

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: ASBESTOS PRODUCTS : Consolidated Under  
LIABILITY LITIGATION (No. VI) : MDL DOCKET NO. 875  
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VARIOUS PLAINTIFFS **FILED** : Transferred from the Northern  
District of Ohio  
v. **DEC - 8 2014** :  
VARIOUS DEFENDANTS **MICHAEL E. KUNZ, Clerk** in Exhibit "A," attached  
**By \_\_\_\_\_ Dep. Clerk**  
MARDOC SUGGESTION OF REMAND (No. 7)

AND NOW, this 8th day of December, 2014, it is hereby  
ORDERED that, upon review of the cases listed in Exhibit "A,"  
attached, and based on the factors identified in the Court's  
Administrative Order No. 18, No. 01-875 (E.D. Pa. April 30,  
2009), ECF No. 6197, the Court finds that:

- a.) Plaintiffs have complied with MDL 875 Administrative  
Order No. 25, No. 02-875 (E.D. Pa. June 23, 2013), ECF  
No. 2614.
- b.) The parties have completed their obligations under the  
Rule 16 orders issued by the Court (see No. 02-875, ECF  
Nos. 594-600).
- c.) All discovery has been completed.
- d.) The Court has adjudicated all outstanding motions,  
including dispositive motions.
- e.) Rule 18 settlement discussions have been exhausted in  
the transferee court. Some of the parties have

indicated that additional settlement discussions may be beneficial after the case is remanded to the transferor court.

- f.) The Court finds that the cases are prepared for trial without delay once on the transferor court's docket, subject to any trial-related motions in limine (including Daubert challenges).
- g.) The remaining viable defendants for trial in each case, according to Plaintiffs, are listed in Exhibit "B," attached.
- h.) The Court issued an opinion on punitive damages on July 9, 2014 (see No. 02-875, ECF No. 4376). Any punitive damages claims that remain in an individual case are also remanded to the transferor court.<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, the Court **SUGGESTS** that the cases listed in Exhibit "A," attached, be **REMANDED** to the United States

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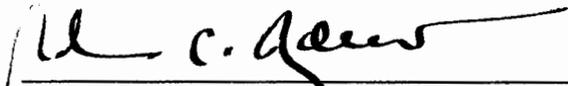
<sup>1</sup> On the Court's "land-based" docket, the MDL 875 Court has severed and retained most claims for punitive damages prior to the cases being remanded to the transferor courts. See In re Collins, 233 F.3d 809, 810 (3d Cir. 2000) ("It is responsible public policy to give priority to compensatory claims over exemplary punitive damage windfalls; this prudent conservation more than vindicates the Panel's decision to withhold punitive damage claims on remand."); see also In re Roberts, 178 F.3d 181 (3d Cir. 1999). The maritime docket (MARDOC) has proceeded along a different track. See Sanchez v. Various Defendants, No. 02-875, 2014 WL 3353044, at \*1 (E.D. Pa. July 9, 2014) (Robreno, J.). All remaining MARDOC cases should be closed or remanded in the near future. Accordingly, the Court deems it appropriate to remand all remaining claims in each of the MARDOC cases.

District Court for the Northern District of Ohio for resolution of all matters pending within each case.

Alternatively, the parties in each case have **seven (7) days** within which to consent to a trial before an Article III or Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In such an event, if consent is granted, a trial will be scheduled within sixty (60) days, on a date convenient to the parties in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Suggestion of Remand will be vacated as to that case.

It is further **ORDERED** that all viable (non-bankrupt) defendants who are not identified in Exhibit "B" as a pending defendant in each case are **DISMISSED** from the respective case(s).

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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EDUARDO C. ROBRENO, J.

## SUGGESTION OF REMAND MEMORANDUM

Updated November 24, 2014

**To:** Transferor Judge

**From:** Judge Eduardo C. Robreno, Presiding Judicial Officer, MDL 875

**Re:** Asbestos case that has been transferred to your court

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### **Status of the case that has been transferred from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania**

This case has been transferred back to the transferor court, from the MDL 875 Court in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Cases that are remanded to transferor courts are ordinarily ready for trial, pursuant to this Court's Administrative Order No. 18 (see <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875d.asp>).

Specific information regarding the history of a specific case while it was in the MDL 875 Court can be found in the Suggestion of Remand (above) that the MDL Court submitted to the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation in connection with its Order.

### **History of MDL 875, In re: Asbestos Products Liability Litigation**

MDL 875, In re: Asbestos Products Liability Litigation, involves issues relating to personal injury damages caused by asbestos products. It currently consists of about 3,000 cases transferred by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, which has been transferring cases to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania since 1991. Each case typically consists of claims by multiple plaintiffs against multiple defendants. Since its inception, the litigation has involved more than 100,000 cases and up to ten million claims, including land-based and maritime claims ("MARDOC").

Beginning with Administrative Order No. 12 (see <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875d.asp>) in 2008, the Court initiated an aggressive, pro-active policy to facilitate the processing of cases. The policy involves giving newly transferred cases scheduling orders; setting cases for settlement conferences; having motion hearings; and remanding trial-ready cases to transferor courts, or, in the alternative, holding trials in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (if so requested by the parties). Administrative Order No. 25 serves the same purpose for MARDOC cases.

### **Resources available for transferor courts on the MDL 875 website**

More information about the history of MDL 875 can be found on the Eastern District of Pennsylvania's MDL 875 website at <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875a.asp>. Additionally, all Administrative Orders issued in this litigation (including current Orders and those no longer in effect) can be found at <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875d.asp>.

Also on the website is an Excel spreadsheet of all decisions issued by the Presiding Officer on

substantive and procedural matters since 2008 (see <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875n.asp>). This spreadsheet is updated regularly, and it can be sorted by jurisdiction, case caption, subject matter, party name, etc. It is also word searchable. The MDL-875 Court intends this spreadsheet to be a helpful resource for transferor courts addressing issues similar to those already addressed by the MDL-875 Court.

Other options available to assist the Transferor Court with legal research include searchable databases created by LexisNexis and Westlaw. Directions on how to access these databases can be found on <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov/mdl875n.asp>.

### **Contact information for the MDL 875 Court**

The MDL 875 Court is ready, willing and able to assist the transferor court with any matters relating to the transfer of the case or any substantive or procedural issues that may arise.

You may contact the Presiding Judicial Officer (Judge\_Eduardo\_Robreno@paed.uscourts.gov), the MDL 875 law clerk (Christopher\_Lucca@paed.uscourts.gov or (267) 299-7422), or the Clerk's Office ((267) 299-7012)) for further assistance.

### **Additional information pertaining to MDL 875**

The Presiding Judicial Officer has written an extensive article on the history and current status of MDL 875 which may be helpful to the transferor judge. See Hon. Eduardo C. Robreno, The Federal Asbestos Product Liability Multidistrict Litigation (MDL 875): Black Hole or New Paradigm?, 23 Widener L.J. 97 (2014). The article can be found on Westlaw, or a PDF copy of the article can be provided by contacting the MDL 875 law clerk.

**Exhibit A**

<b>PA-E Case Number</b>	<b>Caption</b>	<b>OH-N Case Number</b>
2:11-cv-31424-ER	BALLESTEROS v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	99-11583
2:11-cv-31428-ER	BAUTISTA v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	99-12761
2:11-cv-31429-ER	BURNITE v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	99-11989
2:11-cv-31430-ER	MYLES v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	99-10484
2:11-cv-31431-ER	MOORE v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	99-12281
2:11-cv-31433-ER	BRASWELL v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	98-13364
2:11-cv-31434-ER	SCHOCK v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	98-13006
2:11-cv-31435-ER	BLATUS v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	98-12591
2:11-cv-31438-ER	WALLACE v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	97-12628
2:11-cv-31442-ER	BURTON v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-11780
2:11-cv-31445-ER	ALBON et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	97-14717
2:11-cv-31449-ER	LESTER et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	99-12535
2:11-cv-31452-ER	LUYUN v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-10065
2:11-cv-31453-ER	REYES v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-10612
2:11-cv-31454-ER	VALBUENA v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-10900
2:11-cv-31455-ER	ISLES v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-10705
2:11-cv-31457-ER	BARTON v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST, et al	00-10694
2:11-cv-31459-ER	CURINGTON v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST, et al	99-12658
2:11-cv-31467-ER	CRESS et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	98-14180
2:11-cv-31468-ER	CRIMIN v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	98-11330
2:11-cv-31479-ER	DOHERTY et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	98-12684
2:11-cv-31483-ER	EBANKS v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	94-13600
2:11-cv-31501-ER	GAGNE v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	97-10782
2:11-cv-31506-ER	GIBBS v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	98-13194
2:11-cv-31510-ER	GODWIN et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	97-10369
2:11-cv-31513-ER	GONZALEZ v. FOSTER WHEELER COMPANY et al	94-11570
2:11-cv-31517-ER	GRANT v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	97-11517
2:11-cv-31525-ER	HANSEN et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	97-12598
2:11-cv-31526-ER	MILLER v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	99-10101
2:11-cv-31531-ER	HENLEY et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	96-15711
2:11-cv-31546-ER	JOHNSON v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	96-13575
2:11-cv-31566-ER	LENHART et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	97-13403
2:11-cv-31579-ER	MILLER v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	98-12326
2:11-cv-31604-ER	MILLER v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	99-10064
2:11-cv-31606-ER	VERMEER et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	97-15132
2:11-cv-31610-ER	JOHNSON et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-10727
2:11-cv-31613-ER	RAMOS v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-11032
2:11-cv-31617-ER	FESSLER et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	98-14117
2:11-cv-31618-ER	ROSINSKI et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-10990
2:11-cv-31620-ER	ROBINSON et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-10113
2:11-cv-31621-ER	RAINES et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-11607
2:11-cv-31624-ER	OCAMPO et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-11540
2:11-cv-31626-ER	BOSS v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	98-13417
2:11-cv-31697-ER	HAYES v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-11123

2:11-cv-31698-ER	BALBASTRO v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	00-11011
2:11-cv-31710-ER	OLESEN v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	97-11695
2:11-cv-31723-ER	PITTER et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	98-12657
2:11-cv-31735-ER	ASTON et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	96-14722
2:11-cv-31738-ER	DAVIS et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	94-14016
2:11-cv-31739-ER	NEILL et al v. A-C PRODUCT LIABILITY TRUST et al	94-13841

Exhibit B

<b>CIV</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>Defendant</b>
2:11CV31424	Ballesteros, Ronald A	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31428	Bautista, Rodolfo R	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31429	Burnite, James R	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31430	Myles, Jr., Shannon	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31431	Moore, David A	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31433	Braswell, Norris M	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31434	Schock, Edwin T	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31435	Blatus, James	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31438	Wallace, Robert L	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31442	Burton, Jr., Charlie	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31445	Albon, Heraclio	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31449	Lester, Melvin L	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31452	Luyun, Expedito B	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31453	Reyes, Edilberto A	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31454	Valbuena, Crispin A	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31455	Isles, Carlos S	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories

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2:11CV31457	Barton, Walter	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31459	Curington, Robert L	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31467	Cress, Joseph B	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31468	Crimin, Thomas D	Chesterton Co., A. W.
		Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31479	Doherty, Jack E	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
		John Crane Inc.
2:11CV31483	Ebanks, John E	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
		John Crane Inc.
2:11CV31501	Gagne, Harold C	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31506	Gibbs, Walter L	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31510	Godwin, Otis	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
		John Crane Inc.
2:11CV31513	Gonzalez, Angel	Chesterton Co., A. W.
		Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
		IMO Industries, Inc.
		John Crane Inc.
2:11CV31517	Grant, Earl L	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
		John Crane Inc.
2:11CV31525	Hansen, Niels H	Chesterton Co., A. W.
		Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31526	Hanson, Frank E	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories

CIV	NAME	Defendant
2:11CV31531	Henley, David L	Barber Asphalt Corp.
		Chesterton Co., A. W.
		Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31546	Johnson, James E	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
		Mormac Marine Transport, Inc.
2:11CV31566	Lenhart, Lawrence H	Chesterton Co., A. W.
		Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31579	Lopez, Pio A	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31604	Smith, Louis G	Chesterton Co., A. W.
		Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31606	Vermeer, Neil P	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31610	Johnson, John P	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31613	Ramos, Jose A	Chesterton Co., A. W.
		Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31617	Fessler, Phillip R	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31618	Rosinski, Stanley M	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31620	Robinson, Jr., John B	Brown & Root, Inc.
		Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
		Hardaway Dredging Co. Corp.
		John Crane Inc.
		Norfolk Dredging Co.
2:11CV31621	Raines, Jr., Hector A	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31624	Ocampo, Abundio D	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories

CIV	NAME	Defendant
2:11CV31626	Boss, William J	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31697	Hayes, Elton T	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31698	Balbastro, Ernesto L	Chesterton Co., A. W.
		Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
		John Crane Inc.
2:11CV31710	Olesen, Martin L	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31723	Ritter, Donald L	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31735	Aston, William T	Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
2:11CV31738	Davis, Elvin	Cosmopolitan Shipping Co., Inc.
		Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
		John Crane Inc.
2:11CV31739	Neill Jr., Roy G	Chesterton Co., A. W.
		Gatke Corporation
		General Refractories
		IMO Industries, Inc.
		John Crane Inc.