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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT 503

IN RE COMPLEX ASBESTOS LITIGATION

Case No. CGC-84-828684

ASBESTOS CASES' COURT INFORMAL
DISCOVERY CONFERENCE ORDER

In order to promote resolution of discovery disputes in asbestos cases, parties are required to participate in the Court's Informal Discovery Conference as set forth below. The Court's Informal Discovery Conference Order ("Order") is not intended to limit or expand the rights of any party as set forth in California Code of Civil Procedure, California Rules of Court and San Francisco Local Rules. Specifically, the Order does not negate the requirements of CCP Section 2016.040 which requires parties to meet and confer before filing a Discovery Motion.

In addition to the requirement of California law, no Discovery Motion will be heard until the parties participate in an Informal Discovery Conference with the San Francisco Supervising Asbestos Judge ("SFSAJ") or a Court designee. The parties are required to have made good-faith efforts to meet and confer in person or by telephone prior to the Informal Discovery Conference with the Court or the Court designee.

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1 The party intending to bring a discovery motion must confer with the opposing party and
2 provide the mutually agreeable dates to the SFSAJ's clerk. The Court will then advise the
3 potential moving party of the date for the Informal Discovery Conference. The potential moving
4 party must provide notice of the date of the Informal Discovery Conference only to parties who
5 are involved in the discovery dispute by email no less than two court days before the Informal
6 Discovery Conference. Counsel with full authority to resolve the discovery dispute and those who
7 have either joined or opposed the motion shall appear and participate in good faith at the Informal
8 Discovery Conference. Other counsel for the parties involved in the case may attend the Informal
9 Discovery Conference. There will be no Court Reporter at the Informal Discovery Conferences.
10 Moreover, counsel for the parties who have participated at the Informal Discovery Conference are
11 required to attend, unless excused by the Court, any subsequent Discovery Motion hearing before
12 the Court.
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15 The potential moving party shall lodge a letter with the SFSAJ's Department identifying
16 the discovery at issue and the dispute between the parties. This letter, which will not be longer
17 than one and a half pages and without exhibits or attachments, will be delivered to the SFSAJ's
18 Department no later than 2:00 p.m. two court days before the Informal Discovery Conference.
19 The letter must also be sent by email or electronic service to all other parties involved in the
20 discovery dispute no less than two court days before the Informal Discovery Conference.
21 Participation at the Informal Discovery Conference is limited to those parties who are actually
22 involved in the specific discovery dispute. Parties actually involved in the discovery dispute are
23 the following: the moving party(ies), joining party(ies) and opposing party(ies). Other parties in
24 the case may attend but may not participate and the Court reserves the right to limit attendance at
25 the Informal Discovery Conference. The Designated Defense Counsel shall be advised if the
26 discovery dispute involves an issue which, by prior Court Order, the Designated Defense Counsel
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1 is required to act on behalf of defendants.

2 If there is no longer a need for the Informal Discovery Conference because the issues have
3 been resolved, the potential moving party shall immediately advise the Court. If a discovery
4 motion was filed, and it is no longer needed, the moving party shall promptly take the motion off
5 calendar.
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7 If the parties reach a Stipulation concerning the subject discovery dispute at the Informal
8 Discovery Conference and before the Discovery Motion hearing, the parties are to memorialize
9 the terms of the agreement and provide the same to the Court. Parties may set an additional
10 Informal Discovery Conference if assistance is requested regarding any discovery Stipulation.

11 The Informal Discovery Conference does not bind the parties or the Judge, unless there is
12 a stipulation or agreement by the parties resolving the discovery dispute at issue. Further, the
13 parties cannot quote any statements made in the Informal Discovery Conference in any
14 subsequent formal Discovery Motion. The Informal Discovery Conference is intended to resolve
15 discovery disputes before a hearing or before a motion is filed, but the parties always have the
16 right to a formal Discovery Motion hearing before the Court. This Order shall apply to all
17 discovery disputes whether or not a Discovery Motion has been filed with the Court.
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21 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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23 Dated: 7/17/15

By: 

HONORABLE TERI L. JACKSON
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

**Superior Court of California
County of San Francisco**

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**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE
(CCP 1010.6 & CRC 2.251)**

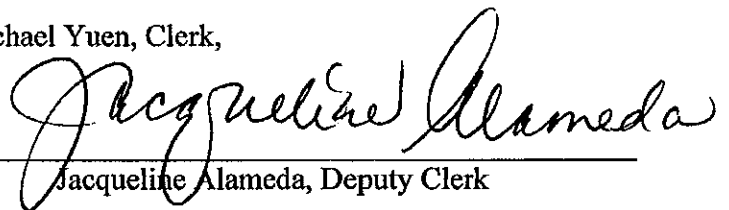
I, Jacqueline Alameda, a Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of San Francisco, certify that I am not a party to the within action.

On **July 17, 2015**, I electronically served **ASBESTOS CASES' COURT INFORMAL DISCOVERY CONFERENCE ORDER** via File & ServeXpress on the recipients designated on the Transaction Receipt located on the File & ServeXpress website.

Dated: **July 17, 2015**

T. Michael Yuen, Clerk,

By:



Jacqueline Alameda, Deputy Clerk