

## **CELOTEX ASBESTOS SETTLEMENT TRUST NOTICE**

To: All Claimants and Claimants' Counsel

Date: March 27, 2020

In recognition of the hardships resulting from the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Celotex Asbestos Settlement Trust (the "Trust") adopts the following temporary policies:

**Statute of Limitations.** At this time, the Trust will continue to enforce deadlines for the filing of claims set forth in Section 7.12 of the CRP. However, in recognition of the inability of many claimants to file their claim on a timely basis as a result of circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trust will extend the applicable limitation period for 90 days for claims whose limitation period expires during the period from March 20, 2020 through June 18, 2020.

**Affidavits.** In light of current guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trustee recognizes that some claimants may not have access to a notary (including e-notaries) for the authentication of signatures. For these individuals, the Trust may accept the signature of one witness (related or unrelated) as reliable authentication of an affidavit if the affidavit was executed and submitted to the Trust during the period from March 20, 2020 through June 18, 2020. The Trust may also accept the authentication of affidavits through DocuSign or similar Trust-authorized electronic signature program, provided that documentation of the electronic signature history and certificate from the electronic signature program is submitted with the affidavit. The Trust reserves the right to request supplemental documentation at a later date.

**Releases.** In light of current guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trustee recognizes that some claimants may not have access to a notary (including e-notaries) or to two unrelated witnesses for the authentication of releases. For these individuals, the Trust may accept the signature of one witness (related or unrelated) as reliable authentication of a release if the release was executed and submitted to the Trust during the period from March 20, 2020 through June 18, 2020 so long as the law firm representing the claimant has submitted a letter regarding the firm's procedures for the authentication of documents during this time period. The Trust may also accept releases executed using the DCPF's eSign program, DocuSign, or similar authorized electronic signature program. If the claimant utilizes a program other than eSign, documentation of the electronic signature history and certificate from the electronic signature program must be provided with the release.