SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

### **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

ESTATE of LEONARD SKIRKANISH,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

CSR LIMITED, et al

Defendant(s).

Docket No: L-3439-13 (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 <u>December 12, 2016</u>:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer	Jon G. Kupilik	Plaintiff(s)
DeCotiis Fitzpatrick	Michael A. Moroney	Spriax Sarco
Langsam Stevens	David J. McHale	Zy-Tech Global
Leader & Berkon	Christine Bucca	IMO Industries
Margolis Edelstein	Dawn Dezii	Woolsulate
McGivney Kluger	Thomas McNulty	Fairbanks Co.
Pascarella DiVita	Inge Cully	Ingersoll Rand Co.
Tierney Law Office	Brian Garbaez	Elizabeth Industrial Supply; Major Inc.; AJ
		Friedman Supply
Wilbraham Lawler	Matthew Jones	Greene Tweed

IT IS on this 13th day of December, 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.

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**

January 13, 2017	Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.
January 13, 2017	Defendants shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
February 17, 2017	Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.
May 31, 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.

May 31, 2017 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### EARLY SETTLEMENT

December 30, 2016 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

February 7, 2017 @ 9:30am Early 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.

## **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

June 9, 2017 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

June 23, 2017 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

July 21, 2017 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

# **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

June 16, 2017 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff shall provide executed authorizations for pathology

specimens and x-rays by this date.

October 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**

September 15, 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.

October 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**

September 15, 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.

October 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.

#### **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

November 10, 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

November 2, 2017 @ 9:30am 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.

December 4, 2017 Trial Date.

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

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cc: Clerk, Mass Tort

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