SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASBESTOS LITIGATION

ESTATE of RICHARD PETRUSHEVICH, *Plaintiff(s)*, vs.

Docket No: L-3447-17 (AS)

Civil Action

CATERPILLAR INC., et al

Defendant(s).

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER III

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and

the following parties on May 23, 2018:

| FIRM | ATTORNEY | CLIENT |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cohen Placitella & Roth | Rachel Placitella | Plaintiff(s) |
| Caruso Smith | Marcia DePolo | CertainTeed; Union Carbide |
| Dickie McCamey | Michael Willison | Monmouth Marine Engines |
| Hoagland Longo | Jillian Madison | Johnson Controls |
| Kelley Jasons | Angela Caliendo | Square D |
| Marks O'Neill | Eileen Ford | Caterpillar, Inc. |
| Morgan Lewis | Patrick Elkins | ITT; Goulds Pumps |
| Tanenbaum Keale | Robert M. Gilmartin, Jr. | Perkins Engines, Inc. |

IT IS on this <u>4th</u> day of <u>June, 2018</u>, 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

| July 6, 2018 | Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date. |
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| August 13, 2018 | Defendants shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date. |
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- September 28, 2018 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.
- September 28, 2018 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.

SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

| January 4, 2019 | Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date. |
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| January 18, 2019 | Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date. |
| February 15, 2019 | Last return date for summary judgment motions. |

MEDICAL DEFENSE

- November 2, 2018 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.
- April 1, 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

- November 2, 2018 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.
- April 1, 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.

EXPERT DEPOSITIONS

April 30, 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

- November 2, 2018 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.
- April 11, 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. 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.

May 28, 2019 (Tuesday)

Trial Date. (The December 3, 2018 trial date is adjourned to this date.)

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

<u>/s/Ana C. Víscomí</u> ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort