SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

### **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

**Docket No:** L-6928-15 (AS)

ESTATE of DUANE ARETZ,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL, et al

Defendant(s).

**Civil Action** 

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER VII

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on <u>September 9</u>, <u>2019</u>:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Shivers Gosnay & Greatrex	Donald Gosnay	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Thomas M. Rogers	CertainTeed
Clyde & Co.	Kevin Turbert	Burnham LLC
Eckert Seamans	Michael A. Posavetz	AO Smith
Gibbons PC	Ethan Stein	Honeywell International
Hack Piro	Robert Alencewicz	HB Smith
Hoagland Longo	Elizabeth Lautenbach	Kohler
Kent McBride	Matthew Forys	Alfa Laval
Lavin Cedrone	Catherine Brunermer	3M Company
Leader Berkon	Christine Bucca	Weil McLain
Turner O'Mara	David J. Gallacher	United Technologies Corp.; improperly plead as
		Bryan Heating & Cooling
Pascarella DiVita	John McGowan	Ingersoll Rand; Trane; Rheem
Reilly McDevitt	Hena Kumar	Cleaver Brooks
Tanenbaum Keale	Elizabeth Gee	Borg Warner

IT IS on this 11th day of September 2019, 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.

Any jurisdictional motions must be filed in accordance with the Court Rules or be waived.

Any *forum non conveniens* motions must be filed as soon as practicable; once sufficient discovery is conducted so that the motion may be properly brought.

### **DISCOVERY**

February 28, 2020 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.

February 28, 2020 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

March 13, 2020 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

## MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT

August 7, 2020 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**

June 15, 2020 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports by this date or

waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

August 7, 2020 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.

## SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

March 13, 2020 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

March 27, 2020 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

April 24, 2020 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

# **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

June 15, 2020 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 7, 2020 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 4, 2020 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.

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### PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL

October 1, 2019 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

September 16, 2020 @ 1:30pm 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 5, 2020 Trial Date. (The February 24, 2020 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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