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Re: Rutland Fire Clay Company Asbestos Trust
(Rutland Fire Clay Company and Rutland, Inc.)

Dear Mr. Lawyer:

I am writing to you as the Managing Trustee of and on behalf of the Rutland Fire Clay Company Asbestos Trust (the "Rutland Asbestos Trust") to announce a distribution from the Rutland Asbestos Trust and because I understand your law firm represents a substantial number of claimants holding asbestos related claims against Rutland.

Rutland filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding on October 13, 1999 and confirmed a plan of reorganization (the "Plan") which became final and effective November 2000. Pursuant to the Plan, I was appointed the Managing Trustee of the Rutland Asbestos Trust. Pursuant to the Plan a Permanent Channeling Injunction was issued enjoining the commencement, prosecution and enforcement, directly or indirectly, of all Asbestos Related Claims and Demands against Rutland Fire Clay Company and Rutland, Inc. (collectively, "Rutland") and the Protected Parties (as defined in the Plan). All Asbestos Related Claims and Demands were channeled to the Rutland Asbestos Trust. The sole recourse for payment of asbestos claims against Rutland is distributions from the Rutland Asbestos Trust.

The Rutland Asbestos Trust owns 100% of Rutland which has its headquarters in Rutland, Vermont. (Rutland, Inc. was merged into Rutland Fire Clay Company pursuant to the plan of reorganization.) The Rutland Asbestos Trust is commencing a claims filing period on Sunday night February 11, 2007 at midnight and will begin making distributions shortly after the end of the claims filing period on April 12, 2007. A copy of the Notice for Filing Claims, which is about to be published, is enclosed for your information. The Rutland 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. The web site has documents that explain how to file claims and the criteria for claims allowance.

I am attempting to make the claims filing and payment procedures as simple, efficient, and cost effective as possible. I am sure that the Rutland 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 not 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 Rutland Asbestos Trust or email 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