IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

In re:	)	Case No. 05-51754
	)	
BRAUER SUPPLY COMPANY,	)	Chapter 11
	)	
Debtor.	)	Honorable Kathy Surratt-States

NOTICE OF FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on April 30, 2024, the **Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust Special-Purpose Financial Statements and Report of Independent Auditors for the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 and Related Information** were filed electronically by FrankGecker LLP with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse, 111 South 10th Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

Dated: April 30, 2024

BRAUER 524(G) ASBESTOS TRUST

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SPECIAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS'

To the Trustee of
Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying special-purpose financial statements of the Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust (the "Trust", organized in the State of Delaware), which comprise the special-purpose statements of net claimants' equity as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related special-purpose statements of changes in net claimants' equity for the years then ended, and the related notes to the special-purpose financial statements (collectively, the "Financial Statements").

In our opinion, the Financial Statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net claimants' equity of the Trust as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in net claimants' equity for the years then ended in conformity with the special-purpose basis of accounting described in Note 2 of the Financial Statements.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 of the Financial Statements, which describes the basis of accounting. As described in Note 2 of the Financial Statements, these Financial Statements are prepared on a special-purpose basis of accounting and are not intended to be a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The special-purpose basis of accounting has been used in order to present the amount of equity presently available to current and future claimants and the changes in equity during the periods. As a result, the Financial Statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with the special-purpose basis of accounting; this includes determining that the special-purpose basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the Financial Statements in these circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

In preparing the Financial Statements, management is required to evaluate where there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the Financial Statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the Financial Statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Restriction on Use

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the Trust, the Trustee, the beneficiaries of the Trust and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which, upon filing with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, is a matter of public record.

Topel Forman L.L.C.

Certified Public Accountants

Chicago, Illinois
April 11, 2024

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SPECIAL-PURPOSE STATEMENTS OF NET CLAIMANTS' EQUITY
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

ASSETS

	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents		
Unrestricted	$ 25,484	$ 34,270
Restricted	8,580	8,500
Investments in marketable securities	5,675,840	7,003,801
Accrued investment income	37,612	38,422
Prepaid expenses	4,910	4,910
Prepaid federal income taxes	10,178	10,178
Total assets	$ 5,762,604	$ 7,100,081

LIABILITIES AND NET CLAIMANTS' EQUITY

Accrued expenses	$ 18,463	$ 15,798
Accrued payments to claimants	29,206	19,539
Claims processing deposits	8,580	8,500
Total liabilities	$ 56,249	$ 43,837
Net claimants' equity	$ 5,706,355	$ 7,056,244

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of these special-purpose financial statements.)

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SPECIAL-PURPOSE STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET CLAIMANTS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
Revenues		
Interest and dividend income	$ 270,105	$ 201,823
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments in marketable securities, net of management fees and bond amortization	83,679	(477,603)
Filing fees collected on withdrawn claims	920	1,660
Total additions (reductions)	$ 354,704	$ (274,120)
Operating Expenses		
Legal fees	$ 53,336	$ 51,742
Accounting fees	47,749	48,742
Claims processing fees	24,373	24,403
Audit fees	24,000	22,750
Trustee fees and expenses	28,800	33,075
Insurance expense	7,365	7,502
Financial consulting fees	16,000	16,000
Delaware Trustee fees and expenses	3,250	3,250
FCR fees and expenses	3,300	3,000
File storage and retrieval fees	1,274	1,215
Miscellaneous	23	-
Total deductions	$ 209,470	$ 211,679
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Claimants' Equity From Operations	$ 145,234	$ (485,799)
Deductions from Net Claimants' Equity		
Claims settled - Trust Claims	$ 65,906	$ 32,376
Supplemental Trust Claims payments	1,058,297	-
Supplemental Pre-petition Claims payments	358,783	-
Adjustment to Pre-petition Claims liability - supplemental liability	12,137	-
Total deductions	$ 1,495,123	$ 32,376
Net Decrease in Net Claimants' Equity	$ (1,349,889)	$ (518,175)
Net Claimants' Equity, Beginning of Year	7,056,244	7,574,419
Net Claimants' Equity, End of Year	$ 5,706,355	$ 7,056,244

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NOTES TO SPECIAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - Nature of trust

Description of trust

The Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust (the "Trust") was established in accordance with the Fourth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Brauer Supply Company (the "Plan"), under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The purpose of the Trust is:

i) to assume liability for all asbestos personal injury claims against Brauer Supply Company;

ii) to use the Trust's assets and income to pay holders of valid asbestos personal injury claims; and

iii) to comply in all respects with the requirements for a trust set forth in Section 524(g)(2)(B)(i) of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Trust was established on February 28, 2007, the Effective Date of the Plan ("Effective Date"), and is a Qualified Settlement Fund under Internal Revenue Code Section 468B for holders of asbestos personal injury claims ("Qualified Settlement Fund"). The Trust operates as the Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust.

Funding of the Trust

Pursuant to the Plan, Brauer Supply Company agreed to pay $1,000,000 to the Trust and assigned its rights under insurance policies to the Trust. The Trust pursued its rights under assigned insurance policies and has received $10,564,103 from these insurance policies through December 31, 2023. The Trust does not expect to receive any additional insurance policy receipts.

Compensation of Trustee, Future Claims Representative and Trust Advisory Committee

Prior to 2010, the Trustee, the Future Claims Representative and the members of the Trust Advisory Committee (the "TAC") agreed to waive their compensation. During 2010, the Trust began to reimburse the Trustee for expenses and the Future Claims Representative for fees and expenses. The Trust began compensating the Trustee for fees in 2012. Members of the TAC are not reimbursed for any fees or expenses.

NOTE 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The Trust's financial statements are prepared using special-purpose accounting methods that differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The special-purpose accounting methods are being used to better communicate the equity

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NOTE 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Basis of accounting (continued)

available to satisfy current and future claims. These special-purpose accounting methods and the differences from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America are summarized as follows:

i) The special-purpose financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, except as otherwise described herein.

ii) The statements of net claimants' equity are not classified, resulting in no separation between current and noncurrent assets and liabilities.

iii) These special-purpose financial statements do not include a statement of cash flows.

iv) Cash and cash equivalents are recorded at cost with accrued interest presented separately.

v) The funding received from Brauer Supply Company and insurance settlements has been recorded directly to net claimants' equity. These funds do not represent taxable income to the Trust. Payments to claimants are reported as deductions from net claimants' equity and do not represent expenses of the Trust for income tax purposes.

vi) Claims are expensed in the period in which the claims are approved for payment and an offer has been made. The settlement amount is multiplied by the applicable payment percentage, initially set at 2.6%, increasing to 5.5% effective September 1, 2017 and increasing to 9.5% effective April 1, 2023. No liability is recorded for future claims filings and filed claims which have not been approved for payment and for which an offer has not been made. Net claimants' equity represents funding available to pay present and future claims on which no liability has been recorded.

vii) Bond amortization is included with the net realized and unrealized loss on investments in marketable securities, net of management fees on the accompanying statements of changes in net claimants' equity.

viii) At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Trust's investments in marketable debt securities are considered as available for sale. The unrealized holdings gains (losses) on these investments are included in net realized and unrealized loss on investments in marketable securities, net of management fees and bond amortization on the accompanying statements of changes in net claimants' equity. Under generally accepted accounting principles, the unrealized holding gains or losses on marketable debt securities considered as available for sale investments would be included as a component of net claimants' equity reported as accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

ix) The Trust does not record allowances for credit losses on financial instruments carried at amortized cost.

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NOTE 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Use of estimates

The preparation of special-purpose financial statements in conformity with the special-purpose accounting method requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the special-purpose 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.

Financial instruments

The Trust's financial instruments are cash and cash equivalents, accrued investment income, investments in marketable securities, accrued expenses and payments to claimants. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, accrued investment income and accrued expenses approximate their fair values based on their short-term nature. The carrying amount of payments to claimants approximates fair value based upon management's estimates. The fair value of the investments in marketable securities is based on quoted market prices.

Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash

Cash and cash equivalents include demand deposit accounts and cash invested in money market funds. The Trust invested in short-term securities with maturities of less than one year. As of December 31, 2023, the Trust had $24,564 in Schwab One and TD Ameritrade money market funds. As of December 31, 2022, the Trust had $32,610 invested in TD Ameritrade money markets funds. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Trust had $920 and $1,660, respectively, of unrestricted cash in the filing fee account.

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, restricted cash represents filing fees received from claimants, which will be refunded if the claim is accepted and retained by the Trust if the claim does not qualify for payment.

The Trust maintained its cash and cash equivalents in accounts that are not federally insured. The Trust has not experienced any losses in such accounts, and management does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

Investments in marketable securities and related income

Investments in marketable securities, consisting of mutual funds and municipal bonds, are reported at fair value based on their quoted market prices, in the statements of net claimants' equity and changes in fair value of investments, as well as unrealized and realized gains and losses are included in net gain or loss on investments in marketable securities, net of management fees and bond amortization reported in the special-purpose statements of changes in net claimants' equity. Purchases and sales of marketable securities are recorded on the trade date.

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NOTE 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Investments in marketable securities and related income (continued)

Realized gains and losses on disposals of mutual fund investments are determined by the long-term high-cost method and by the specific identification method on disposals of municipal bonds. Interest and dividend income are recognized on the accrual basis. Bond amortization is recognized using the effective interest method. For years 2023 and 2022, respectively, investment management fees of $3,298 and $3,337 and bond amortization of $61,497 and $97,780 are included in net realized and unrealized loss on investments in marketable securities, net of management fees and bond amortization in the accompanying statements of changes in net claimants' equity.

Investments considered to be permanently impaired in value are written down to their estimated net realizable value and the write down is recorded as a realized loss on investments. Unrealized losses that are other-than-temporary based upon management's estimates using quantitative and qualitative criteria are recognized as realized investment losses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Trust's investments are exposed to various market risks. Due to the level of risk associated with investments in marketable securities, it is at least reasonably possible that significant changes in risks in the near term may materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Claims processing deposits

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

Net claimants' equity

The Trust was created pursuant to the Plan approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. The Amended and Restated Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust, Trust Distribution Procedures (the "TDP") was adopted pursuant to the Plan. 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 disease values, jurisdictions, and individual factual information concerning each claimant as set for in the TDP.

Income taxes

The Trust is subject to federal income taxes. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Trust had $10,178 on deposit as prepaid federal income taxes. At December 31, 2023, the Trust has a net operating loss carryforward of approximately $332,800, with no expiration date. The Trust has available at December 31, 2023, a capital loss carryforward of approximately $94,600.

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NOTE 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Income taxes (continued)

Temporary differences between financial reporting income and taxable income generate deferred tax assets related to net operating loss and capital loss carryforwards. Temporary differences between financial reporting income and taxable income generate deferred tax assets/liabilities related to unrealized gains/losses on investments.

No provision for state income taxes was recorded because, as a Delaware trust, the Trust has no state income tax return filing obligation and is not obligated to pay state income taxes.

Funds received by the Trust from Brauer Supply Company and from insurance settlements and disbursements paid to settle asbestos claims are not taxable or deductible by the Trust.

The Trust follows FASB ASC 740-10, the accounting standard regarding "Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions". This accounting standard provides detailed guidance for financial statement recognition, measurement, and disclosure of uncertain tax positions recognized in the Trust's financial statements. It requires an entity to recognize the financial statement impact of a tax position when it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination. The Trust had no unrecognized tax positions at December 31, 2023 or 2022. If applicable, the Trust would recognize penalties and interest related to income taxes in income tax expense.

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 was 37% during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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.

NOTE 3 - Investments in marketable securities

The Trust follows Statement on Financial Accounting Standards ASC 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures", which among other matters, requires enhanced disclosures about investments that are measured and reported at fair value. ASC 820 establishes a hierarchical disclosure framework which prioritizes and ranks the level of market price observability used in measuring investments at fair value. Market price observability is affected by a number of factors, including the type of investment and the characteristics specific to the investment. Investments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. Investments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories.

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NOTE 3 - Investments in marketable securities (continued)

Level I – Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date. The type of investments in Level I includes mutual funds.

Level II – Pricing inputs are other than quoted market prices included in Level I, however are observable indirectly for the investment. The Trust includes its municipal bonds in Level II, because these pricing inputs are indirectly evident through interest rates for commonly quoted credit risks.

Level III – Pricing inputs are unobservable for the investment and includes situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the investment. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation. The Trust does not carry any Level III investments.

The valuations of the Trust's investments in marketable securities by the above ASC 820 fair value hierarchy levels and the corresponding cost of the investments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, are as follows:

	2023			
	Level	Fair Value	Cost	Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Mutual funds				
Fixed income securities - corporate/ government				
Northern Funds Ultra-Short Fixed Income Fund	1	$ 1,894,652	$ 1,883,107	$ 11,545
Fixed income securities - other bonds				
FlexShares iBoxx 3-Year Target Duration TIPS Index Fund	1	52,744	54,115	(1,371)
Total mutual funds		1,947,396	1,937,222	10,174
Municipal bonds	2	3,728,444	3,803,048	(74,604)
Total		$ 5,675,840	$ 5,740,270	$ (64,430)

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NOTE 3 - Investments in marketable securities (continued)

	2022			
	Level	Fair Value	Cost	Unrealized Loss
Mutual funds				
Fixed income securities - corporate/ government				
Northern Funds Ultra-Short Fixed Income Fund	1	$ 3,356,037	$ 3,409,661	$ (53,624)
Fixed income securities - other bonds				
FlexShares iBoxx 3-Year Target Duration TIPS Index Fund	1	77,546	79,900	(2,354)
Total mutual funds		3,433,583	3,489,561	(55,978)
Municipal bonds	2	3,570,218	3,785,573	(215,355)
Total		$ 7,003,801	$ 7,275,134	$ (271,333)

Maturities of the Trust's debt securities at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

	Level	Fair Value	Cost	Unrealized Gains (Losses)
Due in one year or less	2	$ 616,417	$ 624,586	$ (8,169)
Due after one year through five years	2	949,224	1,000,859	(51,635)
Due after five years through ten years	2	595,553	603,032	(7,479)
Due after ten years through twenty years	2	993,820	979,301	14,519
Due after twenty years	2	573,430	595,270	(21,840)
		$ 3,728,444	$ 3,803,048	$ (74,604)

Sale of investments

The Trust had gross proceeds of $2,788,229 and recognized net losses of $58,428 from investments sold during 2023. The Trust had gross proceeds of $1,139,020 and recognized net losses of $44,116 from investments sold during 2022.

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NOTE 4 - Claim liabilities

The Trust distinguishes between claims that were resolved prior to the establishment of the Trust ("Pre-petition Liquidated Claims") and claims received and processed using the TDP after the creation of the Trust ("Trust 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 and 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. During the year ended December 31, 2023, $358,783 of supplemental Pre-petition Liquidated Claims were paid as a result of the increase to the payment percentage. During the year ended December 31, 2022, no Pre-petition Liquidated Claims were paid.

At December 31, 2023, an adjustment of $12,137 was made to increase the Pre-petition Liquidated Claims liability to reflect the increase in the payment percentage. The liability for Pre-petition Liquidated Claims was $28,826 and $16,689 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

For all Trust claims, a liability for unpaid claims is recorded at the time the offer is extended and the release authorization is mailed. 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 or expires after six months. Offers may be extended an additional six months upon written request and good cause. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, there were extended offers of $380 and $2,850. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, $1,126,672 and $43,550 of Trust claims were paid, including supplemental payments of $1,058,297 paid during the year ended December 31, 2023.

All claimants are entitled to the full liquidated value of their claim, subject to the availability of assets from which to pay those claims. 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 would be obligated to retroactively pay the increased percentage to all previously paid claimants.

NOTE 5 - Net claimants' equity

The Trust was created pursuant to the Plan approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. The TDP was adopted pursuant to the Plan. 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 determinations of claim value based on scheduled disease values, jurisdictions, and individual factual information concerning each claimant as set forth in the TDP.

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NOTE 5 - Net claimants' equity (continued)

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 (as defined below) 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 2.6% of the liquidated value of then current and estimated future claims (the "Payment Percentage"). The TDP gives the Trustee, with the consent of the TAC and the Futures Claims Representative, the power to periodically update the Payment Percentage based on updated assumptions regarding the Trust's future assets and liabilities and, if appropriate, propose additional changes in the Payment Percentage.

Effective September 1, 2017, the Trust increased the payment percentage from 2.6% to 5.5%. Claimants whose claims were liquidated and paid in prior periods received additional payments in November 2017, as provided in the TDP. Effective April 1, 2023, the Trust increased the payment percentage from 5.5% to 9.5%. Claimants whose claims were liquidated and paid in prior periods received additional payments in October 2023, as provided in the TDP.

NOTE 6 - Income taxes

The Trust reports its income to the Internal Revenue Service as a designated settlement fund which is taxed at the highest rate applicable to trusts under Section I (e) of the Internal Revenue Code, which was 37% for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. For net operating losses (the "NOLs") created in years beginning after December 31, 2017, the carryforward of NOLs will be limited to a reduction of 80% of modified taxable income without expiration. NOLs prior to January 1, 2018 will carry forward 20 years, and there is no limitation in the reduction of modified taxable income.

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") was enacted into law. The CARES Act made a number of changes to U.S. tax laws for tax years beginning before 2021. These changes include the removal of the limitation that NOLs could be used to offset no more than 80% of taxable income and the allowance for the carryback of losses arising in tax years 2018, 2019 and 2020 to each of the five tax years preceding the loss year. Unused losses from these years may be carried forward indefinitely.

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NOTE 6 - Income taxes (continued)

The Trusts' federal income tax benefit is calculated as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2023	2022
Modified taxable loss	$ (89,769)	$ (155,503)
Tax rate	37%	37%
Federal income tax benefit	(33,215)	(57,536)
Change in valuation allowance	(21,721)	193,914
Change in tax position	-	2,922
Deferred federal income tax benefit	54,936	(139,300)
Net income tax benefit	$ -	$ -

The Trust did not make any cash payments for income taxes during years 2023 and 2022.

Temporary differences between financial reporting and taxable income generate deferred tax assets and liabilities, as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2023	2022
Net operating loss carryforward	$ 123,152	$ 89,938
Net capital loss carryforward	35,020	13,401
Unrealized loss on investments	23,839	100,393
Valuation allowance	(182,011)	(203,732)
Net deferred tax asset/liability	$ -	$ -

NOTE 7 - Subsequent events

The Trust evaluated subsequent events through April 11, 2024, which is when the financial statements were available to be issued, and has concluded that no events or transactions have occurred or are pending that would have a material effect on the financial statements.

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April 11, 2024

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Trustee
Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust
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We have audited the financial statements of Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust for the year ended December 31, 2023 and have issued our report thereon dated April 11, 2024. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated December 4, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by the Company during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The significant estimates at December 31, 2023 were:

> Your estimate of fair value of Level 1 investments. We evaluated key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair value of the Level 1 investments and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no sensitive disclosures at December 31, 2023.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no corrected or uncorrected misstatements identified.

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Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated April 11, 2024.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Company's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Company's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Trustee of Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Topel Forman L.L.C.

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Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust

Report of Asbestos Claim Activity and Disposition during Period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Type of Claim	Number of Claims Filed	Number of Claims Approved for Payment	Number of Claims Withdrawn or Rejected	Liquidated Value of Approved Claims	Number of Approved Claims Paid[1]	Amount Paid on Approved Claims after Application of Payment Percentage[2]
Pre-Petition Liquidated Claims	0	0	0	$0	0	$358,783
Mesothelioma (Level IV)	91	5	82	$625,000	5	$894,921
Lung Cancer (Level III)	266	4	236	$120,000	4	$220,027
Other Cancer (Level II)	8	0	10	$0	0	$11,724
Other Asbestos Disease (Level I)	14	1	13	$2,000	0	$0
Unspecified Disease Level Claims	12	0	10	$0	0	$0

[1] Includes original payments only

[2] Includes original and supplemental payments

Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust

Report of Compensation and Expense Reimbursement
(January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023)

	Compensation	Expense Reimbursement
Ken M. Kawaichi (Trustee)	$28,800	$-0-
Andrew Kress (Futures Representative)	$3,300	$-0-

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Joseph D. Frank, an attorney, hereby certify that, on **April 30, 2024**, a true and correct copy of the **Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust Special-Purpose Financial Statements and Report of Independent Auditors for the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 and Related Information** was filed electronically. Notice of the filing was automatically sent to all parties who are currently on the Court's Electronic Mail Notice List by operation of the Court's Electronic Filing System. In addition, a copy was served this day upon the non-ECF parties on the attached Service List via first-class United States mail, postage prepaid.

/s/ Joseph D. Frank

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