

## **NOTICE FROM J T THORPE COMPANY SUCCESSOR TRUST**

**December 15, 2020**

In recognition of the continuing hardships resulting from the current COVID-19 pandemic, the J T Thorpe Company Successor Trust (the "Trust") extends the policies adopted March 27, 2020, as follows:

The Trust temporarily suspends any requirement that a document submitted to the Trust be notarized. Documents may be submitted to the Trust without notarization as provided below.

Documents provided without notarization must contain unsworn declaration under penalty of perjury language. See 28 USC Section 1746. The declaration should include language substantially similar to the following:

"I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct."

Provided the claimant's law firm has entered an electronic filer agreement with the Trust and MFR Claims Processing Inc. ("MFR"), the Trust will accept documents signed by DocuSign or by another commercially reasonable e-signature program. Claimants' law firms should coordinate submission of documents signed by DocuSign or by another commercially reasonable e-signature program with MFR.

Deadlines imposed by the Asbestos Claims Resolution Procedures, Trust policy or procedures were tolled from March 23, 2020 until, as extended, December 31, 2020. The Trust has determined the need to extend the tolled time period through March 1, 2021. The Trust will assess whether to extend the tolled time period further before March 1, 2021. By applying the tolling period, the Trust does not waive or affect its right to contest the timeliness of a claim on the ground that the claim already was untimely as of March 23, 2020.

These provisions will apply until further notice from the Trust. The Trust may prospectively revert to its prior policies and may subsequently require that the original signatures be obtained for documents submitted with electronic signatures.