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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: *John A. Tibbs and Margaret B. Tibbs v. 3M Company, et al.*
Civil Action No. 2023-CP-40-01759
Appellate Case No. 2025-002104

Dear Mrs. Howard:

I, Mr. Cam Crawford, currently serve as the President and CEO of the Forestry Association of South Carolina (the "Forestry Association"). The Forestry Association has reviewed the issues raised by the Appellants and Respondents and the briefs submitted by the Amicus Curiae participants in the *John A. Tibbs and Margaret B. Tibbs v. 3M Company, et al.*, Appellate Case No. 2025-002104, appeal. Based on its review of the issues and submissions to the Court in this appeal, the Forestry Association submits this letter to provide the Court with notice that supports and agrees with the Amicus Curie Brief filed on behalf of New-Indy Containerboard, LLC ("New-Indy").

The Forestry Association is a private, non-profit organization serving its 2,500 members, and it advocates for a business friendly climate for landowners and the forest industry. Those members include landowners, pulp and paper mills, lumber mills, wood processors, logging companies, foresters, sportsmen and hunt clubs.

The Forestry Association and its members are in a similar position to New Indy—a forest-products manufacturer that purchases over two million tons of in-state forestry products annually. Although New-Indy never manufactured, distributed, or supplied asbestos, it is routinely named in asbestos litigation because of historical conduct by previous owners of property it later acquired. When responsible upstream suppliers like Cape PLC ("Cape") avoid participation, litigation burdens shift unfairly to companies like the Forestry Association's members and New-Indy.

The Forestry Association is aware that Cape supplied approximately 90% of the world's amosite asbestos, including asbestos used in South Carolina. Nevertheless, Cape has resisted participating in South Carolina asbestos litigation. That nonparticipation has distorted the allocation of responsibility—forcing South Carolina employers, insurers, and taxpayers to shoulder costs attributable to Cape. When dominant historical asbestos suppliers like Cape evade

the exercise of jurisdiction, costs shift to present-day South Carolina employers—including forest-products companies—regardless of their actual connection to historical asbestos conduct. Receiverships like the one imposed by the trial court in this case reduce litigation distortions, promote fair allocation of responsibility, and stabilize insurance availability and affordability.

The Forestry Association recognizes that this appeal has proceeded on an expedited schedule and is set for oral argument on February 25, 2026. Therefore, in lieu of moving for leave to submit a separate Amicus Curie Brief, the Forestry Association submits this letter to provide the Court with notice that it supports the Amicus Curie Brief filed by New-Indy Containerboard, LLC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cam Crawford".

Cam Crawford
President and CEO
The Forestry Association of South Carolina

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