

**KAISER ALUMINUM & CHEMICAL CORPORATION**  
**SILICA PERSONAL INJURY TRUST**

**Notice of Acceptance of Silica Personal Injury Claims**

The Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation Silica Personal Injury Trust (the “Kaiser Silica Trust”) was established on July 6, 2006 to pay silica personal injury claims caused by exposure to its refractory products between 1951 and 1986.

**Eligibility**

To establish a valid silica personal injury claim, several requirements must be met, which include the following:

1. The claimant has been diagnosed by a board-certified physician with one of the following silica-related diseases with prescribed exposure and latency periods:
  - Mixed Dust Fibrosis
  - Simple Silicosis
  - Severe Silicosis
  - Silica-based Lung Cancer
  - Complicated Silicosis (Silicosis plus Rheumatoid Arthritis, Tuberculosis, Scleroderma, Lupus, Glomerulonephritis, Mixed Connective Tissue Disorder, Consolidation of Silicotic Opacities (PMF or Honeycombing))

The chest x-ray that was the basis for the diagnosis of silica disease must be submitted with each claim and will be reviewed by physicians hired by the Kaiser Silica Trust.

2. The claimant must have been first diagnosed with one of the silica-related diseases listed above on or after February 12, 2002.
3. The claimant was employed for at least six (6) months or more (five (5) years or more for Mixed Dust Fibrosis) between 1951 and 1986 in one of the following industries or in an alternative industry with credible evidence of actual exposure to Kaiser silica-containing refractory products:
  - Primary Steel and Iron Manufacturing
  - Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Foundries
  - Aluminum Manufacturing
  - Cement Plants
  - Furnace Manufacturers and Contractors
  - Glass and Ceramics Plants
  - Copper Smelting

4. In addition, a claimant who worked in one of the following occupations may be entitled to enhanced recovery:

- Brickmasons
- Refractory materials repairers and helpers
- Furnace tenders
- Millwrights
- Boiler room workers
- Molders and Casters
- Coremakers
- Pourers
- Ladle liners
- Pattern makers
- Equipment operators
- Material handlers
- Laborers, general maintenance and custodial staff
- Supervisors of any of the above

### **Claim Values**

The Kaiser Silica Trust is currently paying 75% of allowed claim values. Current claim values for the five disease categories range from \$2,500 for mixed dust fibrosis to \$250,000 for complicated silicosis. These claim values may be greater based on a number of factors such as the severity of the disease.

### **When to File**

If the claimant's first diagnosis was on or before July 6, 2006, the claimant must either submit a claim to the Kaiser Silica Trust by December 31, 2009 or the claimant must contact the Kaiser Silica Trust by December 31, 2009 to request up to a 180-day extension of the filing deadline. If the claimant's first diagnosis was after July 6, 2006, a claim must be filed by the later of December 31, 2009 or three (3) years after the date of the first diagnosis.

### **Where to File**

Claims may be submitted to the Kaiser Silica Trust directly or with the assistance of legal counsel. Claims should be submitted to the Kaiser Silica Trust c/o Trust Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1299, Greenville, Texas 75403-1299, [kstsubmit@trustservices.org](mailto:kstsubmit@trustservices.org).

### **For More Information**

If you think you know someone who may qualify for compensation from the Kaiser Silica Trust, please call 1-877-453-0150 for information. For a copy of the Kaiser Silica Trust Distribution Procedures and Claim Form or for additional information about the Kaiser Silica Trust, please go to [www.kaisersilicatrust.com](http://www.kaisersilicatrust.com) or contact Trust Services, Inc. at the address shown above.