SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

### **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

JAMES J. HARLEY, JR.,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

ABEX CORPORATION, et al

Defendant(s).

**Docket No:** L-5924-13 (AS)

**Civil Action** 

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER IV** 

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *July 14*, 2016:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Cohen Placitella & Roth	William Kuzmin	Plaintiff(s)
Breuninger & Fellman	Raymond Chow	Genuine Parts Co.
Gibbons PC	Robert Brown	Honeywell International Inc.
Harwood Lloyd	Victoria Silva	Carlisle Industrial Brake & Friction, Inc.
Hawkins Parnell	Roy Viola	Pneumo Abex LLC
O'Toole Fernandez	Gary Van Lieu	Dana
Rawle & Henderson	Jamie Augustinsky	Mack Trucks, Inc.
Sedgwick Detert	Christopher Keale	Borg Warner
Wilbraham Lawler	Anisha Abraham	Kelsey-Hayes

IT IS on this 18th day of July, 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**

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**

November 4, 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

January 31, 2017 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**

December 2, 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 31, 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.

## **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

February 17, 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

September 29, 2016 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

February 23, 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.

March 13, 2017 Trial Date. (The October 24, 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. Viscomí ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort