

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**for the**  
**Eastern District of Pennsylvania**

Chambers of  
LOWELL A. REED, JR.  
Senior Judge

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Re: MDL 875-178 Southern Illinois Cascino Vaughan Cases:  
Defense Liaison Committee Designation

Dear Counsel:

1. As required by Paragraph 2 of the Mediator's Progress Report and Case Management Order dated September 3, 2009, the defendants have designated the four attorneys who are addressees hereto as the liaison committee for the defendants.
2. Currently, the defendants have limited this committee to act for the defendants in administrative and communicative matters only without authority to represent the defendants in dispositive matters including the adoption of settlement procedures, settlement of any case, or the negotiations described in Paragraph VIII of the August 27, 2009 Agenda.
3. Notwithstanding the limitations upon the formal omnibus authority of the defense liaison committee, the mediator may order, or any party may request an order, instructing the defendants to authorize the liaison committee to act for all defendants on an ad hoc issue or issues reasonably designed to streamline resolution of a pending issue.

4. Subject to the forgoing, the mediator hereby approves the designation of the four attorneys as the defense liaison committee. Each member shall serve until further order of the mediator or until his client is dismissed from all MDL 875 cases in the list attached to the Order of Judge Robreno dated May 4, 2009 (Doc. No. 6206).
5. It is further ordered that the defendants may voluntarily authorize the defense liaison committee to act for all defendants as to any issue, whereupon the committee must notify the parties and the mediator of the exercise of this authorization.

S/ Lowell A. Reed, Jr.  
LOWELL A. REED, JR.  
Senior United States District Judge  
Court Annexed Mediator

cc: The Honorable Eduardo C. Robreno  
All Defense counsel (by email)