SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

### **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

GRETCHEN & RICHARD DEL BIANCO,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

BRNNTAG NORTH AMERICA, et al

Defendant(s).

**Docket No:** <u>L-1927-18 (AS)</u>

**Civil Action** 

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER II** 

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *December 4*, 2018:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Simmons Hanly Conroy	Laurence Nassif	Plaintiff(s)
Hoagland Longo	Amie Kalac	Whittaker Clark & Daniels
McCarter & English	Sarah Tremer	Johnson & Johnson
Rawle & Henderson	Samuel Garson	Cyprus Amax Minerals; Imerys Talc America

IT IS on this  $4^{th}$  day of December, 2018, 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.

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 15, 2019 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 15, 2019 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

## EARLY SETTLEMENT

March 1, 2019 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT

February 22, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

February 22, 2019 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens

and x-rays, if any, by this date.

April 26, 2019 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**

February 22, 2019 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports by this date or

waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

April 26, 2019 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 1, 2019 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

March 15, 2019 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

April 12, 2019 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

### **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

February 22, 2019 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.

April 26, 2019 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**

May 17, 2019 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

May 1, 2019 @ 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.

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June 3, 2019 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

June 10, 2019 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

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