

# DII Industries, LLC Asbestos PI Trust

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## TRUST UPDATE – March 14, 2016

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**Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation - UPDATE:** If a claimant has a right to receive benefits from the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation (the "Bureau"), the claimant has an obligation to advise the Trust of this right prior to receiving payment from the Trust.

Any claimant with a connection to Ohio must provide confirmation from the Bureau that the Bureau does not have a lien on claimant's recovery. The confirmation must state that the Bureau does not have an interest in claims filed by, or on behalf of, the person allegedly exposed to asbestos and, if the exposed person is deceased, does not have an interest in claims filed by, or on behalf of, the exposed person's dependents (for example, the exposed person's surviving spouse or minor children).

The Trust considers a claimant to have a connection to Ohio if (1) Ohio was selected as the Claimant's Jurisdiction; (2) the asbestos exposure on which the claim is based occurred in Ohio; (3) the claimant submitted an Ohio death certificate; (4) the claimant or exposed person resided in Ohio; or (5) the exposed person was treated by an Ohio physician or at an Ohio facility. Confirmation from the Bureau must be current and submitted directly to Mary Ellen Nickel at DCPF rather than uploaded to the claim. Statements from sources other than the Bureau will not be accepted. Although claims impacted by this issue will continue to be processed, offers will be held until acceptable evidence from the Bureau has been submitted. To determine if a claim's offer is being held because of this issue, you can search claims with the *OhioWC* activity code on the Claim Search screen.

**Offers Outstanding for More Than 180 days:** This is a reminder notice to all firms previously contacted and notified in mid-February of outstanding offers, as well as a general notice to all firms. In accordance with Section 6.3 of the Trust Distribution Procedures, any non-ADR claim with an offer pending more than 180 days that has not been accepted or rejected by April 1, 2016, will be deemed withdrawn. Exceptions to this deadline, such as you have a claim held by representatives of deceased or incompetent claimants for which court or probate approval of the Trust's offer is required, should be communicated directly to Mary Ellen Nickel at DCPF.

After April 1, 2016, the Trust will automatically deem withdrawn such claims without further notice. Going forward, to monitor whether you have claims with outstanding offers, you can search claims in *Offer Issued* status on the Claim Search screen in Trust Online.