#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

IN RE URETHANE ANTITRUST LITIGATION

MDL No. 1616

This document relates to: The Polyether Polyol Cases Civil No. 2:04-md-01616-JWL

#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement") is made and entered into this 21 N day of September, 2011 (the "Execution Date"), by and between defendant BASF Corporation and plaintiffs Seegott Holdings Inc., Quabaug Corporation, and Industrial Polymers, Inc. (collectively "Plaintiffs"), who have filed suit as representatives of a class of similarly situated direct purchasers, as more specifically defined below. Plaintiffs enter this Settlement Agreement both individually and on behalf of a class of all persons and entities who purchased the Products (defined below) directly from a Defendant at any time during the period from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2004 in the United States and its territories and who have not timely elected to exclude themselves from the Class (excluding all governmental entities, any Defendants, their employees, and their respective parents, subsidiaries and affiliates).

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs are prosecuting the above-captioned actions (the "Class Actions") on their own behalf and on behalf of the Class against BASF Corporation, BASF SE (f/k/a BASF Aktiengesellschaft) and other Defendants;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs allege, among other things, that BASF Corporation and BASF SE participated in an unlawful conspiracy to fix prices and allocate markets for the Products in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.;

WHEREAS, BASF Corporation and BASF SE have denied Plaintiffs' allegations, have not conceded or admitted any liability, and have asserted affirmative defenses to Plaintiffs' claims;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs and Defendants have engaged in extensive discovery regarding the facts pertaining to Plaintiffs' claims and Defendants' defenses;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs have thoroughly analyzed the facts and the law regarding the Class Actions and have concluded that a settlement with BASF Corporation according to the terms set forth below is in the best interest of Plaintiffs and the Class;

WHEREAS, BASF Corporation has concluded, despite its belief that it has no liability with respect to the Class Actions and has good defenses to the claims asserted, that it will enter into this Settlement Agreement in order to avoid further expense, inconvenience, and the distraction of burdensome and protracted litigation;

WHEREAS, arm's-length settlement negotiations have taken place between counsel for Plaintiffs and counsel for BASF Corporation, and this Settlement Agreement, which embodies all of the terms and conditions of the settlement between BASF Corporation and Plaintiffs, both individually and on behalf of the Class, has been reached as a result of the parties' negotiations, subject to approval of the Court;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Class Members, and BASF Corporation agree that this Settlement Agreement shall not be deemed or construed to be an admission or evidence of the truth of any of Plaintiffs' claims or allegations in the above-captioned Actions or any other actions;

WHEREAS, BASF Corporation asserted counterclaims in this action against Plaintiff Seegott Holdings, Inc. ("Seegott") for breach of contract and unjust enrichment in connection with a distributor agreement; and

WHEREAS, BASF Corporation and Seegott agree, by separate agreement, that BASF Corporation will dismiss its counterclaims against Seegott in exchange for Seegott's assignment to BASF Corporation of Seegott's rights as a Class member to any distribution from the Settlement Fund established by this Agreement (a copy of the counterclaim settlement is included as Attachment B hereto).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants, agreements, and releases set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, it is agreed by and among the undersigned that the Class Actions be dismissed on the merits with prejudice as to BASF only, without costs as to Plaintiffs, the Class, or BASF, subject to the approval of the Court, on the following terms and conditions.

#### **Definitions**

The following terms, as used in this Settlement Agreement, have the following meanings:

- 1. "BASF" means BASF Corporation, and its respective past and present, direct and indirect, parents (including but not limited to BASF SE), subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, servants, and representatives (and the parents', subsidiaries', and affiliates' past and present officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, servants, and representatives), and the predecessors, successors, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of each of the foregoing.
  - "Claims Administrator" shall mean Rust Consulting, Inc.
- 3. "Class" means all persons and entities who purchased the Products directly from a Defendant at any time from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2004 in the United States and -3.

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its territories, who have not timely elected to exclude themselves from the Class. Excluded from the Class are Defendants, their respective parents, employees, subsidiaries and affiliates, and all government entities.

- 4. "Class Actions" shall mean the above-captioned action and all cases consolidated therein.
- "Class Counsel" shall refer to the law firms of Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll
   PLLC and Fine, Kaplan and Black, R.P.C.
- 6. "Class Member" means each member of the Class who has not timely elected to be excluded from the Class.
- 7. "Class Period" means the period from and including January 1, 1999 up to and including December 31, 2004.
- 8. "Class Representatives" or "Plaintiffs" means Seegott Holdings Inc., Quabaug Corporation, and Industrial Polymers, Inc.
- 9. "Defendants" means Bayer AG, Bayer Corporation, Bayer MaterialScience AG, Bayer MaterialScience LLC (f/k/a Bayer Polymers LLC), BASF Corporation, BASF SE, The Dow Chemical Company, Huntsman International LLC, and Lyondell Chemical Company.
- 10. "Document" is defined to be synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of this term in Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a), including, without limitation, electronic or computerized data compilations. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.
- 11. "Escrow Account" shall mean account number established pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Escrow Agreement attached as Attachment A hereto.

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- I2. "Escrow Agent" shall mean .. as set forth in the Escrow Agreement attached as Attachment A hereto.
  - 13. "Escrow Agreement" shall mean the agreement attached as Attachment A hereto.
  - 14. "Non-Settling Defendant" means The Dow Chemical Company.
- polymeric diphenylmethane diisocyanates (MMDI or PMDI collectively, MDI); toluene diisocyanates (TDI); MDI-TDI blends; and/or propylene oxide based polyether polyol systems (except those that also contain polyester polyols). "Products" sold by BASF includes, but is not limited to, polyether polyols sold under the trade name Pluracol®, MDI sold under the trade name Lupranate®, TDI sold under the trade name Lupranate®, and propylene oxide-based polyether polyol systems sold under the trade names Autofroth®, Autopour®, Elastocast®, Elastoflex®, Elastofoam®, Elastopor®, and Elastospray®.
- 16. "Released Claims" means those claims released pursuant to Paragraph 25 of this Settlement Agreement.
- BASF Corporation, BASF SE, BASF Coordination Center Comm. V., and BASF Canada Inc., and their respective past and present, direct and indirect, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, servants, and representatives (and the parents', subsidiaries', and affiliates' past and present officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, servants, and representatives), and the predecessors, successors, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of each of the foregoing.
- 18. "Releasors" shall refer jointly and severally, individually and collectively to
  Plaintiffs, the Class Members, and their respective past and present, direct and indirect, parents,

subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, servants, and representatives (and the parents', subsidiaries', and affiliates' past and present officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, servants, and representatives), and the predecessors, successors, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of each of the foregoing.

- 19. "Settlement Amount" means the amount set forth in Paragraph 26 below.
- 20. "Settlement Fund" shall mean the Settlement Amount and any interest earned on that amount.

#### Approval of this Settlement Agreement and Dismissal of Claims

- 21. Class Counsel and Plaintiffs agree to recommend approval by the Court and by Class Members of this Settlement Agreement. Plaintiffs and BASF Corporation shall use their best efforts to effectuate this Settlement Agreement, and shall cooperate to promptly seek and obtain the Court's preliminary and final approvals of this Settlement Agreement (including providing class notice under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23 (c) and (e)) and to secure the prompt, complete, and final dismissal with prejudice of the Class Actions as to BASF only.
- 22. Within twenty (20) business days after the Execution Date, Plaintiffs shall submit to the Court and BASF Corporation shall not object to a motion requesting entry of an Order preliminarily approving the settlement and authorizing dissemination of notice to the Class (the "Motion"), as well as a stay of all proceedings by the Class against BASF except those proceedings provided for or required by this Settlement Agreement. The Motion shall include the proposed form of, method for, and timetable for dissemination of notice to the Class. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, individual notice of the settlement shall be mailed and/or e-mailed to persons and entities identified as direct purchasers of the Products in the United States from Defendants during the Class Period.

- 23. Subject to BASF Corporation's review and approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, Plaintiffs shall seek and BASF Corporation shall not object to entry of a final judgment order:
  - a. approving finally this Settlement Agreement and its terms as being a fair, reasonable, and adequate settlement as to the Class Members within the meaning of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and directing its consummation according to its terms;
  - b. directing that, as to BASF, the Class Actions be dismissed with prejudice and, except as provided for in this Settlement Agreement, without costs:
  - c. reserving exclusive jurisdiction over the settlement and this Settlement Agreement, including the administration and consummation of this settlement; and
  - d. finding under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b) that there is no just reason for delay and directing that the judgment of dismissal as to BASF shall be final and entered forthwith.
- 24. This Settlement Agreement shall become final only upon: (a) the entry by the Court of a final order approving the Settlement Agreement under Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure together with entry of a final judgment dismissing the Class Actions and all claims therein against BASF on the merits with prejudice as to all Class Members (the "Final Judgment"), and (b) the expiration of the time for appeal or to seek permission to appeal from the Court's approval of the Settlement Agreement and entry of the Final Judgment or, if an appeal from an approval and Final Judgment is taken, the affirmance of such Final Judgment in its entirety, without modification, by the court of last resort to which an appeal of such Final Judgment may be taken (the "Effective Date"). It is agreed that neither the provisions of Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure nor the All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1651, shall be taken into account in determining the above-stated times.

#### Release and Discharge

25. In addition to the effect of any final judgment entered in accordance with this Settlement Agreement, upon the occurrence of the Effective Date and in consideration of payment of the Settlement Amount specified in Paragraph 26 of this Settlement Agreement, the Releasees shall be completely released, acquitted, and forever discharged from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits, and causes of action, whether class, individual, or otherwise in nature, damages whenever incurred, liabilities of any nature whatsoever, including costs, expenses, penalties, and attorneys' fees, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, in law or equity, that Releasors, or any one of them, whether directly, representatively, derivatively, or in any other capacity, ever had, now have, or hereafter canshall, or may have against the Releasees, relating in any way to any conduct by Releasees and/or any joint and several liability arising from the conduct of any of the Defendants in the Class Actions from the beginning of time until the Effective Date concerning the pricing, purchase. selling, discounting, marketing, manufacturing, offering and/or distributing of the Products in the United States and its territories or for delivery in the United States and its territories (the "Released Claims"). The Released Claims also include, but are not limited to, all claims asserted or which could have been asserted in the Class Actions relating to or arising out of the facts. occurrences, transactions, or other matters alleged or otherwise raised during the proceedings by Plaintiffs and/or BASF in the above-captioned actions. However, nothing herein shall be construed to release any claims relative to any product defect, breach of contract, or similar claim between the parties relating to the Products. The Releasors covenant and agree that they, and each of them, shall not, after the Effective Date of this Settlement Agreement, assert any claim or commence or continue any proceeding seeking to recover against any of the Releasees

for any of the Released Claims; provided that nothing herein shall preclude the Releasors in currently pending state court litigation in California from participating in or benefiting from any relicf or other recovery as part of a settlement or judgment on behalf of a class of indirect purchasers of the Products (such reservation by the Releasors of any right to participate in any relief or other recovery as part of a settlement or judgment on behalf of a class of indirect purchasers of the Products shall under no circumstances be construed to constrain the Releasees from asserting any defense or opposing the certification of any putative class of indirect purchasers of the Products).

#### Payment

26. Subject to the provisions hereof, and in full, complete, and final settlement of the Class Actions as provided herein, BASF Corporation agrees to pay the Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Class Members, the Settlement Amount of \$51,000,000.00. Within ten (10) business days after the Court's preliminary approval of the Settlement, BASF Corporation shall pay into the Escrow Account \$17,000,000.00 ("the Initial Installment Payment"), which amount shall be available immediately thereafter for reimbursement of such costs, fees, and expenses associated with the provision of notice to the members of the Class pursuant to Paragraph 28 hereof as may be approved by the Court. If the Settlement Agreement is finally approved, BASF Corporation shall pay into the Escrow Account another \$17,000,000.00 no later than one year after the Initial Installment Payment, and it shall pay into the Escrow Account another \$17,000,000.00 no later than two years after the Initial Installment Payment,

#### The Settlement Fund

- 27. Each Class Member shall look solely to the Settlement Fund for settlement and satisfaction, as provided herein, of all claims released by the Releasors pursuant to Paragraph 25 herein. Except as provided by order of the Court, no Class Member shall have any interest in the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof.
- 28. Before the Effective Date, disbursements for expenses associated with providing notice of the settlement to the Class, expenses associated with administering the settlement, and any payments and expenses incurred in connection with taxation matters relating to the settlement and this Settlement Agreement may be made from the Settlement Fund, and such amounts shall not be refundable to BASF Corporation in the event the Settlement Agreement is disapproved, rescinded, or otherwise fails to become effective.
- 29. This Settlement Fund shall be invested in United States Government Treasury obligations or United States Treasury Money Market funds, provided, however, that such portions of the Settlement Fund as may reasonably be needed to pay current expenses associated with providing notice to the Class and administering the Settlement Fund may be deposited in a federally insured bank account. All interest earned by the Settlement Fund shall become and remain part of the Settlement Fund.
- 30. BASF shall not have any responsibility, financial obligation, or liability whatsoever with respect to the investment, distribution, use, or administration of the Settlement Fund, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of such investment, distribution, or administration, except as otherwise provided in this Settlement Agreement.

- 31. After the Effective Date, the Settlement Fund shall be distributed in accordance with a plan that Class Coursel shall submit at the appropriate time for approval by the Court and as approved by the Court.
- 32. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall be reimbursed and paid solely out of the Settlement Fund for all expenses including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees; past, current, or future litigation expenses (including, but not limited to, experts' and consultants' fees and expenses); the costs of giving notice of this settlement to the Class; and any incentive awards to the Class Representatives, subject to application to and approval of the Court.
- 33. BASF Corporation agrees to take no position with respect to any application to the Court by Class Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees, and reimbursement of costs and expenses incurred in the prosecution of these Class Actions, or for any application to the Court for approval of incentive awards to the Class Representatives.
- 34. Apart from the BASF Corporation payments described in Paragraph 26 of this Settlement Agreement, BASF shall have no responsibility whatsoever for the allocation or distribution of the Settlement Amount and shall not be responsible or otherwise liable for any disputes relating to the amount, allocation, or distribution of any fees, costs, or awards. Further, apart from the BASF Corporation payments described in Paragraph 26 of this Settlement Agreement, BASF shall not be liable for any additional payments to the Class Members or Class Counsel pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.
- 35. BASF Corporation agrees not to object, subject to any Order of the Court, to any motion seeking the payment to Class Counsel of approved attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses within ten (10) business days after entry of the Final Judgment (as defined in Paragraph 24 herein) and any order awarding attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses. Disbursement of such fees,

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costs, and expenses shall not be delayed by reason of any appeal of the Final Judgment; provided, however, if the Court's award of fees, costs, and expenses is vacated, reversed, or reduced as a result of an appeal, Class Counsel shall within ten (10) business days after receiving written notice from the Court or from BASF Corporation of such vacatur, reversal, or reduction, make a refund to the Escrow Account in the amount of such vacatur, reversal, or reduction with interest, and further provided that if Plaintiffs and/or BASF Corporation elect to rescind the Settlement Agreement as described in Paragraph 36 below, Class Counsel shall within ten (10) business days after giving notice to or receiving notice from BASF Corporation of such rescission, make a refund to the Escrow Account in the amount of any such fees, costs, and expenses with interest. The interest rate applicable to any refund made to the Escrow Account pursuant to this Paragraph shall be same interest rate carned by the United States Government Treasury obligations or United States Treasury Money Market funds during the period between the payment of approved attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses and any such refund.

#### Rescission if the Settlement Agreement is Not Finally Approved

36. If the Court declines, preliminarily or otherwise, to approve this Settlement Agreement or any part hereof, or if such approval is materially modified or set aside on appeal, or if the Court does not enter the Final Judgment, or if the Court enters the Final Judgment and order and appellate review is sought and, on such review, such Final Judgment is not affirmed, then BASF Corporation and the Plaintiffs shall each, in their respective sole discretion, have the option to rescind this Settlement Agreement, and any and all amounts constituting the Settlement Fund (including, but not limited to, any fees, costs, and/or expenses advanced to Class Counsel pursuant to Paragraph 35 above) shall be returned forthwith to BASF Corporation, except for any disbursements made or incurred in accordance with Paragraph 28 of this Settlement Agreement.

The Escrow Agent shall disburse the Settlement Fund to BASF Corporation in accordance with this Paragraph within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of either (i) written notice signed by counsel for BASF Corporation and Class Counsel stating that this Settlement Agreement has been canceled or terminated, or (ii) any order of the Court so directing. If the Settlement Agreement is rescinded, canceled, or terminated pursuant to this Paragraph, any obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement (other than disbursement of the Settlement Fund to BASF Corporation as set forth above) shall cease immediately. A modification or reversal on appeal of any amount of Class Counsel's fees and expenses awarded by the Court from the Settlement Fund or any plan of allocation or distribution of the Settlement Fund shall not be deemed a modification of all or part of the terms of this Settlement Agreement or the Final Judgment.

The parties agree that this Settlement Agreement, whether or not it shall become final, and any and all negotiations, documents, and discussions associated with it, shall not be deemed or construed to be an admission or evidence of any violation of any statute or law or of any liability or wrongdoing by BASF or of the truth of any of the claims or allegations made in the Class Actions, and evidence thereof shall not be admissible, discoverable or used directly or indirectly in any way in the Class Actions or in any other action or proceeding (except an action to enforce or interpret the terms of the Settlement Agreement). The parties expressly reserve all of their rights if the settlement does not become final in accordance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

#### Cooperation Agreement

38. In addition to the payments as set forth in Paragraph 26, BASF Corporation's obligations, as set forth below, shall be limited to the production of information, testimony, and/or Documents that are not protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, work

product doctrine, joint defense privilege, applicable privacy laws or any other applicable privilege, doctrine or law. Moreover, nothing herein is intended (a) to prohibit any current or former officer, director, employee, or agent of BASF from asserting, where appropriate, any privilege held by him in his individual capacity or any provision of any applicable privacy law; (b) to require BASF to waive or breach any attorney-client privilege that it has now or may in the future have with respect to information, testimony, or Documents; (c) to require the disclosure of information, testimony, and/or Documents reflecting the impressions or thought processes of BASF's attorneys or other work product protected from disclosure by the attorney work product doctrine or any other applicable privilege; or (d) to require the production or disclosure of any information, testimony, or Documents created by or for government authorities in connection with any investigation(s) relating to the Products.

- a. In response to reasonable requests by Class Counsel but only to the extent practicable, BASF Corporation agrees to produce at trial and/or deposition, or through affidavits or declarations, representatives qualified to establish for admission into evidence (i) any of BASF Corporation's non-privileged Documents produced in the litigation (including any produced pursuant to this Agreement) and any Documents produced by any of BASF Corporation's alleged co-conspirators; and (ii) data pertaining to BASF Corporation's sales of the Products to the Class during the Class Period produced in the litigation (or pursuant to this Agreement).
- b. In response to reasonable, specifically targeted and narrow requests by

  Class Counsel but only to the extent practicable, BASF Corporation agrees to produce
  documents not previously provided by Class Counsel or produced by BASF Corporation
  and that BASF Corporation can make available to Class Counsel without more than

modest effort or expense (as determined by BASF in good faith through its sole discretion), including but not limited to telephone records where permitted by law, and to respond informally to any reasonable follow-up requests or questions by Class Counsel.

- practicable, BASF Corporation agrees to respond informally about any data previously produced by BASF in the litigation relating to BASF Corporation sales transactions in Class Products as well as the costs of producing, marketing and selling those Products, and to produce, in response to reasonable requests of Class Counsel but only to the extent practicable, such data not previously produced relating to BASF Corporation transactions in class Products or the costs of producing, marketing or selling those products that BASF Corporation can make available to Class Counsel without undue effort or expense (as determined by BASF in good faith through its sole discretion).
- d. All information and materials provided by BASF Corporation to Class Counsel regarding the Products shall be used only in connection with these Class Actions and shall not be used directly or indirectly for any other purpose. No information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to this Settlement Agreement may be disclosed to or shared with Opt-Out Plaintiffs, counsel for Opt-Out Plaintiffs, absent Class Members or their separately retained counsel, except as part of a response to discovery requests in the above-captioned actions or non-privileged Documents or testimony filed with the Court or produced or given at a hearing or trial of the Class Actions. Class Counsel agrees that, even if filed with the Court or produced in discovery or at a hearing or trial, Documents or testimony designated as "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" in accordance with

the Protective Order shall retain the protection of that order until the Court directs otherwise.

39. BASF Corporation's obligations pursuant to Paragraph 38 shall not be affected by the Release set forth in Paragraph 25 of this Settlement Agreement. These obligations shall cease as of the date that final judgment has been rendered in the Class Actions against all Defendants.

#### Taxes

- Administrator to file all informational and other tax returns necessary to report any taxable and/or net taxable income earned by the Settlement Fund. Further, Class Counsel shall be solely responsible for directing the Escrow Agent to take out of the Settlement Fund, as and when legally required, any tax payments, including interest and penalties due on income earned by the Settlement Fund. BASF shall have no responsibility to make any filings relating to the Settlement Fund and shall have no responsibility to pay tax on any income earned by the Settlement Fund or to pay any taxes on the Settlement Fund unless the settlement is not consummated and the Settlement Fund is returned to BASF Corporation. Other than as specifically set forth herein, BASF shall have no responsibility for the payment of taxes or tax expenses. If for any reason, for any period of time, BASF is required to pay taxes on income earned by the Escrow Account, the Escrow Agent shall, upon written instructions from BASF Corporation with notice to Class Counsel, timely pay to BASF Corporation sufficient funds to enable it to pay all taxes (state, federal, or other) on income earned by the Escrow Account.
- 41. For the purpose of § 468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Administrator" of the Escrow Account shall be

the Claims Administrator, who shall timely and properly file or cause to be filed on a timely basis, all tax returns necessary or advisable with respect to the Escrow Account (including without limitation all income tax returns, all informational returns, and all returns described in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2(1)).

shall cause the Claims Administrator to treat, the Escrow Account as being at all times a "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-1. The parties, their counsel, the Claims Administrator, and the Escrow Agent agree that they will not ask the Court to take any action inconsistent with the treatment of the Escrow Account in such manner. In addition, the Claims Administrator and, as required, the parties shall timely make such elections as necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of this Paragraph, including the "relation-back election" (as defined in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-l(j)) back to the earliest permitted date. Such elections shall be made in compliance with the procedures and requirements contained in such regulations. It shall be the responsibility of the Claims Administrator timely and properly to prepare and deliver the necessary documentation for signature by all necessary parties and thereafter to cause the appropriate filling to occur. All provisions of this Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the Escrow Account being a "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of Treas. Reg. § 1,468B-1.

### Miscellaneous

43. This Settlement Agreement does not settle or compromise any claim other than the Released Claims against the Releasees. All rights of any Class Member against any person or entity other than the Releasees for sales made by BASF Corporation are specifically reserved by Plaintiff's and the Class Members. Sales of the Products by BASF Corporation in the United

States shall remain in the Class Actions against the Non-Settling Defendant and/or any future defendants other than the Releasees as a basis for damage claims, and shall be part of any joint and several liability claims in the Class Actions against the Non-Settling Defendant and/or any future defendants or persons or entities other than the Releasees.

- 44. Plaintiffs waive California Civil Code Section 1542 and similar provisions in other states. Plaintiffs certify that they are aware of and have read and reviewed the following provisions of California Civil Code Section 1542 ("Section 1542"): "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor." The provisions of the release set forth above shall apply according to their terms, regardless of provisions of Section 1542 or any equivalent, similar, or comparable present or future law or principle of law of any jurisdiction. Plaintiffs hereby expressly waive and relinquish any and all rights and benefits existing under (i) Section 1542 or any equivalent, similar, or comparable present or future law or principle of law of any jurisdiction and (ii) any law or principle of law of any jurisdiction that would limit or restrict the effect or scope of the provisions of the release set forth above.
- 45. This Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire, complete and integrated agreement among Plaintiffs and BASF Corporation pertaining to the settlement of the Class Actions against BASF only and supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous undertakings of Plaintiffs and BASF in connection therewith. This Settlement Agreement may be modified or amended only by a writing executed by Class Counsel and BASF Corporation's counsel and approved by the Court.

- 46. All terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the substantive laws of New York without regard to its choice of law or conflict of law principles.
- 47. The United States District Court for the District of Kansas retains exclusive jurisdiction over all matters relating to the implementation and enforcement of the Settlement Agreement.
- 48. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts by Plaintiffs and BASF Corporation, and a facsimile signature shall be deemed an original signature for purposes of executing this Settlement Agreement.
- 49. Each of the undersigned attorneys represents that he is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of, and to execute, this Settlement Agreement on behalf of his respective clients, subject to Court approval.
- 50. All notices made under this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing. Each such notice shall be given by (a) hand delivery; (b) registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage pre-paid; or (c) Federal Express, UPS, or similar overnight courier, and shall be addressed to counsel listed below or to their partners or successors, as appropriate. Copies of all notices under this Settlement Agreement shall also be transmitted by e-mail to those same counsel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, through their fully authorized representatives,

have agreed to this Scalement Agreement as of the date first herein written above.

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

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#### **ESCROW AGREEMENT**

THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT is entered into and effective this 21st day of September, 2011, by and among . ("Escrow Agent"); Rust Consulting, Inc. ("Claims Administrator"); BASF Corporation ("BASF"); and class counsel ("Class Counsel") in In re Urethane Antitrust Litigation -- the Polyether Polyol Cases, MDL No. 1616 (D. Kan.) (the "Class Actions"). Class Counsel enter this agreement on behalf of the plaintiffs ("Class Plaintiffs"), individually and on behalf of the class certified in the Class Actions by Memorandum and Order dated July 29, 2008, Dkt. No. 708 (the "Class").

WHEREAS, BASF and Class Plaintiffs have reached an agreement with respect to the settlement and resolution of the Class Actions, which is reflected in the Settlement Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of an agreement to settle and resolve the Class Actions with finality as to BASF; and

WHEREAS, this agreement sets forth the terms and conditions of an escrow agreement with respect to certain funds (the "Settlement Funds") to be deposited by BASF into an escrow account and to be retained therein and distributed therefrom in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### I. Terms and Conditions

1. BASF and Class Counsel hereby appoint Escrow Agent to act as escrow agent on the terms and conditions set forth herein, and Escrow Agent hereby accepts such appointment on such terms and conditions.

- 2. BASF shall deliver to Escrow Agent, pursuant to the written instructions set forth in Section IV.1, three installments of \$17,000,000.00 in immediately available United States dollars ("Escrow Funds"), subject to the terms and schedule of the attached Settlement Agreement. Escrow Agent shall establish an escrow account ("Escrow Account") pursuant to the attached Settlement Agreement. Escrow Agent shall promptly confirm receipt of each installment of the Settlement Funds and the establishment of the Escrow Account in writing to Class Counsel and counsel for BASF.
- 3. Until otherwise instructed in writing by the party or parties which at that time have an interest in the Escrow Funds, Escrow Agent shall invest and reinvest the Escrow Funds in United States Government Treasury obligations or United States Treasury Money Market funds. All investments and reinvestments of the Escrow Funds shall also be part of the Escrow Funds and held in the Escrow Account as provided herein.
- 4. All interest on or other income realized by investment of the Escrow Funds, or any portion thereof, shall be accumulated and added to and be part of the Escrow Funds.
- 5. This Escrow Agreement and the Escrow Funds are intended to be subject to the supervision and control of the United States District Court for the District of Kansas (the "Court") where the Class Actions are pending. Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs 6(a), 6(b), and 6(c) of this Section I, Escrow Funds shall be withdrawn or otherwise removed from the Escrow Account established pursuant to this Escrow Agreement only in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement or an order of the Court delivered to Escrow Agent by Class Counsel or counsel for BASF.
- 6. Subject to the Settlement Agreement, Escrow Agent shall deliver the Escrow Funds only as set forth below:

- (a) Promptly following receipt of either (i) written notice signed by counsel for BASF and Class Counsel stating that the Settlement Agreement has not been approved by the Court or has been cancelled or terminated or has become null and void for any reason or (ii) written notice signed by counsel for BASF and Class Counsel directing the return to BASF of any Escrow Funds required to be returned pursuant to the Settlement Agreement or (iii) an order of the Court so directing, Escrow Agent shall disburse the Escrow Funds, or the applicable portion thereof, together with interest thereon, to BASF (less reasonable amounts necessary for payment of or reserves for payment of taxes, associated tax expenses (if any), notice and administration costs incurred in connection with the implementation of the Settlement Agreement or expenses of Escrow Agent in connection therewith).
- (b) Prior to the Effective Date of the Settlement Agreement, and upon receipt of a request in writing from Class Counsel (who shall give reasonable notice to BASF), Escrow Agent shall disburse such amounts of the Escrow Account:
  - (i) for payment of or reserves for taxes and associated tax expenses (if any);
  - (ii) for reasonable notice and administration costs incurred in connection with the implementation of the Settlement Agreement, including all related costs and expenses incurred by the Claims Administrator, which costs shall not, absent order of the Court, exceed \$500,000 in the aggregate;

<sup>1 &</sup>quot;Effective Date" is defined in paragraph 24 of the Settlement Agreement, and means the date of final approval of the Settlement Agreement, which shall occur upon: (a) the entry by the Court of a final order approving the Settlement Agreement under Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure together with entry of a final judgment dismissing the Class Actions and all claims therein against BASF on the merits with prejudice as to all Class Members (the "Final Judgment"), and (b) the expiration of the time for appeal or to seek permission to appeal from the Court's approval of the Settlement Agreement and entry of the Final Judgment or, if an appeal from an approval and Final Judgment is taken, the affirmance of such Final Judgment in its entirety, without modification, by the court of last resort to which an appeal of such Final Judgment may be taken.

- (iii) for reimbursement for any federal or state tax liability that is finally assessed and paid as a result of income realized by investment of the Escrow Funds; and
- (iv) for reimbursement or payment of past, present or future costs and expenses incurred in connection with the litigation of the Class Actions, upon receipt of an order of the Court so directing.
- (c) Following entry of the Final Judgment and a written request by Class Counsel, Escrow Agent shall, upon receipt of an order of the Court so directing, disburse amounts for reimbursement or payment of attorneys' fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with the litigation of the Class Actions.
- (d) After the Effective Date of the Settlement Agreement, Escrow Agent shall, upon receipt of an order of the Court so directing:
  - (i) disburse amounts for the costs of administering and distributing the Settlement Funds pursuant to the Settlement Agreement; and
  - (ii) distribute the remaining Escrow Funds, as ordered by the Court; provided, however, that Escrow Agent shall retain amounts in the Escrow Account necessary for the payment of taxes, tax expenses, notice and administration costs, or fees and expenses of Escrow Agent, as directed by Class Counsel.
- 7. Class Counsel shall be solely responsible for directing the Claims Administrator to file all informational and other tax returns necessary to report any taxable and/or net taxable income earned by the Settlement Funds. Further, Class Counsel shall be solely responsible for directing the Escrow Agent to take out of the Settlement Funds, as and when legally required and as provided in paragraph 6 above, any tax payments, including interest and penalties due on income earned by the Settlement Funds. BASF shall have no responsibility to make any filings relating to the Settlement Funds and shall have no responsibility to pay tax on any income earned by the Settlement Funds or to pay any taxes on the Settlement Funds. Other than as specifically set forth herein, BASF shall have no responsibility for the payment of taxes or tax expenses. If

for any reason, for any period of time, BASF is required to pay taxes on income earned by the Escrow Account, the Escrow Agent shall, upon written instructions from BASF with notice to Class Counsel, timely pay to BASF sufficient funds to enable it to pay all taxes (state, federal or other) on income earned by the Escrow Account.

- 8. For the purpose of § 468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, the "Administrator" of the Escrow Account shall be the Claims Administrator, who shall timely and properly file or cause to be filed on a timely basis, all tax returns necessary or advisable with respect to the Escrow Account (including without limitation all income tax returns, all informational returns, and all returns described in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2(1)).
- 9. The parties hereto shall treat the Escrow Account as being at all times a "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-1. The parties shall not ask the Court to take any action inconsistent with the treatment of the Escrow Account in such manner. In addition, the Claims Administrator, acting on behalf of the parties, shall timely make such elections as necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of this paragraph, including the "relation-back-election" (as defined in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-1(j)) back to the earliest permitted date. Such elections shall be made in compliance with the procedures and requirements contained in such regulations. It shall be the responsibility of the Claims Administrator timely and properly to prepare and deliver the necessary documentation for signature by all necessary parties and thereafter to cause the appropriate filing to occur. All provisions of this Escrow Agreement shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the Escrow Agreement being a "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-1.

10. After the Effective Date of the Settlement Agreement, BASF shall no longer have any interest in the Escrow Funds, and shall no longer have any rights or obligations under this Escrow Agreement, except as provided in Section I, paragraphs 2, 6 and 7, or as provided in the Settlement Agreement.

#### II. Provisions as to Escrow Agent

- 1. This Escrow Agreement expressly and exclusively sets forth the duties of Escrow Agent with respect to any and all matters pertinent hereto and no implied duties or obligations shall be read into this Escrow Agreement against Escrow Agent.
- 2. This Escrow Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Escrow Agent and the other parties hereto in connection with the subject matter of this escrow. Unless it is signed by Escrow Agent as a party, no other agreement entered into between the parties, or any of them, shall be considered as adopted or binding, in whole or in part, upon Escrow Agent notwithstanding that any such other agreement may be deposited with Escrow Agent or that Escrow Agent may have knowledge thereof.
- 3. Escrow Agent shall in no way be responsible for notifying nor shall it have a duty to notify any party hereto or any other party interested in this Escrow Agreement of any payment required or maturity occurring under this Escrow Agreement or under the terms of any instrument deposited therewith unless such notice is explicitly provided for in this Escrow Agreement.
- 4. Escrow Agent shall be protected in acting upon any documents that Escrow Agent, in good faith and after reasonable investigation, believes to be genuine, and any documents that purport to be Court orders authorizing release, disbursement or retention of the Escrow Funds.

- Agreement, or between any of them and any other party, resulting in inconsistent claims or demands being made in connection with the matters covered by this Escrow Agreement, or in the event that Escrow Agent, in good faith, be in doubt as to what action it should take hereunder, Escrow Agent may, at its option, refuse to comply with any claims or demands on it, or refuse to take any other action hereunder, so long as such disagreement continues or such doubt exists, and in any such event, Escrow Agent shall not be or become liable in any way or to any party for its failure or refusal to act, and Escrow Agent shall be entitled to continue to refrain from acting until (i) the rights of all interested parties shall have been fully and finally adjudicated by the Court, or (ii) all differences shall have been resolved and all doubt eliminated by agreement among all of the interested parties, and Escrow Agent shall have been notified thereof in writing signed by all such parties.
- 6. Class Counsel agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Escrow Agent from and against any and all costs, expenses, losses, liabilities and damages actually incurred by Escrow Agent and arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of its obligations in accordance with the provisions of this Escrow Agreement, except such as may arise through or be caused by Escrow Agent's breach of this Escrow Agreement or any bad faith, willful misconduct or gross negligence.
- 7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over any suit, action or proceeding to enforce any provision of, or based upon any right arising out of this Escrow Agreement, and the parties agree not to commence any such suit, action or proceeding except in the Court, unless the Court determines that it lacks jurisdiction over a matter submitted to it. Nothing herein shall be

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construed as a submission to jurisdiction for any purpose other than enforcement of this Escrow Agreement.

#### III. Compensation of Escrow Agent

- 1. Escrow Agent shall be entitled to reasonable compensation as well as reimbursement for its reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection with the performance by it of services under this Escrow Agreement (including reasonable fees and expenses of Escrow Agent's counsel). If the Court approves the Settlement Agreement, Class Counsel shall be solely responsible for paying Escrow Agent the amounts to which it is entitled, and such compensation shall be paid from the funds in the Escrow Account. Escrow Agent is entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses for each year or any part thereof during which the Escrow Agreement is in effect:
- 2. Except as provided in Section I, paragraph 6(a), Escrow Agent shall not debit the Escrow Funds for any charge for its fees or its costs and expenses, until it shall have received a copy of an order issued by the Court, approving the amount of fees, costs and expenses to which it is entitled. Fees, costs, and expenses of Escrow Agent shall be charged against the Escrow Funds and, to the extent possible, be paid out of interest earned thereon.

#### IV. Miscellaneous

1. Any notice, request for consent, report, or any other communication required or permitted in this Escrow Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered by (i) facsimile together with a copy sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, or (ii) overnight delivery service, and shall be deemed to have been given when received. The addresses and facsimile numbers of the parties are as follows:

#### Escrow Agent:

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## Wire Instructions:

#### Claims Administrator:

Rust Consulting, Inc. 5210 Hood Road
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
Telephone: 561.651-7777
Facsimile: 561.651.7788

#### BASF:

Andrew S. Marovitz, Esq. Mayer Brown LLP 71 S. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606 Telephone: (312) 701-7116 Facsimile: (312) 706-8651

#### Class Plaintiffs' Counsel:

Christopher J. Cormier, Esquire Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC 1100 New York Avenue, NW Suite 500 West Washington, D.C. 20005 Telephone: (202) 408-4600 Facsimile: (202) 408-4699

#### and

Donald L. Perelman, Esquire Fine, Kaplan and Black, R.P.C. 1835 Market Street, Suite 2800 Philadelphia, PA 19103 Telephone: (215) 567-6565 Facsimile: (215) 568-5872

Any party may unilaterally designate a different addressee, address or telephone or facsimile number by giving notice of each change in the manner specified above to the other parties.

- Escrow Agent shall send monthly statements relating to the Escrow Account to
   Class Counsel, counsel for BASF and the Claims Administrator.
- 3. This Escrow Agreement is being made in and is intended to be construed and enforced according to the laws of the State of New York, without regard to provisions relating to choice of law or conflicts of law. It shall inure to and be binding upon the parties and their respective successors and assigns. All representations, covenants, and indemnification provisions contained in this agreement shall survive the termination of this Escrow Agreement.
- 4. The terms of this Escrow Agreement may be altered, amended, modified or revoked only by an instrument in writing signed by all the parties hereto.
- 5. If any provision of this Escrow Agreement shall be held or deemed to be, or shall in fact be, void, inoperative or unenforceable, the same shall not affect any other provision or provisions herein contained or render the same void, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatsoever.
- 6. Escrow Agent may resign at any time from its obligations under this Escrow Agreement by providing written notice to the other parties hereto. Such resignation shall be effective not less than thirty (30) days after such written notice has been given. Escrow Agent shall have no responsibility for the appointment of a successor escrow agent. Unless otherwise provided in this agreement, final termination of this Escrow Agreement shall occur when Escrow

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Agent shall have released from the Escrow Account all amounts pursuant to Section I, paragraph 6 above.

7. All titles and headings in this agreement are intended solely for convenience of

reference and shall in no way limit or otherwise affect the interpretation of any of the provisions

hereof.

8. This Escrow Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of

which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same

instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this Escrow Agreement to be

duly executed as of the date first above written.

ESCROW AGENT	
Ву:	
Title: <u>Vice President</u>	
CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR	
Ву:	
Title:	-
BASF CORPORATION	
Ву:	
Andrew S. Marovitz, Esq.	
Mayer Brown LLP	

Counsel for BASF Corporation

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Fine, Kaplan and Black, RPC

By:

Donald L. Perelman 1835 Market Street, Suite 2800 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Class Counsel for Class Plaintiffs

ATTACHMENT B	

## SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

This Settlement and Release Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2011, by and between BASF Corporation and Seegott Holdings, Inc. ("Seegott Holdings").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 1995, BASF Corporation and Seegott Holdings (the legal successor to Seegott, Inc.) entered into a distributor agreement. Riders and attachments to the distributor agreement (collectively, the "Distributor Agreement") further defined the contractual relationship between BASF Corporation and Seegott Holdings;

WHEREAS, on or about May 2, 2006, BASF Corporation filed counterclaims against Seegott Holdings (the "BASF Corporation Claims") in a lawsuit, *In re: Urethane Antitrust Litigation*, United States District Court for the District of Kansas, Case No. 04-MD-1616, pending before the Honorable John W. Lungstrum (the "Class Action");

WHEREAS, in the BASF Corporation Claims, BASF Corporation alleges that Seegott breached the Distributor Agreement by, among other things, failing to pay approximately \$2.4 million it owed to BASF Corporation, as reflected on unpaid invoices, following its receipt of certain products from BASF Corporation;

WHEREAS, Seegott Holdings and BASF Corporation agree that BASF Corporation has a right of set-off under applicable law for the amounts, if any, found to be owed by Seegott Holdings to BASF Corporation on account of the BASF Corporation Claims; but BASF Corporation acknowledges and agrees that except as specifically provided in this Agreement, nothing herein is intended by Seegott as, or shall be deemed to be, an admission that Seegott has any liability to BASF Corporation with respect to the BASF Corporation Claims and BASF Corporation further acknowledges and agrees that its set-off shall be limited to that amount obtained by BASF Corporation on account of the assignment granted and described in paragraph 2 of this Agreement, infra;

WHEREAS, BASF Corporation and Seegott Holdings desire to resolve any issues with regard to the BASF Corporation Claims, including the right of setoff held by BASF Corporation on account of the BASF Corporation Claims against any liability it may have to Seegott Holdings in the Class Action.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual obligations set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, BASF Corporation and Seegott Holdings hereby agree as follows:

#### 1. Release by BASF Corporation

Except as specifically provided in this Agreement, BASF Corporation, its officers, employees, directors, shareholders, divisions (including but not limited to BASF Corporation's Colorants, Adhesives, Dispersions, Intermediates, and Urethanes businesses), affiliated, subsidiary or parent corporations, successors, predecessors, assigns, insurers, agents, or others, and anyone claiming by or through them, hereby forever release and discharge Seegott Holdings, its officers, employees, directors, shareholders, affiliated, subsidiary or parent corporations, successors, predecessors, assigns, insurers, or agents ("Seegott Holdings Released Parties"), from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, causes of action, damages, attorney fees, and any other expenses, whether presently known or unknown, relating to the Distributor Agreement and any amounts due and owing therefrom, the claims brought or which could have been brought with regard to the above-mentioned Distributor Agreement (including those claims asserted in the BASF Corporation Claims), including, but not limited to, any and all past, present or future claims, demands, liabilities and causes of action, known or not known to BASF Corporation, but which may later develop, or be discovered in connection with its performance under the Distributor Agreement.

#### 2. Consideration

In consideration of the release set forth above, and in recognition of BASF Corporation's right to setoff the BASF Counterclaims against the claims asserted against it by Seegott Holdings in the Class Action, Seegott Holdings shall assign to BASF Corporation Seegott Holdings' rights to receive any distribution from the Settlement Fund to be established pursuant to a Settlement Agreement between the Class Plaintiffs and BASF in In re: Urethane Antitrust Litigation, United States District Court for the District of Kansas, Case No. 04-MD-1616, as approved by the Court. BASF Corporation shall not be entitled to, and expressly waives any claim it may have, with regard to any settlement proceeds, court awarded damages, or class representative incentive awards received or to be received by Seegott Holdings in In re: Urethane Antitrust Litigation from any of the other defendants or others, including but not limited to Bayer AG, Bayer Corporation, Bayer MaterialScience LLC, Huntsman International LLC, The Dow Chemical Company, Lyondell Chemical Company and their related entities.

#### 3. Dismissal of Counterclaims

BASF Corporation shall dismiss with prejudice its counterclaims against Seegott Holdings pending in *In re: Urethane Antitrust Litigation*, United States District Court for the District of Kansas, Case No. 04-MD-1616, within ten (10) days of the "Effective Date" of the Settlement Agreement between BASF and Class Plaintiffs, as defined therein. The Parties shall cooperate with each other in securing said dismissal with prejudice, and the Parties agree to bear their own court costs and attorneys' fees incurred with respect to the counterclaims.

#### 4. Covenant Not to Sue

BASF Corporation agrees not to institute any action or any suit at law or in equity against the Seegott Holdings Released Parties, nor institute or prosecute any claim, demand or action of any kind or nature, for any amounts due and owing, damages, loss, attorney fees, costs, whether known or unknown, past, present or future, arising from the above-described Distributor Agreement.

#### 5. No Admission of Liability

This Agreement shall not be construed as an admission of liability by any of the Seegott Holdings Released Parties.

#### 6. Authorized Signatures

Each of the individuals executing this Agreement below represents and warrants that he or she is authorized to sign on behalf of his or her Party. Each Party represents to the other that (a) it has the full right, power, and authority to enter into this Agreement, and to perform all of its respective obligations and liability required to be performed hereunder, and (b) this Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by and on behalf of such Party and, assuming the due authorization, execution, and delivery thereof by and on behalf of the other Party, constitutes a valid, binding, and enforceable obligation of such Party enforceable in accordance with its terms.

#### 7. Governing Law and Forum

All terms of this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the substantive laws of New York without regard to its choice of law or conflict of law principles. The United States District Court for the District of Kansas retains exclusive jurisdiction over all matters relating to the implementation and enforcement of the Settlement Agreement.

#### 8. Severability

It is agreed that the invalidity or unenforceability of any one provision or part of this Agreement will not render any other provision or part thereof invalid or unenforceable and that such other provisions or parts shall remain in full force and effect.

#### 9. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire, complete and integrated agreement between the parties pertaining to the settlement of the BASF Corporation Claims only and supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous undertakings of the parties in connection therewith. No agreement altering or modifying this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless it is in writing and duly executed by the parties in the same manner and with the same formalities as the execution of this Agreement.

### 10. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

#### 11. Notices

All notices made under this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing. Each such notice shall be given by (a) hand delivery; (b) registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage pre-paid; or (c) Federal Express, UPS, or similar overnight courier, and shall be addressed to counsel having appeared in the Class Action on behalf of BASF Corporation and Seegott Holdings or to their partners or successors, as appropriate. Copies of all notices under this Settlement Agreement shall also be transmitted by e-mail to those same counsel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, through their fully authorized representatives, have agreed to this Settlement Agreement as of the date first herein written above.

By:

Thomas A. Muzilla

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Cleveland, Ohio 44114

(216) 458-5880

Ву:

Andrew S. Marovitz

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Counsel for Seegott Holdings, Inc.

Counsel for BASF Corporation

## **ASSIGNMENT OF BASE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS**

This Assignment of BASF Settlement Proceeds (the "Assignment") is made and entered into as of this 2/5T day of September, 2011, by and between BASF Corporation and Seegott Holdings, Inc. ("Seegott Holdings").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2011, BASF Corporation and Seegott Holdings entered into a Settlement and Release Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, this Assignment effectuates the Parties' agreement in Paragraph 2 "Consideration" of the Settlement and Release Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, to induce BASF Corporation to enter into the Settlement and Release Agreement and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged:

#### 1. Assignment

Seegott Holdings hereby assigns to BASF Corporation Seegott Holdings' rights to receive any distribution from the Settlement Fund to be established pursuant to a Settlement Agreement between the Class Plaintiffs and BASF Corporation in *In re: Urethane Antitrust Litigation*, United States District Court for the District of Kansas, Case No. 04-MD-1616, as approved by the Court.

#### 2. Cooperation

Seegott Holdings shall cooperate with BASF Corporation and the Claims Administrator to ensure that BASF Corporation timely receives the full amount of the settlement distribution that is the subject of this Assignment and Paragraph 2 of the Settlement and Release Agreement.

#### 3. Authorized Signatures

Each of the individuals executing this Assignment below represents and warrants that he is authorized to sign on behalf of his Party. Each Party represents to the other that (a) it has the full right, power, and authority to enter into this Assignment, and to perform all of its respective obligations and liability required to be performed hereunder, and (b) this Assignment has been duly and validly executed and delivered by and on behalf of such Party and, assuming the due authorization, execution, and delivery thereof by and on behalf of the other Party, constitutes a valid, binding, and enforceable obligation of such Party enforceable in accordance with its terms.

#### 4. Governing Law and Forum

All terms of this Assignment shall be governed by and interpreted according to the substantive laws of New York without regard to its choice of law or conflict of law principles. The United States District Court for the District of Kansas retains exclusive jurisdiction over all matters relating to the implementation and enforcement of the Assignment.

By:

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The foregoing Assignment is hereby acknowledged and accepted by BASF Coporation.

By:

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