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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
CLEVELAND

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

IN RE: NORTHERN OHIO)
MARITIME ASBESTOS LITIGATION)

MARDOC ORDER 2015-2

ORDER SCHEDULING)
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE)
REGARDING CASE MANAGEMENT)

JUDGE DAN POLSTER

There will be a telephone conference Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 1:00 pm to discuss how best to manage and resolve these cases. Counsel are directed to confer and then to fax a joint status report to Judge Polster at (216) 357-7195 and to Judge Katz at (419) 213-5720 by 12:00 noon on Friday, February 27. Among the ideas counsel should consider are (1) the development of a settlement matrix along with a formula for payment; (2) a small number of bellwether trials; (3) setting a large number of cases for trial on a single day; and (4) mediating blocks of cases with Judges Polster and Katz.

Call-in instructions for the telephone conference will be emailed to the individuals listed in Appendix A by March 2nd. Counsel of record not listed in Appendix A should fax their contact information and the name(s) of those they represent to Chris Malumphy, chief deputy clerk, at 216-357-7066 by 12:00 noon on Friday, February 27 so that we can email the call-in instructions to you.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

For the Court

/s/ Dan Polster

Dan Polster
District Judge
United States District Court

APPENDIX A

If you are counsel of record in this litigation and your name does not appear below, please fax your contact information, including the name of the party you represent, to Chris Malumphy, chief deputy clerk, at 216-357-7066.

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