

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARING IN THE MATTER OF ETHYLENE PROPYLENE DIENE MONOMER ("EPDM") CLASS ACTION LITIGATION

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, except the Defendants, subsidiaries or affiliates of each Defendant, and the entities in which each Defendant or any of that Defendant's subsidiaries or affiliates have a controlling interest.

EPDM is a synthetic rubber used in a variety of applications. EPDM Products are products that directly or indirectly contain or are derived from EPDM. Information about the uses of EPDM (under one of its trade names, "Nordel") can be found on the web at www.dupont-dow.com.

I. THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

Class Proceedings lawsuits have been initiated in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec against DuPont Dow Elastomers L.L.C., E.I. Du Pont De Nemours and Company, E.I. DuPont Canada Company, The Dow Chemical Company, Dow Chemical Canada Inc., Bayer Inc., Bayer A.G., Bayer Material Science A.G., Bayer Material Science LLC, Bayer Corporation, Crompton Corporation, Crompton Co., Crompton Canada Corporation, Uniroyal Chemical Company Inc., Koninklijke DSM N.V., DSM Elastomers Europe B.V., DSM Elastomers Holding Company, Inc., DSM Elastomers America, and Exxon Mobil Chemical Company (the "Defendants"), in which it is alleged that the Defendants conspired to fix prices for EPDM in Canada (collectively referred to as the "Proceedings").

A settlement has been reached with the following Defendants: DuPont Dow Elastomers L.L.C. ("DDE"), E.I. Du Pont De Nemours and Company, E.I. DuPont Canada Company, The Dow Chemical Company, and Dow Chemical Canada Inc. (the "Settling Defendants"). The Settling Defendants do not admit liability. The Agreement is a compromise of disputed claims. The litigation is continuing against the other Defendants.

A motion to approve the settlement entered into between the Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants will be heard by the Ontario Court in the City of London on September 14, 2005 and the British Columbia Court in the City of Vancouver on a date to be fixed by the British Columbia Court and the Quebec Superior Court in Quebec City on a date to be fixed by the Quebec Court.

Settlement class members who do not oppose the proposed settlement need not appear at the hearings or take any other action at this time to indicate their desire to participate in the settlement.

Settlement class members are entitled to appear and make submissions at any of the settlement approval hearings. If you wish to comment on or make an objection to the settlement, a written submission must be delivered to one of the Class Counsel at the addresses listed below. Class Counsel will forward all such submissions to the Court. All filed written submissions will be considered by the Court. If you do not file a written submission, you will not be entitled to participate, through oral submissions or otherwise, in the settlement approval hearing(s). If the settlement receives Court approval, further notices will be published to advise of such Court approval.

II. THE SETTLEMENT

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Settling Defendants have agreed, in exchange for a full release of claims against them relating to the Proceedings, to pay Canadian \$187,095 into a Settlement Fund to be held in trust by Class Counsel pending further order of the Court as to the distribution of the Settlement Fund.

Canadian companies who purchased EPDM directly in the United States ("U.S.") or from U.S. facilities may also be able to participate in a settlement, reached in the U.S. between DDE and a class of EPDM direct purchasers, resolving litigation alleging conduct similar to that alleged in the Proceedings. The deadline to claim benefits in

the U.S. is June 30, 2005. To obtain a claim form or further information about the U.S. settlement, please visit www.Gilardi.com or contact the U.S. Claims Administrator, Gilardi & Co. LLC, at the following address:

In re EPDM Antitrust Litigation
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 1110
Corte Madera, CA 94976-1110

Note: For purposes of the U.S. settlement, a purchase from E.I. DuPont Canada Company is considered to be a purchase from the U.S. and may be eligible for compensation.

III. OPTING OUT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

You will be bound by the terms of the settlement, if approved, unless you "opt out". This means that you will not be able to bring or maintain any other claim or legal proceeding against the Settling Defendants 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, unless you opt-out. The deadline to opt-out of the proceeding will be determined by the Court(s) at the Certification and Settlement Approval Hearing(s).

If you opt out of the Proceedings, you will not be able to participate in this settlement.

IV. CLASS COUNSEL

The law firm of Siskind, Cromarty, Ivey & Dowler LLP represents class members in Ontario, provinces other than British Columbia and Quebec, and corporate entities in Quebec. Ontario Class Counsel can be reached toll free at 1-800-461-6166 ext. 455 or by mail at 680 Waterloo Street, London, Ontario N6A 3V8.

The law firm of Poyner Baxter LLP represents the Class in British Columbia. Poyner Baxter can be reached at 604-988-6321 or by mail at Lonsdale Quay Plaza, #408-145 Chadwick Court, North Vancouver, BC V7M 3K1.

The law firm of Desmeules, Eizenga, Strickland, Wright S.E.N.C represents the Quebec consumers. Quebec Class Counsel can be reached at 418-694-2009or by mail at Les promenades du Vieux-Quebec, 3 rue Buade, bureau 320, Quebec City, QC G1R 4A.

Class Counsel will be seeking approval of their fees and disbursements at the hearing. Class Counsel will be requesting legal fees of 25% of the Settlement Fund, plus disbursements and applicable taxes.

V. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT

If you would like a copy of the settlement agreement or have questions, you can call Plaintiffs' Counsel Information Line at 1-800-461-6166. This notice contains only a summary of the settlement and class members are encouraged to review the entire settlement agreement. A copy of the settlement agreement can be obtained free of charge at www.classaction.ca or it can be mailed to you at a cost of \$20, which represents the cost of photocopying and mailing. INQUIRIES SHOULD NOT BE DIRECTED TO THE COURT.

VI. INTERPRETATION

This notice contains a summary of some of the terms of the settlement. If there is a conflict between the provisions of this notice and the settlement agreement, including its appendices, the terms of the settlement agreement shall prevail.