SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

### **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

ROBERT & JOAN DUDASH,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

3M COMPANY, et al.

Defendant(s).

Docket No: L-1951-14 (AS)

**Civil Action** 

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER III

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *March 3, 2016*:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Cohen Placitella & Roth	William L. Kuzmin	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Alexandra Caruso	Union Carbide; CertainTeed
Goldfein & Joseph	Madhurika Jeremiah	ACL; Bell
McElroy Deutsch	Joseph D. Rasnek	Chevron USA, Inc.
McGivney Kluger	Nancy Giacumbo	Hollingsworth & Vose

IT IS on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Mrach, 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.

## **DISCOVERY**

April 29, 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.

April 29, 2016 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

May 6, 2016 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

# SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

May 13, 2016 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

May 27, 2016 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

June 24, 2016 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

#### MEDICAL DEFENSE

April 15, 2016 Defendants shall identify its medical experts and serve medical expert 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**

May 20, 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.

August 15, 2016 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**

May 20, 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.

August 15, 2016 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**

September 16, 2016 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

April 26, 2016 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

September 15, 2016 @ 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.

October 11, 2016 (Tuesday) Trial Date. (The May 23, 2016 trial is adjourned to this 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

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