



## **Sterigenics Settles 97 Ethylene Oxide Claims in Illinois**

Settlement Explicitly Does Not Constitute Admission of Liability

On April 3, 2025, Sterigenics U.S., LLC (“Sterigenics”) entered into a binding term sheet to resolve 97 ethylene oxide (EO) claims against Sterigenics relating to its former facility in Willowbrook, Illinois. The settlement includes seven claims that were set for trials in the Circuit Court of Cook County in April and June and the remaining EO claims being pursued by the same plaintiffs’ counsel, including those of 61 claimants with pending lawsuits and 29 claimants who asserted claims but had yet to file new lawsuits.

Pursuant to the term sheet, Sterigenics will pay \$30,943,000 and the settling plaintiffs’ claims will be dismissed with prejudice. The settlement process is expected to require 60 – 90 days.

The settlement is subject to the satisfaction of several conditions, including participation by 100 percent of the claimants, stays of the trials that were scheduled to begin in April and June and a determination by the Circuit Court of Cook County that the settlement was entered in good faith under the Illinois Contribution Among Joint Tortfeasors Act. Sterigenics has the right to waive the 100 percent participation requirement, in which case the settlement would be binding on only those plaintiffs participating in the settlement.

Sterigenics denies any liability and the term sheet explicitly provides that the settlement is not to be presented or construed as an admission of any liability or that emissions from the Willowbrook facility posed any safety hazards to the surrounding communities.

Sterigenics maintains that a correct application of the evidentiary rules, particularly those governing the science relating to EO, ultimately would have compelled the rejection of the plaintiffs’ claims. Under the circumstances presented by these cases, however, Sterigenics concluded that this settlement would be in Sterigenics’ best interests.

30 lawsuits being pursued by other lawyers remain pending against Sterigenics in the Circuit Court of Cook County, including five claims that were recently set for trial in October 2025, and additional lawsuits have been threatened. Sterigenics intends to pursue its right to fair trials on the merits of these and any future EO lawsuits. Although additional settlements of EO claims are reasonably possible, the settlements to date in Illinois, Georgia and New Mexico have been driven by dynamics unique to the claims that were settled and should not give rise to presumptions that Sterigenics will settle additional EO tort claims or that any such settlements will be for comparable amounts. Sterigenics intends to vigorously defend its remaining EO cases, including the balance of cases in Illinois, as well as those outstanding in Georgia and California.



### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This statement contains forward-looking statements that reflect management's expectations about future events and the Company's operating plans and performance and speaks only as of the date hereof. These forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties. For information on certain factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from our expectations, please refer to the Company's filings with the SEC, such as its annual and quarterly reports. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements, except as otherwise required by law.