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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

MDL NO. 1355

IN RE: PROPULSID

PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

SECTION "L"

JUDGE FALLON

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A monthly status conference was held on April19, 2007 by telephone in the Chambers of Judge Eldon E. Fallon. At the conference, counsel reported to the Court on the topics set forth in Joint Report No. 53 of Plaintiffs' Liason Counsel (PLC) and Defendants' Liaison Counsel (DLC).

#### I. State Liaison Counsel/MDL Resolution Program II

The PLC stated that it anticipated filing a motion to set aside the State Settlement Program (Propulsid II) and would likely present evidence in support of the motion. The Court stated that it may be necessary to have some hearing on the matter with the taking of testimony if it appears that the motion involves factual issues.

#### II. Trust Account

There have been no deposits in the Trust Account since the last status conference.

#### III. Trial Schedule

The matter of Gregory A. Gellner v. Johnson & Johnson Co., et al. has been adjourned, and no new date has been set.

#### MDL Mediation and Resolution Program IV.

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The Special Master stated that he electronically filed a Status Report on April 18, 2007. The Court will publish the Status Report on its website.

The Special Master stated that he is currently preparing a list of claims with deficiencies. The list will identify deficient claims by claimant name and attorney. The Special Master will give the list simultaneously to the PLC and the DLC for verification and then file a motion to dismiss the confirmed deficient claims with the Court.

#### V. *Pro se* Plaintiffs

The parties reported that no action has occurred on this issue since the last status conference.

#### VI. Emergency Motion for Distribution of Attorney's Fees

The PLC reported that the Motion for Common Benefit Fees and Expenses Reimbursements filed by Dumas & Associates Law Corporation has been resolved and the parties will make a recommendation to the Court at the next status conference. The PLC further stated that it is attempting to resolve Daniel Becnel's Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's Order and Reasons regarding the Emergency Motion for Distribution of Attorney's Fees. This motion is currently set for hearing on June 8, 2007.

### Liason's Counsel Motion for Equitable Administration of the Settlement VII. Agreement

The PLC filed a sealed Motion for Equitable Administration of the Settlement Agreement on February 7, 2007, regarding modification of the process in which claims are approved or denied by the medical panel. The PLC and the DLC are currently in talks on the matter.

VIII. Patricia Barnes v. Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (CA No. 06-2001) The Motion to Remand in this case was set for hearing on March 28, 2007 and

#### Next Pretrial Status Conference IX.

The next status conference will be held by telephone on May 24, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Dialin information for participation will be posted on the Propulsid MDL website prior to the conference.

