

Rock Wool Manufacturing Company

Asbestos Trust

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Re: Rock Wool Manufacturing Company ("Rock Wool")

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you as the Managing Trustee of and on behalf of the Rock Wool Manufacturing Company Asbestos Trust (the "Rock Wool Asbestos Trust") and because I understand your law firm represents a substantial number of claimants holding asbestos related claims against Rock Wool.

Rock Wool filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding in 1996 and confirmed a plan of reorganization (the "Plan") which became final and effective the end of June 2000. Pursuant to the Plan a Permanent Channeling Injunction was issued enjoining the commencement, prosecution and enforcement, directly or indirectly, of all asbestos related claims against Rock Wool and the Protected Parties (as defined in the Plan). All asbestos related claims were channeled to the Rock Wool Asbestos Trust. Pursuant to the Plan I was appointed the Managing Trustee of the Rock Wool Asbestos Trust.

The Rock Wool Asbestos Trust owns 100% of Rock Wool which is operating in Leeds, Alabama. The Rock Wool Asbestos Trust is commencing a claims filing period and will begin making distributions shortly after the end of the claims filing period. A copy of the Notice for Filing Claims which is about to be published is enclosed for your information. The Rock Wool Asbestos Trust intends to minimize transaction and distribution costs and will be conducting the claims filing and distribution process by electronic filing through its web site at: www.resasb.org.

I am attempting to make the claims filing and payment procedures as simple, efficient, and cost effective as possible. I am sure that the Rock Wool Asbestos Trust will be working with your office. If at any time you have any difficulty with our systems and procedures, or you have any other issues you would like to discuss, please do hesitate to call me. (The telephone and telecopier numbers on the letterhead are for the use of counsel, and I would appreciate it if you did not disseminate it to your clients or others.) If you need assistance, you may also speak to Judy Gilchrist, the Executive Assistant of the Rock Wool Asbestos Trust or e mail Ms. Gilchrist at trustasst@resasb.org. Please share this letter with other asbestos attorneys and personnel in your firm who will be involved in the claims process.

Very truly yours,

Sylvester F. Minitier, III, Trustee