

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**MERRIMACK, SS.**

**SUPERIOR COURT**

**Docket No. 217-2003-EQ-00106**

**In the Matter of the Liquidation of  
The Home Insurance Company**

**LIQUIDATOR'S MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH U.S. SILICA COMPANY**

Roger A. Sevigny, Insurance Commissioner for the State of New Hampshire, as Liquidator ("Liquidator") of The Home Insurance Company ("Home"), moves that the Court enter an order in the form submitted herewith approving a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release ("Settlement Agreement") between U.S. Silica Company ("U.S. Silica"), formerly known as Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corporation ("PGS") and as successor to Ottawa Silica Company ("Ottawa Silica") ("Claimant") and the Liquidator. As reasons therefor, the Liquidator states as follows:

1. The Settlement Agreement was negotiated under the supervision of the Special Deputy Liquidator. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Affidavit of Peter A. Bengelsdorf, Special Deputy Liquidator, in Support of Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement with U.S. Silica Company ("Bengelsdorf Aff.") ¶ 2.

2. Home issued six insurance policies to International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation ("ITT") under which PGS is an additional named insured for various policy periods between July 1, 1967 and July 1, 1977 and issued an insurance policy under which Ottawa Silica is the named insured for the period July 1, 1983 to July 1, 1985 which, together with all other insurance policies Home may have issued to Claimant, PGS, Ottawa Silica, or ITT, but only if Claimant is insured thereunder, are referred to collectively as the "Policies". Settlement

Agreement, first Whereas clause.<sup>1</sup> Claimant submitted a claim in the Home liquidation seeking coverage for silica and asbestos bodily injury claims which, together with any other proofs of claim hereinbefore or hereinafter filed by Claimant in the Home liquidation, are referred to collectively as the “Proof of Claim”. *Id.*, third Whereas clause. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 3.

3. The Liquidator and the Claimant have negotiated the Settlement Agreement reflecting a resolution of all matters concerning the Proof of Claim and their rights and obligations with respect to the Policies. The Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Court. Settlement Agreement ¶ 1. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 4.

4. The Settlement Agreement provides that the Liquidator will recommend allowance of the Proofs of Claim in the aggregate amount of \$2,252,000 (“Recommended Amount”) as a Class II priority claim under RSA 402-C:44. Settlement Agreement ¶ 2(A). Allowance of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim will fully and finally resolve the Proofs of Claim and all claims the Claimant has under the Policies. *Id.* ¶ 2(B). Distributions based on that allowance will be made at the same intervals and at the same percentages as distributions to other Class II creditors of Home. *Id.* ¶ 2(C). Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 5.

5. The Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve the Proof of Claim and all claims that the Claimant has under the Policies. See Settlement Agreement ¶ 2(B). To that end, the Settlement Agreement provides for mutual releases of all claims among the Liquidator, Home, and the Claimant arising from or related to the Proof of Claim or the Policies. *Id.* ¶¶ 3, 4. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 6.

6. In resolving all of the Claimant’s claims relating to the Proof of Claim and the Policies, the Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve all matters arising out of or relating to

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<sup>1</sup> Separate and distinct proofs of claim asserting claims for coverage under the Policies were filed by ITT on its own behalf. Those proofs of claim were resolved by a separate settlement agreement with ITT dated as of June 14, 2013 that was approved by the Court on October 24, 2013. See Settlement Agreement, fourth Whereas clause.

any rights the Claimant ever had, now has, or hereafter may have in the Policies and the Proof of Claim, including any asserted rights of third-party claimants against the Claimant under the Policies. Settlement Agreement ¶ 5(A). The Claimant agrees to address, at its sole cost, any such claims of third-party claimants against the Claimant as if there had been no liquidation proceeding for Home and as if the Claimant had no insurance coverage from Home by virtue of the Policies. *Id.* The Claimant also agrees to indemnify and hold the Liquidator and Home harmless from all claims arising from or related to claims against Claimant with respect to the Proof of Claim or the Policies, except for claims arising from or related to insureds under the Policies other than Claimant, up to the amount ultimately distributed or distributable in relation to the Recommended Amount. *Id.* (The parties are not presently aware of any claims that would trigger any indemnification obligation of Claimant.) Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 7.

7. The Liquidator is not aware of any third party claimants asserting claims under the Policies. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 8. However, the denial of any third party claimants' claims without prejudice to their claims against the Claimant will not harm the third party claimants who will continue to have their claims against the Claimant. As noted above, the Claimant has agreed to address these claims as if it had no insurance coverage from Home under the Policies. Settlement Agreement ¶ 5(A). Third party claimants' proofs of claim against the insolvent Home, if not denied with the agreement, would release the Claimant from those claims up to the limits of the Policies but only entitle the third party claimants (assuming their claims were allowed) to the initial interim distributions and any later distribution at a presently undetermined distribution percentage from Home at the future date when distribution is made. See RSA 402-C:40, I; Gonya v. Commissioner, New Hampshire Insurance Dept., 153 N.H. 521, 535 (2006) (noting the "inherent uncertainty of any creditor's recovery in a liquidation"). It is not expected that the allowed claims of any third party claimants (or other Class II creditors) of Home will be

paid in full. Under the Settlement Agreement, the Claimant will continue to be responsible for any third party claimants' claims against it. See Settlement Agreement ¶ 5(A). Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 8.

8. If a claim of another claimant is subject to the same limit of liability as the claims resolved by the Settlement Agreement, and if the total allowed amounts for all claimants exceed the limit, then the allowed amounts for all claimants will be subject to adjustment under RSA 402-C:40, IV, so that the policy limit will not be exceeded. See Settlement Agreement ¶ 6. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 9.

9. The Settlement Agreement reflects a compromise of the claims asserted in the Proof of Claim. It is the result of negotiations involving the Claims Department, under the supervision of the Special Deputy Liquidator, which has extensive experience in assessing the exposure presented by claims under Home's insurance policies. The agreed settlement amount is based on careful evaluation and negotiation of coverage obligations under the Policies respecting the underlying liabilities of the Claimant. The Liquidator accordingly recommends approval of the Settlement Agreement and allowance of the \$2,252,000 settlement amount as a Class II claim of the Claimant in accordance with RSA 402-C:45 and RSA 402-C:44. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 10.

10. The Court has previously approved many similar settlement agreements. See, e.g., Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. (August 1, 2017); Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Graham Corporation (July 8, 2016); Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Washington Gas (July 15, 2013); Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Wisconsin Energy (March 18, 2010); Order Approving Commutation Agreement with Northwestern National Insurance Company and Settlement Agreement and Assignment of Distribution with AK Steel Corporation (March 10, 2006). The Liquidator's negotiation and the Court's approval of such agreements are authorized by the broad authority of

the Liquidator to “compound, compromise or in any other manner negotiate the amount for which claims will be recommended to the court,” RSA 402-C:45, I, and the authority of the Court to “approve, disapprove or modify any report on claims by the liquidator.” RSA 402-C:45, II. It is also an appropriate exercise of the Liquidator’s authority (“[s]ubject to the court’s control”) to “do such other acts . . . as are necessary or expedient for the accomplishment of or in aid of the purpose of liquidation.” RSA 402-C:25, XXII.

11. In his Motion for Approval of Commutation with Northwestern National Insurance Company and Settlement Agreement and Assignment of Distribution with AK Steel Corporation ¶¶ 19-23 (February 16, 2006), the Liquidator provided his analysis of New Hampshire law, including RSA 402-C:40, III, as it applies to this type of comprehensive policy coverage compromise and settlement in an insurer liquidation context. That analysis also applies to the proposed Settlement Agreement with the Claimant.

12. The Liquidator submits that the Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the policyholders and creditors of Home. See Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 11.

WHEREFORE, the Liquidator respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Grant this Motion;
- B. Enter an Order in the form submitted herewith approving the Settlement Agreement, approving the Liquidator's claim recommendation, and allowing the U.S. Silica's claim as a Class II claim in accordance with RSA 402-C:45 and RSA 402-C:44 in the aggregate amount of \$2,252,000; and
- C. Grant such other and further relief as justice may require.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER A. SEVIGNY, INSURANCE  
COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE, AS LIQUIDATOR  
OF THE HOME INSURANCE  
COMPANY,

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May 25, 2018

**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Liquidator's Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement with U.S. Silica Company, the Affidavit of Peter A. Bengelsdorf, and the Proposed Order, were sent this 25th day of May, 2018, by first class mail, postage prepaid to all persons on the attached service list.



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## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release ("Settlement Agreement") is made as of this 7th day of May 2018, by and between U.S. Silica Company ("U.S. Silica"), formerly known as Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corporation ("PGS") and as successor to Ottawa Silica Company ("Ottawa Silica"), ("Claimant"), on the one hand, and Roger A. Sevigny, Insurance Commissioner of the State of New Hampshire, solely in his capacity as Liquidator ("Liquidator") of The Home Insurance Company ("Home"), on the other hand (Claimant and the Liquidator are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties").

**WHEREAS**, Home issued the following insurance policies to International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation ("ITT"), under which PGS is an additional named insured:

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Policy Period</u>
HEC9555421	7/1/67-12/31/70
HEC9558633	6/24/68-6/24/71
HEC9793248	12/31/70-12/31/73
HEC9919963	6/24/71-6/24/74
HEC4763972	12/31/73-8/5/75
HEC4495725	6/24/74-7/1/77

Additionally, Home issued the following policy under which Ottawa Silica is the named insured:

CC8978580	7/1/83-7/1/85
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which together with all other insurance policies Home may have issued to Claimant, PGS, Ottawa Silica, or ITT, but only if Claimant is insured thereunder, are defined collectively as the "Policies";

**WHEREAS**, Home is being liquidated pursuant to the June 13, 2003 Order of the Superior Court of the State of New Hampshire, Merrimack County (the "Liquidation Court"), pursuant to which the Liquidator was appointed as the Liquidator of Home;

**WHEREAS**, Claimant has submitted a claim in the Home liquidation seeking coverage for claims alleging bodily injuries due to exposure to silica and asbestos ("Underlying Claims") that has been assigned proof of claim number INSU703482, which together with any other proofs of claim hereinbefore or hereinafter filed by Claimant in the Home liquidation are defined collectively as the "Proof of Claim";

**WHEREAS**, separate and distinct proofs of claim asserting coverage for claims under the Policies were filed by ITT on its own behalf and which proofs of claims were resolved by a separate agreement dated June 14, 2013 (the "ITT Claims");

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are desirous of resolving all claims that were asserted, or could have been or could be asserted, between them and resolving all matters concerning the Proof of Claim and their rights and obligations with respect to the Policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties agree that this Settlement Agreement is subject to and conditioned upon its approval by the Liquidation Court and allowance of the Recommended Amount (as defined below) into the Home liquidation and in the event that the Liquidation Court does not approve the Settlement Agreement and allow the Recommended Amount, this Settlement Agreement shall be null and void and without any force or effect;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of all the respective transactions contemplated by this Settlement Agreement, and the mutual covenants and representations herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Effectiveness**. This Settlement Agreement is conditioned and shall only become effective (the "Effective Date") upon approval by the Liquidation Court. The Liquidator shall move for approval of this Settlement Agreement promptly following execution by all Parties.

2. Recommendation, Allowance, and Classification of Claims.

- A. Subject to all the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and with the agreement of Claimant, which by Claimant's execution hereof is hereby granted, the Liquidator shall recommend pursuant to N.H. RSA 402-C:45 that the Proof of Claim be allowed in the amount of \$2,252,000 (the "Recommended Amount") as a Class II priority claim under N.H. RSA 402-C:44. The Liquidator shall seek allowance of the Recommended Amount as a Class II priority claim by the Liquidation Court in the Liquidator's motion for approval of this Settlement Agreement.
- B. Allowance of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim by the Liquidation Court shall fully and finally resolve the Proof of Claim and any and all claims of whatever nature that Claimant has under the Policies. In the event that the Liquidation Court does not allow the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, this Settlement Agreement shall be null and void and shall have no force and effect and the Parties will be returned to *status quo ante*, as if no such agreement was ever reached, with this Settlement Agreement thereafter being inadmissible for any purpose in any dispute between the Parties.
- C. If and when the Liquidation Court allows the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, Claimant will become a Class II creditor in the Home liquidation pursuant to N.H. RSA 402-C:44, and Claimant shall, subject to this Settlement Agreement, receive distributions on the allowed amount at the same intervals and at the same percentages as other Class II creditors

of Home. All distributions to Claimant shall be made payable to U.S.

Silica Company and sent to Claimant at the following address:

General Counsel  
U.S. Silica Company  
8490 Progress Drive  
Suite 300  
Frederick, MD 21701

Claimant agrees that it will promptly notify the Liquidator of any change of address or addressee.

3. **Release by Claimant.** Subject to the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the Liquidation Court's approval of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, Claimant for itself and on behalf of each of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, and their successors and assigns, irrevocably and unconditionally releases and discharges the Liquidator and Home and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors, and assigns (including any trustee or other statutory successor), from any and all actions, causes of action, liabilities, adjustments, obligations, offsets, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, premiums, losses, salvage, specialities, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, extents, executions, claims, and/or demands, arising from or related to the Proof of Claim or the Policies, in law, admiralty, or equity, which Claimant, its subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors, and assigns, ever had, now has, or hereafter may have against the Liquidator or Home or their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors, and assigns, all whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, fixed or

contingent, in law, admiralty or equity, arising from or related to the Proof of Claim or the Policies.

4. **Release by Liquidator.** Subject to the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the Liquidation Court's approval of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, the Liquidator, in his capacity as such, and on behalf of Home and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, and their successors and assigns (including any trustee or other statutory successor), irrevocably and unconditionally releases and discharges Claimant and each of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors, and assigns, from any and all actions, causes of action, liabilities, adjustments, obligations, offsets, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, premiums, losses, salvage, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, extents, executions, claims, and/or demands, arising from or related to the Proof of Claim or the Policies, in law, admiralty, or equity, which the Liquidator, Home, or their subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors, and assigns, ever had, now have, or hereafter may have against Claimant or its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors, and assigns, all whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, fixed or contingent, in law, admiralty or equity, arising from or related to the Proof of Claim or the Policies.

5. **Resolution of Matters and Indemnification.**

A. In consideration of the Recommended Amount being allowed by the Liquidation Court as a Class II claim, Claimant acknowledges that this Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve all matters arising out of or relating to any rights Claimant ever had, now has

or hereafter may have in the Policies and the Proof of Claim, including any asserted rights of third-party claimants against Claimant under the Policies. Claimant agrees to address, at its sole cost and expense, any such claims of third-party claimants against Claimant as if there had been no Liquidation proceeding for Home and as if Claimant had no insurance coverage from Home by virtue of the Policies. Claimant further agrees to indemnify and hold the Liquidator and Home harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, debts, damages, costs or expenses arising from or related to claims against Claimant with respect to the Proof of Claim or the Policies, except for claims arising from or related to insureds under the Policies other than Claimant; provided however that the obligation of Claimant to indemnify and hold harmless the Liquidator and Home under this paragraph shall exclude all salaries of all employees and officers of the Liquidator and Home and all internal costs incurred by the Liquidator and Home. The future obligations of Claimant under this paragraph shall extend to and include (by way of example and not limitation) any claims relating to the Proof of Claim or the Policies made against the Liquidator or Home by vendors of Claimant or by any individuals or entities asserting "direct action" claims with respect to Claimant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Settlement Agreement, the amount that Claimant will pay for defense and indemnity obligations under this paragraph shall be capped at the total amount ultimately distributed or distributable to Claimant pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.

B. The Liquidator shall promptly notify Claimant of any such claim. Claimant shall have no duty to pay for defense or indemnity that Home or the Liquidator incur or pay prior to Claimant's receipt of notice of the claim nor any duty to indemnify or hold harmless Home or the Liquidator prior to receipt of notice of the claim. The Liquidator shall afford Claimant the opportunity to reasonably participate in the defense of such claims. The Liquidator

shall assert all defenses to such claims reasonably available to the Liquidator, including defenses under the Order of Liquidation or the New Hampshire Insurers Rehabilitation and Liquidation Act. Claimant shall cooperate with and support the Liquidator (including but not limited to the provision of affidavits or testimony) to defend against and resolve such claims.

C. The Parties represent and warrant that they are presently unaware of any claims that would trigger any indemnification obligation of Claimant pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.

6. Multiple Claims. The Policies against which this claim is made contain certain policy limits. New Hampshire RSA 402-C:40 (IV) provides that in the event multiple claims against such a policy are filed, and the aggregate allowed amount of all claims to which the same limit of liability in the policy is applicable exceeds that limit, then each claim as allowed shall be reduced in the same proportion so that the total equals the policy limit. The Liquidator is presently aware of the ITT Claims, a proof of claim filed by Scotts Company, and Travelers contribution proofs of claim, which proofs of claim assert a claim that is subject to the same limit in the Policies as this claim. If an allowance is made such that the aggregate allowed amount of all claims subject to the same limit exceeds the limit, each claim will be prorated so that the total equals the policy limit, to the extent required by RSA 402-C:20 (IV). The Liquidator will be unable to determine whether, or the extent to which, Claimant's claim may be subject to proration until all claims against the policy have been determined. If the aggregate allowed amount of claims exceeds the applicable limit such that Claimant's claim is subject to proration, the Liquidator will inform Claimant accordingly.

7. Mutual Release of Settling Carriers. Claimant agrees to use reasonable commercial efforts to cause any settlement agreement relating to the underlying matters covered



by the Proof of Claim with any other insurance company to include a waiver by that other insurance company of any claim, including contribution, apportionment, indemnification, subrogation, equitable subrogation, allocation, or recoupment, against Home regarding the underlying matters covered by the Proof of Claim. The Liquidator, in his capacity as such, and on behalf of Home and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, and their successors and assigns (including any trustee or other statutory successor) agrees to waive, relinquish and release any claim, including contribution, apportionment, indemnification, subrogation, equitable subrogation, allocation, or recoupment, as to the underlying matters covered by the Proof of Claim or the Policies against any other insurance company which executes or has executed a settlement with Claimant that includes a provision that is materially the same as this paragraph.

8. No Assignments. Claimant warrants and represents that it has not assigned, conveyed, or otherwise transferred any claims, demands, causes of action, rights, or obligations related in any way to the Policies, or any proceeds thereof, or the Proof of Claim, or the claims, losses and expenses released herein, to any person or entity. Claimant shall not assign or otherwise transfer this Settlement Agreement or any rights or obligations thereunder without the written consent of the Liquidator, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

9. Further Assurances. The Parties shall take all further actions as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Settlement Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated herein. Claimant acknowledges it is aware of the requirements of the Medicare Secondary Payer Act and the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007, including provisions concerning Medicare set-asides and/or notification to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") regarding certain Medicare-eligible, or potentially

eligible, claimants who enter into settlement agreements that may justify recovery for Medicare covered case-related services. Claimant acknowledges that it may be obligated, and otherwise agrees, to provide data, if and when required or requested, for CMS regarding claimants who will share in distributions from Claimant's assets that include a portion of the Recommended Amount.

10. **Governing Law and Venue.** This Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire without regard to the conflicts of law provisions thereof. The Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any dispute between the Parties arising out of the Proof of Claim, the Policies or this Settlement Agreement shall be the Liquidation Court. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as an admission, by either Party, as to the law governing the construction, interpretation or application of the Policies.

11. **Due Diligence.** The Parties acknowledge and agree that, in negotiating and executing this Settlement Agreement, they have relied upon their own judgment and upon the recommendations of their own legal counsel, that they have read this Settlement Agreement and have had the opportunity to consider its terms and effects, and that they have executed this Settlement Agreement voluntarily and with full understanding of its terms and effects. This Settlement Agreement is the product of negotiations between the Parties. No Party shall be charged with having promulgated this Settlement Agreement, and the general rule that ambiguities are to be construed against the drafter shall not apply to this Agreement.

12. **No Third Party Rights.** This Settlement Agreement is entered into solely for the benefit of the Liquidator, Home, and Claimant and is not intended to, and does not give or create any rights to or in any person or entity other than the Parties.

13. **Counterparts.** This Settlement Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which, when so delivered, shall be an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. The Parties agree that a signature sent by facsimile or electronic mail to the other Party shall have the same force and effect as an original signature.

14. **Power and Authority to Execute.** Subject to the approval of the Liquidation Court required by paragraph 1, each Party hereto represents and warrants that it has the full power and authority to execute, deliver, and perform this Settlement Agreement; that all requisite and necessary approvals have been obtained to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Settlement Agreement; that there are no other agreements or transactions to which it is a party that would render this Settlement Agreement or any part thereof, void, voidable or unenforceable; that each individual signing on behalf of a Party has been duly authorized by that Party to execute this Settlement Agreement on its behalf; and that no claims being released under the terms of this Settlement Agreement have been assigned, sold, or otherwise transferred to any other entity. U.S. Silica represents and warrants that it is the successor to the rights and obligations of Ottawa Silica and PGS under the Policies and Proof of Claim.

15. **Successor-in-Interest Bound.** This Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, liquidators, receivers, administrators, successors, and assigns.

16. **Entire Agreement.** This Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties with respect to the subject matter thereof. This Settlement Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, concerning such matters.

17. Survival of Warranties and Representations. The warranties and representations made herein shall survive the execution of this Settlement Agreement.

18. Validity of Settlement Agreement. Subject to approval of this Settlement Agreement by the Liquidation Court as required by paragraph 1, each Party represents and warrants that this Settlement Agreement is a legal, valid, and binding obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

19. No Waiver. No waiver of any right under this Settlement Agreement shall be deemed effective unless contained in a writing signed by the Party or an authorized representative of the Party charged with such waiver, and no waiver of any breach or failure to perform shall be deemed to be a waiver of any future breach or failure to perform or of any other provision of this Settlement Agreement. This Settlement Agreement may not be amended except in a document signed by the Party or an officer or other authorized official of the Party to be charged.

20. Notice. All notices to be given under this Settlement Agreement shall be given by electronic mail and first class U.S. mail directed to:

If to Claimant, to:

General Counsel  
U.S. Silica Company  
8490 Progress Drive  
Suite 300  
Frederick, MD 21701  
Email: isaac@ussilica.com

and

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21. **Severability.** If any provision of this Settlement Agreement is invalid, unenforceable, or illegal under the law of any applicable jurisdiction, the validity and enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction shall not be affected thereby and the remaining provisions of this Settlement Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable. However, in the event of such invalidity, unenforceability, or illegality, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to amend this Settlement Agreement through the insertion of additional provisions which are valid, enforceable, and legal and which reflect, to the extent possible, the purposes contained in the invalid, unenforceable, or illegal provision.

**WHEREFORE**, the Parties have caused this Settlement Agreement to be executed on their respective behalves by their duly authorized representatives.

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By: *Thomas W. Karsen*

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Date: May 10, 2018