SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

#### **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

DWAYNE JOHNSON,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES, et al

Defendant(s).

Docket No: L-6651-16 (AS)

**Civil Action** 

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *January 5, 2017*:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Simon Greenstone	Leah Kagan	Plaintiff(s)
	Joran Blumenfeld-James	(co-counsel with Szaferman Lakind)
Breuninger & Fellman	Raymond Chow	Genuiine Parts Co.
Caruso Smith	Marcia DePolo	CertainTeed; Union Carbide
Goldberg Segalla	H. Lockwood Miller	Shulton Inc.
Hawkins Parnell	Edward P. Abbot	American International Inc.
Hoagland Longo	Daniel Kuszmerski	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
McElroy Deutsch	Donna Gardiner	Pfizer; Wyeth Holdings
O'Toole Fernandez	Gary Van Lieu	Colgate-Palmolive
Rawle & Henderson	Jamie L. Augstinsky	Cyprus; Imerys Talc America
Reilly Janiczek	Brandy Harris	Carquest Corp.
Rivkin Radler	Jacqueline Bushwack	Avon Products Inc.
Wilbraham Lawler	Matthew Jones	Advance Auto Parts; General Parts Inc.

IT IS on this 9th day of January, 2017, 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**

February 3, 2017 Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.

February 10, 2017 Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

March 10, 2017 Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this

date.

February 10, 2017	Defendants shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
March 10, 2017	Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
April 14, 2017	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.

Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date. April 14, 2017

## **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

April 14, 2017 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

# SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

May 26, 2017	Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.
June 9, 2017	Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.
July 7, 2017	Last return date for summary judgment motions.

#### **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

May 31, 2017	Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.
May 31, 2017	Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.
July 31, 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**

May 31, 2017	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.
July 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.

## **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

May 31, 2017	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.
July 31, 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.

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#### **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

August 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

September 8, 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.

September 25, 2017 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

October 2, 2017 **Trial-Ready** Date.

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

/s/ Ana C. Víscomí ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort

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