October 1, 2013

Re: A-Best Asbestos Settlement Trust

Deadlines for Responding to Deficiency Notifications,
Deadlines for Responding to Offers, and
Taking Action on Deferred Claims

Dear Claimants' Counsel:

This letter is to inform you that effective October 1, 2013 the A-Best Asbestos Settlement Trust (the "**Trust**") will allow claimants or claimants' counsel 180 days from the date of first notification of a deficiency to provide curative information. If no response is received within 180 days from the first deficiency notice, a claim will be deemed automatically deferred for a period of up to three years, after which, if the claimant has taken no further action on the claim, the claim will be deemed rejected with prejudice and the claimant barred from refilling the claim with the Trust.

Further, this is to inform you that effective October 1, 2013 claimants must respond to an offer of settlement from the Trust by accepting, rejecting, or initiating arbitration within 180 days of the original offer. If no response to an offer is received within 180 days, a claim will be deemed automatically deferred for a period of up to three years, after which, if the claimant has taken no further action on the claim, the claim will be deemed rejected with prejudice and the claimant barred from refiling the claim with the Trust.

Claimants for whom the above deadlines would have expired prior to October 1, 2013 will be granted an additional 90 days to provide responses. Such claimants have until January 1, 2014 to respond to prior offers or deficiency notices.

Further, this is to inform you that claims deferred for three years or more prior to the date of this notice, absent further action by the claimant prior to January 1, 2014, will be deemed rejected with prejudice and the claimant barred from refiling the claim with the Trust.

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