

**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 WESTROCK MWV, LLC  
AND MW CUSTOM PAPERS, LLC**

Christopher R. Nicolopoulos, Insurance Commissioner of 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 WestRock MWV, LLC (f/k/a MeadWestvaco Corporation) and MW Custom Papers, LLC in their capacity as successors to Mead Corporation and Woodward Corporation (collectively, "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 WestRock MWV, LLC and MW Custom Papers, LLC ("Bengelsdorf Aff.") ¶ 2.

2. Home issued five policies to Mead Corporation for various periods between December 1, 1968 and June 10, 1976 which, together with all other insurance policies Home may have issued to Mead Corporation, are referred to collectively as the "Policies". Settlement Agreement, second Whereas clause. Claimant submitted a claim in the Home liquidation assigned five proof of claim numbers seeking coverage in connection with liability arising out of

asbestos bodily injury and environmental exposures which, together with any other proofs of claim hereinbefore or hereinafter filed by Claimant in the Home liquidation, are referred to collectively as the “Proofs of Claim”. Id., third Whereas clause. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 3.<sup>1</sup>

3. The Liquidator and the Claimant have negotiated the Settlement Agreement reflecting a resolution of all matters concerning the Proofs 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 amount of \$11,375,000 (“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 Proofs 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 Proofs of Claim or the Policies. Id. ¶¶ 3, 4. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 6.

6. In resolving all of the Claimant’s claims relating to the Proofs of Claim and the Policies, the Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve all matters arising out of or relating to any rights the Claimant ever had, now has, or hereafter may have in the Policies and the Proofs

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<sup>1</sup> WestRock MWV, LLC is asserting claims in the Home liquidation under policies issued to a predecessor entity other than Mead Corporation and Woodward Corporation. Those claims and policies are not affected by this settlement agreement.

of Claim, including any asserted rights of third-party claimants against the Claimant under the Policies. Settlement Agreement ¶ 5. 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 relating to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies, including asserted rights of third party claimants, up to the amount ultimately distributed or distributable to Claimant in relation to the Recommended Amount. *Id.* 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. 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. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 8.

8. The Liquidator is not aware of any proofs of claim asserting a claim to the same policy limit as the Proof of Claim resolved by the Settlement Agreement. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 9. However, 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. MW Custom Papers LLC has filed an objection to the Liquidator's Motion for Approval of Claim Amendment Deadline and served requests for discovery in connection with its objection. The parties acknowledge that the Settlement Agreement, when effective, will resolve Claimant's claim and moot its objection and discovery. See Settlement Agreement ¶ 10. Accordingly, the response period for discovery is tolled and, upon approval of this Settlement Agreement by the Court, Claimant will withdraw its objection and discovery. In the event that the Settlement Agreement is not approved by the Court, Claimant reserves the right to seek responses to the discovery and to seek leave to file a late supplemental memorandum in support of its objection. The Liquidator reserves rights to object to discovery but agrees not to object to such a motion for leave. Id. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 10.

10. The Settlement Agreement reflects a compromise of the claims asserted in the Proofs 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 \$11,375,000 settlement amount as a Class II

claim of the Claimant in accordance with RSA 402-C:45 and RSA 402-C:44. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 11.

11. The Court has previously approved many similar settlement agreements. See, e.g., Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Navistar, Inc. (December 11, 2018); 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.

12. 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.

13. 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. ¶ 12.

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 Claimant's claim as a Class II claim in accordance with RSA 402-C:45 and RSA 402-C:44 in the amount of \$11,375,000; and
- C. Grant such other and further relief as justice may require.


Respectfully submitted,

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**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Liquidator's Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement with Westrock MWV, LLC and MW Custom Papers, LLC, the Affidavit of Peter A. Bengelsdorf, and the Proposed Order, were sent this 15th day of April, 2020, by first class mail, postage prepaid to all persons on the attached service list.



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Exhibit A

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release ("Settlement Agreement") is made as of this 9th day of April 2020, by and between WestRock MWV, LLC (f/k/a MeadWestvaco Corporation) and MW Custom Papers, LLC in their capacity as successors to Mead Corporation and Woodward Corporation (collectively, "Claimant"), on the one hand, and Christopher R. Nicolopoulos, 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 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**, Home issued the following insurance policies under which Mead Corporation is the named insured:

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Policy Period</u>
HEC9304737	12/1/68-12/1/71
HEC4165809	12/1/71-6/10/73
HEC4356378	7/1/72-6/10/73
HEC4356990	6/10/73-6/10/76
HEC4356991	6/10/73-6/10/76

which together with all other insurance policies Home may have issued to Mead Corporation are defined collectively as the "Policies".

**WHEREAS**, Claimant has submitted a claim in the Home liquidation seeking coverage in connection with liability arising out of asbestos bodily injury and environmental exposures. The claim has been assigned proof of claim numbers INSU275237, INSU704601, INSU704602, INSU704603 and INSU704604, which together with any other proofs of claim hereinbefore or

hereinafter filed by Claimant in the Home liquidation are defined collectively as the "Proofs of Claim";

**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 Proofs of Claim and all 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 Proofs of Claim be allowed in the amount of \$11,375,000 (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 Proofs 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 MW Custom Papers, LLC and sent to the Claimant at the following address:

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1000 Abernathy Rd, NE  
Atlanta GA 30328  
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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, 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, 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, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, extents, executions, claims, and/or demands, arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies, in law, admiralty, or equity, which Claimant or its subsidiaries, 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, 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 Proofs 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, predecessors, and their successors and assigns, irrevocably and unconditionally releases and discharges Claimant and each of its officers,

directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, 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 Proofs of Claim or the Policies, in law, admiralty, or equity, which the Liquidator, Home, or their subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, and assigns, ever had, now have, or hereafter may have against Claimant or its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, 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 Proofs of Claim or the Policies.

5. Resolution of Matters and Indemnification. 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 Proofs of Claim, including any asserted rights of third-party claimants against Claimant under the Policies, and 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. In consideration of the Recommended Amount being allowed by the Liquidation Court as a Class II claim, Claimant 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 the Proofs of Claim or the Policies; provided, however, that the obligation of Claimant to pay for the defense (including costs, fees, attorneys' fees and disbursements), indemnify and hold harmless

the Liquidator and Home under this section 5: (i) shall exclude all salaries of all employees and officers of the Liquidator and Home and all internal costs incurred by the Liquidator and Home; and (ii) the total amount of the indemnification obligation of Claimant, including all costs, fees, expenses, disbursements and settlement payments, shall be capped in the aggregate at the total amount ultimately distributed or distributable to Claimant in relation to the Recommended Amount as allowed by the Liquidation Court. The future obligations of Claimant under this paragraph shall extend to and include (by way of example and not limitation) any claims for defense or indemnity for claims made under the Policies against the Liquidator or Home by vendors, or by other insurers of Claimant, or by any individuals or entities asserting "direct action" claims arising out of or related to the Policies. The Liquidator shall promptly notify Claimant of any such claim, and shall afford Claimant the opportunity to reasonably participate in the defense of such claims. Claimant shall have no duty to pay for defense or indemnity that the Liquidator or Home incur or pay prior to Claimant's receipt of notice of the claim, nor any duty to indemnify or hold harmless the Liquidator or Home prior to receipt of notice of the claim. 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 the Liquidator (including but not limited to the provision of affidavits or testimony) to defend against and resolve such claims. The Liquidator represents and warrants that he has reviewed the proofs of claim submitted in the Home liquidation and that, as of the date of this Settlement Agreement, he is presently unaware of any claims that would trigger a defense or indemnification obligation of Claimant pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.



6. Multiple Claims. The Home Policies against which this claim is made contain certain 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 unaware of any proof of claim filed in the Home Liquidation asserting a claim subject to the same limits in the Home policies as this claim. However, 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 and to what extent Claimant's allowed amount may be subject to proration until all claims against the Policies 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 Proofs of Claim with any other insurance company to include an agreement by that other insurance company to waive, relinquish or forgo pursuing any claim, including contribution, apportionment, indemnification, subrogation, equitable subrogation, allocation, or recoupment, against Home regarding the underlying matters covered by the Proofs of Claim. The Liquidator 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 Proofs of Claim against any other insurance company which

executes 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 Proofs 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 Proofs of Claim, the Policies or this Settlement Agreement

shall be the Liquidation Court. Claimant has filed an objection to the Liquidator's Motion for Approval of Claim Amendment Deadline (the "Objection") and has served requests for admission/interrogatories (the "Discovery") in connection with its Objection. The parties acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement, when effective, will resolve Claimant's claim and moot its Objection and Discovery. Accordingly, Claimant agrees to toll the response period to its Discovery and, upon approval of this Settlement Agreement by the Court, will withdraw its Objection and Discovery. In the event that the Settlement Agreement is not approved by the Court, Claimant reserves the right to seek responses to its Discovery and to seek leave to file a late supplemental memorandum in support of its objection. The Liquidator reserves its rights to object to the Discovery but agrees not to object to such a motion for leave.

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.

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 e-mail and first class U.S. mail directed to:

If to Claimant, to:

Josh Humphries  
WestRock Legal Department  
Litigation Group – Asbestos  
1000 Abernathy Rd, NE  
Atlanta GA 30328  
Email: [josh.humphries@westrock.com](mailto:josh.humphries@westrock.com)

and

Joseph C. Safar, Esq.  
K&L Gates LLP  
210 Sixth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
Email: [joe.safar@klgates.com](mailto:joe.safar@klgates.com)

If to the Liquidator, to:

Angela Anglum, Esq.  
VP Legal Affairs & Corporate Secretary  
The Home Insurance Company in Liquidation  
61 Broadway, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10006  
Email: angela.anglum@homeinsco.com

and

J. Christopher Marshall  
Civil Bureau  
New Hampshire Department of Justice  
33 Capitol Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-6397  
Email: christopher.marshall@doj.nh.gov

and

J. David Leslie, Esq.  
Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster, P.C.  
160 Federal Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110-1700  
Email: dleslie@rackemann.com

The parties will promptly notify one another of any change of their designee(s) for notice and any change of address.

22. 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.

**MW CUSTOM PAPERS, LLC**

By: Robert B. McIntosh

Name: Robert B. McIntosh

Title: EVP, General Counsel & Secretary

Date: April 13, 2020

**WESTROCK MWV, LLC**

By: Robert B. McIntosh

Name: Robert B. McIntosh

Title: EVP, General Counsel & Secretary

Date: April 10, 2020

**CHRISTOPHER R. NICOLOPOULOS, INSURANCE  
COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE, SOLELY IN HIS  
CAPACITY AS LIQUIDATOR OF  
THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: April    , 2020

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Title:

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**WESTROCK MWV, LLC**

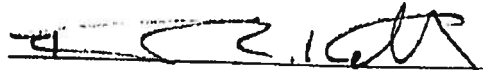
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By: 

Name: Kevin L. Kelly

Title: Chief Environmental Officer

Date: April 10, 2020