

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

IN RE:	PROPULSID PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION	:	MDL NO. 1355
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES		:	JUDGE FALLON
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**JOINT REPORT NO. 90 OF PLAINTIFFS'
AND DEFENDANTS' LIAISON COUNSEL**

Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel (PLC) and Defendants' Liaison Counsel (DLC) jointly submit this Joint Report No. 90 in preparation of the April 21, 2011 Monthly Status Conference. To participate via telephone, dial-in information may be accessed on the Court's website at <http://propulsid.laed.uscourts.gov/>.

I. MDL Resolution Programs I and II

MDL Resolution Programs I and II are nearing an end. All qualified tiered claims have been submitted to the Medical Panel in both programs. The Special Master's Office is finalizing the clearance of any remaining administrative claims in both programs.

As to Propulsid I, the Special Master has submitted 4,245 Tier I, II and III claims to the Medical Panel for review. Of the 4,245 claims the Defendants have treated 3,528 on an expedited basis. Thirty-two (32) of the tiered claims submitted to the Panel have been found

eligible by the Panel, and the Special Master has made those awards. (All numbers in this paragraph are current through April 19, 2011).

As to Propulsid II, three hundred eighty-one (381) claims have been submitted to the Medical Panel for review, of which defendants have treated 326 on an expedited basis (these numbers are current through April 19, 2011). Three (3) claims have been found eligible. The SLC will submit a detailed report to the Court prior to the Status Conference.

The parties will be prepared to discuss these issues further at the April 21, 2011 Monthly Status Conference.

II. Distribution of MDL Settlement Funds

On November 30, 2009, the Court issued an Order granting Joint Motion for an Order authorizing Distribution of MDL I Settlement Funds which authorized the transfer of 8.75 million (Canadian) from the Settlement Fund of the MDL I Propulsid Resolution Program Fund to the Propulsid Resolution Program and further authorized a distribution in the same amount for appropriate contributions to charitable organizations. The Court issued an Order on January 4, 2010 appointing a committee of plaintiff's counsel and defense counsel to assist in recommending to the Court where the remainder of the funds should be allocated [Rec. Doc. 4023].

III. Attorney's Fees Issues

On December 1, 2010, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 4153] approving the distribution of funds to pay expenses. In addition, the PSC will be filing a motion and the Court will address the attorney fees issue at a later date.

NEW ITEMS:

IV. Amended Motion for Order Dismissing with Prejudice Claims of Plaintiffs who failed to Enroll in the MDL Resolution Program and Motions to Dismiss

On April 13, 2011, Defendants Johnson & Johnson and Janssen, L.P. filed an Amended Motion for Order Dismissing with Prejudice the Claims of Plaintiffs who Failed to Enroll in the MDL Resolution Program, [Rec. Doc. 4326]. All affected parties were served through their counsel of record via the Court's CM/ECF system, U.S. Mail (certified, return receipt requested) and Lexis/Nexis. The Motion has also been uploaded to the Court's website. The hearing is set on this Motion for June 16, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. [Rec. Doc. 4327].

The Defendants are working with the Special Masters office to obtain reports listing: plaintiffs who have qualified and been paid for the administrative fee; plaintiffs who did not qualify for the administrative fee; and plaintiffs who failed to submit medical records. Following receipt of these reports, Defendants will prepare omnibus Motions to Dismiss as to these groups.

VI. Motion Seeking Relief from Pre-Trial Order No. 2, Authorizing the Destruction, Disposition or Return of Records Pertaining to Propulsid I & II and Closing the Plaintiffs' Depository

On April 18, 2011 Plaintiffs filed a Motion Seeking Relief from Pre-Trial Order No. 2, Authorizing the Destruction, Disposition or Return of Records Pertaining to Propulsid I & II and Closing the Plaintiffs' Depository [Rec. Doc. 4330]. The hearing is set on this Motion for May 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing Joint Report No. 90 of Plaintiffs' and Defendants' Liaison Counsel has been served upon all parties by electronically uploading the same to LexisNexis File & Serve, and that the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of Court of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana by using the CM/ECF system which will send a Notice of Electronic Filing on this 20th day of April, 2011.

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Monthly Status Conference
April 21, 2011
1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Current Matters:

1. MDL Resolution Programs I and II
2. Distribution of MDL Settlement Funds
3. Attorney's Fees Issues
4. Motion to Dismiss Non-Enrolled Plaintiffs
5. Defendants' Amended Motion for Order Dismissing With Prejudice the Claims of Plaintiffs Who Failed to Enroll in the MDL Resolution Program and Other Motions to Dismiss.
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