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IN RE: PROPULSID MDL 1355 RESOLUTION PROGRAM

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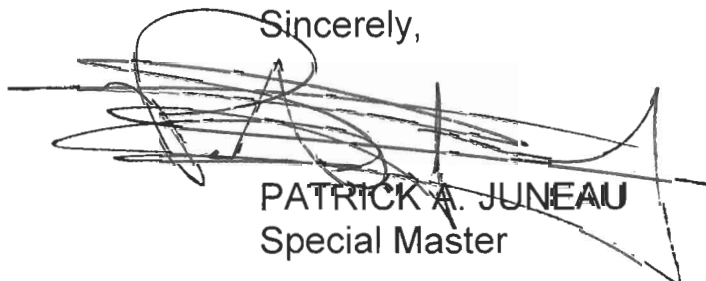
The Special Master for the Propulsid® MDL 1355 Settlement Program would like to take this opportunity to thank all participating law firms and their clients for the continued cooperation we have received as the Settlement Program continues to move forward.

We would like to report that to date, The Special Master's Office has received a total of 13,018 claim forms. Of that total, we have processed, paid and finalized 4,243 claims.

As to the remaining claims, we have completed our initial review and have identified thousands of deficiencies, which have impeded our progress. As a reminder to everyone, all deficiencies must be resolved in order for a claim to proceed to a medical panel. Once a tiered claim is clear of deficiencies, it is immediately processed and forwarded to the defense in order for them to prepare and submit their briefing. Upon receipt of the defense' briefing, each claim is then submitted to a medical panel for a determination of eligibility.

Our staff along with the medical panelists continue to process and review claims on a daily basis. If you should have any questions please contact my staff for assistance at 504-586-7995.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PATRICK A. JUNEAU', is written over a series of horizontal lines. The signature is somewhat stylized and overlaps the lines.

PATRICK A. JUNEAU
Special Master