# Diisocyanates Direct – WCA — Settlement Summary

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## Diisocyanates Antitrust Litigation – Wanhua Chemical (America) Co., Ltd. (WCA) Settlement

### Summary

This is a multi-defendant, multi-district antitrust class action alleging that manufacturers of methylene diphenyl diisocyanate (MDI) and toluene diisocyanate (TDI) conspired to fix prices and restrict supply of those chemicals in the United States from January 1, 2016 through July 29, 2026. Proposed settlements have been reached with six defendants — BASF, Covestro, Wanhua Chemical (America) Co., Ltd. (WCA), Dow, and Huntsman — for a combined fund of approximately **$37,750,000** (plus an additional $100,000 from BASF toward notice costs). This FRS article focuses on the **WCA settlement**, which carries a filing deadline of **October 13, 2026**; deadlines for the BASF/Covestro and Dow/Huntsman settlements differ and are noted below.

### Announcements

**Active Claims Period — Multiple Deadlines in Effect.** The settlement website is live and claims are being accepted. Each defendant group has a separate filing, exclusion, and objection deadline. The WCA deadline is the earliest, falling on **October 13, 2026**. The Fairness Hearing for all settlements is scheduled for **December 7, 2026**. Preliminary approval orders have been issued for all defendant groups (BASF, Covestro, WCA, Dow, and Huntsman). No final approval has yet been granted.

**Attorneys' Fees Motion Filed.** Class Counsel has filed a Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Costs and Expenses, and Service Awards, along with supporting declarations and a memorandum. These documents are available on the settlement website Documents page.

### Settlement Amount

The combined fund across all settling defendants is approximately **$37,850,000**, broken down as follows:

- **BASF Corporation:** $2,900,000 (plus $100,000 toward notice costs)
- **Covestro LLC:** $7,000,000
- **Wanhua Chemical (America) Co., Ltd. (WCA):** $7,750,000
- **The Dow Chemical Company:** $14,000,000
- **Huntsman International LLC / Huntsman Corporation:** $6,000,000

Payments to class members will be made on a **pro rata basis** from the Net Fund (gross fund less court-approved attorneys' fees of up to one-third, costs, expenses, and service awards), proportional to the amount of MDI and/or TDI each claimant purchased during the class period. A specific per-claimant estimate is not published on the settlement website.

### Class Period

**January 1, 2016 through July 29, 2026.**

## Filing Deadline

There are three separate filing deadlines depending on which defendant settlement(s) apply to a claimant. A single claim form submission may cover multiple settlements.

- **Wanhua / WCA:** October 13, 2026
- **Dow & Huntsman:** October 19, 2026
- **BASF & Covestro:** November 2, 2026

*FRS Note: Because a claimant may have purchased from multiple defendants, the operative deadline for submitting any claim is the **earliest applicable deadline — October 13, 2026 for WCA** To preserve all potential recoveries, file before the earliest deadline.*

## Who Qualifies

The Settlement Class includes all **persons and entities in the United States**, its territories, and/or the District of Columbia who **purchased or received directly** (including through controlled subsidiaries, agents, affiliates, and/or joint ventures) MDI and/or TDI products from any of the following during the class period:

- Any of the named Defendants
- Covestro AG
- Wanhua Chemical Group Co., Ltd.
- Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.
- Mitsui Chemicals America, Inc.
- MCNS (a.k.a. Mitsui Chemicals & SKC Polyurethanes, Inc.)
- MCNS Polyurethanes USA Inc.
- The subsidiaries, affiliates, or successors of any of the foregoing

"Products" means all types and trade names of methylene diphenyl diisocyanate (MDI) and toluene diisocyanate (TDI). These chemicals are widely used in the production of polyurethanes for **construction, automotive, furniture, and consumer goods** industries.

Named class representatives are: Utah Foam Products, Inc.; Rhino Linings Corporation; Tri-Iso Tryline LLC; and American Polymers Corp.

## Who Is Excluded

- The defendants named in the complaint and/or any complaint filed in the class actions
- Alleged co-conspirators and any of their parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates
- State and federal governmental entities
- All judicial officers presiding over this action and their immediate family members and staff
- Any juror assigned to this action
- Any class members who timely and validly exclude themselves (opt out) from the class

## How to File

Each class member with known purchase data was sent a Class Notice and a pre-populated Claim Form. Review the steps below carefully:

- **Step 1 — Review your Claim Form.** Check whether the purchase amounts pre-populated by the defendants' records are accurate. If you agree with the amounts listed, no additional documentation is required.
- **Step 2a — If you agree with the amounts:** Complete, sign, and submit the Claim Form online at the settlement website using the Class ID number provided in your Class Notice, or mail it to the Settlement Administrator at the address below.

- **Step 2b — If you disagree with or want to supplement the amounts:** Complete a **Purchase Audit Request Form** and provide supporting documentation (e.g., purchase orders, sales receipts). Without this form and documentation, your payment will be based solely on defendants' records. Purchase Audit Request Forms are available on the settlement website Documents page for each defendant group (BASF/Covestro, WCA, and Dow/Huntsman).
- **Step 3 — Submit online or by mail.** Online submission is recommended. Mail submissions should be sent to:

**In re: Diisocyanates Antitrust Litigation**
c/o Kroll Settlement Administration LLC
P.O. Box 225391
New York, NY 10150-5391

- **Step 4 — Meet the correct deadline.** The WCA deadline is **October 13, 2026**. The Dow/Huntsman deadline is October 19, 2026. The BASF/Covestro deadline is November 2, 2026.
- **Need help?** Contact the Settlement Administrator by phone at **(833) 930-0157** or through the contact form on the settlement website to request a Claim Form, Purchase Audit Request Form, or your Class ID number.

## Key Dates & Deadlines Summary

- **WCA Claim / Exclusion / Objection Deadline:** October 13, 2026
- **Dow & Huntsman Claim / Exclusion / Objection Deadline:** October 19, 2026
- **BASF & Covestro Claim / Exclusion / Objection Deadline:** November 2, 2026
- **Opt-Out Revocation Deadline:** December 3, 2026
- **Fairness Hearing:** December 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. ET, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Joseph F. Weis, Jr. Courthouse, 700 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

## Defendants

The named defendants and their alleged roles are as follows. All settling defendants deny any liability and wrongdoing.

- **BASF Corporation / BASF SE** — Major chemical manufacturer; alleged co-conspirator in price-fixing and supply restriction of MDI and TDI. Settlement: $2,900,000 + $100,000 notice costs.
- **Covestro LLC / Covestro AG** — Polyurethane chemicals producer; alleged co-conspirator. Settlement: $7,000,000.
- **Wanhua Chemical (America) Co., Ltd. (WCA) / Wanhua Chemical Group Co., Ltd.** — Chinese-headquartered chemical manufacturer with U.S. operations; alleged co-conspirator. Settlement: $7,750,000.
- **The Dow Chemical Company** — Major U.S. chemical manufacturer; alleged co-conspirator. Settlement: $14,000,000.
- **Huntsman International LLC / Huntsman Corporation** — Specialty chemical manufacturer; alleged co-conspirator. Settlement: $6,000,000.
- **Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. / Mitsui Chemicals America, Inc. / MCNS / MCNS Polyurethanes USA Inc.** — Named in the complaint as alleged co-conspirators; not listed as settling defendants on the settlement website as of the date of this article.

The core allegation is that defendants conspired to fix, raise, maintain, and/or stabilize prices of MDI and TDI sold in or shipped to the United States through agreements to limit supply via planned manufacturing shutdowns at plants worldwide and coordinated pricing increases, in violation of **Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1**.

## Case History

- **January 1, 2016:** Start of the alleged price-fixing conspiracy class period.
- **2018:** Litigation consolidated as MDL No. 2862 in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of

Pennsylvania before Judge W. Scott Hardy; Master Docket Misc. No. 18-1001.
- **Consolidated Second Amended Complaint:** Filed (exact date not specified on the settlement website; document available in the Documents section).
- **Prior to 2026:** Preliminary approval orders issued for BASF, Covestro, WCA, Dow, and Huntsman settlements (exact dates not specified on the settlement website).
- **July 29, 2026:** End of the alleged conspiracy class period.
- **October 13, 2026:** WCA claim, exclusion, and objection deadline.
- **October 19, 2026:** Dow & Huntsman claim, exclusion, and objection deadline.
- **November 2, 2026:** BASF & Covestro claim, exclusion, and objection deadline; also the BASF Amended Settlement Agreement filed (document available in the Documents section).
- **December 3, 2026:** Deadline to revoke a previously submitted opt-out request.
- **December 7, 2026:** Fairness Hearing scheduled at 1:00 p.m. ET in Pittsburgh, PA.

## Class Counsel

- **Megan E. Jones**, Hausfeld LLP, 580 California St., 12th Fl., San Francisco, CA 94104
- **Jason S. Hartley**, Hartley LLP, 101 W. Broadway, Suite 820, San Diego, CA 92101

Class Counsel will seek attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses of up to **one-third of the total fund**, plus service awards for the named plaintiffs.

## Settlement Administrator

Kroll Settlement Administration LLC
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New York, NY 10150-5391
Phone: (833) 930-0157

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- Settlement Website Home Page: *In re: Diisocyanates Antitrust Litigation* (Kroll Settlement Administration)
- Settlement Website FAQ Page
- Settlement Website Documents Page

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## Last Updated

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## Reviewer Flags

- **Changes from previous version:**
  - **Announcements section:** Added a new bullet noting that Class Counsel has filed a Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Costs and Expenses, and Service Awards, with supporting documents now available on the settlement website. This is based on four new documents listed on the Documents page: the Hartley Declaration, Joint Declaration of Interim Co-Lead Counsel, Memorandum in Support, and the Motion itself (with Proposed Order).
  - **How to File — Step 2b:** Minor clarification added noting that separate Purchase Audit Request Forms

exist for each defendant group (BASF/Covestro, WCA, and Dow/Huntsman), consistent with the Documents page now listing three distinct Purchase Audit Request Forms.
    - **Case History:** Minor note added regarding the BASF Amended Settlement Agreement (document now listed on Documents page, indicating the original BASF settlement agreement was subsequently amended).
    - **Last Updated:** Updated from 2026-09-22 to 2026-11-19.
    - All other content is unchanged from the prior version.
- **Source mapping for new/changed content:**
    - Documents Page: Provided the updated document list (now 19 documents, up from 15 in the prior version). New documents include the BASF Amended Settlement Agreement, and four attorneys' fees-related filings (Hartley Declaration, Joint Declaration, Memorandum in Support, and Motion with Proposed Order).
    - Home Page and FAQ Page: No substantive changes detected from the prior version; content confirmed