

NOTICE REGARDING POLICIES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Effective March 25, 2020, the Brauer 524(g) Asbestos Trust (the “Trust”) has adopted the following policies:

1. Subject to further review, the policies set forth below shall remain in effect for 120 days, commencing on March 25, 2020 and extending through July 23, 2020 (the “Effective Period”).
2. Provided that a claimant’s law firm has entered into an electronic filer agreement with the Trust and the Trust’s claims processor, Verus Claims Services LLC (“Verus”), any claim documents submitted to Verus that require a signature may be executed by electronic signature through DocuSign. Law firms shall maintain the audit trail for all electronic signatures.
3. If an affidavit or release submitted to the Trust requires authentication by a notary, during the Effective Period the Trust waives the requirement of notarization. In place of the notarization, the Trust will require that (i) the affidavit or release explicitly state that it is made under penalty of perjury in the format prescribed under applicable state law for such unsworn declarations or, if not authorized by state law, in the format prescribed by 28 U.S.C. Section 1746, and (ii) the affidavit or release must also be executed by two witnesses, each of whom may be a family member
4. If, due to restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, a claimant who is required to obtain two witness signatures is unable to do so, the Trust will accept a document executed by a single witness, who may be a family member, so long as it is accompanied by an attorney declaration (in the form found on the Trust’s website) confirming that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the claimant is unable to obtain two witness signatures.
5. Provided that a deadline has not already passed as of March 25, 2020, all deadlines imposed by the TDP, Trust policy or procedures are tolled for 120 days from March 25, 2020, subject to further extension by notice from the Trust. The Trust will assess whether to extend the tolled time period before the end of the 120 days.