

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY  
ASBESTOS LITIGATION

Docket No: **L-3453-16 (AS)**

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I

THEODORE & JOYCE ABBOTT, <i>Plaintiff(s),</i>
vs.
AMERICAN BILTRITE, et al <i>Defendant(s).</i>

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on August 4, 2016:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Levy Konigsberg	Joseph Mandia	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Marcia DePolo	Union Carbide
Hoagland Longo	Jillian Madison	Cyprus Amax Minerals Co.
Styliades Mezzanotte	Daniel Maher	HM Royal Inc.

IT IS on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of **August, 2016**, *effective from the conference date*;

ORDERED as follows:

Counsel receiving this Order through computerized electronic medium (E-Mail) shall be deemed by the court to have received a copy of the filed original court document. Any document served pursuant to this Order shall be deemed to be served by mail pursuant to R.1:5-2.

Defense counsel shall notify plaintiff's counsel within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order if their client was incorrectly named in the Complaint. Counsel may be barred from raising this defense at a later time for failure to comply.

**DISCOVERY**

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| August 19, 2016    | Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.  |
| August 26, 2016    | Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.   |
| September 23, 2016 | Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.  |
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| September 23, 2016 | Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.   |
| October 31, 2016   | Fact discovery, including depositions, shall be completed by this date. Plaintiff's counsel shall contact the Special Master within one week of this deadline if all fact discovery is not completed. |

October 31, 2016 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

December 23, 2016 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

November 4, 2016 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

November 18, 2016 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

December 16, 2016 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

November 18, 2016 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

January 13, 2017 Defendants shall identify its medical experts and serve medical reports, if any, by this date. **In addition, defendants shall notify plaintiff's counsel (as well as all counsel of record) of a joinder in an expert medical defense by this date.**

### **LIABILITY EXPERT REPORTS**

November 18, 2016 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports or a certified expert statement by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

January 13, 2017 Defendants shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports, if any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

### **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

November 18, 2016 Plaintiff shall identify its expert economists and serve expert economist report(s), if any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on economic expert testimony.

January 13, 2017 Defendants shall identify its expert economists and serve expert economist report(s), if any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on economic expert testimony.

### **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

January 31, 2017 Expert depositions shall be completed by this date. To the extent that plaintiff and defendant generic experts have been deposed before, the parties seeking that deposition in this case must file an application before the Special Master and demonstrate the necessity for that deposition. To the extent possible, documents requested in a deposition notice directed to an expert shall be produced three days in advance of the expert deposition. The expert shall not be required to produce documents that are readily accessible in the public domain.

### **PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL**

February 7, 2017 @ 10:00am Settlement conference. All defense counsel shall appear with authority to negotiate settlement and have a representative authorized to negotiate settlement available by

phone. Any request to be excused from the settlement conference shall be made to the Special Master no later than 4:00pm of the day prior to the conference.

10 business days prior to trial    Pretrial Information Exchange Form due.

February 27, 2017                      **Trial-Ready** Date.

***Plaintiff(s) counsel shall serve a copy of this Order upon any additional counsel immediately upon receipt.***

*/s/ Ana C. Viscomi*  
ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc:        Clerk, Mass Tort