relevant portions of any such documents included in the supporting documents attached to the claim;

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(v) The truth of the facts asserted in the interrogatories must be affirmed or verified under the penalty of perjury and any declarations must be made under penalty of perjury;

(vi) All declarations must be specific to the claim. In appropriate circumstances, the Trust may accept expert opinions pertaining to issues that are of general application and that are relevant to the specific claimant's claim.

(vii) The Trust shall have the right to interview by phone or in person (always with the participation or presence of claimant's counsel), anyone who verifies interrogatories, or has provided information to the person verifying the interrogatories or who submits a declaration in support of a claim submitted to the Trust.

(d) Medical records, medical reports and/or death certificates evidencing the claimed disease, with the diagnosis highlighted and the pages tabbed. For lung cancer and other cancer cases, evidence of markers or other factors which would lead to an upward adjustment under the Matrix will be highlighted and the pages tabbed. For Grade I claims, evidence of x-ray and PFT values that would lead to an increased award will be highlighted and the pages tabbed.

(e) For Serious Asbestosis claims, evidence to support this categorization will be highlighted and the pages tabbed.

(f) For an Injured Person seeking a multiplier for an economic loss in excess of the base case amount, an economic report of evidence supporting claimed wage/pension/home services loss, with total claimed loss highlighted and the page tabbed.



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(g) For an Injured Person seeking a multiplier for medical expenses in excess of the base case amount, an affidavit summarizing medical expenses, or submission of medical bills to substantiate the total claimed amount.

(h) An endorsed/filed copy of the face page of the complaint or equivalent proof of commencement of litigation if applicable, or alternatively a certification under Section 5.1.

(i) Social Security records, front or identifying face page and portions relevant to facts asserted in connection with the claim of deposition transcript(s), union records, railroad records, military records (including leave records), or any other employment records all highlighted and tabbed. If such records are unavailable, the claimant or representative attorney must explain why such records are unavailable and attest that every reasonable effort has been made to obtain them.

(j) Information sufficient to establish that the claimant is not eligible nor has received Medicare benefits. Information representing that the date of last exposure to Western Asbestos or Western MacArthur's asbestos products or operations happened before or after December 5, 1980. Information of satisfied Medicare lien or global settlement documentation.

**6.3 Withdrawal of Claims.** A claimant can withdraw a Trust Claim at any time upon written notice to the Trust and file another claim subsequently without affecting the status of the claim for statute of limitations purposes, but any such claim filed after withdrawal shall be given a

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place in the FIFO Processing Queue based the date of such subsequent filing. A claim will be deemed to have been withdrawn if the claimant neither accepts, rejects, nor initiates arbitration within six months of the Trust's offer of payment or rejection of the claim. Upon written request and good cause, the Trust may extend this period for an additional six months.

**6.4 Filing Fees.** There will be a filing fee of \$250.00 for each unliquidated claim which will be refunded by the Trust if the claim is allowed. The Trust may waive the refundable filing fee if it is determined that such a fee would create undue hardship for the claimant. The size of the fee will be reviewed by the Trust on a yearly basis.

**6.5 Assignment of Direct Actions to the Trust.** Signature by an asbestos related claimant on his or her Trust Claim form will constitute his or her assignment to the Trust of any Direct Action he or she might have against any Asbestos Insurance Company. Such signature will also authorize the Trust to act as his or her sole attorney in fact to prosecute any such Direct Action at the Trust's sole discretion.

## **SECTION VII**

### **General Guidelines for Liquidating and Paying Claims**

**7.1 Discretion to Vary the Order and Amounts of Payments in Event of Limited Liquidity.** Consistent with the provisions hereof and subject to the FIFO Processing and Liquidation Queues, Maximum Annual Payment, Company Category Claims Payment Ratio and Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio requirements set forth above, the Trustees shall proceed with due diligence to liquidate valid Trust Claims, and shall make payments to holders of such claims in accordance with this TDP promptly as funds become available and as claims are

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liquidated, while maintaining sufficient resources to pay future valid claims in substantially the same manner. Because the Trust's income over time remains uncertain, and decisions about payments must be based on estimates that cannot be done precisely, they may have to be revised in light of experiences over time, and there can be no guarantee of any specific level of payment to claimants. However, the Trustees shall use their best efforts to treat similar claims in substantially the same manner, consistent with their duties as Trustees, the purposes of the Trust, the established allocation to Categories A and B, and the practical limitations imposed by the inability to predict the future with precision. In the event that the Trust faces temporary periods of limited liquidity, the Trustees may, with the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative, suspend the normal order of payment and may temporarily limit or suspend payments altogether, and if appropriate, at any time may offer a Reduced Payment Option.

**7.2 Punitive Damages.** In determining the value of any liquidated or unliquidated Trust Claim, punitive or exemplary damages, i.e., damages other than compensatory damages, shall not be considered or allowed, notwithstanding their availability in the tort system.

**7.3 Suits in the Tort System.** If the holder of a disputed claim disagrees with the Trust's determination regarding the Compensable Disease of the claim, the claimant's exposure history or the liquidated value of the claim, and if the holder has first submitted the claim to non-binding arbitration as provided in Section 5.9 above and rejected the resulting arbitration award, the holder may file a lawsuit in the jurisdiction where in personam jurisdiction over the Trust can be obtained. Any such lawsuit must be filed by the claimant in his or her own right and name and not as a member or representative of a class. No such lawsuit may be consolidated with any other

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lawsuit, with the exception of a personal injury or survival claim which may be consolidated with a wrongful death claim brought as a result of the death of the Injured Party. All defenses (including, with respect to the Trust, all defenses which could have been asserted by Western) shall be available to the Trust at trial; however, the Trust may waive any defense and/or concede any issue of fact or law. If the claimant was alive at the earlier of the date on which the initial complaint was filed or the date the Trust Claim form was filed, the case will be treated as a personal injury case with all personal injury damages to be considered even if the claimant has died during the pendency of the claim. An insurer as to which the Trust asserts coverage liability in respect to the claim of a claimant filing a lawsuit consistent with the provisions of this Section (a "Litigation Claim"), which insurer continues to be entitled under the terms of its policies and applicable state law to participate in the resolution of a claim against the Debtors or the Trust, may participate in the resolution of the Litigation Claim to the extent so entitled so long as it continues to be prosecuted in a court of law.

**7.4 Payment of Judgments for Money Damages.** If and when a claimant obtains a judgment in the tort system, the claim shall be placed in the FIFO payment queue based on the date on which the judgment became final. Thereafter, the claimant shall receive from the Trust an initial payment (subject to the Payment Percentage, the Maximum Annual Payment, Company Category Claims Payment Ratio and Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio provisions set forth above) of an amount equal to one-hundred percent (100%) of the lesser of a) the jury award or b) the greater of (i) the Trust's last offer to the claimant or (ii) the award that the claimant declined in non-binding arbitration. The claimant shall receive the balance of the judgment, if any, in ten

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(10) equal installments in years six (6) through fifteen (15) following the year of the initial payment (also subject to the Payment Percentage, the Maximum Annual Payment, Company Category Claims Payment Ratio and Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio provisions set forth above). Under no circumstances shall interest be paid under otherwise applicable law on any judgments obtained in the tort system.

**7.5 Releases.** The Trustees shall have the discretion, with the consent of the TAC and Futures Representative, to determine the form and substance of the releases to be provided to the Trust in order to maximize recovery for claimants against other tortfeasors without increasing the risk or amount of claims for indemnification or contribution from the Trust. The Release utilized by the Trust shall include all Personal Injury, Wrongful Death, and/or Derivative claims related to the Injured Party, with the exception of the Second Disease Claims, as described above in Section 5.8. As a condition to making any payment to a claimant, the Trust shall obtain a general, partial, limited, Naig-Pierringer, or other release as appropriate in accordance with the applicable state or other law. If allowed by state law, the endorsing of a check or draft for payment by or on behalf of a claimant shall constitute such a release.

**7.6 Third-Party Services.** Nothing in this TDP shall preclude the Trust from contracting with another asbestos claims resolution organization to provide services to the Trust so long as decisions about the categorization and liquidated value of Trust Claims are based on the relevant provisions of this TDP, including the Compensable Diseases, Matrix Values, Average Values, Maximum Values, and Medical/Exposure Criteria set forth in the Matrix.

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**7.7 Trust Disclosure of Information.** Periodically, but not less often than once a year, the Trust shall make available to claimants and other beneficiaries, a statistical summary of the number of claims by Compensable Diseases that have been resolved by settlement, arbitration or trial by jurisdiction.

### **SECTION VIII**

#### **Miscellaneous**

**8.1 Amendments.** Except as otherwise provided herein, the Trustees may amend, modify, delete, or add to any provisions of this TDP (including, without limitation, amendments to conform this TDP to advances in scientific or medical knowledge or other changes in circumstances), provided they first obtain the consent of the TAC and the Futures Representative pursuant to the Consent Process set forth in Sections 5.6 and 6.6 and, if necessary, Sections 5.7 and 6.7 of the Trust Agreement, except that the right to amend the Company Category Claims Payment Ratio and Disease Category Claims Payment Ratio provisions set forth above) are governed by the restrictions in Section 2.5 above, and the right to adjust the Payment Percentage is governed by Section 4.2 above.

**8.2 Severability.** Should any provision contained in this TDP be determined to be unenforceable, such determination shall in no way limit or affect the enforceability and operative effect of any and all other provisions of this TDP. Should any provision contained in this TDP be determined to be inconsistent with or contrary to Western's obligations to any insurance company

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providing insurance coverage to Western in respect of claims for personal injury based on Western Exposure, no payment shall be made by the Trust in respect of any such claim from proceeds from said insurance coverage.

**8.3 Governing Law.** This TDP shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California, without regard to California conflict of laws principles.

**8.4 Attorneys' Fees.** Attorneys' fees payable in connection with Trust claims paid through this TDP, whether based on hourly rates or where calculated as a percentage of recovery, shall be the lower of the fee provided in the contract between claimant and counsel or 25% of the recovery, exclusive of costs chargeable to the claimant, which costs shall be deducted from the gross amount paid before computation of fees. This recovery shall be measured by the actual payments from the Trust to the claimant, not the liquidated value of the claim. Legal fees shall be paid as payments to claimants are made by the Trust.

**8.5 Exception in Minnesota and California.** The holder of an asbestos claim who is a citizen of the State of Minnesota or California has the option to name the Trust as a party defendant where the only claims against the Trust are for Western related personal injury, wrongful death or derivative claim case filed or served in Minnesota or California. However, the Trust shall not participate in the litigation and shall be removed from all service lists. No payment shall be made to such holder of an asbestos claim except as provided by the Matrix and the TDP. In the event a Minnesota or California citizen opts to name the Trust in an action commenced in a Minnesota or California state court, the Trust shall not consent to remove the action to any federal court and if requested to do so, shall provide a declaration that it did not




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consent to any removal. The Trust shall not be required to answer or participate in the litigation and no payment shall be made to such Injured Person except as provided by the TDP and Matrix.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Trustees of the Western Asbestos Settlement Trust have executed this Fifth Amendment to and Complete Restatement of The Western Asbestos Company/Western Mac Arthur Co./Mac Arthur Co. Asbestos Personal Injury Settlement Trust Distribution Procedures as set forth below.

**TRUSTEES:**

Dated: 6-3-2020

  
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Sandra R. Hernandez, M.D.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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John F. Luikart

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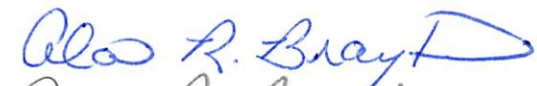
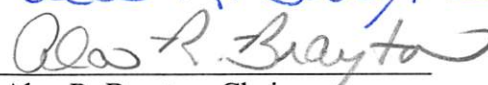
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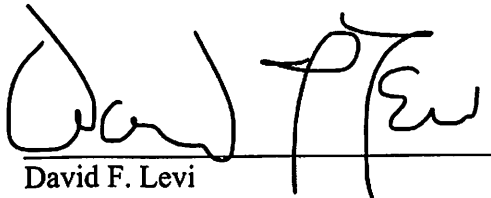
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Dated: 3/2/20

  
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### TRUST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan R. Brayton, Chair

## **EXHIBIT “D”**

### THIRD AMENDMENT TO AND COMPLETE RESTATEMENT OF WESTERN ASBESTOS SETTLEMENT TRUST CASE VALUATION MATRIX

The Case Valuation Matrix (“Matrix”) is designed to approximate historical settlement values in the tort system. To achieve this goal, historical settlement values were evaluated in each jurisdiction where Western performed significant work and had a history of being sued and settling cases. These jurisdictions include California, Minnesota and North Dakota. Historical settlement values were adjusted to current settlement values using settlement data derived from other defendants who remained active in the tort system. Compensable diseases include mesothelioma, lung cancer, other cancers (as defined herein) and two grades of non-malignant asbestos-related disease. The Matrix establishes the minimum criteria which must be met in order to qualify in each disease category.

The following represents the average settlement values in each jurisdiction adjusted to current value (“Average Value”):

	<u>Western Asbestos Company/ Western Mac Arthur Co.</u>		<u>Mac Arthur Co.</u>	
		CA	MN	ND
Mesothelioma	\$	524,025	316,250	117,087
Lung Cancer	\$	199,195	137,050	44,777
Other Cancer	\$	75,000	73,800	16,884
Grade I Non-Malignancy	\$	51,557	57,200	16,500
Grade 11 Non-Malignancy	\$	21,816	30,150	12,000

The Matrix is designed to value cases using base case values for each disease in each jurisdiction. These base case values are then increased and/or decreased by a series of adjustment factors that approximate factors which add or subtract value to cases in the tort system. These base case values have been set to yield (after application of the adjustment factors) average liquidation values, that are equal to the historical Average Value described above. The base case values are:

	<u>Western Asbestos Company/ Western Mac Arthur Co.</u>		<u>Mac Arthur Co.</u>	
		CA	MN	ND
Mesothelioma	\$	276,479	148,678	58,544
Lung Cancer	\$	62,046	41,211	13,569
Other Cancer	\$	22,298	21,222	4,894
Grade I Non-Malignancy	\$	32,131	30,868	9,764
Grade 11 Non-Malignancy	\$	18,574	21,875	8,219

While the base case value for each disease may be different in various jurisdictions reflecting variations in historical settlement values, the adjustment factors will be the same for all jurisdictions. In determining which jurisdiction's base case value should be used to liquidate a claim, the jurisdiction in which the underlying tort action is filed (or litigation commenced for Minnesota cases) will control for California, Minnesota and North Dakota. In actions properly filed in jurisdictions other than California, Minnesota or North Dakota where MacArthur and/or Western MacArthur are subject to *in personam* jurisdiction as of November 11, 2002, the base case value will be determined by the Trust based on credible comparable settlement data, but in no event will the base case value in a MacArthur claim exceed the Minnesota base case value, and in no event will the base case value in a Western MacArthur claim exceed the California base case value.

## **I. GENERAL CLAIM PROVISIONS**

a. **Minimum and Maximum Values.** All claims after being valued at their respective base case value and any appropriate adjustments are subject to the following minimum and maximum values.

(i) **Minimum Value.** Any Injured Person who has submitted an approved claim under a Compensable Disease category and has submitted a Trust Claim form to the Trust with all required documentation as outlined in the Trust Distribution Plan and herein, will receive a minimum of 10% of the Average Value of the claim for that disease in the controlling jurisdiction.

(ii) **Maximum Value.** Any Injured Person who has submitted an approved claim under a Compensable Disease category and has submitted a Trust Claim form to the Trust with all required documentation as outlined in the Trust Distribution Plan and herein, will receive a maximum of four times the Average Value of the claim for that disease in the controlling jurisdiction, unless it qualifies as an Extraordinary Claim as defined in Section IX of the Matrix.

b. **Medical Diagnoses.** Any diagnosis of pulmonary asbestosis shall be made by a (i) a Pathologist, who personally reviewed the Injured Person's pathology, or (ii) an Internist, Pulmonologist or Occupational Medicine Physician who actually examined the Injured Person. These findings will be contained in a detailed narrative written report of the examination. All medical diagnoses in the Matrix are required to be made by Board-Certified physicians in appropriate specialties to a level of reasonable medical probability. Specifically, medical reports that only come to a conclusion that findings are "consistent with" asbestos-related disease will not, standing alone, be sufficient to establish compliance with the medical criteria in the Matrix. Medical experts who are not Board-Certified but who meet equivalent medical experience and expertise requirements may be approved by the Trust with the consent of the Trust Advisory Committee ("TAC") and Futures Representative upon application by a Claimant.

c. **Record Review Exception.** Notwithstanding subsection (b) above, in the event that the Trust determines upon adequate showing under penalty of perjury that good cause exists to excuse either (1) personal review of Injured Person's pathology by a Pathologist; and/or (2) actual examination of the Injured Person by an Internist, Pulmonologist or Occupational Medicine Physician, the Trust in its exercise of discretion may permit those medical

professionals to submit their diagnosis of pulmonary asbestosis on the basis of a review of the Injured Person's medical records ("Record Review Claim"), provided however, the Maximum Value for any such claim shall be the limit set in Section VIII for Individual Review. Examples of record review claims would be wrongful death actions where no pathology exists, or Injured Persons who are in such extremis or other circumstances exist that no such examination is practicable.

**d. Claimant's Burden to Submit Credible Reliable Claim Information.**

Information submitted in support of a claim must comply with recognized medical standards (including but not limited to standards regarding equipment, testing methods, and procedures) and/or legal evidentiary and authenticity standards.

(i) While the Trust will not strictly apply rules of evidence, information provided in support of claims must be reliable and credible so that the Trust and, if needed, ADR neutrals are fully informed regarding the foundations for facts asserted in support of claims. The Trust normally will accept copies instead of authenticated copies of x-ray reports, laboratory tests, medical examinations, other medical records and reviews that otherwise comply with recognized medical and/or legal standards unless circumstances indicate that the copies of the and /or the tests, reports, or review are not authentic or are otherwise unreliable.

(ii) The Trust normally will accept copies instead of authenticated copies of deposition testimony, invoices, affidavits, business records, deck logs, military service records (including leave records) or other credible indirect or secondary evidence in a form otherwise acceptable to the Trust that establishes an Injured Person's occupation, occupational history, business or other losses or the Injured Person's presence at a particular ship, facility, job site, building or buildings or location during a time period in which the asbestos-containing material for which Western is responsible was present, unless circumstances show that the information being submitted is unreliable.

(iii) Examples of unreliable information include where the circumstances raise questions of authenticity of copies or where persons authoring or verifying facts offered in support of a claim lack direct knowledge of such facts but fail to reveal and describe what facts, and how and from what sources they learned those facts, they relied upon as the basis for their assertion of such facts. Under these circumstances, the Trust and any ADR neutrals shall apply the rules of evidence to exclude evidence where the witness or verifying party declines to provide such foundational information, e.g., on grounds that the information relied upon is privileged or confidential.

**e. Trust's Right to Require Additional Evidence.** The Trust may require the submission any other evidence to support or verify a Trust claim, including but not limited to additional exposure information, x-rays, laboratory tests, medical examinations or reviews, medical reports, or other medical evidence all of which must also meet the requirements of Section I (d) above.

**f. Conspiracy Theory Claims Prohibited.** Claims based on conspiracy theories that do not involve exposure to asbestos-containing materials sold, installed or removed by Western are not compensable under this Matrix.



## II. MESOTHELIOMA

a. **Base Case (“M”).** The base case value for a Mesothelioma case is referred to in this Agreement as “M”. A case will be considered a base case Mesothelioma under this Matrix when it satisfies each of the following criteria:

- (i) Injured Person diagnosed with malignant Mesothelioma by a Pathologist, Internist, Pulmonologist or Occupational Medicine Physician;
- (ii) Injured Person deceased at commencement of litigation or the time of filing of proof of claim, whichever is earlier;
- (iii) Injured Person aged 75 years old at death;
- (iv) Injured Person had a spouse;
- (v) Injured Person had no other dependents or minor children at time of death;
- (vi) Injured Person’s loss of earnings, pension, social security and home services total up to \$253,368, as adjusted annually (the “Applicable Economic Loss Threshold”);
- (vii) Injured Person’s medical and funeral expenses total up to \$300,676, as adjusted annually (the “Applicable Medical Expense Threshold”);
- (viii) Injured Person had Standard Exposure to Western’s asbestos-containing products in traditional occupations at traditional shipyard, refinery, power plants or other sites, as defined herein; and
- (ix) The Injured Person had at least a 10-year latency period between the date of the first exposure to asbestos and the date of diagnosis of the disease.

b. **Adjustments.** Certain features of a Mesothelioma case will warrant an adjustment in the liquidated value either above or below the base case Mesothelioma value, as set forth herein. The following adjustments are provided as multipliers of the base case value M. For example, an adjustment of 1.3M for a Living 55 year-old mesothelioma Injured Person indicates that such an Injured Person would receive 1.3 times the base case Mesothelioma value. In situations where numerous adjustments are required for an Injured Person’s case, all of the applicable adjustment multipliers shall be multiplied together, and times the base case value M, to determine the liquidated value of the case. For example, an Injured Person who is age 55 (1.3M) and alive at the commencement of litigation or the time of filing of proof of claim, whichever is earlier (1.3M), and who had exposure at what is known to be a high exposure site (1.5M), would be eligible for a liquidated value of 1.3 times 1.3 times 1.5 or 2.535 M times the base case value.

(i) **Age.** Age shall be determined as of the commencement of litigation or the time of filing of the proof of claim, whichever is earlier. The adjustment factor for age shall be decreased .015 for every year over 75 years of age up to a maximum downward adjustment to .7M, and shall be increased .015 for every year under 75 years of age up to a maximum upward adjustment to 1.4M.

(ii) **Exposure.** The following adjustments are based on exposure in traditional occupations at traditional shipyard, refinery, power plant, or other sites as set forth herein:

<b>Exposure Rating</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>
Very high exposure sites, as defined herein	3.0 M
High exposure sites, as defined herein	1.5 M
Standard exposure sites, as defined herein	1.0 M
Low exposure sites, as defined herein	0.5 M
Very Low exposure sites, as defined herein	0.25 M

(iii) If an Injured Person is living as of the date litigation commences or the proof of claim is filed, whichever is earlier, the Injured Person's case will be adjusted by 1.3 M.

(iv) If an Injured Person does not have a spouse or minor children as of the date litigation commences or the proof of claim is filed, whichever is earlier, the Injured Person's case will be adjusted by .8 M. If an Injured Person has minor children, adult disabled dependent children or dependent minor grandchildren living with the Injured Person at the time of diagnosis, the Injured Person's case will be adjusted by 1.5 M.

(v) **Total Economic Loss (excluding medical and funeral expenses).** Where the Injured Person has or will incur economic loss for loss of earnings, pension, social security and home services in an amount greater than the Applicable Economic Loss Threshold, case value shall be adjusted upward .001M for every \$1,267 (the Index Interval, also to be adjusted annually) of economic loss over the Applicable Economic Loss Threshold, up to a maximum adjustment to 2M. All claimed economic loss over the Applicable Economic Loss Threshold must be supported by adequate documentation. The Applicable Economic Loss Threshold and Index Interval shall be adjusted each year in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published in January of each year beginning in January of 2018. The Applicable Economic Loss Threshold and Index Interval shall be the amounts in effect at the time an offer is issued by the Trust. Annual adjusted amounts will be published on the Trust's Web site each February and applied to all pending claims which do not have an outstanding offer issued.

(vi) **Medical and Funeral Expenses.** Where the Injured Person has or will incur medical and funeral expenses in an amount greater than the Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, case value shall be adjusted upward .001M for every \$1,503 (the Index Interval, also to be adjusted annually) of medical and funeral expenses over the Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, up to a maximum adjustment to 2M. All claimed medical and funeral expenses over the Applicable Medical Expense Threshold must be supported by adequate documentation. Standard future medical expenses are presumed to be \$112,754, as adjusted annually (the "Applicable Future Amount"). Future medical expenses exceeding the Applicable Future Amount require documentation supported by affidavit. The Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, Index

Interval and Applicable Future Amount shall be adjusted each year in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Medical Care published in January of each year beginning in January of 2018. The Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, Index Interval and Applicable Future Amount shall be the amounts in effect at the time an offer is issued by the Trust. Annual adjusted amounts will be published on the Trust's Web site each February and applied to all pending claims which do not have an outstanding offer issued.

### **III. LUNG CANCER**

a. **Base Case ("LC").** The base case value for a Lung Cancer case is referred to in this Agreement as "LC". A case will be considered a base case Lung Cancer under this Matrix when it satisfies each of the following criteria:

(i) Injured Person diagnosed with primary lung cancer by a Pathologist, Internist, Pulmonologist or Occupational Medicine Physician;

(ii) Injured Person deceased at time of commencement of litigation or the time of filing of the proof of claim, whichever is earlier;

(iii) Injured Person aged 75 years old at death;

(iv) Injured Person had a spouse;

(v) Injured Person had no other dependents or minor children at time of death;

(vi) Injured Person's loss of earnings, pension, social security and home services total up to \$253,368, as adjusted annually (the "Applicable Economic Loss Threshold");

(vii) Injured Person's medical and funeral expenses total up to \$300,676, as adjusted annually (the "Applicable Medical Expense Threshold");

(viii) Injured Person had Standard Exposure to Western's asbestos-containing products in traditional occupations at traditional shipyard, refinery, power plant or other sites, as defined herein;

(ix) Injured Person had a 20-80 pack-year history of smoking;

(x) Injured Person was still smoking at the time of diagnosis, or had quit smoking less than 10 years before diagnosis;

(xi) Injured Person had been not diagnosed with clinical or pathological asbestosis, but Injured Person had both:

(A) A reliable history of exposure to asbestos; and

(B) Evidence of asbestos-related anatomical changes, such as: asbestos-related pleural disease, chest X-ray abnormalities graded 1/0 or higher on the ILO scale attributed

to prior asbestos exposure, computed tomography (CT) evidence of interstitial disease attributed to prior asbestos exposure; and

(xii) The Injured Person had at least a 10-year latency period between the date of the first exposure to asbestos and the date of diagnosis of the disease.

b. **Adjustments.** Certain features of a Lung Cancer Case will warrant an adjustment in the liquidated value either above or below the base case Lung Cancer value, as set forth herein. The following adjustments are provided as multipliers of the base case value LC. For example, an adjustment of 1.3 LC for a living 55 year-old lung cancer Injured Person indicates that such an Injured Person would receive 1.3 times the base case Lung Cancer value. In situations where numerous adjustments are required for an Injured Person's case, all of the applicable adjustment multipliers shall be multiplied together, and times the base case value LC, to determine the liquidated value of the case. For example, an Injured Person who is age 55 (1.3 LC) and alive at the commencement of litigation or the time of filing of proof of claim, whichever is earlier (1.3 LC), and who had exposure at what is known to be a high exposure site (1.5 LC), would be eligible for a liquidated value of 1.3 times 1.3 times 1.5 or 2.535 LC times the base case value.

(i) **Age.** Age shall be determined as of the commencement of litigation or the time of filing of the proof of claim, whichever is earlier. The adjustment factor for age shall be decreased .015 for every year over 75 years of age up to a maximum downward adjustment to .7 LC, and shall be increased .015 for every year under 75 years of age up to a maximum upward adjustment to 1.4 LC.

(ii) **Exposure.** The following adjustments are based on exposure in traditional occupations at traditional shipyard, refinery or power plant, or other sites as set forth herein:

<b>Exposure Rating</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>
Very high exposure sites, as defined herein	3.0 LC
High exposure sites, as defined herein	1.5 LC
Standard exposure sites, as defined herein	1.0 LC
Low exposure sites, as defined herein	0.5 LC
Very Low exposure sites, as defined herein	0.25 LC

(iii) If an Injured Person is living as of the date litigation commences or the proof of claim is filed, whichever is earlier, the Injured Person's case will be adjusted by 1.3 LC.

(iv) If an Injured Person does not have a spouse or minor children as of the date litigation commences or the proof of claim is filed, whichever is earlier, the Injured Person's case will be adjusted by .8 LC. If an Injured Person has minor children, adult disabled dependent children or dependent minor grandchildren living with the Injured Person at the time of diagnosis, the Injured Person's case will be adjusted by 1.5 LC.

(v) **Total Economic Loss (excluding medical and funeral expenses).** Where the Injured Person has or will incur economic loss for loss of earnings, pension, social security and home services in an amount greater than the Applicable Economic Loss Threshold, case value shall be adjusted upward .001 LC for every \$1,267 (the Index Interval, also to be adjusted annually) of economic loss over the Applicable Economic Loss Threshold, up to a maximum adjustment to 2 LC. All claimed economic loss over the Applicable Economic Loss Threshold must be supported by adequate documentation. The Applicable Economic Loss Threshold and Index Interval shall be adjusted each year in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published in January of each year beginning in January of 2018. The Applicable Economic Loss Threshold and Index Interval shall be the amounts in effect at the time an offer is issued by the Trust. Annual adjusted amounts will be published on the Trust's Web site each February and applied to all pending claims which do not have an outstanding offer issued.

(vi) **Medical and Funeral Expenses.** Where the Injured Person has or will incur medical and funeral expenses in an amount greater than the Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, case value shall be adjusted upward .001 LC for every \$1,503 (the Index Interval, also to be adjusted annually) of medical and funeral expenses over the Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, up to a maximum adjustment to 2 LC. All claimed medical and funeral expenses over the Applicable Medical Expense Threshold must be supported by adequate documentation. Standard future medical expenses are presumed to be \$112,754, as adjusted annually (the "Applicable Future Amount"). Future medical expenses exceeding the Applicable Future Amount require documentation supported by affidavit. The Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, Index Interval and Applicable Future Amount shall be adjusted each year in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Medical Care published in January of each year beginning in January of 2018. The Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, Index Interval and Applicable Future Amount shall be the amounts in effect at the time an offer is issued by the Trust. Annual adjusted amounts will be published on the Trust's Web site each February and applied to all pending claims which do not have an outstanding offer issued.

(vii) **Medical Causation.** The following adjustments apply to Injured Persons who have different smoking histories and/or medical findings than those described for the base Lung Cancer case. In no event can any of the adjustments listed below be combined for an overall causation adjustment in excess of 3.0 LC.

<b>Causation Information</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>
Pathological diagnosis of asbestosis, or occupational levels of asbestos bodies or asbestos fibers in lung tissue	2.0 LC
Clinical diagnosis of asbestosis (in absence of pathological diagnosis)	1.5 LC
No radiographic evidence of asbestos exposure and no increased fiber burden as a marker of asbestos exposure (Applicable to smokers only)	0.5 LC

Lifetime non-smoker	2.0 LC
1-20 pack-years of smoking	1.2 LC
Over 80 pack-years of smoking	0.6 LC
Diagnosis over 10 years since Injured Person quit smoking	1.2 LC
Diagnosis over 15 years since Injured Person quit smoking	1.5 LC

#### IV. OTHER CANCER

a. **Base Case (“OCA”).** The base case value for an Other Cancer case is referred to in this Agreement as “OCA”. A case will be considered a base case Other Cancer under this Matrix when it satisfies each of the following criteria:

(i) Injured Person diagnosed with laryngeal, esophageal, kidney, colo-rectal cancer, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma or chronic lymphocytic leukemia by a Pathologist, Internist, Pulmonologist or Occupational Medicine Physician;

(ii) Injured Person deceased at commencement of litigation or the time of filing of proof of claim, whichever is earlier;

(iii) Injured Person aged 75 years old at death;

(iv) Injured Person had a spouse;

(v) Injured Person had no other dependents or minor children at time of death;

(vi) Injured Person’s loss of earnings, pension, social security and home services total up to \$253,368, as adjusted annually (the “Applicable Economic Loss Threshold”);

(vii) Injured Person’s medical and funeral expenses total up to \$300,676, as adjusted annually (the “Applicable Medical Expense Threshold”);

(viii) Injured Person had Standard Exposure to Western’s asbestos-containing products in traditional occupations at traditional shipyard, refinery, power plant or other sites, as defined herein;

(ix) Injured Person had a 20-80 pack-year history of smoking;

(x) Injured Person was still smoking at the time of diagnosis, or had quit smoking less than 10 years before diagnosis;

(xi) Injured Person not diagnosed with clinical or pathological asbestosis, but Injured Person had both:

(A) A reliable history of exposure to asbestos, and

(B) Evidence of asbestos-related anatomical changes, such as: asbestos-related pleural disease chest X-ray abnormalities graded 1/0 or higher attributed to prior asbestos exposure on the ILO scale, or computed tomography (CT) evidence of interstitial disease attributed to prior asbestos exposure; and

(xii) The Injured Person had at least a 10-year latency period between the date of the first exposure to asbestos and the date of manifestation of the disease.

b. **Adjustments.** Certain features of an Other Cancer case will warrant an adjustment in the liquidated value either above or below the base case Other Cancer value, as set forth herein. The following adjustments are provided as multipliers of the base case value OCA. For example, an adjustment of 1.3 OCA for a living 55 year-old other cancer Injured Person indicates that such an Injured Person would receive 1.3 times the base case Other Cancer value. In situations where numerous adjustments are required for an Injured Person's case, all of the applicable adjustment multipliers shall be multiplied together and times the base case value OCA, to determine the liquidated value of the case. For example, an Injured Person who is age 55 (1.3 OCA) and alive at the commencement of litigation or the time of filing of proof of claim, whichever is earlier (1.3 OCA), and who had exposure at what is known to be a high exposure site (1.5 OCA), would be eligible for a liquidated value of 1.3 times 1.3 times 1.5 or 2.535 OCA times the base case value.

(i) **Age.** Age shall be determined as of the commencement of litigation or the time of filing of the proof of claim, whichever is earlier. The adjustment factor for age shall be decreased .015 for every year over 75 years of age up to a maximum downward adjustment to .7 OCA, and shall be increased .015 for every year under 75 years of age up to a maximum upward adjustment to 1.4 OCA.

(ii) **Exposure.** The following adjustments are based on exposure in traditional occupations at traditional shipyard, refinery, power plant or other sites, as set forth herein:

<b>Exposure Rating</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>
Very high exposure sites, as defined herein	3.0 OCA
High exposure sites, as defined herein	1.5 OCA
Standard exposure sites, as defined herein	1.0 OCA
Low exposure sites, as defined herein	0.5 OCA
Very Low exposure sites, as defined herein	0.25 OCA

(iii) If an Injured Person is living as of the date litigation commences or the proof of claim is filed, whichever is earlier, the Injured Person's case will be adjusted by 1.3 OCA.

(iv) If an Injured Person does not have a spouse or minor children as of the date litigation commences or the proof of claim is filed, whichever is earlier, the Injured Person's case will be adjusted by .8 OCA. If an Injured Person has minor children, adult disabled dependent



children or dependent minor grandchildren living with the Injured Person at the time of diagnosis, the Injured Person's case will be adjusted by 1.5 OCA.

(v) **Total Economic Loss (excluding medical and funeral expenses).** Where the Injured Person has or will incur economic loss for loss of earnings, pension, social security and home services in an amount greater than the Applicable Economic Loss Threshold, case value shall be adjusted upward .001 OCA for every \$1,267 (the Index Interval, also to be adjusted annually) of economic loss over the Applicable Economic Loss Threshold, up to a maximum adjustment to 2 OCA. All claimed economic loss over the Applicable Economic Loss Threshold must be supported by adequate documentation. The Applicable Economic Loss Threshold and Index Interval shall be adjusted each year in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published in January of each year beginning in January of 2018. The Applicable Economic Loss Threshold and Index Interval shall be the amounts in effect at the time an offer is issued by the Trust. Annual adjusted amounts will be published on the Trust's Web site each February and applied to all pending claims which do not have an outstanding offer issued.

(vi) **Medical and Funeral Expenses.** Where the Injured Person has or will incur medical and funeral expenses in an amount greater than the Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, case value shall be adjusted upward .001 OCA for every \$1,503 (the Index Interval, also to be adjusted annually) of medical and funeral expenses over the Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, up to a maximum adjustment to 2 OCA. All claimed medical and funeral expenses over the Applicable Medical Expense Threshold must be supported by adequate documentation. Standard future medical expenses are presumed to be \$112,754, as adjusted annually (the "Applicable Future Amount"). Future medical expenses exceeding the Applicable Future Amount require documentation supported by affidavit. The Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, Index Interval and Applicable Future Amount shall be adjusted each year in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Medical Care published in January of each year beginning in January of 2018. The Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, Index Interval and Applicable Future Amount shall be the amounts in effect at the time an offer is issued by the Trust. Annual adjusted amounts will be published on the Trust's Web site each February and applied to all pending claims which do not have an outstanding offer issued.

(vii) **Medical Causation.** The following adjustments apply to Injured Persons who have different smoking histories and/or medical findings than those described for the base Other Cancer case. In no event can any of the adjustments listed below be combined for an overall causation adjustment in excess of 3.0 OCA.

Causation Information	Adjustment
Pathological diagnosis of asbestosis, or occupational levels of asbestos bodies or asbestos fibers in lung tissue	2.0 OCA
Clinical diagnosis of asbestosis (in absence of pathological diagnosis)	1.5 OCA



No radiographic evidence of asbestos exposure and no increased fiber burden as a marker of asbestos exposure	0.25 OCA
Lifetime non-smoker	2.0 OCA
1-20 pack-years of smoking	1.2 OCA
Over 80 pack-years of smoking	0.6 OCA
Diagnosis over 10 years since Injured Person quit smoking	1.2 OCA
Diagnosis over 15 years since Injured Person quit smoking	1.5 OCA

(viii) **Other Organ Cancers.** An Injured Person who has not been diagnosed with cancers of the organs described for the base Other Cancer case (i.e., laryngeal, esophageal kidney, colo-rectal cancers, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia) may still obtain compensation under this Matrix, if the Injured Person has been diagnosed with a primary cancer of a different organ and a Board-Certified specialist in an appropriate specialty or a Board-Certified occupational medicine physician at the time of the report attributes the malignancy to prior asbestos exposure. An Injured Person's case which meets the criteria set forth above, subject to the Trust's consent, shall be classified as an "Other Organ Cancer" and will be adjusted by .5 OCA.

## V. GRADE I NON-MALIGNANCY

a. **Base Case ("I").** The base case value for a Grade I Non-malignancy Case is referred to in this Matrix as "I". A case will be considered a base case Grade I Non-malignancy under this Matrix when it satisfies each of the following criteria:

- (i) Injured Person aged 75 years old;
- (ii) Injured Person has a spouse;
- (iii) Injured Person has no other dependents or minor children;
- (iv) Injured Person's loss of earnings, pension, social security and home services total up to \$253,368, as adjusted annually (the "Applicable Economic Loss Threshold");
- (v) Injured Person's medical and funeral expenses total up to \$300,676, as adjusted annually (the "Applicable Medical Expense Threshold");
- (vi) Injured Person had Standard Exposure to asbestos-products in traditional occupations at traditional shipyard, refinery, power plant or other sites, as defined herein;
- (vii) Injured Person satisfies all the following criteria of interstitial lung disease with impairment of lung function:

1. The Injured Person must establish at least a 10-year latency period between the date of the first exposure to asbestos and the date of diagnosis of the disease, and clinical evidence of asbestosis defined in subsection 2;

2. Clinical Evidence of Asbestosis. A diagnosis of pulmonary asbestosis by a Pulmonologist, Internist or Occupational Medicine Physician who actually examined the Injured Person based on the following minimum objective criteria:

(a) Chest X-rays which, in the opinion of a Certified B-reader, show small irregular opacities of ILO Grade 1/0 or greater, or a report from a Pulmonologist, Internist or Occupational Medicine Physician that the Injured Person has evidence of asbestos related interstitial fibrosis on high resolution CT scan; and

(b) Pulmonary Function Testing results demonstrating either:

1)  $FVC < 80\%$  of Predicted Value with  $FEV_1/FVC \geq 65\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is at least 70 years old at the date of testing,  $\geq 70\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is at least 60 years old but less than 70 years old at the date of testing, and  $\geq 75\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is less than 60 years old at the date of testing; or

2)  $TLC < 80\%$  of Predicted Value; or

3)  $DLCO < 75\%$  of Predicted Value with  $FEV_1/FVC \geq 65\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is at least 70 years old at the date of testing,  $\geq 70\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is at least 60 years old but less than 70 years old at the date of testing, and  $\geq 75\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is less than 60 years old at the date of testing and a statement by a Pulmonologist or an Occupational Medicine Physician stating that the asbestos-related lung disease is the probable explanation for the test result.

3. Those claims wherein the Injured Person suffers from extensive disabling asbestos-related pleural disease may be submitted to the Individual Review process, as described in Section VIII of this Matrix, provided however such a claim shall not be limited to Average Value and may be awarded up to the Maximum Value for Grade I.

b. **Adjustments.** Certain features of a Grade I Non-malignancy Case will warrant an adjustment in the liquidated value either above or below the base case Grade I Non-malignancy value, as set forth herein. The following adjustments are provided as multipliers of the base case value I. For example, an adjustment of 1.3 I for a 55 year-old Grade I non-malignancy Injured Person indicates that such an Injured Person would receive 1.3 times the base case Grade I Non-malignancy value. In situations where numerous adjustments are required for an Injured Person's case, all of the applicable adjustment multipliers shall be multiplied together and times the base case value I, to determine the liquidated value of the case. For example, an Injured Person who is age 55 (1.3 I) and determined to be an Enhanced Grade I non-malignancy Injured Person as defined in section (vi) herein (1.5 I) and who had exposure at what is known to be a high exposure site (1.5 I), would be eligible for a liquidated value of 1.3 times 1.5 times 1.5, or 2.925 I, times the base case value.

(i) **Age.** Age shall be determined as of the commencement of litigation or the time of filing of the proof of claim, whichever is earlier. The adjustment factor for age shall be decreased .015 for every year over 75 years of age up to a maximum downward adjustment to .7 I, and shall be increased .015 for every year under 75 years of age up to a maximum upward adjustment to 1.4 I.

(ii) **Exposure.** The following adjustments are based on exposure in traditional occupations at traditional shipyard, refinery or power plant, or other sites as set forth herein:

<b>Exposure Rating</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>
Very high exposure sites, as defined herein	3.0 I
High exposure sites, as defined herein	1.5 I
Standard exposure sites, as defined herein	1.0 I
Low exposure sites, as defined herein	0.5 I
Very Low exposure sites, as defined herein	0.25 I

(iii) If an Injured Person does not have a spouse or minor children as of the date litigation commences or the proof of claim is filed, whichever is earlier, the Injured Person's case will be adjusted by .8 I. If an Injured Person has minor children, adult disabled dependent children or dependent minor grandchildren living with the Injured Person at the time of diagnosis, the Injured Person's case will be adjusted by 1.5 I.

(iv) **Total Economic loss (excluding medical and funeral expenses).** Where the Injured Person has or will incur economic loss for loss of earnings, pension, social security and home services in an amount greater than the Applicable Economic Loss Threshold, case value shall be adjusted upward .001 I for every \$1,267 (the Index Interval, also to be adjusted annually) of economic loss over the Applicable Economic Loss Threshold, up to a maximum adjustment to 2 I. All claimed economic loss over the Applicable Economic Loss Threshold must be supported by adequate documentation. The Applicable Economic Loss Threshold and Index Interval shall be adjusted each year in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published in January of each year beginning in January of 2018. The Applicable Economic Loss Threshold and Index Interval shall be the amounts in effect at the time an offer is issued by the Trust. Annual adjusted amounts will be published on the Trust's Web site each February and applied to all pending claims which do not have an outstanding offer issued.

(v) **Medical and Funeral Expenses.** Where the Injured Person has or will incur medical and funeral expenses in an amount greater than the Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, case value shall be adjusted upward .001 I for every \$1,503 (the Index Interval, also to be adjusted annually) of medical and funeral expenses over the Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, up to a maximum adjustment to 2 I. All claimed medical and funeral expenses over the Applicable Medical Expense Threshold must be supported by adequate documentation.

Standard future medical expenses are presumed to be \$112,754, as adjusted annually (the “Applicable Future Amount”). Future medical expenses exceeding the Applicable Future Amount require documentation supported by affidavit. The Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, Index Interval and Applicable Future Amount shall be adjusted each year in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Consumer Price Index for Medical Care published in January of each year beginning in January of 2018. The Applicable Medical Expense Threshold, Index Interval and Applicable Future Amount shall be the amounts in effect at the time an offer is issued by the Trust. Annual adjusted amounts will be published on the Trust’s Web site each February and applied to all pending claims which do not have an outstanding offer issued.

(vi) **Enhanced Grade I Non-Malignancy.** If an Injured Person has evidence of asbestosis of a severity exceeding the following criteria, the liquidated value of that Injured Person’s case will be adjusted by 1.5 I.

1. The Injured Person must establish at least a 10-year latency period between the date of first exposure to asbestos and the date of manifestation of the disease, and either clinical or pathological evidence of asbestosis as defined in subsection 2 or 3;

2. Clinical Evidence of Asbestosis. A diagnosis of pulmonary asbestosis by an Internist, Pulmonologist or an Occupational Medicine Physician who actually examined the Injured Person based on the following minimum objective criteria:

Chest X-rays which, in the opinion of a Certified B-reader, show small irregular opacities of ILO Grade 1/1 or greater, or asbestos related interstitial fibrosis on high resolution CT scan; and Pulmonary Function Testing results demonstrating either:

(a)  $FVC < 60\%$  of Predicted Value with  $FEV_1/FVC \geq 65\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is at least 70 years old at the date of testing,  $\geq 70\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is at least 60 years old but less than 70 years old at the date of testing, and  $\geq 75\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is less than 60 years old at the date of testing; or

(b)  $TLC < 70\%$  of Predicted Value; or

(c)  $DLCO < 60\%$  of Predicted Value with  $FEV_1/FVC \geq 65\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested at least 70 years old at the date of testing,  $\geq 70\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is at least 60 years old but less than 70 years old at the date of testing, and  $\geq 75\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is less than 60 years old at the date of testing and a statement by a Pulmonologist, Internist or an Occupational Medicine Physician at the time of the stating that the asbestos-related lung disease is the probable explanation for the test result; or

(d)  $VO_{MAX} < 20 \text{ mL (kg} \cdot \text{min)}$  or  $< 5.7 \text{ METS}$  with  $FEV_1/FVC \geq 65\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is at least 70 years old at the date of testing,  $\geq 70\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is at least 60 years old but less than 70 years old at the date of testing, and  $\geq 75\%$  (actual value) if the individual tested is less than 60 years old at the date of testing and a statement by a Pulmonologist, Internist or an Occupational Medicine Physician stating that the asbestos-related lung disease is the probable explanation for the test result.

3. Pathological Evidence of Asbestosis. A statement by a Pathologist, Pulmonologist, Internist or an Occupational Medicine Physician that a representative section of lung tissue demonstrates asbestosis as defined by the 1982 report of the Pneumoconiosis Committee of the College of American Pathologists and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health including the “demonstration of discrete foci of fibrosis in the walls of respiratory bronchioles associated with accumulations of asbestos bodies”, and also that there is no more probable explanation for the presence of the fibrosis than prior asbestos exposure.

(vii) **“Serious asbestosis”** is

1. Asbestosis with ILO 2/2 or greater and AMA Class IV Impairment.

Or

2. Where the Injured Person is “On Oxygen” and otherwise meets the requirements of subsections i, ii, or iii, below.

- i. Injured Person has a diagnosis of asbestosis, has pulmonary function test results qualifying as Grade I, and a Pulmonologist or Occupational Medicine physician states that a contributing cause for the use of oxygen is asbestosis. Claim will be valued as a matrix claim even if there are other contributing causes listed for the need for oxygen.
- ii. Injured Person has a diagnosis of asbestosis, but does not have pulmonary function test results qualifying as Grade I. Even though a Pulmonologist or Occupational Medicine physician states that the predominant cause or contributing cause for use of oxygen is asbestosis, claim a) will be valued under Individual Review and subject to the Individual Review process as described in Section VIII of the Matrix and b) if there are other contributing causes, the Trust will give equal weight to each cause for the need to be on oxygen.
- iii. Injured Person has diagnosis of asbestosis, treating physician board certified in pulmonology or occupational medicine prescribes oxygen to the Injured Party, and the treating physician states the predominant need for oxygen is asbestosis. Regardless of the existence of other contributing causes for the need to be on oxygen, claim will be valued as a matrix claim.

“On Oxygen” means oxygen needed to perform activities of daily life, e.g., not oxygen that is prescribed only for comfort care, at night, for surgery, or on occasion.

Or

3. Asbestosis death” is where asbestosis is listed as the cause or a significant contributing cause of death on the death certificate, or where a report from a Pathologist, Pulmonologist, or and Occupational Medicine Physician states that asbestosis was a significant contributing cause of death. If and Injured Person has

evidence of serious asbestosis or asbestosis death, and exposure to (debtor) products or conduct was a substantial contributing cause of the serious asbestosis or asbestosis death, then the valuation criteria for lung cancer, including the base Lung Cancer case, as defined in (II)(a), shall be utilized to determine the value of the claims.

## VI. GRADE II NON-MALIGNANCY

a. **Base Case (“II”).** The base case value for a Grade II Non-malignancy Case is referred to in this Matrix as “II”. A case will be considered a base case Grade II Non-malignancy under this Matrix when it satisfies each of the following criteria:

- (i) Injured Person aged 75 years old;
- (ii) Injured Person had Standard Exposure to Western asbestos-products in traditional occupations at traditional shipyard, refinery, power plant or other sites, as defined herein;
- (iii) Injured Person satisfies the following criteria for asbestos-related disease:
  1. The Injured Person must establish at least a 10-year latency period between the date of the first exposure to asbestos and the date of diagnosis of the disease; and
  2. The Injured Person must establish evidence of an asbestos related disease including:
    - (a) Clinical Evidence of Asbestosis. A diagnosis of pulmonary asbestosis by an Internist, Pulmonologist or qualified Occupational Medicine Physician who actually examined the Injured Person based on the following minimum objective criteria:
      - 1) Chest X-rays which, in the opinion of a Certified B-reader, show small irregular opacities of ILO Grade 1/0 or greater, or
      - 2) Asbestos related interstitial fibrosis on high resolution CT scan or appropriate diagnostic imaging procedure; or
    - (b) Clinical Evidence of Asbestos-Related Pleural Disease. A diagnosis of asbestos-related pleural disease by an Internist, Pulmonologist or Occupational Medicine Physician.

b. **Adjustments.** Certain features of a Grade II Non-malignancy case will warrant an adjustment in the liquidated value either above or below the base Grade II Non-malignancy value, as set forth herein. The following adjustments are provided as multipliers of the base case value II. For example, an adjustment of 1.3 II for a 55 year-old Grade II non-malignancy Injured Person indicates that such an Injured Person would receive 1.3 times the base case Grade II Non-malignancy value. In situations where numerous adjustments are required for an Injured Person’s case, all of the applicable adjustment multipliers shall be multiplied together and times the base case value II, to determine the liquidated value of the case. For example, an Injured Person who

is age 55 (1.3 II) and who had exposure at what is known to be a high exposure site (1.5 II), would be eligible for a liquidated value of 1.3 times 1.5, or 1.95 II, times the base case value.

(i) **Age.** Age shall be determined as of the commencement of litigation or the time of filing of the proof of claim, whichever is earlier. The adjustment factor for age shall be decreased .015 for every year over 75 years of age up to a maximum downward adjustment to .7 II, and shall be increased .015 for every year under 75 years of age up to a maximum upward adjustment to 1.4 II.

(ii) **Exposure.** The following adjustments are based on exposure in traditional occupations at traditional shipyard, refinery or power plant, or other sites as set forth herein:

<b>Exposure Rating</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>
Very high exposure sites, as defined herein	3.0 II
High exposure sites, as defined herein	1.5 II
Standard exposure sites, as defined herein	1.0 II
Low exposure sites, as defined herein	0.5 II
Very Low exposure sites, as defined herein	0.25 II

## **VII. EXPOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

a. **Standard Exposure Criteria.** Subject to Section 6.2 of the Trust Distribution Procedures, exposure to asbestos-containing material for which Western is responsible can be established by evidence described in Section I (d) and (e) above. The Trust shall have the right to consider all other appropriate evidence of exposure and may establish appropriate alternative exposure criteria after consultation with the TAC and the Futures Representative. The burden shall be on the Claimant or Injured Person to establish exposure to Western products by credible reliable evidence.

1. **Ship Exposure.** Evaluation of shipboard exposure shall be as follows:

a) Claims of shipboard exposure will require evidence that Western products were actually installed on the ship, and that the Injured Person can demonstrate presence in an area of the ship that would constitute an exposure to these products.

b) Exposure on board a ship at a shipyard during a repair or overhaul will constitute an exposure at that shipyard if the Injured Person remained onboard during the repair or overhaul, subject to meeting the duration of exposure requirements outlined herein.

c) Evidence that an Injured Person was subsequently present on a ship that was repaired or overhauled at a shipyard where Western products were used is not sufficient to constitute exposure. See Dumin v. Owens Coming Fiberglas Corp., 28 Cal. App. 4th 650 (1994).



d) It shall not be sufficient for an Injured Person to show that Western products were generally used at a shipyard where a particular ship that the Injured Person worked on was repaired. Specific identification of Western products on board the ship, and meeting the duration of exposure requirements on the ship are both required. See Dumin v. Owens Corning Fiberglas Corp., 28 Cal. App. 4th 650 (1994).

e) An Injured Person who served on ships built at Kaiser Shipyards Nos. 2, 3, 4, Richmond, California and Bethlehem Steel Shipbuilding, San Francisco, California, shall have their claims liquidated as Standard Exposure claims, subject to meeting the minimum exposure criteria outlined herein.

2. **Derivative Exposure.** An Injured Person exposed to Western products solely from exposure to an occupationally exposed person, such as a family member, will have their claims valued by the trust as follows:

a) The Injured Person must establish that the occupationally exposed person would have met the exposure requirements under the Matrix that would have been applicable had that person filed a direct claim with the Trust.

b) The Injured Person must establish that he or she is suffering from one of the Compensable Diseases and that his or her own exposure to the occupationally exposed person occurred within the same time frame as the occupationally exposed person experienced Western exposure as defined herein and that such exposure was the cause of the claimed disease. All other liquidation and payment rights and limitations under this Matrix shall be applicable to such claims.

3. **Longshore Exposure.** A Longshoreman working in Northern California ports with Western exposure will be treated as a Standard exposure.

b. **Site List.** The Trust in consultation with the TAC will compile a list of the ships, facilities and other locations where Western asbestos-containing materials were present. The Trust may use this list to establish and to characterize exposure and to create a list of sites where exposure is accepted. The Trust with consent of the TAC and Futures Representative may modify the list in light of additional evidence or experience with claims processing. Any Injured Person may submit additional evidence to establish Western presence at a site, or in support of a higher exposure categorization in a particular case.

c. **Minimum Exposure Criteria.**

1. To meet the minimum exposure requirements, an Injured Person filing a claim as a Mesothelioma case must establish that the Injured Person's asbestos exposure at approved Western sites totals at least three months or at least 10% of the Injured Person's total asbestos exposure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Injured Person filing a claim as a Mesothelioma case who can establish that the Injured Person's exposure at approved Western sites totals at least one month (but less than three months) exposure shall be entitled to a reduced liquidated claim value.



2. An Injured person filing in any other Compensable Disease category must establish that the Injured Person's asbestos exposure at approved Western sites totals at least one year or at least 25% of the Injured Person's total asbestos exposure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Injured Person filing in any other Compensable Disease category who can establish that the Injured Person's exposure at approved Western sites totals at least three months (but less than one year) exposure shall be entitled to a reduced liquidated claim value.

3. If no one site is sufficient to establish the duration necessary, an Injured Person may aggregate exposure at multiple sites to meet the minimum exposure requirements. The Trust will use a blending formula to give credit for exposure time beginning with the highest rated site.

4. If the Injured Person has exposure at multiple sites, but there is no evidence supporting actual length of time at any of the sites, for purposes of applying the provisions 3, above, the Trust will allocate exposure based upon an even distribution of the total length of exposure among all sites claimed. The Injured Person's attorney and the Injured Person or Personal Representative must provide declarations stating that the work sites listed include all work sites where the Injured Person worked, and that there is no other information available to demonstrate actual work time at each site. In addition, the interrogatories accompanying the claim must contain the Injured Person's entire work history.

Nothing in sub-paragraphs 3 and 4, above, shall diminish the obligation of a claimant to offer evidence of exposure that meets the minimum required exposure at approved Western Sites set forth in paragraph c. above to qualify for a Matrix Claim.

**d. Exposure Site Rating.**

1. **Standard Exposure Sites.** Standard Sites include typical exposures to asbestos at shipyards, refineries, power plants and other industrial and commercial sites where Western was determined by the Trust to be responsible for a significant portion of asbestos exposure at the worksite.

2. **High Exposure Sites.** High Exposure Sites include the same type of exposure settings as Standard Sites; except that in High Exposure Sites, Western has been identified as a primary supplier such that Western was responsible for a large portion of asbestos exposure at the work site.

3. **Very High Exposure Sites.** Very High Exposure Sites include the same type of exposure settings as High Exposure Sites; except that in Very High Exposure Sites, Western has been identified as being responsible for the overwhelming majority of asbestos exposure at the work site.

4. **Low Exposure Sites.** Low Exposure Sites include exposures occurring at shipyards, refineries, power plants and other industrial and commercial sites settings where Western was not a major source of exposure but has been identified as having some responsibility for the asbestos exposure at the site.

5. **Very Low Exposure Sites.** Very Low Exposure Sites include work sites with occupational asbestos exposure outside the typical exposures occurring at shipyards, refineries, power plants and other industrial and commercial sites. Very Low Exposure Sites include construction settings and other such settings where exposure was not primarily to products supplied and/or installed by Western.

## **VIII. INDIVIDUAL REVIEW**

Any Claimant or Injured Person whose claim does not meet the medical or exposure criteria for any Compensable Disease shall have the opportunity for individual consideration and evaluation of their claim. In such a case, the Trust shall either deny the claim or, if the Trust is satisfied that the Injured Person has presented a claim that would be cognizable and valid in the tort system in a jurisdiction where Western had been or was, on the Petition Date, amenable to suit, the Trust can offer the Injured Person a liquidated value amount up to the average settlement value for that Compensable Disease in the appropriate jurisdiction, unless the claim qualifies as an Extraordinary Claim as defined in IX below, in which case its liquidated value cannot exceed the maximum value specified for such a claim.

In special circumstances where it would be unjust to enforce the Individual Review cap, the cap may be relaxed if the Executive Director makes a recommendation to a panel, which shall consist of one Trustee, the Futures Representative and the Chair of the TAC. In the case of a claim submitted by the Chair of the TAC's firm, another member of the TAC will substitute. The Individual Review cap will be relaxed only if the entire panel is in agreement.

## **IX. EXTRAORDINARY CLAIMS PROVISION**

a. **Extraordinary Claims.** In extraordinary situations such as where an Injured Person was exposed only to Western, or where Western exposure constituted over 80% of the Injured Person's asbestos exposure, where extraordinary present or future medical expenses are incurred, or where special damages are exceptionally large, the Trust may individually evaluate and liquidate a claim for an amount that exceeds the Maximum Value for the particular Compensable Disease asserted by the Injured Person. Any dispute as to Extraordinary Claim status shall be submitted to arbitration by a special Extraordinary Claims panel established by the Trust. Under no circumstances shall an Extraordinary Claim be valued at more than 8 times the Average Value for the particular Compensable Disease.

## **EXHIBIT “E”**



Financial Statements  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

## Western Asbestos Settlement Trust



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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Trustees  
Western Asbestos Settlement Trust  
Reno, Nevada

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (the "Trust"), which comprise the statements of net claimants' equity as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of changes in net claimants' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Trust's other basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements; this includes determining that the other basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Trust's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net claimants' equity of Western Asbestos Settlement Trust as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in net claimants' equity and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the Trust's other basis of accounting, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

### **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting used in the preparation of the financial statements. The financial statements are prepared on the Trust's other basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### **Report on Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of operating expenses for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 on page 16 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

### **Restriction on Use**

Our report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the Trust and Trustees, the beneficiaries of the Trust, the Futures Representative, the Futures Counsel, the members of and counsel to the Trust Advisory Committee, and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco Division and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Reno, Nevada  
April 9, 2021

# Western Asbestos Settlement Trust

## Statements of Net Claimants' Equity

December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash, cash equivalents and investments		
Restricted	\$ 40,000,000	\$ 40,000,000
Unrestricted	453,138,058	466,429,196
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	493,138,058	506,429,196
Accrued interest and dividend receivables	2,998,405	3,125,338
Prepaid federal income tax	2,025,465	3,192,839
Total assets	498,161,928	512,747,373
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued expenses	1,142,301	807,926
Claim processing deposits	238,000	318,500
Unpaid claims		
Trust outstanding offers	7,727,353	9,440,710
Pre-petition liquidated claims	112,069	120,917
Deferred tax liability	40,550,000	34,649,000
Total liabilities	49,769,723	45,337,053
Net Claimants' Equity	\$ 448,392,205	\$ 467,410,320



Western Asbestos Settlement Trust  
Statements of Changes in Net Claimants' Equity  
Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Net Claimants' Equity, Beginning of Year	<u>\$ 467,410,320</u>	<u>\$ 582,116,355</u>
Additions to Net Claimants' Equity		
Additional funding	-	47,999,985
Investment income, net of investment expenses of \$1,386,644 and \$1,530,936, respectively	7,781,821	12,117,167
Claims processing deposits retained	104,250	65,750
Funds returned from law firm	30,170	-
Net decrease in unpaid Pro per claims	113,785	-
Net decrease in outstanding claim offers	1,684,768	1,688,847
Trust facility and staff sharing agreement income received	1,159,574	1,298,310
Net decrease in deferred rent	-	114,850
Net realized and unrealized gains	<u>23,906,874</u>	<u>44,389,487</u>
Total additions	<u>34,781,242</u>	<u>107,674,396</u>
Deductions from Net Claimants' Equity		
Operating expenses	4,359,238	10,219,516
Provision for income taxes, current	3,167,374	3,049,534
Claims settled	40,023,943	196,287,381
Provision for income taxes, deferred	5,901,000	12,824,000
Net increase in deferred rent	<u>347,802</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deductions	<u>53,799,357</u>	<u>222,380,431</u>
Net Claimants' Equity, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 448,392,205</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 467,410,320</u></u>

# Western Asbestos Settlement Trust

## Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Cash Inflows		
Additional funding	\$ -	\$ 47,999,985
Investment income receipts	7,908,754	12,493,017
Trust facility and staff sharing income received	1,159,574	1,298,310
Net realized gains	7,930,839	9,767,075
Claim processing deposits retained	104,250	65,750
Funds returned from law firm	30,170	-
Total cash inflows	<u>17,133,587</u>	<u>71,624,137</u>
Cash Outflows		
Claim settled	40,023,943	196,287,381
Disbursements for Trust operating expenses	4,296,317	13,170,425
Decrease in claim processing deposits	80,500	24,500
Disbursements for Trust income taxes	2,000,000	2,750,000
Total cash outflows	<u>46,400,760</u>	<u>212,232,306</u>
Net Cash Outflows	(29,267,173)	(140,608,169)
Non-Cash Changes		
Net unrealized gain	<u>15,976,035</u>	<u>34,622,412</u>
Net Change in Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments	(13,291,138)	(105,985,757)
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments, Beginning of Year	<u>506,429,196</u>	<u>612,414,953</u>
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments, End of Year	<u>\$ 493,138,058</u>	<u>\$ 506,429,196</u>

**Note 1 - Summary of Accounting Policies****Description of Trust**

The Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (the "Trust"), organized pursuant to the laws of the state of Nevada with its office in Reno, Nevada, was established pursuant to the Western Asbestos Company ("Western Asbestos"), Western Mac Arthur Co. ("Western Mac Arthur") and Mac Arthur Co. ("Mac Arthur"), (collectively the "Debtors"), Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan"), dated November 18, 2003. The Trust was formed to assume the Debtors' liabilities resulting from pending and potential litigation involving individuals exposed to asbestos who have manifested asbestos-related diseases or conditions for which the Debtors are legally responsible; liquidate, resolve, pay and satisfy all valid asbestos-related claims in accordance with the Plan; preserve, hold, manage and maximize the Trust assets for use in paying and satisfying allowed asbestos-related claims; prosecute, settle and manage the disposition of the asbestos in-place insurance coverage; and prosecute, settle and manage asbestos insurance coverage actions. Upon approval of the Plan, the Trust assumed liability for existing and future asbestos health claims against the Debtors. The Trust was created effective April 22, 2004.

The Trust was initially funded with cash, Western Asbestos securities, notes receivable and insurance settlement proceeds. Since its creation, all notes receivable has been collected. The Trust's funding is dedicated solely to the settlement of asbestos health claims and the related costs thereto, as defined in the Plan.

The Trust processes and pays all asbestos-related claims in accordance with the Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Agreement, as amended and restated, the Case Valuation Matrix, as amended and restated (the "Matrix"), and Trust Distribution Procedures, as amended and restated (the "TDP") (collectively, the Trust Documents).

**Special-Purpose Accounting Methods**

The Trust's financial statements are prepared using special-purpose accounting methods that differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The special-purpose accounting methods were adopted in order to present the amount of equity available for payment of current and future claims. These special-purpose accounting methods are as follows:

- The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, as modified below.
- The funding received from Western Asbestos, Western Mac Arthur, and Mac Arthur and its liability insurers is recorded directly to net claimants' equity. These funds do not represent income of the Trust. Offers for asbestos health claims are reported as deductions from net claimants' equity and do not represent expenses of the Trust.
- Costs of non-income producing assets, which will be exhausted during the life of the Trust and are not available for satisfying claims, are expensed when incurred. These costs include acquisition costs of computer hardware, software, software development, office furniture, leasehold improvements, and other prepaid expenses such as rent and insurance.
- Future fixed liabilities and contractual obligations entered into by the Trust are recorded directly against net claimants' equity. Accordingly, the future minimum commitments outstanding at period end for non-cancelable obligations have been recorded as deductions from net claimants' equity.

- The liability for unpaid claims reflected in the statement of net claimants' equity represents settled but unpaid claims and outstanding offers. A claims liability is recorded once an offer is made to the claimant at the amount equal to the expected pro rata payment. No liability is recorded for future claim filings and filed claims on which no offer has been made. Net claimants' equity represents funding available to pay present and future claims on which no fixed liability has been recorded.
- Investments are recorded at fair value. All interest and dividend income is included in investment income on the statement of changes in net claimants' equity. Net realized and unrealized gains and losses are recorded as a separate component on the statement of changes in net claimants' equity. The fair value hierarchy of investments is reported.
- Realized gains/losses are recorded based on the security's amortized cost. At the time a security is sold, all previously recorded unrealized gains/losses are reversed and recorded net, as a component of net realized and unrealized gains/losses in the accompanying statement of changes in net claimants' equity.

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include demand deposit accounts and cash invested in money market funds and AAA-rated US Treasury Bills with an original maturity of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are combined with investments in the statement of cash flows in conjunction with the Trust's special purpose accounting method and in accordance with the measurement focus of the Trust to present changes in the amount of assets available for payment of current and future claims.

### **Fair Value Measurements**

Fair value measurements are determined through the use of an independent, nationally recognized pricing service. For securities that have quoted prices in active markets, market quotations are provided. For securities that do not trade on a daily basis, the pricing service provides fair value estimates using a variety of inputs including, but not limited to, benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, bids, offers, reference data, prepayment spreads and measures of volatility. The Trust reviews on an ongoing basis the reasonableness of the methodologies used by the pricing service, as well as determines the aggregate portfolio price performance and reviews it against applicable indices.

### **Deposits**

Claims processing deposits represent filing fees collected for each unliquidated claim, which fees are refunded by the Trust if the claim is paid.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the special-purpose accounting methods described above requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions to net claimants' equity during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **Concentration of Risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Trust to concentrations of risk consist of cash, cash equivalents and investments. Cash equivalents consist of money market funds and Treasury Bills. Cash equivalents and demand deposits are in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits.

The Trust utilizes risk controls to meet investment objectives authorized by its Trustees. Such risk controls include the use of outside investment advisors meeting predetermined criteria, and third-party quantitative and qualitative risk measurement evaluation tools. The Trust believes its risk control practices are appropriate to meet investment objectives.

Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rates, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

### **Income Taxes**

The Trust's policy is to recognize interest and penalties accrued on any unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. As of December 31, 2020, the Trust did not have any accrued interest or penalties associated with any unrecognized tax benefits, nor did it incur any interest and penalties expense with any unrecognized tax benefits for the year then ended. The Trust is unaware of information concerning any tax positions for which a material change in the unrecognized tax benefit or liability is reasonably possible within the next twelve months. The Trust files income tax returns in the United States. Although the Trust owes no tax to the State of California, it files an annual tax return in California reporting no taxable income or tax owed. The Trust is no longer subject to United States federal tax examinations for years before 2017 and state examinations for years before 2016.

### **Subsequent Events**

The Trust evaluated subsequent events through April 9, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# Western Asbestos Settlement Trust

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## Note 2 - Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

The Trust has recorded cash, cash equivalents, and investments at estimated fair value as follows:

		December 31, 2020	
		Cost	Fair Value
Restricted			
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 11,034,339	\$ 11,513,705	
Municipal bonds	4,019,920	4,198,409	
Asset-backed debt	1,762,127	1,832,086	
Corporate debt	21,651,454	22,455,800	
Total restricted	38,467,840	40,000,000	
Unrestricted			
Cash demand deposits	376,736	376,736	
Cash equivalents	54,790,527	54,790,527	
Equity securities	79,280,896	180,839,691	
U.S. Government obligations	4,614,980	4,753,084	
Municipal bonds	197,114,086	203,315,167	
Asset-backed debt	872,015	913,122	
Corporate debt	7,835,326	8,149,731	
Total unrestricted	344,884,566	453,138,058	
Total Funds	\$ 383,352,406	\$ 493,138,058	
		December 31, 2019	
		Cost	Fair Value
Restricted			
Cash equivalents			
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 9,523,227	\$ 9,787,571	
Municipal bonds	3,592,852	3,618,112	
Asset-backed debt	3,155,792	3,175,080	
Corporate debt	23,027,368	23,419,237	
Total restricted	39,299,239	40,000,000	
Unrestricted			
Cash demand deposits	1,111,291	1,111,291	
Cash equivalents	8,317,857	8,317,857	
Equity securities	81,390,737	169,392,740	
U.S. Government obligations	56,675,912	57,089,520	
Municipal bonds	211,724,197	216,176,140	
Asset-backed debt	1,851,668	1,871,798	
Corporate debt	12,248,680	12,469,850	
Total unrestricted	373,320,342	466,429,196	
Total Funds	\$ 412,619,581	\$ 506,429,196	

# Western Asbestos Settlement Trust

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The Trust accounts for investments according to a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between assumptions based on market data (observable inputs) and the Trust's assumptions (unobservable inputs). The hierarchy consists of three broad levels as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; or valuations based on models where significant inputs are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 Valuations based on models where significant inputs are not observable, and for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis, including financial instruments for which the Trust accounts, were as follows at:

December 31, 2020				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Cash demand deposits	\$ 376,736	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 376,736
Cash equivalents	54,790,527	-	-	54,790,527
Equity securities	180,839,691	-	-	180,839,691
U.S. Government obligations	10,140,767	6,126,022	-	16,266,789
Municipal bonds	-	207,513,576	-	207,513,576
Asset-backed debt	-	2,745,208	-	2,745,208
Corporate debt	30,605,531	-	-	30,605,531
	<u>\$ 276,753,252</u>	<u>\$ 216,384,806</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 493,138,058</u>
December 31, 2019				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Cash demand deposits	\$ 1,111,291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,111,291
Cash equivalents	8,317,857	-	-	8,317,857
Equity securities	169,392,740	-	-	169,392,740
U.S. Government obligations	61,223,666	5,653,425	-	66,877,091
Municipal bonds	-	219,794,252	-	219,794,252
Asset-backed debt	-	5,046,878	-	5,046,878
Corporate debt	35,889,087	-	-	35,889,087
	<u>\$ 275,934,641</u>	<u>\$ 230,494,555</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$506,429,196</u>

The Trust experiences transfers in and out of levels within the fair value hierarchy primarily due to the market activity of the underlying security. The Trust's policy is to recognize transfers in and out at the actual date the event or change in circumstance caused the transfer. No securities were transferred between Level 1 to Level 2.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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Activity in Level 3 investments for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was:

	Asset-backed Debt	
	2020	2019
Balance at January 1	\$ -	\$ 90,452
Sales	-	-
Unrealized loss	-	-
Transfer to level 2	-	(90,452)
Balance at December 31	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The maturities of the Trust's investments at market value (excluding cash equivalents) are as follows as of December 31, 2020:

	Less than 1 Year	After 1 Year Through 5 Years	After 5 Year Through 10 Years	After 10 Years
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 1,505,299	\$ 13,538,887	\$ 344,292	\$ 878,311
Municipal bonds	36,726,501	128,494,102	23,129,930	19,163,043
Asset-backed debt	367,372	1,985,389	204,372	188,075
Corporate debt	3,452,438	26,469,917	683,176	-
	<u>\$ 42,051,610</u>	<u>\$ 170,488,295</u>	<u>\$ 24,361,770</u>	<u>\$ 20,229,429</u>

## Note 3 - Fixed Assets

The cost of non-income producing assets that will be exhausted during the life of the Trust and are not available for satisfying claims are expensed as incurred. Since inception, the cost of fixed assets expensed, net of disposals, includes:

Acquisition of furniture and equipment	\$ 78,002
Acquisition of computer hardware and software	<u>207,629</u>
	<u>\$ 285,631</u>

These items have not been recorded as assets, but rather as operating expenses and direct deductions from net claimants' equity in the accompanying financial statements. The cost of fixed assets that were expensed during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were \$24,718 and \$28,379, respectively.

Total depreciation expense related to asset acquisition using accounting principles generally accepted in the United States would have been \$27,292 and \$25,877 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.



**Note 4 - Claim Liabilities**

The Trust distinguishes between claims that were resolved prior to the establishment of the Trust ("Pre-Petition Claims") and claims received and processed using the Trust Documents after the creation of the Trust ("Trust Claims"). The claims filed prior to the creation of the Trust were grouped into three categories: default, matrix and settlement claims (Pre-petition Liquidated Claims).

The cases underlying the Pre-petition Liquidated Claims were stayed by the court until the Plan was confirmed. The Trust approved and immediately made offers to pay, subject to receiving a claimant release, the approved Payment Percentage of the liquidated value of each Pre-Petition Liquidated Claim. Certain Pre-petition Liquidated Claims were further reduced by payments made by the Debtors' insurers prior to the formation of the Trust.

For trust claims, a liability for unpaid claims is recorded at the time the offer is extended to the firm of record or claimant. Funds are mailed after the approved release is signed, received, and approved by the Trust. Unpaid claims liabilities remain on the Trust's books until the offer is accepted, rejected, withdrawn or expires after six months. Offers may be extended an additional six months upon written request and good cause. As of the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, there were no expired offers.

All claimants are entitled to the full liquidated value of their claim. Under the TDP, claimants receive an initial pro rata payment equal to the approved Payment Percentage of the claim's liquidated value. The remaining obligation for the unpaid portion of the liquidated amount is not recorded and is not a liability of the Trust, unless the Payment Percentage is increased. In that instance, the Trust is currently obligated to retroactively pay the increased percentage to all previously paid claimants (see Note 7).

In the interest of treating all claimants equitably in accordance with the Plan, the Trustees have recommended that all payments made during each calendar year ended December 31, 2006 through December 31, 2020 include a Cost of Living Adjustment for inflation based upon the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' *Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers* (CPI-W). Claims liabilities at year end are adjusted for any approved Inflation Adjustments. Inflation Adjustments are cumulative. Cumulative Inflation Adjustments of 36.72% and 34.83% are included in outstanding claims liabilities as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

The Trust processed and approved \$37,324,437 and \$36,022,082 of Trust Claims during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

**Note 5 - Commitments and Contingencies**

The Trust leases its offices in Reno, Nevada, under a non-cancelable operating lease. The lease contains escalation provisions and expires December 31, 2026.

The Trust paid \$124,413 and \$119,757 in rental expense during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Future minimum rental commitments, excluding parking and utility expenses, under this operating lease are:

<u>Years Ending December 31,</u>	
2021	\$ 113,740
2022	79,719
2023	81,712
2024	83,755
2025	85,848
Thereafter	<u>87,995</u>
	<u>\$ 532,769</u>

#### **Note 6 - Facility and Staff Sharing Agreement**

The Trust has entered into facilities and staff sharing agreements with the J. T. Thorpe Settlement Trust, ("J. T. Thorpe Trust"), the Thorpe Insulation Settlement Trust ("Thorpe Insulation Trust") and Plant Asbestos Settlement Trust ("Plant Asbestos Trust"). The four trusts are related through common Trustees. Under the agreements, and in exchange for advance monthly payments, the Trust provides use of its facilities and services relating to administration and claims processing. The agreements automatically renew for additional one-year periods unless either party provides written notice. The amounts of advanced monthly payments are agreed upon between the Trusts from time to time. As of December 31, 2020, the equitable amount agreed upon is based on the required written calendar year reconciliation of annual services that is performed by the Trust.

Additional refunds due based on the reconciliation performed as of December 31:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
J.T. Thorpe Trust	\$ (31,294)	\$ (39,828)
Thorpe Insulation Trust	(16,625)	(22,994)
Plant Asbestos Trust	(39,507)	5,132

Any excess of cost over payments or payments over cost is required to be repaid by the benefited party with interest.

#### **Note 7 - Net Claimants' Equity**

The Trust was created pursuant to the Plan approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco Division. The TDP was adopted pursuant to the Plan and concurrently with the Trust Agreement. It is designed to provide fair and equitable treatment for all Trust claims that may presently exist or may arise in the future. The TDP prescribes certain procedures for distributing the Trust's limited assets, including pro rata payments and initial determination of claim value based on scheduled diseases values, jurisdictions, and individual factual information concerning each claimant as set forth in the Trust Documents.

Under the TDP, the Trust forecasts its anticipated annual sources and uses of cash until the last projected future claim has been paid. A pro rata Payment Percentage is calculated such that the Trust will have no remaining assets or liabilities after the last future claimant receives his/her pro rata share.

Based on research and testimony presented during the bankruptcy, the Court approved an initial payment to claimants of 31.5% of the liquidated value of then current and estimated future claims ("Payment Percentage"). The TDP gives the Trustees, with the consent of the Trust Advisory Committee ("TAC") and the Futures Representative, the power to periodically update its estimate of the Payment Percentage based on updated assumptions regarding its future assets and liabilities and, if appropriate, propose additional changes in the Payment Percentage. The Payment Percentage was increased by the Trustees to 34.2% in February 2006, 40.0% in July 2007, 44% in February 2010, 48% in September 2014, and 51.1% in May 2019. These changes were made with the consent of the TAC and Futures Representative. The increases were retroactive for claims paid since inception.

#### **Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans**

The Trust has established a defined contribution retirement savings plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code for all eligible employees after completion of certain age and service requirements. Employees may voluntarily elect to defer their compensation or fund a Roth IRA and invest in various options for their retirement. The plan allows employees to defer a percentage of their salaries within limits set by the Internal Revenue Code, with the Trust matching contributions by employees of up to 4% of their salaries. The Trust may also make discretionary contributions to employee accounts. The total Trust contribution and expenses under the plan were \$77,627 and \$66,421 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### **Note 9 - Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

To avoid the high costs of director and officer liability insurance, and pursuant to the Trust Agreement, the Trust has established a segregated security fund of \$40 million. These funds are devoted exclusively to securing the obligations of the Trust to indemnify the former and current Trustees, employees, agents and representatives of the Trust. The funds are held in a separate Trust bank account, and the investment earnings on these funds accrue to the benefit of the Trust.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, cash, cash equivalents and investments of \$40,000,000 were restricted for this purpose.

In addition, the Trust purchased a \$5,000,000 Directors and Officers/Errors and Omissions policy in 2018 and a \$5,000,000 Directors and Officers/Errors and Omissions Excess DIC policy in 2019.

**Note 10 - Income Taxes**

For federal income tax purposes, the Trust is taxed as a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF"). Income and expenses associated with the Trust are taxed in accordance with Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code. The statutory income tax rate for the Trust is 37.0% for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The Trust records deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the book and tax basis of assets and liabilities.

The provision for income taxes consists of the following for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Income tax – current	\$ 3,167,374	\$ 3,049,534
Deferred income tax expense	<u>5,901,000</u>	<u>12,824,000</u>
	<u>\$ 9,068,374</u>	<u>\$ 15,873,534</u>

The components of the deferred income tax asset (liability), as presented in the statements of net claimants' equity consisted of the following at December 31:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Deferred tax asset (liability)		
Unrealized appreciation	\$ (40,621,000)	\$ (34,710,000)
Depreciation and amortization	29,000	33,000
Prepaid insurance	<u>42,000</u>	<u>28,000</u>
	<u>\$ (40,550,000)</u>	<u>\$ (34,649,000)</u>

On December 22, 2017, the United States enacted tax reform legislation commonly known as H.R.1, referred to as the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" (the "Act"), resulting in significant changes to U.S. tax law. Among other provisions, the Act temporarily reduces the tax rate from 39.6% to 37% until 2026.

**Note 11 - Risks and Uncertainties**

During 2020, the world-wide Coronavirus pandemic impacted national and global economies. The Trust is closely monitoring its operations, liquidity and capital resources and is actively working to minimize the current and future impact of this unprecedented situation.



Supplementary Information  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

## Western Asbestos Settlement Trust



# Western Asbestos Settlement Trust

Schedule of Operating Expenses  
Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Accounting	\$ 47,915	\$ 54,186
Claims processing	466,613	479,661
Futures representative	29,471	23,488
Information technology support	119,015	174,566
Insurance	141,736	46,114
Legal fees	1,413,741	7,258,278
Office expense	55,357	50,843
Office furniture and equipment	10,648	18,427
Payroll and related taxes	1,486,696	1,432,165
Pension plan contribution and fees	77,627	66,421
Rent and utilities	157,332	147,124
Travel and meals	292	2,401
Trust advisory committee	64,564	45,768
Trustee fees	256,678	336,747
Trustees professional	31,553	83,327
	4,359,238	10,219,516
Less reimbursement pursuant to the shared services agreements to process and pay claims and provide operational and administrative support	(1,159,574)	(1,298,310)
	<u>\$ 3,199,664</u>	<u>\$ 8,921,206</u>

## **EXHIBIT “F”**

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### **Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Claim Report as of December 31, 2020**

This report is submitted pursuant to Section 2.2 (c)(ii) of the Eighteenth Amendment to and Complete Restatement of Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Agreement, which requires the Trust to file with the Bankruptcy Court a summary of the number and type of claims disposed of during the time period covered by the financial statements (“Accounting Period”). This report summarizes the Trust’s processing of the claims received since the Effective Date of the Trust (“Trust Claims”).

#### **Trust Claims**

Claims received and disposed of from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020 in accordance with the Third Amendment to and Complete Restatement of Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Case Valuation Matrix (“Matrix”) and the Fifth Amendment to and Complete Restatement of the Western Asbestos Company/Western Mac Arthur Co. /Mac Arthur Co. Asbestos Personal Injury Settlement Trust Distribution Procedures (“TDP”) are as set forth below.

The value of each compensable disease is determined by the Matrix and TDP. Claim compensation is adjusted for individual claimants based upon jurisdiction and tort related individual characteristics including, but not limited to: age, marital status, dependents, medical loss, economic loss, exposure location, and whether living at the time of commencement of litigation or filing the claim with the Trust. Each valid claim is awarded a total liquidated value. As of December 31, 2020, Trust Claims were paid at the approved Payment Percentage of 51.1%. Payments made on Trust Claims in 2020 included an additional 34.83% to account for cumulative inflation based upon the CPI-W.

During the Accounting Period, 981 claims were received. In addition, offers were issued to 293 claimants. Further, 294 claims were paid.

Below is a summary of the number and type of claims disposed of (paid) in 2020.

Compensable Disease	Number of California Claims	Number of Minnesota Claims	Number of North Dakota Claims	Totals
Grade II Non-Malignant	15	9	0	24
Grade I Non-Malignant and Enhanced Asbestosis	31	1	0	32
Grade I Non-Malignant Serious Asbestosis	22	0	0	22
Other Cancer	10	1	0	11
Lung Cancer	52	9	0	61
Mesothelioma	116	28	0	144
<b>Totals</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>294</b>



## **EXHIBIT “G”**

TRNSFD-IN

**U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
California Northern Bankruptcy Court (San Francisco)  
Adversary Proceeding #: 20-03026**

*Assigned to:* Judge Hannah L. Blumenstiel

*Lead BK Case:* [13-31914](#)

*Lead BK Title:* Western Asbestos Co.

*Lead BK Chapter:* 11

*Demand:*

*Nature[s] of Suit:* 91 Declaratory judgment

*Date Filed:* 05/26/20

*Date of Intradistrict Transfer:* 06/24/20

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Filing Date	#	Docket Text
05/26/2020	<a href="#">1</a> (9 pgs; 2 docs)	Adversary case <a href="#">20-04023</a> . 91 (Declaratory judgment) Complaint by Marvie Darden, Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Daeden, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Anita Gardyne, Angela Newsome against Western Asbestos Settlement Trust. Fee Amount \$350. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> AP Cover Sheet) (Stewart, Michael) (Entered: 05/26/2020)
05/26/2020		Receipt of filing fee for Complaint(20-04023) [cmp,cmp] ( 350.00). Receipt number 30529268, amount \$ 350.00 (re: Doc# <a href="#">1</a> Complaint) (U.S. Treasury) (Entered: 05/26/2020)
05/27/2020	<a href="#">2</a> (4 pgs; 2 docs)	Summons Issued on Western Asbestos Settlement Trust Answer Due 6/26/2020 (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">1</a> Complaint filed by Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Angela Newsome). <b>Scheduling Conference scheduled for 7/29/2020 at 10:30 AM at Oakland Room 220 - Lafferty.</b> (tp) (Entered: 05/27/2020)
05/27/2020	<a href="#">3</a> (4 pgs; 4 docs)	Order Regarding Initial Disclosures and Discovery Conference (tp) (Entered: 05/27/2020)
05/30/2020	<a href="#">4</a> (4 pgs)	BNC Certificate of Mailing (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">2</a> Summons Issued). Notice Date 05/30/2020. (Admin.) (Entered: 05/30/2020)
06/04/2020	<a href="#">5</a> (1 pg)	Summons Service Executed on Western Asbestos Settlement Trust 5/28/2020 . (Stewart, Michael) Note: PDF missing case name and case number. Modified on 6/5/2020 (ds). (Entered: 06/04/2020)
06/04/2020	<a href="#">6</a> (5 pgs)	Stipulation, - for Extension of Time for Defendant to Respond to Complaint - Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">1</a> Complaint filed by Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Angela Newsome). (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 06/04/2020)
06/05/2020	<a href="#">7</a> (3 pgs)	Stipulation, Stipulation to Transfer this Adversary Proceeding to the San Francisco Division and filed in Bankruptcy Case No. 13-31914 Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome. (Stewart, Michael) (Entered: 06/05/2020)
06/06/2020	<a href="#">8</a> (3 pgs)	Order Approving Stipulation for Extension of Time for Defendant to Respond to Complaint (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">1</a> Complaint, <a href="#">2</a> Summons Issued, <a href="#">6</a> Stipulation, - for Extension of Time for Defendant to Respond to Complaint). (cf) (Entered: 06/08/2020)

06/08/2020	<a href="#">9</a> (3 pgs)	Order Approving Stipulation to Transfer this Adversary Proceeding to the San Francisco Division and Filed in Bankruptcy Case No. 13-31914 (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">1</a> Complaint, <a href="#">7</a> Stipulation to Transfer this Adversary Proceeding). (cf) (Entered: 06/08/2020)
06/09/2020		Transmit Intra-District Transfer Case to the San Francisco Division (pw) (Entered: 06/09/2020)
06/24/2020		Judge Hannah L. Blumenstiel added to case. (ls) (Entered: 06/24/2020)
06/24/2020	<a href="#">10</a> (2 pgs; 2 docs)	Notice of Transferred Case 20-4023. The case was transferred from Oakland. (ls) (Entered: 06/24/2020)
06/25/2020	<a href="#">11</a> (1 pg)	Notice of Scheduling Conference in an Adversary Proceeding (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">1</a> Complaint filed by Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Angela Newsome). <b>Hearing scheduled for 8/20/2020 at 02:00 PM via Tele/Videoconference - www.canb.uscourts.gov/calendars.</b> (ls). (Entered: 06/25/2020)
06/26/2020	<a href="#">12</a> (2 pgs)	Notice Regarding <i>Appearance as Co-Counsel</i> Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust. (Fergus, Gary) DEFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected. Modified on 6/29/2020 (tp). (Entered: 06/26/2020)
06/26/2020	<a href="#">13</a> (5 pgs)	Stipulation - <i>Stipulation Confirming Time for Defendant to Respond to Complaint</i> - Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">1</a> Complaint filed by Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Angela Newsome). (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 06/26/2020)
06/26/2020	<a href="#">14</a> (2 pgs)	BNC Certificate of Mailing - Ntc of Transfer of Case. (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">10</a> Notice of Transferred Case). Notice Date 06/26/2020. (Admin.) (Entered: 06/26/2020)
06/29/2020	<a href="#">15</a> (2 pgs)	Order Approving Stipulation To Confirm Time For Defendant To Respond To Complaint (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">13</a> Stipulation Referring to Existing Document(s) filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust). (bg) (Entered: 06/29/2020)

07/23/2020	<a href="#">16</a> (91 pgs; 9 docs)	Answer to Complaint , Counterclaim by Sandra R Hernandez, John F Luikart, Western Asbestos Settlement Trust against all plaintiffs Filed by Sandra R Hernandez, John F Luikart, Western Asbestos Settlement Trust. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit Exhibit 1 Declaration of Successor in Interest # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit Ex. 2 1986 Compromise and Release # <a href="#">3</a> Exhibit Ex. 3 1987 Dismissal with Prejudice # <a href="#">4</a> Exhibit Ex. 4 1983 Complaint # <a href="#">5</a> Exhibit Ex. 5 Current Matrix # <a href="#">6</a> Exhibit Ex. 6 Extract from Confirmed Plan # <a href="#">7</a> Exhibit Ex. 7 Extract from Current Trust Distribution Procedures # <a href="#">8</a> Exhibit Ex. 8 Extract from Confirmation Order) (Fergus, Gary) (Entered: 07/23/2020)
08/05/2020	<a href="#">17</a> (6 pgs)	Stipulation, - Stipulation of the Parties to Attend Non-Binding Mediation - Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust. (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 08/05/2020)
08/05/2020	<a href="#">18</a> (2 pgs)	Order Approving Stipulation Of The Parties To Attend Nonbinding Mediation (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">17</a> Stipulation for Miscellaneous Relief filed by Counter-Claimant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust). (bg) (Entered: 08/05/2020)
08/05/2020		<b>DOCKET TEXT ORDER</b> (no separate order issued:) In light of the court's entry of an order (Dkt. 18) approving the parties' stipulation to attend non-binding mediation (Dkt. 17), the court hereby CONTINUES the scheduling conference set for August 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. to October 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. All deadlines under Bankruptcy Rule 7026/Civil Rule 26 shall be calculated based on the continued date. (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">11</a> Notice of Scheduling Conference). (Entered: 08/05/2020)
08/05/2020		Hearing Continued (related document(s): <a href="#">1</a> Complaint filed by Marvie Darden, Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Anita Gardyne, Angela Newsome) <b>Hearing scheduled for 10/15/2020 at 02:00 PM via Tele/Videoconference - www.canb.uscourts.gov/calendars.</b> Scheduling conference continued per order on 8/5/20. (bg) (Entered: 08/05/2020)
08/06/2020	<a href="#">19</a> (2 pgs)	Notice of Appearance and Request for Notice by Beth Ann R. Young. Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Young, Beth) (Entered: 08/06/2020)
08/12/2020	<a href="#">20</a> (17 pgs)	Joint Discovery Plan . Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 08/12/2020)
08/13/2020	<a href="#">21</a> (7 pgs)	Answer to Counterclaim <i>Plaintiffs Answer and Reply to Counterclaims</i> Filed by Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome. (Stewart, Michael) (Entered: 08/13/2020)
08/14/2020	<a href="#">22</a> (6 pgs)	Stipulation, re Fed. R. Evid. Rule 502(d) Order - <i>Stipulation of the Parties re Fed. R. Evid. Rule 502(d) Order</i> - Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust. (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 08/14/2020)



08/17/2020	<a href="#">23</a> (2 pgs)	Order Approving Stipulation Of The Parties Re Fed. R. Evid. 502(d) Order (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">22</a> Stipulation for Miscellaneous Relief filed by Counter-Claimant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust). (bg) (Entered: 08/17/2020)
09/11/2020	<a href="#">24</a> (3 pgs)	Notice Regarding <i>Notice of Appearance - Toven Lim</i> Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Counter-Defendants Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne. (Stewart, Michael) (Entered: 09/11/2020)
09/16/2020	<a href="#">25</a> (6 pgs)	ADR Certification Form Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 09/16/2020)
10/09/2020	<a href="#">26</a> (2 pgs)	Document: <i>CourtCall Appearance for Steven Kazan.</i> Filed by Plaintiff Christopher Darden (Stewart, Michael) Modified on 10/9/2020 DEFECTIVE ENTRY: Additional event code(s) not selected. (dts). (Entered: 10/09/2020)
10/14/2020	<a href="#">27</a> (5 pgs)	Stipulation to Continue Hearing - <i>Stipulation to Continue Case Scheduling Conference</i> - Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">1</a> Complaint filed by Counter-Defendant Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Counter-Defendant Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Counter-Defendant Debora Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Counter-Defendant Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Counter-Defendant Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Counter-Defendant Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Counter-Defendant Angela Newsome, Plaintiff Angela Newsome). <b>Hearing scheduled for 11/12/2020 at 02:00 PM Tele/Videoconference - <a href="http://www.canb.uscourts.gov/calendars">www.canb.uscourts.gov/calendars</a> for <a href="#">1</a>.</b> (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 10/14/2020)
10/14/2020	<a href="#">28</a> (2 pgs)	Order Approving Stipulation To Continue Case Scheduling Conference (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">27</a> Stipulation to Continue Hearing filed by Counter-Claimant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust). (bg) (Entered: 10/14/2020)
10/14/2020		Hearing Continued (related document(s): <a href="#">1</a> Complaint filed by Marvie Darden, Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Anita Gardyne, Angela Newsome) <b>Hearing scheduled for 11/12/2020 at 02:00 PM via Tele/Videoconference - <a href="http://www.canb.uscourts.gov/calendars">www.canb.uscourts.gov/calendars</a>.</b> Continued per order on 10/14/20. (bg) (Entered: 10/14/2020)
11/10/2020	<a href="#">29</a> (4 pgs)	Stipulation, - Stipulation to Amend Discovery Plan and Related Deadlines Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">20</a> Document filed by Counter-Claimant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust). (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 11/10/2020)

11/10/2020	<a href="#">30</a> (5 pgs)	Document: <i>Plaintiffs' ADR Certification..</i> Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome, Counter-Defendants Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (Stewart, Michael) (Entered: 11/10/2020)
11/11/2020	<a href="#">31</a> (3 pgs)	Notice Regarding <i>Notice of Appearance of Petra M. DeJesus</i> Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Counter-Defendants Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden. (Stewart, Michael)DEFFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected. Modified on 11/12/2020 (myt). (Entered: 11/11/2020)
11/12/2020		Hearing Held (related document(s): <a href="#">1</a> Complaint filed by Marvie Darden, Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Anita Gardyne, Angela Newsome) Petra DeJesus and Steven Kazan appeared for Plaintiffs. Gary Fergus, Eve Karasik, and Beth Ann Young appeared for the Defendants. The court will enter a scheduling order consistent with the stipulation of the parties. (bg) (Entered: 11/12/2020)
11/12/2020	<a href="#">32</a> (4 pgs)	Scheduling Order <b>Pre-Trial Hearing scheduled for 3/18/2021 at 02:00 PM via Tele/Videoconference - <a href="http://www.canb.uscourts.gov/calendars">www.canb.uscourts.gov/calendars</a>.</b> (bg) (Entered: 11/12/2020)
11/13/2020	<a href="#">33</a> (4 pgs)	Amended Scheduling Order (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">32</a> Scheduling Order). (bg) (Entered: 11/13/2020)
11/16/2020	<a href="#">34</a> (1 pg)	 The Audio File attached to the PDF includes several hearings. Court Date & Time [ 11/12/2020 2:00:00 PM ]. File Size [ 9519 KB ]. Run Time [ 00:30:57 ]. (admin). (Entered: 11/16/2020)
11/25/2020	<a href="#">35</a> (18 pgs)	Stipulation, - Stipulation of the Parties for Confidentiality Order - Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust. (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 11/25/2020)
11/25/2020	<a href="#">36</a> (1 pg)	Order Approving Stipulation For Confidentiality Order (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">35</a> Stipulation for Miscellaneous Relief filed by Counter-Claimant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust). (bg) (Entered: 11/25/2020)
01/04/2021	<a href="#">37</a> (6 pgs)	Order Regarding Discovery Dispute (bg) (Entered: 01/04/2021)
01/28/2021	<a href="#">38</a> (6 pgs)	Stipulation - <i>Stipulation Setting a Hearing Date and Briefing Schedule on the Parties' Cross Motions for Summary Judgment and Request to Continue Pre-Trial Conference Pending Ruling on the Cross Motions for Summary Judgment</i> - Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">33</a> Amended Order). (Young, Beth) (Entered: 01/28/2021)

01/29/2021	<a href="#">39</a> (4 pgs)	Order Approving Stipulation In Part (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">38</a> Stipulation Referring to Existing Document(s) filed by Counter-Claimant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust). (bg) (Entered: 01/29/2021)
01/29/2021		Hearing Dropped (related document(s): <a href="#">32</a> Scheduling Order) The 3/18/21 pretrial is off calendar per order on 1/29/21. (bg) (Entered: 01/29/2021)
02/16/2021	<a href="#">40</a> (8 pgs)	Declaration of Paul Young in support of <i>Plaintiffs' Filing of Paul Young's Declaration of Successor in Interest for Lloy Young v. Chevron U.S.A., Inc., et al. Alameda County Superior Court No. RG18897651</i> . Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Counter-Defendants Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne (Stewart, Michael) (Entered: 02/16/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">41</a> (5 pgs)	Motion for Summary Judgment - <i>Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust's Motion for Summary Judgment and/or in the Alternative Summary Adjudication of Undisputed Facts</i> - Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust. (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">42</a> (31 pgs)	Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of <i>Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Adjudication of Western Asbestos Settlement Trusts First and Second Claims for Relief in its Counterclaim and on Plaintiffs Complaint for Declaratory Judgment</i> (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">41</a> Motion for Summary Judgment/Adjudication). Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">43</a> (1007 pgs; 9 docs)	Declaration of Gary Fergus in Support of <i>Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Adjudication of Western Asbestos Settlement Trusts First and Second Claims for Relief in its Counterclaim and on Plaintiffs Complaint for Declaratory Judgment</i> (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">41</a> Motion for Summary Judgment/Adjudication). Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit A - Part 1 # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit A - Part 2 # <a href="#">3</a> Exhibit B - E # <a href="#">4</a> Exhibit F - H # <a href="#">5</a> Exhibit I - Part 1 # <a href="#">6</a> Exhibit I - Part 2 # <a href="#">7</a> Exhibit J - Q # <a href="#">8</a> Certificate of Service) (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">44</a> (409 pgs; 4 docs)	Declaration of Laura Paul in Support of <i>Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Adjudication of Western Asbestos Settlement Trusts First and Second Claims for Relief in its Counterclaim and on Plaintiffs Complaint for Declaratory Judgment</i> (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">41</a> Motion for Summary Judgment/Adjudication). Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit A - M # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit N - AM # <a href="#">3</a> Certificate of Service) (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 03/09/2021)

03/09/2021	<a href="#">45</a> (95 pgs)	Declaration of James Penrod in Support of <i>Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Adjudication of Western Asbestos Settlement Trusts First and Second Claims for Relief in its Counterclaim and on Plaintiffs Complaint for Declaratory Judgment</i> (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">41</a> Motion for Summary Judgment/Adjudication). Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">46</a> (78 pgs)	Declaration of Dr. Thomas Vasquez in Support of <i>Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Adjudication of Western Asbestos Settlement Trusts First and Second Claims for Relief in its Counterclaim and on Plaintiffs Complaint for Declaratory Judgment</i> (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">41</a> Motion for Summary Judgment/Adjudication). Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">47</a> (4 pgs)	Notice Regarding - <i>Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trusts Notice of Motion for Summary Judgment and/or in the Alternative Summary Adjudication of Undisputed Facts</i> - (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">41</a> Motion for Summary Judgment/Adjudication filed by Counter-Claimant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust). Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust. (Karasik, Eve)DEFFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect docket event selected. Modified on 3/9/2021 (lb). (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">48</a> (3 pgs)	Notice Regarding <i>Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment</i> Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (Stewart, Michael)DEFFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected. Modified on 3/10/2021 (lj). (Entered: 03/09/2021)
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03/09/2021	<a href="#">50</a> (7 pgs)	Notice Regarding <i>Declaration of Petra DeJesus in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment</i> Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (Stewart, Michael) DEFFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected. Modified on 3/10/2021 (lj). Related document(s) <a href="#">48</a> Notice filed by Counter-Defendant Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Counter-Defendant Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Counter-Defendant Debora Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Counter-Defendant Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Counter-Defendant Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff

		Rosalind Darden Keeton, Counter-Defendant Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Counter-Defendant Angela Newsome, Plaintiff Angela Newsome. Modified on 3/11/2021 (ds). (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">51</a> (68 pgs)	Notice Regarding <i>Declaration of Petra DeJesus with Exhibits 1-4</i> Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (Stewart, Michael)DEFFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected. Modified on 3/10/2021 (lj). Related document(s) <a href="#">48</a> Notice filed by Counter-Defendant Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Counter-Defendant Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Counter-Defendant Debora Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Counter-Defendant Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Counter-Defendant Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Counter-Defendant Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Counter-Defendant Angela Newsome, Plaintiff Angela Newsome. Modified on 3/11/2021 (ds). (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">52</a> (44 pgs)	Notice Regarding <i>Exhibits 3 - 12</i> Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (Stewart, Michael) DEFFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected. Modified on 3/10/2021 (lj). Related document(s) <a href="#">51</a> Notice filed by Counter-Defendant Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Counter-Defendant Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Counter-Defendant Debora Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Counter-Defendant Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Counter-Defendant Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Counter-Defendant Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Counter-Defendant Angela Newsome, Plaintiff Angela Newsome. Modified on 3/11/2021 (ds). (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">53</a> (61 pgs)	Notice Regarding <i>Exhibits 13 - 29</i> Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (Stewart, Michael)DEFFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected. Modified on 3/10/2021 (lj). Related document(s) <a href="#">51</a> Notice filed by Counter-Defendant Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Counter-Defendant Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Counter-Defendant Debora Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Counter-Defendant Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Counter-Defendant Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Counter-Defendant Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Counter-Defendant Angela Newsome, Plaintiff Angela Newsome. Modified on 3/11/2021 (ds). (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">54</a> (49 pgs)	Notice Regarding <i>Exhibits 29 - 34</i> Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (Stewart, Michael)DEFFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected. Modified on 3/10/2021 (lj). Related document(s) <a href="#">51</a> Notice filed by Counter-Defendant Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Marvie Darden,



		Counter-Defendant Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Counter-Defendant Debora Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Counter-Defendant Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Counter-Defendant Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Counter-Defendant Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Counter-Defendant Angela Newsome, Plaintiff Angela Newsome. Modified on 3/11/2021 (ds). (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">55</a> (56 pgs)	Notice Regarding <i>Exhibits 35 - 38</i> Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (Stewart, Michael). Related document(s) <a href="#">51</a> Notice filed by Counter-Defendant Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Counter-Defendant Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Counter-Defendant Debora Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Counter-Defendant Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Counter-Defendant Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Counter-Defendant Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Counter-Defendant Angela Newsome, Plaintiff Angela Newsome. Modified on 3/11/2021 (ds). (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<a href="#">56</a> (3 pgs)	Notice Regarding <i>Proposed Order</i> Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (Stewart, Michael)DEFFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected. Modified on 3/10/2021 (lj). (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/10/2021		<b>DOCKET TEXT ORDER</b> (no separate order issued:) On March 9, 2021, Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust timely filed a Motion for Summary Judgment and/or in the Alternative Summary Adjudication of Undisputed Facts (Dkt. 41; the "Motion") pursuant to a January 29 Order (Dkt. 39; the "Order"), approving a stipulation between the parties (Dkt. 38; the "Stipulation") in part. The Order indicated that, should the court conclude that oral argument on the Motion would be helpful or appropriate, chambers' staff would reach out to counsel to schedule oral argument on a mutually acceptable date. On the same date, Plaintiffs filed a Notice Regarding Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment (Dkt. 48; the "Notice") with a Motion requesting a hearing date on April 8, 2021 but also noting that no hearing had been set. In light of the inconsistent statements in the Notice, and for the sake of clarity, to the extent that the Notice references an April 8 hearing date, it is hereby STRICKEN consistent with the provisions of the Jan. 29 Order. (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">39</a> Order on Stipulation, <a href="#">41</a> Motion for Summary Judgment/Adjudication filed by Counter-Claimant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, <a href="#">48</a> Notice filed by Counter-Defendant Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Counter-Defendant Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Counter-Defendant Debora Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Counter-Defendant Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Counter-Defendant Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Counter-Defendant Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Counter-Defendant Angela Newsome, Plaintiff Angela Newsome). (Waites, Katie) (Entered: 03/10/2021)

03/10/2021	<a href="#">57</a> (3 pgs)	First Amended Notice Regarding <i>Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment</i> Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (Stewart, Michael) DEFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected. Modified on 3/10/2021 (lj). Related document(s) <a href="#">48</a> Notice filed by Counter-Defendant Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Counter-Defendant Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Counter-Defendant Debora Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Counter-Defendant Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Counter-Defendant Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Counter-Defendant Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Counter-Defendant Angela Newsome, Plaintiff Angela Newsome. Modified on 3/11/2021 (ds). (Entered: 03/10/2021)
03/17/2021	<a href="#">58</a> (210 pgs)	Amended <i>Supplemental</i> Declaration of Petra Dejesus in support of Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment, or in the alternative, partial summary judgment Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">51</a> Notice filed by Counter-Defendant Marvie Darden, Plaintiff Marvie Darden, Counter-Defendant Christopher Darden, Plaintiff Christopher Darden, Counter-Defendant Debora Darden, Plaintiff Debora Darden, Counter-Defendant Lawrence Darden, Plaintiff Lawrence Darden, Counter-Defendant Rosalind Darden Keeton, Plaintiff Rosalind Darden Keeton, Counter-Defendant Anita Gardyne, Plaintiff Anita Gardyne, Counter-Defendant Angela Newsome, Plaintiff Angela Newsome). (Stewart, Michael) Modified on 3/18/2021 (leh). DEFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected and incorrect PDF attached. Modified on 3/18/2021 (tp). (Entered: 03/17/2021)
03/25/2021	<a href="#">59</a> (31 pgs)	Brief/Memorandum in Opposition to - <i>Trust's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment</i> - (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">57</a> Notice). Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Karasik, Eve) DEFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected. Modified on 3/26/2021 (rdr). (Entered: 03/25/2021)
03/25/2021	<a href="#">60</a> (15 pgs)	Declaration of Laura Paul in support of <i>the Trust's Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Judgment</i> - (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">59</a> Opposition Brief/Memorandum). Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Karasik, Eve) (Entered: 03/25/2021)
03/25/2021	<a href="#">61</a> (360 pgs; 5 docs)	Motion for Summary Judgment ( <i>Opposition to Defendant's MSJ</i> ) Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to Western Asbestos Settlement Trust MSJ # <a href="#">2</a> Declaration with Exhibits 1-21 # <a href="#">3</a> Declaration with Exhibits 22-41 # <a href="#">4</a> Proposed Order-FRBP 4001 Denying Western Asbestos Settlement Trust MSJ) (Stewart, Michael) . Related document(s) <a href="#">41</a>

		Motion for Summary Judgment - <i>Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust's Motion for Summary Judgment and/or in the Alternative Summary Adjudication of Undisputed Facts</i> - filed by Counter-Claimant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust. DEFECTIVE ENTRIES: (1)Incorrect event code selected and incorrect PDF attached; (2) PDF is blank on page 37 of Attachment 2. CORRECTIVE ENTRY: Clerk added linkage to document(s) # 41. Modified on 3/26/2021 (pw). (Entered: 03/25/2021)
03/25/2021	<a href="#">62</a> (32 pgs)	Brief/Memorandum in Opposition to <i>Western Asbestos Settlement Trust's</i> (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">41</a> Motion for Summary Judgment/Adjudication). Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (Stewart, Michael)DEFECTIVE ENTRY: Incorrect event code selected and incorrect PDF attache. Modified on 3/26/2021 (pw) (Entered: 03/25/2021)
03/25/2021	<a href="#">63</a> (428 pgs; 3 docs)	Declaration of Petra DeJesus in Opposition of (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">41</a> Motion for Summary Judgment/Adjudication). Filed by Plaintiffs Christopher Darden, Debora Darden, Lawrence Darden, Marvie Darden, Anita Gardyne, Rosalind Darden Keeton, Angela Newsome (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Declaration with Exhibits 1-21 # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit 22-41) (Stewart, Michael) DEFECTIVE ENTRY: PDF is blank on page 37 of main document and Attachment 1. Modified on 3/26/2021 (pw). (Entered: 03/25/2021)
04/01/2021	<a href="#">64</a> (21 pgs)	Reply - <i>Reply Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment, or in the Alternative, Partial Summary Adjudication of Western Asbestos Settlement Trusts First and Second Claims for Relief in its Counterclaim and on Plaintiffs Complaint for Declaratory Judgment</i> - (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">41</a> Motion for Summary Judgment - <i>Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust's Motion for Summary Judgment and/or in the Alternative Summary Adjudication of Undisputed Facts</i> - filed by Counter-Claimant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust. Filed by Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (Karasik, Eve). CORRECTIVE ENTRY: Clerk added linkage to document #41 and removed linkage to document(s) #62. Modified on 4/2/2021 (aw). (Entered: 04/01/2021)
04/01/2021	<a href="#">65</a> (51 pgs; 5 docs)	Reply <i>Plaintiffs' Reply Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment or in the Alternative Partial Summary Judgment</i> (RE: related document(s) <a href="#">41</a> Motion for Summary Judgment - <i>Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust's Motion for Summary Judgment and/or in the Alternative Summary Adjudication of Undisputed Facts</i> - filed by Counter-Claimant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust, Defendant Western Asbestos Settlement Trust (2) Exhibit Exhibit 41 to DeJesus Declaration # <a href="#">3</a> Exhibit Exhibit 42 to DeJesus Declaration # <a href="#">4</a> Certificate of Service Certificate of Service) (Stewart, Michael). CORRECTIVE ENTRY: Clerk added linkage to document #41 and removed linkage to document(s) #49, #50, #51, #52, #53, #54 #55, #56, #57. Modified on 4/2/2021 (aw). (Entered: 04/01/2021)



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# PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is: 10250 Constellation Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled **SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTING, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND CLAIM REPORT** will be served or was served **(a)** on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and **(b)** in the manner stated below:

**1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF):** Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On **April 28, 2021**, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

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**2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL:** On **April 28, 2021**, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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**3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL** (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on **April 28, 2021**, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

<u>April 28, 2021</u>	<u>Lisa Masse</u>	<u>/s/ Lisa Masse</u>
<i>Date</i>	<i>Type Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>

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