NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL IN THE MATTERS OF:

- ETHYLENE PROPYLENE DIENE MONOMER ("EPDM") CLASS ACTION
- POLYCHLOROPRENE ("CR") CLASS ACTION
- POLYESTER POLYOLS CLASS ACTION
- RUBBER CHEMICALS CLASS ACTION

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

TO: All persons in Canada who purchased EPDM or EPDM Products in Canada between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 2001. You are a member of a proposed Settlement Class in the EPDM proceeding described below.

AND TO: All persons in Canada who purchased CR or CR Products in Canada between January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2003. You are a member of a proposed Settlement Class in the CR proceeding described below.

AND TO: All persons in Canada who purchased Polyester Polyols or Polyester Polyol Products in Canada between February 1, 1998 to December 31, 2002. You are a member of a proposed Settlement Class in the Polyester Polyols proceeding described below.

AND TO: All persons who purchased Rubber Chemicals or Rubber Chemical Products in Canada between May 1, 1995 and December 31, 2001. You are a member of a Settlement Class in the Rubber Chemicals Proceedings described below.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ELIGIBLE CLASS MEMBERS HAVE UNTIL OCTOBER 25, 2007 TO SUBMIT COMPLETED CLAIM FORMS TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR FOR DIRECT COMPENSATION PURSUANT TO SECTION II BELOW.

EPDM is a synthetic rubber used in a variety of applications such as automotive weatherstripping and seals, radiator, garden and appliance hose, electrical insulation, roofing membrane and rubber mechanical goods. Some of the common trade names for **EPDM** include Buna, Royalene, Royaltherm, Keltan, Nordel, and Vistalon. **EPDM Products** are products that directly or indirectly contain or are derived from **EPDM**.

CR is a synthetic rubber used in a variety of applications. Some of the common trade names for **CR** include Neoprene, Baypren, Butaclor, Denka, and Skyprene. **CR Products** are products that directly or indirectly contain or are derived from **CR**.

Polyester Polyols are aliphatic polyester polyols made from adipic acid **Polyester Polyol Products** are products that directly or indirectly contain or are derived from **Polyester Polyols**.

Rubber Chemicals include accelerators (primary accelerators, secondary or ultra accelerators, activators and vulcanizing agents, including without limitation sulfenamides, sulfenimides, thiazoles, dithiocarbamates, thiurams, xanthates, sulfides, disulfides, aldehyde amines,

guanidines and dithiophosphates); antioxidants and antiozonants (including without limitation paraphenylenediamines, para-phenylenediamine blends, quinolines, hydroquinones, hindered phenols and diphenylamines); and waxes, blowing agents, vulcanization retardants, prevulcanization inhibitors, polymerization regulators, shortstops, peptizing agents, post vulcanization stabilizers, anti-reversion agents and treated cellulose reinforcement materials used in the processing and/or protection of rubber, but excluding Crystex and other insoluble sulphur products. **Rubber Chemical Products** are products that directly or indirectly contain or are derived from Rubber Chemicals. **Rubber Chemicals** are commonly used in the production of various rubber products, including tires, automobile parts, surgical gloves and in other commercial, industrial and health applications.

A more detailed description of EPDM, EPDM Products, CR, CR Products, Polyester Polyols, Polyester Polyol Products, Rubber Chemicals and Rubber Chemical Products can be found at www.classaction.ca. For complete definitions of what products are included, please refer to the Settlement Agreements, which can be obtained pursuant to Section VI below.

I. SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE COURTS

A. EPDM Proceedings and Settlements

Class proceedings lawsuits have been initiated in Ontario (Court File No. 45604CP), British Columbia (Court File No. S050982) and Quebec (File No. 200-06-000052-053) in which it is alleged that the defendants conspired to fix the prices for **EPDM** in Canada (collectively referred to as the "**EPDM Proceedings**").

Two separate settlements have been reached in the EPDM Proceedings, one with Polimeri Europa S.r.l., Polimeri Europa S.p.A., Polimeri Europa Americas Inc., Enichem S.p.A., Enichem Americas Inc., and Syndial S.p.A. (the "Polimeri Defendants") and one with Bayer Inc., Bayer A.G., Bayer Material Science A.G., Bayer Material Science LLC, and Bayer Corporation (the "Bayer Defendants"). The Polimeri Defendants have agreed, in exchange for a full release of claims against them to the EPDM Proceedings, to pay Cdn \$176,505.00 into a settlement fund (including interest, the "EPDM Settlement Fund") and the Bayer Defendants have agreed, in exchange for a full release of claims against them to the EPDM Proceedings, to pay Cdn \$691,369.18 into the EPDM Settlement Fund. In addition, the settlements provide for cooperation consisting of information from the Polimeri and Bayer Defendants with respect to the alleged conspiracy. The EPDM Settlement Fund will be held in trust by the Claims Administrator for distribution to or for the benefit of Manufacturers, Distributors, Intermediaries and Consumers in accordance with the Distribution Protocol described in Section II below. The value of the EPDM Settlement Fund may be reduced if there is an opt-out refund.

Additionally, the Plaintiffs' in the **EPDM Proceedings** have reached a settlement with Exxon Mobil Chemical Company whereby the **EPDM Proceedings** have been discontinued as against it without prejudice as to the Plaintiffs which means, subject to any applicable limitation periods, the Plaintiffs may recommence proceedings against Exxon Mobil Chemical Company in the future.

Notice was previously published advising that settlements had been reached with Chemtura Corporation (f/k/a Crompton Corporation), Crompton Co/Cie., Crompton Canada Corporation,

and Uniroyal Chemical Company Inc. (the "Crompton EPDM Settlement") and DuPont Dow Elastomers L.L.C., E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, E.I. du Pont Canada Company, The Dow Chemical Company and Dow Chemical Inc. (the "DDE EPDM Settlement"). The Crompton EPDM Settlement and the DDE EPDM Settlement have been approved by the Courts.

You will be bound by the terms of the **EPDM** Settlements with the **Polimeri Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**, if approved, unless you "opt out" of the **EPDM Proceedings**. If you do not opt out of the **EPDM Proceedings**, you will not be able to bring or maintain any other claim or legal proceeding alleging acts in violation of the *Competition Act*, such as price-fixing, or other claims relating to the alleged conduct in the market for **EPDM**. No further right to opt out of the **EPDM Proceeding** will be provided in the future. The deadline and procedure for opting out are detailed in **Section IV** below.

If you opt out, or if you previously opted out of the Crompton EPDM and DDE EPDM Settlements, you will not be able to participate in the EPDM Settlements with the Polimeri Defendants and the Bayer Defendants, and you will not be able to participate in the EPDM Proceedings in the future, including further settlements with, or judgments against, other defendants.

B. CR Proceedings and Settlements

Class proceedings lawsuits have been initiated in Ontario (Court File No. 46517CP) and Quebec (File No. 500-06-000276-051) in which it is alleged that the defendants conspired to fix prices for **CR** in Canada (collectively referred to as the "**CR Proceedings**").

Two separate settlements have been reached in the CR Proceedings, one with the Polimeri Defendants and one with the Bayer Defendants in which the Polimeri Defendants have agreed, in exchange for a full release against them relating to the CR Proceedings, to pay Cdn \$65,090 into a settlement fund (including interest, the "CR Settlement Fund") and the Bayer Defendants have agreed, in exchange for a full release against them relating to the CR Proceedings, to pay Cdn \$628,517.43 into the CR Settlement Fund. The CR Settlement Fund will be held in trust by the Claims Administrator for distribution to or for the benefit of Manufacturers, Distributors, Intermediaries and Consumers in accordance with the Distribution Protocol described in Section II below. The value of the CR Settlement Fund may be reduced if there is an opt-out refund.

Notice was previously published advising that a settlement had been reached with DuPont Dow Elastomers L.L.C., E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, E.I. du Pont Canada Company, The Dow Chemical Company and Dow Chemical Inc. (the "DDE CR Settlement"), and that the DDE CR Settlement had been approved by the Courts.

You will be bound by the terms of the **CR** Settlements with the **Polimeri Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**, if approved, unless you "opt out" of the **CR Proceedings**. If you do not opt out of the **CR Proceedings**, you will not be able to bring or maintain any other claim or legal proceeding alleging acts in violation of the *Competition Act*, such as price-fixing, or other claims relating to the alleged conduct in the market for **CR**. No further right to opt out of the **CR Proceedings** will be provided in the future. The deadline and procedure for opting out are detailed in **Section IV** below.

If you opt out, or if you previously opted out of the **DDE CR Settlement**, you will not be able to participate in the **CR** Settlements with the **Polimeri Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**.

C. Polyester Polyols Proceedings and Settlements

Class proceedings lawsuits have been initiated in Ontario (Court File No. 46488CP) and Quebec (File No. 500-06-000252-045) in which it is alleged that the defendants conspired to fix prices for **Polyester Polyols** in Canada (collectively referred to as the "**Polyester Polyols Proceedings**").

Two separate settlements have been reached in the Polyester Polyols Proceedings, one with the Crompton Defendants and one with the Bayer Defendants. The Crompton Defendants have agreed, in exchange for a full release of claims against them relating to the Polyester Polyols Proceedings, to pay Cdn \$69,000.00 into a settlement fund (including interest, the "Polyester Polyols Settlement Fund") and the Bayer Defendants have agreed, in exchange for a full release of claims against them relating to the Polyester Polyols Proceedings, to pay Cdn \$140,389.42 into the Polyester Polyols Settlement Fund. In addition, the Crompton Defendants provided cooperation consisting of information with respect to the alleged conspiracy. The Polyester Polyols Settlement Fund will be held in trust by the Claims Administrator for distribution to or for the benefit of Manufacturers, Distributors, Intermediaries and Consumers in accordance with the Distribution Protocol described in Section II below.

You will be bound by the terms of the **Polyester Polyols** Settlements with the **Crompton Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**, if approved, unless you "opt out" of the **Polyester Polyols Proceedings**. If you do not opt out of the **Polyester Polyols Proceedings**, you will not be able to bring or maintain any other claim or legal proceeding alleging acts in violation of the *Competition Act*, such as price-fixing, or other claims relating to the alleged conduct in the market for **Polyester Polyols**. No further right to opt out of the **Polyester Polyols Proceedings** will be provided in the future. The deadline and procedure for opting out are detailed in **Section IV** below.

If you opt out you will not be able to participate in the **Polyester Polyols** Settlements with the **Crompton Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**.

D. Rubber Chemicals Proceedings and Settlements

Class proceedings lawsuits have been initiated in Ontario (Court File No. 46460CP), British Columbia (Court File No. SO50984) and Quebec (File No. 500-06-000234-043) in which it is alleged that the defendants conspired to fix prices for **Rubber Chemicals** in Canada (collectively referred to as the "**Rubber Chemicals Proceedings**").

Two separate settlements have been reached in the Rubber Chemicals Proceedings, one with Flexsys NV, Flexsys America LP, and Flexsys Rubber Chemicals Ltd. (the "Flexsys Defendants") and one with the Bayer Defendants. The Flexsys Defendants have agreed, in exchange for a full release of the claims against them relating to the Rubber Chemicals Proceedings, to pay Cdn \$2,317,494.00 into a settlement fund (including interest, the "Rubber Chemicals Settlement Fund") and the Bayer Defendants have agreed, in exchange for a full release of the claims against them relating to the Rubber Chemicals Proceedings, to pay Cdn

\$412,447.97 into the **Rubber Chemicals Settlement Fund**. In addition, the settlement with the **Bayer Defendants** provides for cooperation consisting of information with respect to the alleged conspiracy. The **Rubber Chemicals Settlement Fund** will be held in trust by the **Claims Administrator** for distribution to or for the benefit of **Manufacturers, Distributors, Intermediaries and Consumers** in accordance with the **Distribution Protocol** described in **Section II** below.

Notice was previously published advising that a settlement had been reached with the **Crompton Defendants**, and that the **Crompton Rubber Chemicals Settlement** had been approved by the Courts.

The deadline to opt out of the **Rubber Chemicals Proceedings** has already passed. If you previously opted out of the **Rubber Chemicals Proceedings**, you will not be able to participate in the **Rubber Chemicals** Settlements with the **Flexsys Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**, and you will not be able to participate in any further settlements with, or judgments against, other defendants in the **Rubber Chemicals Proceedings**.

E. Settlements not an Admission of Liability

The Defendants in the Proceedings outlined in sections A – D above do not admit liability. The settlements are compromises of disputed claims. In the **EPDM and Rubber Chemicals Proceedings**, the litigation is continuing against some of the other defendants named in the respective Statements of Claim. A copy of each Statement of Claim and all other relevant documents, including any previous notices can be found at **www.classaction.ca**. A copy of each Statement of Claim and all other relevant documents can also be obtained pursuant to **Section VI** below.

II. MAKING A CLAIM

A. Class Member Categories

Settlement Class Members fall into the following categories:

Distributors	Settlement Class Members who purchased EPDM and/or CR
	and/or Polyester Polyols and/or Rubber Chemicals in raw form
	and who resold the EPDM and/or CR and/or Polyester Polyols
	and/or Rubber Chemicals in raw form to a further purchaser

Manufacturers

Settlement Class Members who purchased EPDM and/or CR and/or Polyester Polyols and/or Rubber Chemicals in raw form and used them to manufacture EPDM Products and/or CR Products and/or Polyester Polyol Products and/or Rubber

Chemical Products

<u>Intermediaries</u> <u>Settlement Class Members</u> who are not **Distributors**,

Manufacturers or Consumers

Consumers

Settlement Class Members who purchased **EPDM Products** and/or **CR Products** and/or **Polyester Polyol Products** and/or **Rubber Chemical Products** for personal consumption or use

B. Compensation Plan – Distributors and Manufacturers

Under the terms of the **Distribution Protocols**, the **Settlement Funds** less (a) applicable **Class Counsel Fees**, disbursements and taxes, (b) proportionate costs of notice, (c) costs of administration, and (d) settlement monies allocated to **Intermediaries** and **Consumers**, shall be available to compensate **Distributors** and **Manufacturers**. Eligible **Manufacturers** will receive compensation from the respective **Settlement Funds** up to a maximum of \$0.06 per dollar spent on **EPDM**, \$0.08 per dollar spent on **CR**, \$0.06 per dollar spent on **Polyester Polyols** and \$0.06 per dollar spent on **Rubber Chemicals**. Eligible **Distributors** will receive compensation from the respective **Settlement Funds** up to a maximum of \$0.006 per dollar spent on **EPDM**, \$0.008 per dollar spent on **CR**, \$0.006 per dollar spent on **Polyester Polyols**, and \$0.006 per dollar spent on **Rubber Chemicals**.

Distributors and **Manufacturers** must complete a **Claim Form** and submit certain required supporting documentation. Please contact the **Claims Administrator**, Neal, Pallett & Townsend LLP at 1-866-432-5534 or go **www.nptca.com** to receive a **Claim Form**. Please visit **www.nptca.com** to complete your **Claim Form** electronically, but all supporting documentation should be sent directly to the **Claims Administrator** by regular mail, to the address noted on the **Claim Form**. To be eligible for compensation pursuant to the settlements described above in section I, the **Claim Form** together with the required supporting documentation must be submitted to the **Claims Administrator** by **October 25, 2007**. **Distributors** and **Manufacturers** who previously submitted a **Claim Form** in the **EPDM** and/or **Rubber Chemicals Proceedings** and were approved to receive compensation do not need to submit a further **Claim Form** in the **EPDM** and/or **Rubber Chemicals Proceedings** in order to receive further compensation in those actions.

C. Compensation Plan – Intermediaries and Consumers

Recognizing the difficulty of accurately identifying the amount of overcharge, if any, actually borne by any given **Intermediary** or **Consumer**, compensation for **Intermediaries** and **Consumers** will be paid out through a distribution to organizations which operate for the general benefit of **Intermediaries** and **Consumers** (including Auto 21; Canadian Roofing Contractor's Association; Canadian Home Builders' Association; London Community Foundation (for the benefit of Community Foundations across Canada other than in Quebec); Habitat for Humanity; Automobile Protection Association; Centraide (for the benefit of Quebec consumers); Union Des Consommateurs; and Option Consommateurs).

The settlement amounts to be allocated to Manufacturers and Distributors, and Intermediaries and Consumers, from each of the **EPDM** Settlements with the **Polimeri Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**, the **CR** Settlements with the **Polimeri Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**, the **Polyester Polyols** Settlements with the **Crompton Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**, and the **Rubber Chemicals** Settlements with the **Flexsys Defendants** and the

Bayer Defendants, are outlined the court orders approving the above Settlements, which orders can be viewed at **www.classaction.ca**.

III. CLASS COUNSEL FEES

Class Counsel have already received some fees with respect to the EPDM, Rubber Chemicals and CR Proceedings and will make applications to the courts for approval of further fees in each of the Proceedings at the appropriate time. In all of the Proceedings, Class Counsel cumulatively will not request legal fees which are in excess of 25% of any settlement or judgment plus disbursements and taxes. Class Counsel legal fees and disbursements must be approved by the Courts.

IV. OPTING OUT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

You will be bound by the terms of the **EPDM** Settlements with the **Polimeri Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**, the **CR** Settlements with the **Polimeri Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**, and/or the **Polyester Polyols** Settlements with the **Crompton Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**, unless you "opt out" of the **Proceedings**. You must opt out of each **Proceeding** separately. If you do not opt out, you will not be able to bring or maintain any other claim or legal proceeding alleging acts in violation of the *Competition Act*, such as price-fixing, or other claims relating to the alleged conduct in the market for **EPDM**, **CR**, or **Polyester Polyols**. No further right to opt out of the **Proceedings** will be provided. If you opt out, or if you previously opted out of the **Crompton EPDM** and **DDE EPDM Settlements**, or the **DDE CR Settlement**, you will not be able to participate in the **EPDM** Settlements with the **Polimeri Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**, the **CR** Settlements with the **Polimeri Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants** respectively, and you will not be able to participate in any further settlements with, or judgments against, other defendants in the **EPDM Proceedings**.

Pursuant to an earlier notice published in the **Rubber Chemicals Proceedings**, the deadline to opt out of the **Rubber Chemicals Proceeding** has already passed. If you previously opted out of the **Rubber Chemicals Proceedings**, you will not be able to participate in the **Rubber Chemicals** Settlements with the **Flexsys Defendants** and the **Bayer Defendants**, and you will not be able to participate in any further settlements with, or judgments against, other defendants in the **Rubber Chemicals Proceedings**.

If you would like to exclude yourself from the **EPDM** and/or **CR** and/or **Polyester Polyols Proceedings**, you can opt out by submitting a written request to be excluded to the **Claims Administrator** by mail. Your request must include the following information:

- (a) Name, address, and telephone number;
- (b) province or provinces of residence during the **Class Period** (see beginning of notice) for the **Proceeding** from which you are opting out;
- (c) province in which **EPDM/CR/Polyester Polyols** was purchased;

- (d) the dollar amount and the date of such **EPDM/CR/Polyester Polyols** purchases; and
- (e) the request to be excluded from the **Proceedings** (you must identify which **Proceeding** you are excluding yourself from).

Written requests to opt out must be sent by **September 10, 2007** to:

EPDM/CR/POLYESTER POLYOLS CLASS ACTION LITIGATION

c/o Neal, Pallett & Townsend LLP P.O. Box 3355 London, ON N6A 4K3

V. CLASS COUNSEL

The law firm of Siskinds ^{LLP} represents class members in Ontario, and in provinces other than British Columbia and Quebec, as well as corporations of more than 50 employees in Quebec in the **EPDM** and **Rubber Chemicals Proceedings**. Siskinds ^{LLP} also represents class members in Ontario, and in provinces other than Quebec, as well as corporations of more than 50 employees in Quebec in the **CR** and **Polyester Polyols Proceedings**. **Ontario Class Counsel** can be reached toll free at 1-800-461-6166 ext. 7753 or by mail at 680 Waterloo Street, London, Ontario N6A 3V8, Attention: Charles Wright.

The law firm of Poyner Baxter ^{LLP} represents class members in British Columbia in the **EPDM** and **Rubber Chemicals Proceedings**. **British Columbia Class Counsel** can be reached at 604-988-6321 or by mail at Lonsdale Quay Plaza, #408-145 Chadwick Court, North Vancouver, BC V7M 3K1, Attention: Patrick Poyner.

The law firm of Siskind Desmeules s.e.n.c.r.l. represents individuals and corporations of 50 or less employees who are class members in Quebec in the **EPDM Proceedings**. **Quebec Class Counsel** can be reached at 418-694-2009 or by mail at Les promenades du Vieux-Quebec, 43 rue De Buade, bureau 320, Quebec City, QC G1R 4A2, Attention: Me Simon Hébert.

The law firm of Belleau Lapointe S.A. represents individuals and corporations of 50 or less employees who are class members in Quebec in the **CR and Polyester Polyols Proceedings**. **Quebec Class Counsel** can be reached at 514-987-6700 or by mail at 306 Place d'Youville, Suite B-10, Montreal, QC H2Y 2B6, Attention: Maxime Nasr.

The law firm of Unterberg, Labelle, & Lebeau represents individuals and corporations of 50 or less employees who are class members in Quebec in the **Rubber Chemicals Proceedings**. **Quebec Class Counsel** can be reached at 514-934-0841 or by mail at 1980 Rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Bureau 700, Montreal, QC H3H 1E8, Attention: Lise Labelle.

VI. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENTS OR DISTRIBUTION PROTOCOLS

To register yourself to receive further notices in these **Proceedings**, you may provide the **Claims Administrator** with your regular or e-mail address.

Complete copies of the **Settlement Agreements**, **Notices** and **Claim Form** are available at **www.classaction.ca**.

If you would like a copy of any of the **Settlement Agreements** or have questions, please call the appropriate **Class Counsel**. This notice contains only a summary of the settlements and class members are encouraged to review the entire **Settlement Agreements**. A copy of the **Settlement Agreements** can be obtained free of charge at **www.classaction.ca** and, for the **CR Proceedings** and the **Polyester Polyols Proceedings**, at **www.recourscollectif.info**. A copy of the **Settlement Agreements** can also be mailed to you at a cost of \$10, which represents the cost of photocopying and mailing. **INQUIRIES SHOULD NOT BE DIRECTED TO THE COURT**.

VII. INTERPRETATION

This notice contains a summary of some of the terms of the settlements. If there is a conflict between the provisions of this **Notice** and the **Settlement Agreements** and/or **Distribution Protocols**, including the appendices of the **Settlement Agreements**, the terms of the **Settlement Agreements** and/or **Distribution Protocols** shall prevail.

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE, THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SUPREME COURT, AND THE SUPERIOR COURT OF QUEBEC