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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

TRONOX INCORPORATED, et al.,

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 09-10156 (MEW)

Jointly Administered

NOTICE OF FILING ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT OF THE TRONOX INCORPORATED TORT CLAIMS TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

Pursuant to Section 3.7(b)(i) of the Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust Agreement (the "**Trust Agreement**"), the Trustee of the Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust (the "**Trust**") hereby gives notice of the filing of the Trust's Annual Report and Account for the year ending December 31, 2021 (the "**Annual Report**"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Consistent with Section 3.7(b) of the Trust Agreement, the Annual Report includes a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Tort Claims Trust as of December 31, 2021 and the receipts and disbursements of the Tort Claims Trust for the calendar year 2021, a summary of the number and type of claims disposed of during 2021, a general description of the activities of the Tort Claims Trust, the amount of compensation paid to the Tort Claims Trustee in 2021, and

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financial statements of the Tort Claims Trust audited by a firm of independent certified public accountants.

As required by Section 3.7(b)(i) of the Trust Agreement, a copy of the Annual Report is being served on Reorganized Tronox, the Delaware Trustee, and the Trust Advisory Committee. In addition, pursuant to Section 3.7(b)(i), this report is available for inspection in accordance with procedures established by the Bankruptcy Court, and shall also be filed with the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York. Capitalized terms used herein and in the Annual Report and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Trust Agreement.

Dated: May 2, 2022

Respectfully submitted:

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT OF THE TRONOX INCORPORATED TORT CLAIMS TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

I. INTRODUCTION

The Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust (the "**Tort Claims Trust**" or "**Trust**"), created pursuant to the First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code for Tronox, Inc., *et al.* ("**Plan of Reorganization**"), through its Trustee, The Garretson Resolution Group, Inc., *d/b/a* Epiq Mass Tort¹ (the "**Tort Claims Trustee**" or the "**Trustee**") hereby files this Annual Report and Account of the Tort Claims Trust (the "**Annual Report**") in accordance with Section 3.7(b) of the Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust Agreement dated as of February 14, 2011 (the "**Trust Agreement**").

This Annual Report summarizes the actions taken on behalf of the Tort Claims Trust during the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 (the "**Reporting Period**") and contains the following information: (1) the assets and liabilities of the Tort Claims Trust as of December 31, 2021 and the receipts and disbursements of the Tort Claims Trust for the Reporting Period, (2) a summary of the number and types of claims disposed of during the Reporting Period, (3) a general description of the activities of the Tort Claims Trust, (4) the amount of compensation paid to the Trustee during the Reporting Period, and (5) financial

¹ Following an acquisition on December 21, 2018 by Epiq, The Garretson Resolution Group, Inc., operates under a d/b/a of Epiq Mass Tort.

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statements of the Tort Claims Trust. A firm of independent certified public accountants, which the Trustee selects, audits the Trust's financial statements and provides an opinion regarding the fairness of the financial statements' presentation of the cash and investments available for the payment of Tort Claims, and the conformity of the financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles.

II. BACKGROUND

On January 12, 2009 (the "Petition Date"), Tronox Incorporated and certain of its subsidiaries and affiliates ("Tronox") filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court"). On November 30, 2010, this Court entered an order confirming the Plan of Reorganization. On February 14, 2011, the Effective Date of the Plan of Reorganization occurred, and the Plan of Reorganization was substantially consummated. Pursuant to the Plan of Reorganization, the Trust was created in order to assume the liabilities of the Tronox Debtors arising from or relating to all Tort Claims (as that term is defined in the Plan of Reorganization) and to use the Tort Claims Trust Distributable Amount to pay holders of Allowed Tort Claims in accordance with the Plan of Reorganization, the Trust Agreement, and the Tort Claims Trust Distribution Procedures ("TDP") and in a manner that is fair, reasonable, and equitable in light of the limited assets available to satisfy the Tort Claims.

1. <u>Trustee</u>

The Tort Claims Trustee is The Garretson Resolution Group, Inc., d/b/a Epiq Mass Tort. The Tort Claims Trustee administers the Trust, and acts solely in a fiduciary capacity and in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

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2. <u>Trust Advisory Committee</u>

The Trust Advisory Committee (the "TAC") is comprised of three members: Ms. Jill A. Moran, Mr. Matthew Slocum, and Mr. Anthony W. Merrill. The TAC represents the interests of all Holders of Tort Claims for the purpose of protecting the rights of such persons.

3. <u>The Delaware Trustee</u>

The Delaware Trustee's sole and limited purpose is to fulfill the requirements of Section 3807 of Chapter 38 of title 12 of the Delaware Code. The Wilmington Trust Company serves as the Delaware Trustee.

4. <u>Trust Distribution Procedures</u>

The Tort Claims Trust processes Tort Claims pursuant to the Tronox Incorporated Tort

Claims Trust Distribution Procedures.

III. ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT

Section 3.7(b)(i) of the Trust Agreement requires the Annual Report to include:

(1) the assets and liabilities of the Tort Claims Trust as of the end of the year and the receipts and disbursements of the Tort Claims Trust for the preceding year, (2) a summary of the number and type of claims disposed of during the preceding year, (3) a general description of the activities of the Tort Claims Trust, (4) the amount of compensation paid to the Tort Claims Trustee for the preceding year, and (5) financial statements of the Tort Claims Trust (including, without limitation, a balance sheet of the Tort Claims Trust as of the end of such fiscal year and a statement of operations for such fiscal year) audited by a firm of independent certified public accountants selected by the Tort Claims Trustee and accompanied by an opinion of such firm as to the fairness of the financial statements' presentation of the cash and investments available for the payment of Tort Claims and as to the conformity of the financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles. The Tort Claims Trustee shall provide a copy of each annual report to Reorganized Tronox, the Delaware Trustee, and the TAC when such reports are filed with the Bankruptcy Court.

Accordingly, the Trustee reports the following:

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1. <u>Financial Information</u>

Attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> is a copy of the audited financial statements of the Trust for the Reporting Period, which BDO USA externally prepared. In addition to the audited financial statements, BDO provided its opinion regarding the fairness of the financial statements' presentation of the cash and investments available for the payment of Tort Claims and the conformity of the financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles.

2. <u>Assets/Liabilities and Receipts/Disbursements</u>

The assets and liabilities and receipts and disbursements of the Tort Claims Trust for the Reporting Period can be found in the Trust's audited financial statements attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

3. <u>Trustee Compensation</u>

As required by Section 3.7(b)(i) of the Trust Agreement, the amount paid in fees to the Tort Claims Trustee is set forth in the Trust's audited financial statements, which are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

4. <u>TAC Compensation</u>

As required by Section 6.6 of the Trust Agreement, the compensation and expenses of the TAC can be found in the Trust's audited financial statements attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

5. <u>Claims Processing and Summary of Claims</u>

Section 3.7(b)(1) of the Trust Agreement requires the Annual Report to include "a summary of the number and type of claims disposed of during the preceding year." Attached as <u>Exhibit B</u> is a summary of the claims processed and paid during the Reporting Period.

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6. Other Activities of the Tort Claims Trust

A. <u>Category A Claims Related Matters</u>

To date, the Trust has received more than 38,800 Future Tort Claim submissions, and issued more than 21,300 Determination Notices, which identify whether a claim has been allowed or disallowed. Of those determined claims, 7,801 were allowed and 13,514 claims have been disallowed.

As referenced in last year's Annual Report, more than 4,300 individuals whose claims had been previously disallowed filed Motions seeking Court review of the Trust's denial of their claims. The Court resolved those Motions, in issuing its Decisions as to Pending Motions for Permission to File "Future Tort Claims" and Relief from the 2009 Bar Date ("**Decision**") on March 10, 2021. Subsequently, on July 16, 2021, the Court entered four separate orders that formally disposed of all the Future Tort Claim Motions, except for approximately 175 for which the Bankruptcy Court granted an opportunity for the Movants to submit additional information. A number of Future Tort Claimants took the opportunity to do so, while others filed requests for reconsideration of the Court's decision on their Motion. On March 31, 2022, the Court entered several orders that resolved the Motions for which supplemental information had been provided, as well as all the requests for reconsideration.

Additionally, approximately 90 Future Tort Claimants have filed correspondence with the Court that purport to be notices of appeal from the Court's July 16, 2021 Order. None of those individuals have taken any further steps to further prosecute their appeal.

The Trust continues to process Future Tort Claims on a rolling basis per the Court's Decision and Orders addressing the Motions. More than 17,500 Future Tort Claims are in various stages of claims processing. For the vast majority of those remaining claims, the

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determination process requires several steps because most of the claim forms that individuals submit are deficient in the information provided. The Tort Trust currently estimates that it will be able to issue Determination Notices to all currently filed Future Tort Claims by the end of 2022.

Pending a determination as to the allowed amount of all Future Tort Claims, the Trustee cannot calculate the appropriate pro rata share that each Future Tort Claim is entitled to receive, which is based upon the scheduled value of all allowed Category A Claims and the amount of funds available to be disbursed to Category A Claims. Based upon the number of Category A claims that have been received to date, the Trustee continues to project that claims in Category A, including Future Tort Claims, will receive less than one percent (1%) of the amount of their scheduled value. The Trustee and its team will continue to evaluate the situation.

B. <u>Category D</u>

The Trustee determined that it is possible to issue supplemental payments from Fund D to qualified Category D claimants, as contemplated by the TDP. In 2021 final payments from a prior supplemental allocation were issued, after the resolution of various payment complications including healthcare lien resolution. Work has begun on an additional \$13,000,000 supplemental allocation for which payments should begin being issued in the summer of 2022.

C. <u>Claims Litigation</u>

The Trustee was previously named as a defendant in two duplicative lawsuits that were pending before the Lowndes County, Mississippi Chancery Court. Both lawsuits were filed by Arelya Mitchell against the Trustee and various attorneys that represented the estate of Ms. Mitchell's mother, Martha Mitchell, in connection with the settlement of Martha Mitchell's Category D claim. The first lawsuit was dismissed by the court without requiring the Trustee to

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respond to the complaint. Ms. Mitchell failed to timely appeal dismissal of that initial lawsuit. The second lawsuit, in addition to the original parties from the first lawsuit, also named the Judge who dismissed her prior complaint based on the same allegations. Ms. Mitchell alleged numerous causes of action-albeit not explicitly against the Trustee-including misconduct, conspiracy and collusion to commit fraud, unethical conduct and ethical violations. Ms. Mitchell's claim against the Trustee related to the payment made by the Trustee to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to satisfy the Medicare reimbursement claims arising under 42 U.S.C. § 1395y(b)(2) against those claimant's settlement monies, as required under the TDP. The Trustee filed a motion to dismiss the second lawsuit based upon *res judicata*, lack of personal jurisdiction, and failure to state a claim, and also asserted the defenses of release and accord and satisfaction. The Trustee also filed oppositions to Ms. Mitchell's motions to compel and for sanctions against defendants in the lawsuit, and her motion to add claims against defendants. Following a hearing on all pending motions held on May 10, 2019, the Court entered an order on September 19, 2019 dismissing, with prejudice, Ms. Mitchell's complaint against the Trustee based on the application of *res judicata* and failure to state a claim. All other pending motions between Ms. Mitchell and the Trustee were denied as moot. On October 11, 2019, Ms. Mitchell filed an Addendum to Complaint, which the Court deemed moot based on its September 23, 2019 orders. Ms. Mitchell failed to timely appeal dismissal of the second lawsuit.

On October 18, 2019, Ms. Mitchell filed yet another lawsuit together with a motion for preliminary injunction against the Trustee and others seeking the same relief as in her previous two complaints. On November 26, 2019, the Trustee filed a motion to dismiss Ms. Mitchell's most recent filings. Ms. Mitchell then filed an Addendum to Lawsuit dated December 12, 2019 to which the Trustee determined that no response was warranted. As the Court has not yet ruled

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on the Trustee's substantive motion to dismiss, the Trustee has filed a motion to dismiss for lack of prosecution, and is seeking a hearing date on both motions.

IV. CONCLUSION

This summarizes the actions taken on behalf of the Tort Claims Trust for the year ending December 31, 2021. The Trustee will continue to make itself available to answer any questions the Court may have, and remains focused on activities that will further the purposes of the Trust.

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Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust

Special-Purpose Financial Statements As of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020





Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust

Special-Purpose Financial Statements As of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Trustee Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust Cincinnati, Ohio

Opinion

We have audited the special-purpose financial statements of Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust (the "Trust") (a statutory trust created under the laws of the State of Delaware), which comprise the special-purpose statements of assets, liabilities and net assets available for the payment of claims as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related special-purpose statements of changes in net assets available for the payment of claims and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the special-purpose financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying special-purpose financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the special-purpose statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets available for the payment of claims of the Trust as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related special-purpose statements of changes in the net assets available for payment of claims and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with the special-purpose accounting practices the Trust uses, as described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matters

We draw attention to Note 1 of the special-purpose financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. As described in Note 1 to the special-purpose financial statements, the special-purpose financial statements are prepared by the Trust on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed by The Garretson Resolution Group, Inc., d/b/a Epiq Mass Tort (the "Trustee"), which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As a result, the special-purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the special-purpose financial statements in accordance with the accounting practices prescribed by the Trustee.

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Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of special-purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special-purpose financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the special-purpose financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special-purpose financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the special-purpose financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the special-purpose financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the special-purpose financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the special-purpose financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.



Other Matter - Restriction on Use

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Trustee and management of the Trust and for filing with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Special-Purpose Financial Statements

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Special-Purpose Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets Available for the Payment of Claims

December 31,	2021	2020
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 68,995,708	\$ 70,258,165
Total Current Assets	68,995,708	70,258,165
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and Other Accrued Liabilities	30,593	30,593
Total Current Liabilities	30,593	30,593
Net Assets Available for the Payment of Claims	\$ 68,965,115	\$ 70,227,572

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to the special-purpose financial statements.

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Special-Purpose Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for the Payment of Claims

Years ended December 31,	2021	2020
Additions		
Interest	\$ 52,552	\$ 232,671
Total Additions	52,552	232,671
Deductions		
Claimant disbursements	807,679	2,335,220
Trust management and processing fees	62,938	242,526
Administrative costs	33,406	40,856
Trust legal fees	147,842	53,993
Trust insurance premium	215,224	246,300
Trust Advisory Committee fees	840	16,860
Accounting fees	47,080	60,851
Total Deductions	1,315,010	2,996,606
Changes in net assets available for		
the payment of claims	(1,262,457)	(2,763,935)
Net assets available for		
the payment of claims		
Beginning of year	70,227,572	72,991,507
End of year	\$ 68,965,115	\$ 70,227,572

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Special-Purpose Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended December 31,	2021	2020
Operating Activities		
Changes in net assets available for the payment of claims	\$ (1,262,457)	\$ (2,763,935)
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets		
available for the payment of claims to net cash used in		
operating activities:		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts payable	-	(92,153)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,262,457)	(2,856,088)
Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1,262,457)	(2,856,088)
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Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year	70,258,165	73,114,253
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year	\$ 68,995,708	\$ 70,258,165

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to the special-purpose financial statements.

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Notes to the Special-Purpose Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization and Purpose

Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust (the "Trust") was established for the sole purpose of assuming the liabilities of the Tronox, Inc. debtors, their predecessors, and successors in interest, for all Tort Claims, and to use the Tort Claims Trust Distributable Amount to pay Holders of Allowed Tort Claims in accordance with the First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Tronox Incorporated et al. pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Plan"), the Tort Claims Trust Agreement (the "Agreement"), and the Tort Claims Trust Distribution Procedures (the "TDPs"), and in a manner that is fair, reasonable, and equitable in light of the limited assets available to satisfy the Tort Claims. The Trust does not conduct any trade or business.

Basis of Accounting

The Trust's special-purpose financial statements are prepared using special-purpose accounting methods adopted by The Garretson Resolution Group, Inc., d/b/a Epiq Mass Tort (the "Trustee"), which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The special-purpose accounting methods were adopted in order to communicate to the beneficiaries of the Trust the net assets available for the payment of claims and the related operating expenses of the Trust. Since the accompanying special-purpose financial statements and transactions are not based upon GAAP, accounting treatment by other parties for these same transactions may differ as to timing and amount. The special-purpose accounting methods include the following:

- Assets are recorded when they are received by the Trust and are available for the payment of claims.
- Future fixed liabilities under contractual obligations and other agreements entered into by the Trust are recorded as deductions in the same period that such contractual obligations or agreements are signed. Under GAAP, liabilities and contractual obligations are recorded over the period that is benefited by the underlying contract or agreement.
- Claims are expensed in the period in which the confirmed claim amount is settled. The settled claim amount is a claim amount that has been allowed by the Trust and accepted by the claimant, with an approved release and approved payment. Under GAAP, a liability would be recorded for an estimate of the amount to be paid for claims that have been incurred but not yet reported, and for those claims that have been submitted but not yet approved for payment by the Trust.
- Operating expenses are generally expensed as incurred. Payments for services to be received over an extended period in the future are expensed as paid because these amounts are no longer available for the payment of claims. Under GAAP, an asset would be recorded and amortized over the period in which the related benefits are received.
- Tort Claims Insurance Assets are not recorded until the funds are received from the insurance carriers. These recoveries come from various insurance settlements, which were obtained by the Trust and related entities and assigned to the Trust. The insurance policies cover, among other things, products and general liability claims. Under GAAP, Tort Claims Insurance Assets are recorded upon settlement and assurance of collectability.

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Notes to the Special-Purpose Financial Statements

Funds

In accordance with the Agreement, the Trustee created four separate funds as described in the Plan. The funds were created as follows:

Fund A is a fund established for the payment of Allowed Asbestos Claims, Allowed Future Tort Claims, and any Allowed Unaccounted-for Tort Claims, and shall consist of a separate sub-account within the Trust, as defined in the Agreement.

Fund B is a fund established for the payment of Allowed Indirect Environmental Claims, and shall consist of a separate sub-account within the Trust, as defined in the Agreement.

Fund C is a fund established for the payment of Allowed Property Damage Claims, and shall consist of a separate sub-account within the Trust, as defined in the Agreement.

Fund D is a fund established for payment of the Allowed Non-Asbestos Toxic Exposure Claims, and consists of the balance of assets not otherwise allocated to Funds A, B, and C, and shall consist of a separate sub-account within the Trust, as defined in the Agreement.

The final allocations for Funds B and C will depend upon the amount of Allowed Tort Claims asserted against each Fund, as specified in the TDPs. In addition, the final allocation for Fund D may increase and will be determined by the final allocations for Funds B and C, as set forth in the TDPs.

In accordance with the Agreement, the Trust was initially required to allocate the proceeds to the four trust funds, Funds A, B, C, and D (the "Funds"). Funds A, B, and C were initially allocated 6.25% each and Fund D was initially allocated 81.25%. As of July 31, 2014, Fund B and Fund D were reallocated to result in allocations of 2.97% and 84.53%, respectively. As of August 31, 2016, Fund C and Fund D were reallocated to result in allocations of 3.125% and 87.655%, respectively (see Fund Reallocation note below).

The Trust also maintains two additional funds, the General Administrative Expenses and Reserves Fund and Excess Anadarko Fund, for the purpose described below:

The General Administrative Expenses and Reserves Fund is a fund established for payment of the allowed general and administrative expenses associated with the Trust operations, and shall consist of a separate sub-account within the Trust.

In accordance with Section 1.5(e) of the TDPs, the Excess Anadarko Fund consists of five percent of the net proceeds of the Anadarko Litigation payable to the Trust pursuant to the Anadarko Litigation Trust Agreement in excess of \$120 million.

Funding income and investment-specific income are allocated first to the Excess Anadarko Fund and General Administrative Expenses and Reserves Fund, then the remainder pro rata across the Funds. Funding income and investment-specific income and expenses related to a particular fund are allocated solely to that fund.

The use of these funds, described above, is specified by the Agreement and a complete description of the funds must be derived from the Agreement.

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Notes to the Special-Purpose Financial Statements

This description of the Trust is not intended to be a legal interpretation of the benefits available to Holders of Allowed Tort Claims, nor is it a legal description of the obligations of any parties to the Plan. A complete description of the rights and benefits of any parties must be derived from the Plan and the Agreement.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Trust considers highly liquid investments, such as certificates of deposit, money market funds, and United States treasury bills and notes as cash equivalents.

Accrued Claimant Disbursements

Accrued claimant disbursements consist of claims settled before year end, but paid after year end.

Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities

Accounts payable consist of accruals and outstanding invoices associated with managing the Trust. At December 31, 2021, payables consist of certain trust management and processing fees, including related party payables (Note 3), incurred by the Trust during the year and paid after year end.

Claimant Disbursements

Claimant disbursements include Medicare holdbacks, Medicaid holdbacks, attorney fees, case expenses, and net awards to Holders of Allowed Tort Claims. Claimant disbursements are recognized when confirmed claims are settled. For the years ending December 31, 2021 and 2020, \$807,679 and \$2,335,220 in claims were settled, respectively, and were included in the special-purpose statements of changes in net assets available for the payment of claims.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Trust to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash equivalents. The Trust places its cash equivalents in certificates of deposit, money market funds, and accounts which are in excess of federally insured limits or are not federally insured.

Tax Status

An election has been made for the Trust to be taxed as a Grantor Trust. In lieu of paying taxes at the trust level, Tronox, Inc. is taxed on the Trust's taxable income. As such, no provision or liability for federal or state income taxes has been recorded.

Uncertain tax positions are recognized in the special-purpose financial statements when it is morelikely-than-not the position will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Trust had no uncertain tax positions that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the special-purpose financial statements. Additionally, the Trust had no interest and penalties related to income taxes.

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Notes to the Special-Purpose Financial Statements

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the special-purpose financial statements in conformity with the special-purpose accounting methods adopted by the Trustee, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the special-purpose financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

The Trust has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2021 and April 21, 2022, which is the date that the special-purpose financial statements were initially available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in the special-purpose financial statements.

2. Settlement Funds

In accordance with the Plan, the assets transferred or to be transferred to or received by the Trust consist of the Funded Tort Claims Trust Amount of \$12,500,000, which Tronox Worldwide, LLC contributed upon the establishment of the Trust; the Trust's share (not less than twelve percent (12.00%)) of the proceeds of the Anadarko Litigation (which was a related lawsuit that was settled in 2012 and finalized in 2015) pursuant to the Anadarko Litigation Trust Agreement, together with any other amounts provided therein; and the Tort Claims Insurance Assets, as defined by the Agreement. In accordance with the Trust's accounting policies, such Tort Claims Insurance Assets or claims against Tort Claims Insurance Assets (or sales thereof) are recorded as an addition to net assets available for the payment of claims when the funds are received from the insurance companies.

No funding income was received by the Trust during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

3. Related Party Transactions

The Trustee is affiliated with the Trust as the Tort Claims Trustee and performed certain transactions with the Trust during 2021 and 2020. For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Trust recorded no related party accounts receivable or recorded related party accounts payable. For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the total amount of fees paid to the Trustee was \$59,938 and \$280,352, respectively, which were included as trust management and processing fees and administrative costs in the accompanying special-purpose statements of changes in net assets available for the payment of claims.

4. Liability for Claims

The ultimate number of claims to be filed and the liability for all such claims are uncertain at this time. The net assets available for the payment of claims at December 31, 2021 and 2020 represent funding available for all claims for which no fixed liability has yet been established. The net assets available for the payment of claims at December 31, 2021 is sufficient to pay claims for 12 months from the date of issuance of the Special-Purpose Financial Statements but may or may not be sufficient to meet all future obligations of the Trust.

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5. Trust Liability Insurance

The Trust purchased liability insurance for a premium of \$215,224 and \$246,300 in 2021 and 2020, respectively. The current policy term is September 2021 to September 2022. The Trust's accounting policy is to expense in the current period any amounts that will not be available to pay future claims or expenses of the Trust. Accordingly, these amounts were recorded as a deduction in net assets available for payment of claims during the years ended 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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Supplementary Information

Independent Auditor's Report on Supplementary Information

To the Trustee Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust Cincinnati, Ohio

Our audits of the special-purpose financial statements included in the preceding section of this report were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on those statements as a whole. The supplementary information presented in the following section of this report is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the special-purpose financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the special-purpose financial statements. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.

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Year ended December 31, 2021		Trust Fund A		Trust Fund B		Trust Fund C	_	Trust Fund D	General Administrative Expenses and Reserves	inistrative Reserves	1	Excess Anadarko		Total
Additions Interest	ŝ	15,894	Ŷ	803	\$- 2	3,551	ŝ	11,683	Ŷ	2,284	ŝ	18,338	Ŷ	52,552
Total Additions		15,894		803		3,551		11,683		2,284		18,338		52,552
Deductions														
Claimant disbursements								807,679		ı				807,679
Trust management and processing fees										49,848				49,848
Administrative costs										46,496				46,496
Trust legal fees										147,842				147,842
Trust insurance premium		,		1		,				215,224				215,224
Trust Advisory Committee fees								'		840				840
Accounting Fees		,		'				,		47,080		,		47,080
Total Deductions								807,679		507,329				1,315,009
Increase or (Decrease) in net assets available for the payment of														
claims		15,894		803		3,551		(795,996)		(505,045)		18,338		(1,262,456)
Net assets available for the payment of claims														
Beginning of Year		20,754,362		315,669		4,487,416		17,976,900		2,528,200		24, 165, 024		70,227,571
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Year ended December 31, 2020		Trust Fund A		Trust Fund B		Trust Fund C		Trust Fund D	General Administrative Expenses and Reserves	istrative eserves		Excess Anadarko		Total	tal
Additions Interest	ŝ	83,974	Ś	4,748	Ś	14,120	ŝ	51,962	Ś	12,755	ŝ	65,	65,112 \$	ŝ	232,671
Total Additions		83,974		4,748		14,120		51,962		12,755		65,	65,112		232,671
Deductions															
Claimant disbursements								2,335,220						2,	2,335,220
Trust management and processing fees										242,526					242,526
Administrative costs								148		40,710					40,858
Trust legal fees		34,870								19,123					53,993
Trust insurance premium										246,300					246,300
Trust Advisory Committee fees										16,860					16,860
Accounting Fees										60,851					60,851
Total Deductions		34,870				,		2,335,368		626,369				2,	2,996,607
Increase or (Decrease) in net assets available for the payment of															
claims		49,104		4,748		14,120		(2,283,406)		(613,614)		65,	65,112	(2	(2,763,936)
Net assets available for															
the payment of claims Beginning of Year		20,705,258		310,921		4,473,296		20,260,306	,	3,141,814		24,099,912	912	72,	72,991,507
End of Year	Ş	20,754,362	Ş	315,669	ŝ	4,487,416	ŝ	17,976,900	Ş	2,528,200	Ś	24,165,024		\$ 70.	70,227,571

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Claim Type	Total Number of Claims Through 12/31/2021	Total Number of Claims with Determinations Made Through 12/31/2021	Claims Determined in 2021	Claims Paid in 2021	Total Number of Allowed Claims Paid Through 12/31/2021	Percentage of Allowed Claims Paid Overall	Total Amount Distributed
Category A Asbestos:	880	880	0	0	0	0%	\$-
Category A Future Tort Claims:	38,822	21,315	0	0	0	0%	\$-
Category B:	23	23	0	0	17	73.91%	\$ 17,463,946.17
Category C:	6	6	0	0	6	100%	\$ 18,157,598.76
Category D:	6,760	6,760	0	\$1,043,735.24	6,670	98.67%	\$495,313,119.79

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Debtors.

Chapter 11

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Bethany P. Recht, under penalty of perjury, hereby certifies the following:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, counsel

to the Tort Claims Trustee of the Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust.

2. On May 2, 2022, pursuant to Section 3.7(b)(i) of the Tronox Incorporated Tort

Claims Trust Agreement, I caused to be served the Annual Report of the Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust and the Notice of Filing Annual Report and Account of the Tronox Incorporated Tort Claims Trust for the Year Ending December 31, 2021 [Docket No. 9789] via First Class U.S. Mail on the parties identified on the attached Service List.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the statements made herein are true and correct.

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