

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, WESTERN DIVISION

In Re:

EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.

Consolidated Case No. 1-91-10100

Chapter 11

Hon. Jeffrey P. Hopkins, U.S.B.J.

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT  
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC. PERSONAL  
INJURY SETTLEMENT TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Purpose of Report

James J. McMonagle, Stephen A. Madva, and Laura R. Walker (the “Trustees”), as Trustees of the Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc. Personal Injury Settlement Trust (the “Trust”), respectfully submit this annual report and account (the “Report”) in order to comply with Sections 3.2(c) and 5.12 of the Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc. Personal Injury Settlement Trust Agreement (the “Trust Agreement”) and with this Court’s Order Regarding Accountings of the Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc. Personal Injury Settlement Trust dated March 14, 1997 (the “Order”).

Section 3.2(c) of the Trust Agreement provides as follows:

(c) The Trustees shall cause to be prepared and filed with the Bankruptcy Court, as soon as available, and in any event within one hundred twenty (120) days following the end of each fiscal year, an annual report containing (1) financial statements of the PI Settlement Trust (including, without limitation, a balance sheet of the PI Settlement 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 Trustees 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 claims and as to the conformity of the financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles and (2) such other matters as the Trustees deem appropriate to report to the Bankruptcy Court. The Trustees shall provide a copy of such report to the TAC and to Reorganized Eagle-Picher.

(i) Simultaneously with delivery of each set of financial statements referred to in Article 3.2(c) above, the Trustees shall cause to be prepared and filed with the Bankruptcy Court a report containing a summary regarding the number and type of claims disposed of during the period covered by the financial statements.

(ii) All materials required to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court by this Article 3.2 shall be available for inspection by the public in accordance with procedures established by the Bankruptcy Court.

Section 5.12 of the Trust Agreement provides as follows:

5.12. Settlement of Trustees' Accounts. Notwithstanding any state law to the contrary, the Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the settlement of the accounts of the Trustees, whether such account is rendered by the Trustees themselves or is sought by any other person. **The Trustees shall render successive accounts covering periods ending at the end of each calendar year consisting of the filings required by Article 3.2(c) of this Trust Agreement. In addition, an account shall be rendered for the period ending on the date of the death, resignation, removal or retirement of any Trustee. Upon the approval of any such account by the Bankruptcy Court after hearing on notice to Reorganized Eagle-Picher, the TAC and such other parties as the Bankruptcy Court may designate, the Trustees shall be discharged from any further liability or responsibility, as to all matters embraced in such account.**

Paragraph (a) of this Court's Order dated March 14, 1997, reads in pertinent part as follows:

(a) The Accounting required of the Trust for each successive calendar year shall consist of the annual report and the claims summary required under Sections 3.2(c) and 3.2(c)(i) of the Trust Agreement, together with any further information the Trustees may deem appropriate to provide the Court, plus an application for approval of the Accounting and discharge of the Trustees, and a proposed order (the "Materials"). These Materials shall be filed no later than April 30 of each year.

The principal purposes of this Report and the accompanying year-end audited financial statements are to inform the Court, the Trust's beneficiaries, and other interested parties of the actions taken and decisions made by the Trustees during the year-ended December 31, 2020, and to provide a basis, under Section 5.12 of the Trust Agreement, for the discharge from

liability of the Trustees for all matters included in this Report or otherwise embraced by the account.

### Jurisdiction

The Court has jurisdiction over the Application for Order Approving Annual Report and Account pursuant to Section 9.1 of the Plan of Reorganization.

### The COVID-19 Pandemic

The Trust again begins its Report with an update regarding the Trustees' management of the Trust in the face of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

For the first several months of the pandemic, the Trustees held weekly meetings, by telephone and/or videoconference, with Trust management and the Trust's investment, tax, and legal advisors. Consistent with recommendations and directives of civil authorities, the Trust and the Claims Processing Facility, Inc. (the "CPF") promptly instituted work-from-home, testing, cleaning, and other policies and procedures to allow operations to continue in as safe and as close to an ordinary manner as possible. The Trust's governing documents provide broad discretion to the Trustees in this regard, and the Trust did not need to burden this Court in order to implement the policies and procedures.

Despite the pandemic, the Trust and the CPF were able to process claims in due course, although claim filings declined by more than 25% and distributions to beneficiaries declined by nearly 10% from 2019 levels. While anecdotal, based on Trust management's interactions with the claimants' bar and the advice of the Trust's professionals, these declines appear related to the pandemic's impact on the claimants' bar's intake, and not any change in the broader actuarial forecasts or epidemiological science behind asbestos related injury or disease. The Trust's investments performed consistent with their benchmark indices, and the Trust

maintained enough liquidity to continue to fund both operations and claims payments without altering the Trust's investment policies. The Trustees and their professionals continue to monitor the pandemic and its economic repercussions, including for any impact on actuarial projections of future claims and assets that may impact the Trust's payment percentage or operations.

### Summary

Under this Court's supervision, the Trust has processed more than 686,000 claims over the past twenty-four years. In 2020, through the Trust's ownership of the CPF, the Trust received a total of 7,213 asbestos-disease claims; processed to allowance or disallowance a total of 6,720 asbestos-disease claims; and made payments to asbestos victims or their survivors totaling approximately \$20.5 million. From inception through December 31, 2020, the Trust distributed approximately \$865 million to victims of asbestos disease or their survivors.

Throughout 2020, the Trustees continued to implement their strategy to manage the investment of Trust funds on a sound basis while sustaining the cash flow necessary to pay allowed claims without delay. The Trustees, the Trust's Executive Director, and the Trust's investment advisor held four regular quarterly conference calls with the Trust's three investment managers, and also held virtual client visits and strategy sessions, to monitor the management of the portfolio. At year-end, the Trust's net assets were valued at approximately \$294 million.

Together, the Trust's current assets and past distributions total nearly \$1.2 billion, from an initial Trust corpus of approximately \$730 million. This achievement is a testament to the Trust's governing documents, the Trustees' sound management, and this Court's ongoing oversight.

## **I. Meetings of the Trustees**

During 2020, the Trustees held one in-person meeting and fourteen virtual meetings. The Trust's Executive Director, the Trustees' Advisory Committee, and the Trust's investment advisor participated in all of the regular meetings. In addition, the Audit Committee held a separate virtual meeting. The CPF's IT Steering Committee held three separate virtual meetings, which Trustee Madva attended as a representative of the Board and Trust.

## **II. Trust Administration**

The Trustees continued to retain BKM Sowan Horan, LLP as auditors for the Trust and CPF. BKM Sowan Horan has significant experience auditing section 524(g) trusts, asbestos trust financial statements, asbestos personal injury claims, and IT security controls. The Trustees continued to retain Deloitte Tax LLP as tax consultant and Marsh USA as insurance broker. Throughout 2020, Melanie K. Impastato continued as the Trust's Executive Director and as the President of the CPF, the Trust's wholly-owned subsidiary.

The Trustees continued to serve as directors of the CPF, as discussed in Section IV.D below, and spent time individually on numerous Trust matters during the course of the year. For example, among other activities:

- Mr. McMonagle, as Chairperson of the Trust and CPF, devoted significant time to management of the Trust and CPF staff, to monitoring developments with respect to legislation, litigation, and bankruptcies of asbestos companies potentially affecting the Trust, and to communicating with the Trust's investment advisor, investment managers, and counsel.
- Mr. Madva worked with the Trust's Executive Director and CPF staff on IR claim value determinations and the Trust's and CPF's insurance programs and was named to the CPF's IT Steering Committee to help guide the vision, policy, security and budget of the IT development for the Trust and CPF.
- Ms. Walker continued as Chair of the Audit Committee.

The Trust continued to actively monitor any proposed legislation related to asbestos personal injury litigation and trusts established under section 524(g). The Trustees and Trust management are following these legislative developments closely because they may impact the cost of Trust administration through the subpoena burden faced by the Trust and through the cost of additional reporting. Indeed, even without the impact of these potential legislative changes, the Trust responded to approximately 106 third-party subpoenas in 2020.

The subpoenas largely sought claims filing information and were primarily issued by non-bankrupt asbestos defendants. In most instances, the Trust responded to a properly issued subpoena by providing, after giving notice to the claimant, a copy of a claimant's claim form. Generally, the Trust received reimbursement for the costs and expenses it incurred responding to the subpoenas.

Consistent with the Trust's long-standing policy, the Trust did not divulge any medical information or settlement amounts in responding to these subpoenas, and, to the extent that any of the subpoenas requested such information, the Trust took action to quash or otherwise oppose the request. In line with this policy, in early 2020, the CPF continued to defend against a motion to compel the CPF to produce information regarding more than 400,000 claimants in connection with the bankruptcy of Rapid-American Corp. Toward the end of the first quarter of 2020, the Trust was notified that the parties to the adversary proceeding in the Rapid-American bankruptcy in which the subpoenas were issued had reached an agreement in principle to settle the matter. As of the date of this Report, the parties have taken steps to finalize that settlement. As such, the Trust does not expect that it will need to respond to the subpoenas.

In early 2020, the Trust received non-party subpoenas issued in connection with litigation pending in the District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin seeking information

concerning the Debtors' manufacturing of white lead carbonate pigment. In March 2020, the Trust filed a motion to quash those subpoenas with this Court. On April 23, 2020, this Court issued an order denying the motion to quash and transferring the matter to the Wisconsin District Court for further proceedings. On May 7, 2020, the Wisconsin District Court issued an order limiting the scope of the Trust's production. Thereafter, after the Trust's counsel met and conferred with opposing counsel, the Trust produced certain documents related to the Debtors' manufacturing of white lead carbonate pigment. The Trust believes that it has fulfilled its obligations in responding to the subpoenas.

The Trustees and staff also worked with an expert consultant during the reporting period to update the actuarial forecast to take into account the many factors affecting future claim payments, as well as the invested assets available to make those payments. Upon consideration of this expert advice and after consulting with the Trustees' Advisory Committee, the Trustees determined to maintain the Trust's payment percentage for individualized review claims at 33%.

Also during the reporting period, at the request of the Trustees' Advisory Committee in light of certain increases in the filing of invalid claims, the Trustees, Trust management, and the Trust's advisors considered and decided that it was in the best interest of the Trust's beneficiaries to implement a claim processing fee. Subsequent to the reporting period, the Trust instituted a \$100 claim processing fee to be paid by all claimants except *pro se* claimants. The Trust fully refunds the claim processing fee to holders of valid claims. The Trust's governing documents provide broad discretion to the Trustees in this regard, and this Court's intervention was not necessary for the Trust to implement the claim processing fee.

Also subsequent to the reporting period, Trustees Walker and Madva moved this Court for an order for leave to potentially extend the Trusteeship of Trustee McMonagle for up to one year beyond his mandatory retirement date, and to potentially have four trustees serve the Trust during that extension period, in light of the challenges of administering a succession process amidst the pandemic. On March 4, 2020, the Court granted the motion.

### **III. Asset Management**

#### ***A. Investment Allocation***

The Trust continued to implement the investment strategy developed over time in reliance on the advice of Cambridge Associates, LLC. The Trust's invested assets are allocated among four portfolios: (1) a short-term bond portfolio composed primarily of short-term tax-exempt bonds; (2) a total-return bond portfolio composed primarily of intermediate-term tax-exempt bonds, with up to 10% of the portfolio in below-investment-grade fixed income securities; (3) an equity portfolio composed of shares of United States companies with medium-to-large capitalization benchmarked to the Russell 1000 Index; and (4) an equity portfolio composed of American Depositary Receipts representing ownership interests in securities of approximately 150 large capitalization companies in developed markets outside the United States benchmarked to the Standard & Poor's ADR Index.

Upon the advice of the Trust's investment advisor, the Trust's target investment allocation during 2020 was 8% short-term bonds, 48% total-return bonds, and 44% equities. The actual allocation varied from these targets during the course of the year, due principally to fluctuations in the value of the Trust's equity portfolios. The allocation of invested assets at

December 31, 2020 was 8% in short-term bonds, 47% in total-return bonds, and 45% in equities (26% in the Russell 1000 Index portfolio and 19% in the S&P ADR Index portfolio).

To provide sufficient cash to meet the needs of the Trust while minimizing the frequency and tax consequences associated with portfolio rebalancing, the Trust, at the recommendation of its investment advisor, maintains a cash equivalents portfolio consisting of very short-term bonds. This portfolio was valued at \$11.8 million as of December 31, 2020 and will be replenished from time to time as needed.

The Trust continued to retain as investment managers J.P. Morgan Asset Management Inc. to manage the short-term bond portfolio, Mellon Investments Corporation (formerly Standish) to manage the total-return bond portfolio, and The Northern Trust Company to manage the Trust's investments in equity securities. The Trust also continued to retain The Northern Trust Company as custodian of all of the Trust's investment accounts.

Over the course of the year, in addition to quarterly phone conferences with all of the investment managers, Trust management conferred regularly with Cambridge Associates, LLC and the Trustees had a virtual meeting with all three investment managers.

***B. Investment Performance***

Investment returns over the past three years were as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Short-term bond portfolio	1.5%	2.7%	1.5%
Intermediate-term bond portfolio	4.8%	6.9%	1.3%
Equity:			
Russell 1000 Index portfolio	20.8%	31.2%	-4.2%
S&P ADR Index portfolio	2.6%	20.2%	-13.0%
<b>Total Return</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>

Both the short-term and intermediate-term bond portfolios are almost entirely invested in tax-exempt bonds, meaning that the investment returns for those portfolios are after-tax returns. The equity portfolios managed by The Northern Trust Company replicate indices, and the 2020 returns of the portfolios closely mirrored the 2020 returns of those indices, which were 21.0% for the Russell 1000 Index and 2.2% for the S&P ADR Index.

#### IV. Claims Processing

##### A. *Claim Filing Options*

Trust claimants have the option to file either a Discounted Cash Payment (“DCP”) claim or an Individualized Review (“IR”) claim. The DCP is designed, in part, for claimants whom the Trust can easily determine have a valid non-malignant injury claim and who wish to receive an initial fixed payment, which is subject to a limited release and allows the claimant to retain the right to receive an additional payment if the claimant is subsequently diagnosed as having an asbestos-related malignancy. The DCP option is also available for malignant claims, using a fixed payment schedule. The DCP payment schedule allows for one-time payments as follows:

Mesothelioma	\$6,500
Lung Cancer	\$2,000
Other Cancer	\$1,000
Non-Malignant	\$400

IR claims are reviewed using tort system principles and a confidential, proprietary claim valuation model. This option is available for all disease categories. The Trust has advised claimants’ counsel that, based on current facts and circumstances, including the Trust’s current payment percentage, the IR claim option will generally result in a higher payment for malignancies than the DCP option.

Claimants have a choice of filing either type of claim.

***B. Claims Processing Results***

The CPF, on behalf of the Trust, received a total of 7,213 individual asbestos personal injury claims in 2020, of which 2,679 sought DCP and 4,534 sought IR. Claims filed or received over the past three years were as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Total claims received</b>	<b>7,213</b>	<b>9,923</b>	<b>9,325</b>
Discounted Cash Payment	2,679	4,275	5,139
Individualized Review	4,534	5,648	4,186

The ratio of non-malignant to malignant claims filings was approximately 1.07 to 1 in 2020, compared to the ratio of 1.55 to 1 in 2019, 1.36 to 1 in 2018, and 4.51 to 1 from inception through December 31, 2020. Approximately 88% of all dollars paid in 2020 went to claimants with malignant diseases.

During 2020, the CPF processed a total of 6,720 claims to allowance or initial disallowance. 759 claims remained unprocessed at year end. The Trust paid approximately \$20.5 million in 2020 to asbestos victims in settlement of their claims.

As of December 31, 2020, the CPF, on behalf of the Trust, has received a total of 688,896 individual asbestos personal injury claims since inception. Of these 688,896 claims, the CPF has processed to allowance or initial or final disallowance 686,764 claims, in addition to 1,373 Trust-processed prepetition settled claims. The Trust has paid a total of approximately \$865 million on allowed claims.

The Trust also processed approximately 1,804 disallowance responses during 2020. The initial disallowance rate in 2020 was 62%. The principal reason for initial disallowances continues to be that proof of exposure to Eagle-Picher asbestos-containing product

does not comply with the requirements of the Trust's Claims Resolution Procedures. Since the inception of the Trust, the historical cure rate for disallowances is approximately 32%.

**1. Discounted Cash Payment Claims**

During 2020, the CPF, on behalf of the Trust, received 2,679 DCP claims and processed 2,487 of those claims to allowance or initial disallowance. Upon initial review, the CPF allowed approximately 30% of DCP claims and initially disallowed approximately 70%. Claimants have one year following initial disallowance to correct any deficiency in their claim. During 2020, the Trust paid a total of approximately \$900,000 on allowed DCP claims, bringing the total that the Trust has paid to claimants on DCP claims over its lifetime to \$126 million.

**2. Individualized Review Claims**

During 2020, the CPF, on behalf of the Trust, received 4,534 IR claims and processed 4,233 of those claims to allowance or initial disallowance. Upon initial review, the CPF allowed approximately 43% of IR claims and initially disallowed approximately 57%. As noted above, claimants have one year following initial disallowance to correct any deficiency in their claim. During 2020, the Trust paid a total of \$19.6 million on allowed IR claims, bringing the total that the Trust has paid to claimants on IR claims over its lifetime to \$734 million.

***C. Alternative Dispute Resolution***

Only one claim had an arbitration decision rendered in the Trust's Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") program in 2020, in favor of the Trust.

***D. The CPF***

The Trustees continued to serve as the three directors of the CPF, a subsidiary of the Trust. The Trustees are not compensated for their service as CPF directors, but they are

entitled to hourly or *per diem* compensation for work performed outside of CPF board and committee meetings. As of the date of this Report, the Trustees have not received any compensation for their service as CPF directors.

In addition to processing the Trust's claims, the CPF continues to process claims on a contract basis for the Keene Creditors Trust, the Raytech Corporation Asbestos Personal Injury Settlement Trust, the UGL Trust, and the Bondex Trust. During the first quarter of 2020, the CPF continued on a month-to-month administrative trust operation contract to assist the UNR Trust with wind down operations. The UNR Trust ceased all operation in April 2020.

The CPF continues to actively monitor any bankruptcy filings that may result in the creation of section 524(g) trusts in order to evaluate potential new business opportunities for the CPF.

#### **V. Payment Percentage**

During 2020, pursuant to Section IV of the Claims Resolution Procedures and upon the recommendation of expert actuarial consultants and trust management, the Trust reassessed the percentage to be paid on allowed individualized review claims. In keeping with Section 5.8 of the Trust Agreement authorizing the Trustees' good faith reliance on the opinion of experts, the Trust retained an expert consultant, Amy Brockman of Ankura Consulting Group, LLC, to analyze Trust data on claims filings, claims resolution, investment results, and economic projections, as well as other relevant information, and to provide an updated recommendation regarding the Trust's payment percentage. Based on Ms. Brockman's recommendation, and after consulting with the Trustees' Advisory Committee, the Trustees determined to maintain the

Trust's payment percentage at 33.0%. We have attached as Exhibit C hereto the Trust's letter to claimants' counsel notifying them of this development.

**VI. Cost Control**

The Trustees and the CPF continually look for ways to reduce the Trust's costs while enhancing the quality of claims processing. Trust operating expenses in 2020 were approximately \$3.9 million, which was approximately 11% lower than the budgeted amount and 2% less than 2019 operating expenses. Approximately 55% of all operating expenses are directly attributable to claims processing. Claims processing expenses totaled \$2.17 million in 2020, \$2.57 million in 2019, and \$2.78 million in 2018.

**VII. Financial Statements**

The Trust's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 are attached as Exhibit A hereto and the CPF's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 are attached as Exhibit B hereto.

Dated: Cleveland, Ohio  
April 21, 2021

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s/ James J. McMonagle

James J. McMonagle, Trustee  
(Chairperson), for himself and for Stephen  
A. Madva, Trustee, and Laura R. Walker,  
Trustee

## **Exhibit A**

**EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC.  
PERSONAL INJURY SETTLEMENT TRUST**

Special-Purpose Consolidated Financial Statements  
and  
Report of Independent Auditors

Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

**EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC.**  
**PERSONAL INJURY SETTLEMENT TRUST**

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## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

To the Trustees of  
Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc.  
Personal Injury Settlement Trust

We have audited the accompanying special-purpose consolidated financial statements of Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc. Personal Injury Settlement Trust, which comprise the special-purpose consolidated statements of net assets as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related special-purpose consolidated statements of operations and changes in net assets for the years then ended, and the related notes to the special-purpose consolidated financial statements (collectively the “Financial Statements”).

### ***Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with the special-purpose basis of accounting; this includes determining that the special-purpose basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for preparation of the financial statements in these circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

### ***Auditor’s Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Financial Statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Trust’s preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements 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 entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting

policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Financial Statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the Financial Statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated net assets of the Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc. Personal Injury Settlement Trust as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets for the years then ended in conformity with the special-purpose basis of accounting described in Note 2.

***Emphasis of Matter***

We draw attention to Note 2 of the Financial Statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The Financial Statements are prepared on a special-purpose basis of accounting and are not intended to be a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The special-purpose basis of accounting has been used in order to present the amount of equity presently available to current and future claimants to the Trust. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

***Restriction on Use***

This report is intended solely for the use of the Trustees, beneficiaries of the Trust, and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division, and should not be used for any other purpose.

*BKM Aowan Horan, LLP*

Addison, Texas  
April 8, 2021

**EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC.**  
**PERSONAL INJURY SETTLEMENT TRUST**

Special-Purpose Consolidated Statements of Net Assets

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,583,169	\$ 2,217,025
Investments	336,728,984	347,426,621
Investment income receivable	2,399,502	2,532,591
Prepaid federal taxes	-	146,214
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Total assets	<u>\$ 352,711,655</u>	<u>\$ 352,322,451</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Settled but unpaid claims	\$ 12,607,230	\$ 12,791,263
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	271,569	263,793
Due to Claims Processing Facility, Inc.	485,467	311,799
Federal income taxes payable	1,041,502	-
Deferred income tax liability	44,651,419	41,149,816
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Total liabilities	59,057,187	54,516,671
Net assets	<u>293,654,468</u>	<u>297,805,780</u>
Net liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 352,711,655</u>	<u>\$ 352,322,451</u>

See accompanying notes to special-purpose consolidated financial statements.

**EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC.**  
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Special-Purpose Consolidated Statements of  
 Operations and Changes in Net Assets

	Years ended December 31,	
	2020	2019
<b>Investment Income</b>		
Tax-exempt interest income	\$ 5,101,965	\$ 5,750,314
Taxable interest and dividend income	3,121,937	3,975,629
Net realized capital gain	8,978,309	341,178
Net unrealized capital gain	9,008,619	35,304,485
Total investment income	26,210,830	45,371,606
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
General and administrative expenses	364,119	437,092
Claims processing and administration	2,168,537	2,571,558
Professional fees	710,996	310,586
Investment related expenses	662,721	667,111
Total operating expenses	3,906,373	3,986,347
Income before tax expense	22,304,457	41,385,259
Income tax expense	(6,189,319)	(13,193,338)
Net increase in net assets from operations	16,115,138	28,191,921
Claims settled	(20,266,450)	(24,151,250)
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets</b>	<b>(4,151,312)</b>	4,040,671
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>297,805,780</b>	293,765,109
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 293,654,468</b>	<b>\$ 297,805,780</b>

See accompanying notes to special-purpose consolidated financial statements.

**EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC.**  
**PERSONAL INJURY SETTLEMENT TRUST**

Notes to Special-Purpose Consolidated Financial Statements

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**Note 1 - Description of Trust**

The Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc. Personal Injury Settlement Trust (the “Trust”) was established on November 29, 1996, as an Ohio trust, pursuant to the Third Amended Consolidated Plan of Reorganization for Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc. (“Eagle-Picher”), dated August 28, 1996, as modified (the “Plan”). The Trust’s investment assets are held in an investment partnership, EPPIST Investment Partnership, in which the Trust is a 99.9% partner. A wholly owned subsidiary of the Trust, EPPIST LLC, is a 0.1% partner. The following description of the Trust provides only general information. Readers should refer to the Trust Agreement and the Plan for a complete description of the provisions of the Trust.

The purpose of the Trust is to assume any and all liabilities of Eagle-Picher with respect to any and all Asbestos Personal Injury Claims and Lead Personal Injury Claims (hereinafter jointly referred to as “Toxic Personal Injury Claims”) and to use the assets and income of the Trust to pay bona fide Toxic Personal Injury Claims in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Trust Agreement, the Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc. Asbestos Injury Claims Resolution Procedures (“CRP”), and any Lead Personal Injury Claims procedures adopted pursuant to the Trust Agreement.

The Trustees are responsible for supervising and administering the Toxic Personal Injury Claims resolution process. The Trust will use its net assets for the Trust’s general and administrative expenses and for settlement of Toxic Personal Injury Claims as defined in the Plan.

The Trust will terminate in accordance with Trust Agreement article 7.2.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of accounting***

The Trust’s special-purpose consolidated financial statements are prepared using special-purpose accounting methods adopted by the Trustees, 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 to pay claims and to pay for the operating expenses of the Trust. Since the accompanying financial statements and transactions are not based upon GAAP, accounting treatment applied by other parties to these same transactions may differ as to timing and amount. These special-purpose accounting methods and the differences from GAAP include the following:

**EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC.**  
**PERSONAL INJURY SETTLEMENT TRUST**

Notes to Special-Purpose Consolidated Financial Statements

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)**

***Basis of accounting – continued***

- The special-purpose consolidated financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, except as otherwise described herein.
- These special-purpose consolidated financial statements do not include a statement of cash flows.
- Future fixed liabilities and contractual obligations entered into by the Trust are recorded directly against net assets. Under GAAP, liabilities and contractual obligations are recorded only as incurred.
- The Trust records the liability for Toxic Personal Injury Claims when a signed release has been received from the claimant. Under GAAP, a liability would be recorded for an estimate of the amount to be paid for claims that have been incurred but not reported and for those claims that have been submitted but not yet approved for payment by the Trust.
- Payments for fixed assets and prepaid insurance are expensed as incurred. Under GAAP, payments for fixed assets are capitalized and depreciated or amortized over the useful lives of the assets.
- The Trust processes claims through its wholly owned subsidiary, Claims Processing Facility, Inc. (CPF) (see Note 7). The Trust recognizes claims processing expenses in an amount equal to net operating expenses of CPF and records a Due to CPF until reimbursement is made to the entity. GAAP would require consolidating the financial results of CPF.

***Principles of Consolidation***

The special-purpose consolidated financial statements includes, the Trust, EPIST Investment Partnership and EPIST LLC. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

***Cash and cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents include commercial paper, short-term bills and notes, and other highly liquid marketable securities. These securities had original maturities of three months or less when purchased.

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Notes to Special-Purpose Consolidated Financial Statements

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)**

***Investments and related income***

Debt and equity securities are recorded at fair value as determined by the most recently traded price of each security at the balance sheet date, and the related securities transactions are recorded on a trade-date basis. Investment income is recognized when earned and realized gains and losses on security dispositions are recognized on the specific identification method of accounting. The changes in unrealized gains and losses resulting from recording investments at fair value are included on the special-purpose consolidated statements of operations and changes in net assets.

***Concentrations of credit risk***

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Trust to concentrations of credit risk, consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and investments. The Trust maintains cash and cash equivalents at financial institutions it considers to be of high credit quality. At times, the Trust may have cash deposits in banks that exceed federally insured limits. The Trust has not experienced any losses in such accounts, and it does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk.

The Trust's investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with investments, it is at least reasonably possible that significant changes in risks in the near term may materially affect the amounts reported in the special-purpose consolidated financial statements. To mitigate this risk, the Trust has established a formal investment policy that provides for diversification in high quality debt and equity instruments and establishes standards to invest the Trust's assets. In addition, the Trust routinely reviews their asset allocation model as well as their portfolio performance with their investment advisors.

***Use of estimates***

The preparation of special-purpose consolidated financial statements in conformity with the basis of accounting described above, requires the Trust to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the special-purpose consolidated financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the fair value of investments and the provision for income taxes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)**

***Fair value***

The Trust measures its investments at fair value, according to a hierarchy of valuation techniques. The following are the levels of the hierarchy and a brief description of the type of valuation information (“inputs”) that qualifies an investment at each level:

- Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2 - Inputs other than Level 1 that are based on observable market data. These include: quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical assets in inactive markets, inputs that are observable that are not prices (such as interest rates, credit risks, etc.) and inputs that are derived from or corroborated by observable markets.
- Level 3 - Developed from unobservable data that are not corroborated by market data.

***Income taxes***

The Trust is classified as a Qualified Settlement Fund pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) and Regulations thereunder. As a result, the Trust is subject to federal income taxes based on modified gross income. In computing modified gross income, the Trust is not allowed a deduction for claim settlement payments. The Trust is not subject to Ohio state income taxes, as the Trust’s income is not subject to the Ohio Commercial Activity Tax. Further, there does not appear to be any basis for the Trust to be treated as a taxable entity in any other state. As a result, the special-purpose consolidated financial statements do not include any provision or liability for state income taxes.

Income taxes are provided for the tax effects of transactions reported in the special-purpose consolidated financial statements and consist of taxes currently due plus deferred taxes. Deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more-likely-than-not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of the changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)**

***Income taxes – continued***

The amount of income taxes the Trust pays is subject to ongoing audits by federal authorities. The Trust's estimate of the potential outcome of any uncertain tax issues is subject to management's assessment of relevant risks, facts, and circumstances existing at that time. The Trust uses a more likely than not threshold for financial statement recognition and measurement of tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. To the extent that the Trust's assessment of such tax position changes, the change in estimate is recorded in the period in which the determination is made. The Trust reports tax-related interest and penalties as a component of income tax expense and operating expenses, respectively.

***Subsequent events***

The Trust has evaluated events and transactions subsequent to the date of the special-purpose consolidated financial statements for matters requiring recognition or disclosure in the special-purpose consolidated financial statements. The accompanying special-purpose consolidated financial statements consider events through April 8, 2021, the date on which the special-purpose consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

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**Note 3 - Investments**

The Trust had a cumulative net unrealized holding gain on investments of approximately \$120,224,000 and \$111,214,000 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Investments consisted of the following as of December 31:

	<b>2020</b>			
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Tax-exempt municipal bonds	\$ 170,459,427	\$ 12,807,307	\$ (392)	\$ 183,266,342
Equity securities	45,404,596	107,417,206	(86,635)	152,735,167
Preferred stock	230,184	129,194	-	359,378
Other	-	4,669	-	4,669
Non-government- backed collateralized mortgage obligations	412,047	-	(48,619)	363,428
	<b>\$ 216,506,254</b>	<b>\$ 120,358,376</b>	<b>\$ (135,646)</b>	<b>\$ 336,728,984</b>

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**Note 3 - Investments – (Continued)**

	2019			
	Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Tax-exempt municipal bonds	\$ 178,936,150	\$ 10,312,866	\$ (538)	\$ 189,248,478
Equity securities	56,433,496	100,384,641	(44,773)	156,773,364
Preferred stock	359,849	584,114	-	943,963
Other	-	4,669	-	4,669
Non-government- backed collateralized mortgage obligations	483,015	685	(27,553)	456,147
	<u>\$ 236,212,510</u>	<u>\$ 111,286,975</u>	<u>\$ (72,864)</u>	<u>\$ 347,426,621</u>

The fair value of investments in equity securities and preferred stock is primarily based on quoted market prices in active markets. When quoted market prices are not available and for investments in tax-exempt municipal bonds, unit trust equity, and non-government-backed collateralized mortgage obligations, fair value is estimated by reference to fair values for similar securities or by discounting cash flows at an appropriate risk rate taking into consideration the varying degrees of risk specific to each financial asset.

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**Note 3 - Investments – (Continued)**

Fair value measurements recorded on a recurring basis at December 31, 2020 were as follows:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tax-exempt municipal bonds	\$ -	\$ 183,266,342	\$ -	\$ 183,266,342
Equity securities	152,735,167	-	-	152,735,167
Preferred stock	359,378	-	-	359,378
Other	-	4,669	-	4,669
Non-government-backed collateralized mortgage obligations	-	363,428	-	363,428
Total	<u>\$ 153,094,545</u>	<u>\$ 183,634,439</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 336,728,984</u>

Fair value measurements recorded on a recurring basis at December 31, 2019 were as follows:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tax-exempt municipal bonds	\$ -	\$ 189,248,478	\$ -	\$ 189,248,478
Equity securities	156,773,364	-	-	156,773,364
Preferred stock	943,963	-	-	943,963
Other	-	4,669	-	4,669
Non-government-backed collateralized mortgage obligations	-	456,147	-	456,147
Total	<u>\$ 157,717,327</u>	<u>\$ 189,709,294</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 347,426,621</u>

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**Note 3 - Investments – (Continued)**

Maturities of the Trust’s tax-exempt municipal bonds at December 31, 2020 are as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Gain</u>
Due in 1 year or less	\$ 11,975,813	\$ 11,910,611	\$ 65,202
Due after 1 year through 5 years	32,828,482	30,979,611	1,848,871
Due after 5 years through 10 years	65,107,199	59,317,319	5,789,880
Due after 10 years through 20 years	61,349,904	56,907,343	4,442,561
Due after 20 years through 30 years	<u>12,004,944</u>	<u>11,344,543</u>	<u>660,399</u>
Total	<u>\$ 183,266,342</u>	<u>\$ 170,459,427</u>	<u>\$ 12,806,915</u>

**Note 4 - Income Taxes**

The Trust reports its income to the Internal Revenue Service as a designated settlement fund which is taxed at the highest rate applicable to trusts under Section 1(e) of the IRC, which was 37% as of December 31, 2020, and 2019, respectively.

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**Note 4 - Income Taxes – (Continued)**

The Trust's federal income tax expense (benefit) is calculated as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Modified taxable income	\$ 8,164,576	\$ 453,724
Tax rate	<u>37%</u>	<u>37%</u>
Tax expense generated on modified taxable income	<b>3,020,893</b>	167,878
True up prior year estimates	<b>(164,763)</b>	(37,199)
Deferred income tax expense	<u>3,333,189</u>	<u>13,062,659</u>
Net federal tax expense	<u>\$ 6,189,319</u>	<u>\$ 13,193,338</u>

The income tax expense differs from the amount that would be calculated by applying statutory tax rates to income before income tax expense due to the fact that certain income of the Trust is not subject to tax and certain expenses incurred by the Trust are not deductible for income tax purposes. The Trust has not recognized any income tax liability or expense related to the review of uncertain tax positions.

All of the Trust's deferred tax liabilities are attributable to net unrealized gains on investments at December 31, 2020 and 2019. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Trust made cash payments of \$1,500,000 for federal income taxes. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Trust made no cash payments for federal income taxes.

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**Note 5 - Liability for Toxic Personal Injury Claims**

From inception through December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Trust received approximately 688,900 and 681,700 asbestos disease claims, respectively. No lead personal injury claims have been filed with the Trust. Claim payments for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were approximately \$20,450,000 and \$22,642,000, respectively. The total number of such claims to be filed and the aggregate value of all Toxic Personal Injury Claims are not determinable at this time. Moreover, the Trust's responsibility is to pay only that percentage of total claim value that it can afford to pay. Thus, no liabilities have been recorded in the accompanying special-purpose consolidated financial statements other than those that have been settled but unpaid. Although the aggregate value of present and future claims is not determinable, the Trustees, in accordance with the Trust Agreement, periodically retain experts for the purpose of calculating a payment percentage, which is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis. Effective November 1, 2015, the Trustees approved a change in the payment percentage from 28% to 33%. The most recent review of the payment percentage was performed during 2020, at which time the Trustees approved maintaining the payment percentage at 33%.

The projected liquidation value of claims which have been received but not settled is not determinable at this time, nor is it anticipated that this amount will be determinable in future years.

The net assets represent current funding available for the Trust's general and administrative expenses and for all current and future claimants for which no fixed liability has been established. Net assets are subject to fluctuations due to changes in the fair value of the Trust's investments.

**Note 6 - Trustees and Trustees' Advisory Committee**

The Trust Agreement permits the Trustees to be compensated for providing administrative and certain professional services for the Trust. In addition, the Trust Agreement requires the Trustees to consult with a Trustees' Advisory Committee (TAC) on certain administrative matters before the Trustees can implement action on behalf of the Trust. The TAC members are compensated for providing these consultative services. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Trust incurred Trustee and TAC fees of approximately, \$352,000 and \$354,000, respectively. The Trust also maintains liability insurance for Trustees and Officers.

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**Note 7 - Claims Processing Facility, Inc. (CPF)**

The Trust is the sole corporate owner of CPF. The purpose of CPF is to process claims on behalf of the Trust and on behalf of other trusts CPF may contract with.

For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, claims administration and processing expenses incurred at CPF was approximately \$2,169,000 and \$2,572,000, respectively. The related cash payments made to CPF for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 amounted to approximately \$1,995,000 and \$2,595,000, respectively.

**Note 8 - COVID-19**

In early 2020, the World Health Organization declared the rapidly spreading coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak a pandemic. This pandemic has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. The Trust considered the impact of COVID-19 on the assumptions and estimates used and determined that there were no material adverse impacts on the Trust's results of operations and financial position at December 31, 2020. The Trust is not aware of any specific event or circumstance that would require an update to its estimates or judgments or a revision of the carrying value of its assets or liabilities as of the date of issuance of the financial statements. These estimates may change, as new events occur and additional information is obtained.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION**

To the Trustees of  
Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc.  
Personal Injury Settlement Trust:

We have audited the special-purpose consolidated financial statements (Financial Statements) of the Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc. Personal Injury Settlement Trust (the Trust) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, and our report thereon dated April 8, 2021, which expressed an unmodified opinion on the Financial Statements, appears on pages one and two. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Financial Statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of general and administrative expenses and balance due to Claims Processing Facility, Inc. are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 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 Financial Statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the Financial Statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Financial Statements or to the Financial Statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the Financial Statements as a whole.

*BKM Sowan Horan, LLP*

Addison, Texas  
April 8, 2021

**EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC.**  
**PERSONAL INJURY SETTLEMENT TRUST**

Schedules of General and Administrative Expenses

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	Years ended December 31,	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Trustee and TAC fees	\$ 351,722	\$ 353,728
Insurance	9,555	68,815
Meeting costs, travel, and reimbursed expenses	1,477	11,393
Other general and administrative	<u>1,365</u>	<u>3,156</u>
Total General and Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 364,119</u>	<u>\$ 437,092</u>

**EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC.**  
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Schedules of Due to Claims Processing Facility, Inc. (CPF)

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	Years ended December 31,	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Beginning of year	\$ 311,799	\$ 335,153
Cash payments to CPF	(1,994,869)	(2,594,913)
CPF net operating expenses	<u>2,168,537</u>	<u>2,571,559</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 485,467</u>	<u>\$ 311,799</u>

## **Exhibit B**

**CLAIMS PROCESSING FACILITY, INC.**

Financial Statements  
(Income Tax Basis)  
with  
Report of Independent Auditors

Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

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## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

To the Board of Directors of  
Claims Processing Facility, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements (income tax basis) of Claims Processing Facility, Inc. (the “Company”), which comprise the statements of financial condition as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of operations, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (collectively, the “Financial Statements”). All of these Financial Statements are prepared using the income tax basis of accounting.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with the income tax basis of accounting described in Note 2; this includes determining that the income tax basis is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the Financial Statements in these circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Financial Statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Financial Statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the Financial Statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting the Company uses for income tax purposes as described in Note 2.

***Basis of Accounting***

We draw attention to Note 2 of the Financial Statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The Financial Statements are prepared on the basis of accounting the Company uses for income tax purposes, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

***Restriction on Use***

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Company, the Directors, the Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc. Personal Injury Settlement Trust, and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Western Division, and should not be used for any other purpose.

*BKM Aouan Horan, LLP*

Addison, Texas  
April 8, 2021

**CLAIMS PROCESSING FACILITY, INC.**

Statements of Financial Condition  
 (Income Tax Basis)

	December 31,	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 475,379	\$ 527,080
Accounts receivable	47,610	118,525
Due from Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc.		
Personal Injury Settlement Trust	485,467	311,799
Prepaid expenses	119,099	126,820
Fixed assets at cost, less accumulated depreciation	<u>28,554</u>	<u>53,415</u>
	<u>\$ 1,156,109</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,639</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Accrued expenses	\$ 79,701	\$ 61,231
<b>Stockholders' equity</b>		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share; 300 shares authorized, 150 shares issued and outstanding	2	2
Additional paid-in capital	<u>1,076,406</u>	<u>1,076,406</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>1,076,408</u>	<u>1,076,408</u>
	<u>\$ 1,156,109</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,639</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**CLAIMS PROCESSING FACILITY, INC.**

Statements of Operations  
 (Income Tax Basis)

	Years Ended December 31,	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Claims processing revenue	\$ 3,314,342	\$ 3,201,673
Interest income	-	4,621
Total revenues	<u>3,314,342</u>	<u>3,206,294</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries and related items	2,491,081	2,504,871
Depreciation	24,861	53,806
General and administrative	282,834	273,093
Leases	343,305	203,902
Professional fees	116,845	114,956
Insurance	53,699	53,250
Total operating expenses	<u>3,312,625</u>	<u>3,203,878</u>
<b>Income before tax expense</b>	<u>1,717</u>	<u>2,416</u>
Tax expense	<u>1,717</u>	<u>2,416</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**CLAIMS PROCESSING FACILITY, INC.**

Statements of Cash Flows  
 (Income Tax Basis)

	Years Ended December 31,	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ -	\$ -
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	24,861	53,806
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	70,915	(62,299)
Prepaid expenses	7,721	(11,352)
Accrued expenses	18,470	(41,991)
Due from Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc. Personal Injury Settlement Trust	<u>(173,668)</u>	<u>23,354</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<b>(51,701)</b>	<b>(38,482)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchase of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,517)</u>
<b>Net decrease in cash</b>	<b>(51,701)</b>	<b>(50,999)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<u>527,080</u>	<u>578,079</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 475,379</u>	<u>\$ 527,080</u>
<b>Supplemental cash flow information:</b>		
Cash paid for income taxes	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

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**Note 1 - Description of the Company**

Claims Processing Facility, Inc. (“CPF” or the “Company”) is wholly owned by Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc. Personal Injury Settlement Trust (“EPI”) and processes personal injury claims on behalf of EPI and various other asbestos settlement trust clients. Claim processing contracts with trust clients expire through December 31, 2021. Some of these agreements contain language that provides for an automatic annual renewal upon the stated expiration date, unless either party provides written notice within a specified period prior to the expiration date.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of presentation***

CPF’s financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting used for federal income tax reporting under the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). This method was adopted to better reflect the underlying economics of the organization, which is to provide at-cost claims processing services for EPI. These practices differ in some respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”). Such differences include: (1) collection losses on accounts receivable generally are not recognized until they are realized, (2) the methods and lives used for computing depreciation for fixed assets, (3) rent expense is not recognized on a straight-line basis, (4) consolidation accounting and variable interest entities, and (5) accounting for deferred income taxes as well as uncertain tax positions. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present financial information and results of operations in accordance with GAAP.

***Cash and cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents consists of cash and money market funds with maturities of three months or less. The Company had no cash equivalents and money market funds on hand as of December 31, 2020 and 2019. CPF maintains its cash and cash equivalents at one financial institution that is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company up to \$250,000. At times during the year, cash balances may exceed this limit. CPF has not experienced any credit losses in such accounts and does not believe they are exposed to any significant risk of loss.

***Accounts receivable***

Accounts receivable are reported at the amount outstanding for services rendered to trust clients. Charges to earnings for uncollectible balances are recognized when management has exhausted reasonable collection efforts. CPF believes that all accounts receivable will be fully collected. Accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (Continued)**

***Due from EPI***

Due from EPI consists of amounts not yet reimbursed to CPF for net operating expenses.

***Fixed assets***

Depreciation on the majority of the fixed assets is provided under the Accelerated Cost Recovery System (“ACRS”) and Modified ACRS (“MACRS”) as amended in the IRC. These methods depreciate using the double-declining balance or straight-line methods over the estimated useful lives. The life of these assets can range from three to thirty-nine years.

Under ACRS and MACRS, the recovery period may be longer or shorter than that which would be utilized if the economic useful life, as determined under GAAP, was applied in the computation of the annual depreciation charge to operations. Repairs and maintenance costs are charged to expense when incurred.

Materials and supplies are expensed in the year they are first used. Repairs and maintenance costs are charged to expense when incurred applying the de minimis safe harbor capitalization policy and routine maintenance rules based on the applicable unit of property to maintain property in ordinary efficient operating condition.

***Revenue recognition***

Claims processing revenue is recognized as services are rendered which are based on the contractual terms of the claims processing contracts. In addition, CPF also recognizes revenue for certain services such as trust client onboarding as these services are rendered.

***Income taxes***

Income taxes are recorded by CPF in accordance with federal and state income tax regulations applicable to a C-corporation. The Company’s taxable income (loss) is subject to examination by federal and state taxing authorities. The Company reports tax-related interest and penalties as a component of general and administrative expenses on the statement of operations. There were no penalties or interest during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

***Subsequent events***

The Company evaluates events and transactions occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements for matters requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. The accompanying financial statements consider events through April 8, 2021, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**Note 3 - Due From EPI**

Due from (to) EPI consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Beginning of year	\$ 311,799	\$ 335,153
Cash reimbursements from EPI	(1,994,869)	(2,594,913)
CPF net operating expenses	<u>2,168,537</u>	<u>2,571,559</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 485,467</u>	<u>\$ 311,799</u>

**Note 4 - Prepaid Expenses**

Prepaid expenses consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Insurance	\$ 50,471	\$ 57,964
Lease expense	43,736	44,359
Supplies and other	<u>24,892</u>	<u>24,497</u>
	<u>\$ 119,099</u>	<u>\$ 126,820</u>

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**Note 5 - Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets, net consisted of the following:

	December, 31	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Data processing equipment	\$ 265,283	\$ 265,283
Data processing software	972,480	972,480
Office furniture and machines	417,191	417,191
Leasehold improvements and other	<u>7,683</u>	<u>7,683</u>
	1,662,637	1,662,637
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,634,083)</u>	<u>(1,609,222)</u>
	<u>\$ 28,554</u>	<u>\$ 53,415</u>

For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, depreciation expense on fixed assets was approximately \$25,000 and \$54,000, respectively.

**Note 6 - Income Taxes**

In 2020 and 2019, CPF recorded the following current income taxes, which are all included in tax expense in the accompanying statements of operations:

	December 31,	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Federal income tax	\$ 397	\$ 843
State income tax	<u>1,320</u>	<u>1,573</u>
	<u>\$ 1,717</u>	<u>\$ 2,416</u>

Federal income taxes differ from the statutory rate related to certain nondeductible meal expenses.

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**Note 7 - CPF Retirement Savings Plan**

CPF has a retirement savings plan (“CPF Retirement Savings Plan”) for the benefit of all employees who meet certain eligibility requirements. CPF made the following contributions to the plan: (1) quarterly contributions based on a percentage of each eligible participant’s paid compensation, which amounted to \$156,492 for the year 2020 and \$155,508 for the year 2019; and (2) discretionary matching contributions based on a percentage of the participants’ deferral amount, which amounted to \$33,028 for the year 2020 and \$34,128 for the year 2019. The CPF Retirement Savings Plan permits all eligible employees to defer up to 100% of their annual compensation, subject to the legal maximum in effect during the year. The CPF Retirement Savings Plan is in compliance with the most recent requirements of the IRC.

**Note 8 - Lease Commitments**

CPF rents office space under a noncancelable lease agreement which expired on December 31, 2018. The lease was amended effective October 1, 2017, extending the expiration date to May 31, 2024. The amendment included a free rent provision covering the first six months of the lease. In addition to monthly base rent, the lease also requires CPF to pay a proportionate share of operating expenses and property taxes.

The accounting treatment for this lease reflects CPF’s tax basis methodology for accounting. Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the incentive above would have been amortized over the term of the lease agreement.

Future minimum rental commitments under the lease at December 31, 2020, are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	Amount
2021	\$ 209,225
2022	216,378
2023	223,531
2024	95,373
	\$ 744,507

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**Note 9 - COVID-19 Pandemic**

In early 2020, the World Health Organization declared the rapidly spreading coronavirus disease (“COVID-19”) outbreak a pandemic. This pandemic has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. The Company considered the impact of COVID-19 on the assumptions and estimates used and determined that there were no material adverse impacts on the Company’s financial condition, liquidity and operations at December 31, 2020. The Company is not aware of any specific event or circumstance that would require an update to its estimates or judgments or a revision of the carrying value of its assets or liabilities as of the date of issuance of the financial statements. These estimates may change as new events occur and additional information is obtained.

## **Exhibit C**

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**EAGLE-PICHER PERSONAL  
INJURY SETTLEMENT TRUST**

Melanie K. Impastato, Esq.  
Executive Director

January 4, 2021

Dear Claimants' Counsel:

2020 was a time of much uncertainty and change. It is our hope that you and your family remained safe and healthy. As we start the New Year, the Trust has several important announcements.

**Payment Percent Update**

Following a recently completed actuarial study, the Eagle-Picher Trustees have approved maintaining the current payment percentage of 33.0%.

The decision to maintain the current payment percentage is based upon the evaluation of information regarding claim filing trends, settlement values, asset performance, processing costs, and other factors that determine what fraction of Eagle-Picher settlement value of each allowable claim the Trust can afford to pay. The Trustees relied on advice from their actuarial and financial experts, who have a long history of working with trusts similar to ours, as well as on the advice and consent of our Trustees Advisory Committee ("TAC").

We are pleased that the payment percentage has not decreased, but there is no guarantee that the current level can be maintained, since much depends on the economy and on the future rate of filings of valid claims and developments in the tort system. Trust management continues to expect that Individualized Review Claims ("IRC") settlement values will generally be greater than Discount Cash Payment ("DCP") values for valid, compensable malignant injury claims. Claimants may continue to select either the IRC or DCP claim filing option.

**Claim Processing Fee**

In reviewing the claim filing trends the EPI Trustees, at the suggestion and recommendation of the TAC, have determined that it is in the long-term interest of Trust beneficiaries to impose a \$100.00 Claim Processing Fee, refundable for valid claims. This fee will be required for all claims February 1, 2021 or later.

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The Claim Processing Fee is prompted by the continued high number of deficient filings and the administrative cost they engender. Approximately 66% of all initial claims filed with the Trust since 2002 have been deficient or withdrawn. The Claim Processing Fee will be forfeited by any claimant whose claim is denied by the Trust, is unable to cure the denial in the time allotted or who withdraws the claim or has the claim withdrawn by the Trust.

From February 1, 2021 forward the Trust will not process a claim unless and until the Claim Processing Fee has been paid; if the Claim Processing Fee is not received within sixty (60) days of the Trust's receipt of the claim, the claim will be rejected and the Statute of Limitations will not be considered to have been tolled. If the claim is approved for payment, the Claim Processing Fee will be refunded in full at the time of the payment of the claim. Please submit your Claim Processing Fee by check made payable to the "Eagle-Picher Industries Inc. Personal Injury Settlement Trust" and submit it to the CPF at: 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Suite 220 Naperville, IL 60563.

### **CPF Update**

EPI Trust's claims processor, CPF, like many companies looking to adapt to the changing landscape of doing business spent much of 2020 adapting to a more remote work environment. This adaption went very smoothly as many of you likely noted. The CPF also continues to make some other notable changes to its infrastructure as it is migrating its systems to the Azure cloud. Cloud storage provides the CPF with more efficiency, agility, flexibility, better disaster recovery, and back-up and recovery services. The cloud storage also provides the ability to innovate faster easing the increasing resource demands both of which are imperative to meeting changing client and market demands. Data security and compliance are built in at the core to protect the most business-critical workloads and most sensitive data. Despite the difficult circumstances of last year, CPF made significant strides towards a better future.

We look forward to continuing to work with you. Should you have any questions, please contact Teena Mandele [teena.mandele@cpf-inc.com](mailto:teena.mandele@cpf-inc.com) (630-281-6501) or me [melanie.impastato@cpf-inc.com](mailto:melanie.impastato@cpf-inc.com) (630-281-6522) at the Claims Processing Facility. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely Yours,

