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## Exhibit 20

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION



## DECLARATION OF ANN M. PHILLIPS REGARDING THE MOTION FOR PREMIUM PAYMIENTS TO KOREAN CLATMANTS

I, Ann M. Phillips, declare as follows based upon my recollection and review of certain data and documents;

1. I am the Claims Administrator for the Settlement Facility-Dow Corning Trust ("SF-DCT").
2. As Claims Administrator, I have knowledge of past and present Claims Administrator decisions, including procedures implemented to process the Settling Breast Implant Claims in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Facility and Fund Distribution Agreement ("SFA") and the Claims Resolution Procedures ("Annex A to the SFA").
3. As Claims Administrator I have knowledge of all Orders issued by the Court that pertain to the administration and payment of claims submitted to the SF-DCT.
4. I have reviewed and am familiar with the Motion for Premium Payments to Korean Claimants.
5. I am familiar with Closing Order 2 and am responsible for assuring that its terms are implemented at the SF-DCT.
6. The SF-DCT has the obligation under the SFA and Annex $A$ to the SFA to implement procedures to ensure distribution of Settlement Fund assets only in accordance with the terms of the SFA and applicable Orders.
7. To that end, the SF-DCT has maintained procedures for several years to track claimant addresses to assure that eligible claimants receive their payments.
8. The SF-DCT sends award letters to claimants when a payment is issued to that claimant. The purpose of the award letter is to inform the unrepresented claimant that they should be receiving a check in the mail so that they can look for it and to inform represented claimants that they can contact their attomey to make arrangements to receive the payment if the check is issued to the attorney.
9. When the award letter is returned as undeliverable the SF-DCT seeks to determine whether the claimant in fact received the check. If the SFDCT cannot identify a current address for the claimant and cannot reach the claimant, the SF-DCT will contact the attorney for that claimant and direct the attorney to refund the money to the SF-DCT. There are two request for current address sent to the attorney of record before the request to return the funds is made.
10. The SF-DCT is not always successful in recovering funds in cases where a claimant cannot be located after a check has been issued.
11. Closing Order 2 requires the SF-DCT to vetify addresses before checks are issued. This procedure helps the SF-DCT to assure that claimants receive their payments and reduces the number of instances where the SF-DCT learns that the address on file is not current only after the check is mailed.
12. On April 4, 2019, after Closing Order 2 was entered, the SF-DCT sent a mailing to all claimants eligible at that time to receive a Premium Payment requesting confirmation of the claimant's current address. The letter to the claimant provides a space for the claimant to confirm or update her address. The claimant is then supposed to return the document to the SF-DCT. Where applicable, the attorneys of record for those claimants were also sent a separate mailing that requested
confirmation of the attorney's address and included a form listing the attorney's claimants that the attorney could complete to either confirm the claimant's address or provide a current address or indicate if counsel no longer represented the claimant. These address verification letters were sent to the addresses that the SF-DCT had on file.
13. Since the April 4, 2019 mailing, the SF-DCT has continued to send address verification letters to attorneys and claimants. The SF-DCT conducts these address verifications when a claim is eligible for payment and the SF-DCT has not received address information for the claimant within the prior 90 days.
14. All payments remain on hold until the SF-DCT obtains a verified address.
15. The SF-DCT analyzes the responses received to the address verification requests and determines whether the address information received is reliable and constitutes a proper verification.
16. For example, on occasions where the claimant's attomey of record and the claimant submit different address information, the SF-DCT will accept the address provided by the claimant and notify the attorney so that the attorney can update the relevant records.
17. If the $\mathrm{SF}-\mathrm{DCT}$ has reason to conclude that address information provided by the attorney is not reliable, the SF-DCT will implement additional verification procedures even if the claimant has not responded.
18. For example, the SF-DCT seeks other forms of verification when the attorney lists an address but prior mailings to that address have been returned as undeliverable.
19. If the SF-DCT verifies an address and then learas after a payment is distributed to the attorney of record that the claimant's address is not valid, the SF-DCT will request the address from the attomey or require the attomey to return the payment.
20. The SF-DCT maintains a comprehensive claims database that contains information about each claimant and the status of each claimant's
submissions. The database contains information that enables me to examine and determine the status of processing, evaluation and payment of the claimants represented by Mr. Kim and the history of mailings to such claimants and to counsel.
21. For several years before the entry of Closing Order 2, the SF-DCT attempted to confirm address information for Korean Claimants represented by Mr. Kim.
22. For example, attached as Exhibit $A$ is a true and correct copy of a May 16, 2017 letter sent to Mr. Kim informing him that address confirmation was required from the claimants on claims for which correspondence had been returned as undeliverable but payments had been made to counsel as attorney of record. The letter also included as enclosures an address update/correction form and a list of 132 claimants. The letter stated that form had to be signed by the claimant or the estate representative, and not by counsel.
23. Mr. Kim responded by letter dated June 8, 2017 stating that most Korean Claimants did not want to receive a letter from the SF-DCT and that he assumed some did not want him to update their address. A true and correct copy of Mr. Kim's June 8, 2017 letter is attached as Exhibit B.
24. On June 21, 2017, I responded to Mr. Kim's June 8 letter and advised that claimants have an affirmative obligation to update their address with the Settlement Facility and that no further processing would occur on those claims for whom Mr. Kim had failed to comply with the SFDCT's written requests for current address information. A true and correct copy of the June 21, 2017 cover letter is attached as Exhibit C. The letter also included as enclosures an address update/correction form and a list of the same 132 claimants.
25. On Juily 28, 2017, Mr. Kim responded to my June 21 letter by stating that the claimants did not want to update their addresses and that he could not do so without their permission. A true and correct copy of Mr. Kim's July 28, 2017 letter is attached as Exhibit D.
26. The correspondence described above was the subject of a Motion for Entry of an Order to Show Cause filed by the Finance Committee on

January 10, 2018. As the Motion for Order to Show Cause explains, the Finance Commaittee sent correspondence to Mr. Kim to follow up on the attempts of the SF-DCT to obtain verified addresses for this group of claimants. Although some additional addresses were provided after the Motion was filed, many of them proved to be invalid.
27. On March 13, 2019, the SF-DCT sent a letter to Mr. Kim advising him, armong other things, that updated addresses were required on certain claims and advising of the specific address format as recommended by the United States Postal Service. The letter also included several referenced enclosures. Attached as Exhibit $E$ is a true and correct copy of a March 13, 2019 letter regarding Specific Notice of June 3, 2019 Deadine.
28. As part of the general April 4, 2019 mailing to claimants and attorneys of record, the SF-DCT mailed a letter to Mr. Kim listing 924 claimants for which the SF-DCT needed address verification before distributing Premium Payments. A true and correct copy of the letter sent to Mr. Kim on April, 4, 2019 is attached hereto as Exhibit F. The letter included as an enclosure a form listing the 924 claimants. The form was structured so that Mr. Kim could fill in language to confirm whether the identified address for each claimant was correct or to provide an updated address or to indicate if counsel no longer represented the claimant. The address listed on the form for each claimant was the address that the SF-DCT had on file.
29. Mr. Kim did not return the form sent with the April 4,2019 mailing.
30. As part of the April 2019 mailings, these 924 claimants were also directly sent address verification letters requesting confirmation of the clamant's current address. These letters were sent to the addresses that the SF-DCT had on file.
31. Of the 924 letters sent to these Korean Claimants, 436 have been returned as undeliverable to date:
32. A total of 28 claimants represented by Mr. Kim responded to the April 4,2019 verification mailing and returned address information to the SFDCT. The SF-DCT has issued 50\% Premium Payments for these 28 claimants represented by Mr . Kim .
33. On June 3, 2019, Mr. Kim provided certain address updates to the SFDCT. These address updates covered a variety of claims. These address update forms included 190 claimants eligible for Premium Payments. The SF-DCT sent a mailing to these individuals at the updated addresses that were provided. Of those nailings, 43 have been returned as undeliverable to date.
34. A substantial portion of the address verification letters sent to claimants represented by Mr. Kim have been returned as undeliverable. The SFDCT conducted an audit of mailings to Korean Claimants in early 2020. That audit revealed that of 1,382 claimants represented by Mr. Kim who are eligible for future payments, 600 had correspondence sent directly to the claimants that has been returned as undeliverable. That audit also revealed that $39.2 \%$ of mailings to 2,476 claimants with eligible Class 5 and 6 clams were returned as undeliverable. The audit also revealed that $50 \%$ of the mailings to updated addresses provided by Mr . Kim in January 2018 were returned as undeliverable.
35. It can take a considerable amount of time for undeliverable mail to be returned from South Korea to the SF-DCT. In some cases, mail has been returned more than a year after the original mailing. The SF-DCT cannot be certain that the address verification mailings noted above that were not returned were actually delivered. In most cases, those addresses had previously been identified as addresses that were invalid because previous mailings had been returned as undeliverable.
36. The SF-DCT has promptly paid any Korean Claimant who is eligible for a payment once the claimant's address is verified as required by Closing Order 2, and remains prepared to continue to do so.
37. All claimants represented by Mr. Kim who are eligible for a Premium Payment for whom the SF-DCT has a verified address have been paid.
38. The percentage of returned mail from mailings to claimants represented by Mr . Kim is much higher than the general rate of returned mail that the SF-DCT has experienced. Several mailings have resulted in a 40 to 50 percent refurm rate.
39. These rates of undeliverable mail far exceed the rate of undeliyerable mail that the SF-DCT has experienced with other counsel.
40. In light of this history, the SF-DCT sent a letter to Mr, Kim on March 3, 2020 advising him that pursuant to Closing Order 2, the SF-DCT would not issue payments without a confirmed current address that has been verified directly by the Claimant as a current mailing address where the Claimant is receiving mail. The letter stated that payments would be sent to his office for distribution to the Claimant after the Claimant directly confiums that they currently reside at the address. A true and correct copy of the March 3, 2020 letter is attached as Exhibit G. The letter also included as enclosures a copy of Closing Order 2 and a list of 1,259 claimants represented by Mr . Kim who may be eligible for payments but for whom the SF-DCT did not have a confirmed address.
41. The SF-DCT has not received any additional address information for Korean Claimants since the notitication was sent to Mr. Kim in March.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1746,1 declare under penaity of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 20th day of July 2020.


Ann M. Phillips

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION 

| IN RE: | $\S$ | CASE NO. 00-CV-00005-DT |
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| CORPORATION, | $\S$ |  |
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| REORGANIZED DEBTOR | $\S$ | Hon. Denise Page Hood |
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| FINANCE COMMITTEE'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER TO |  |  |
| SHOW CAUSE WITH RESPECT TO YEON HO KIM |  |  |

The Finance Committee files this Motion to require Yeon Ho Kim to appear before this Court and show cause why he should not be sanctioned, held in contempt and otherwise required to respond as a result of the conduct of his law office which includes: 1) cashing the claim payment checks intended for 88 Claimants Mr. Kim represents; 2) failing to provide updated address information for 88 Claimants; 3) failing to provide proof of distribution of claim funds to 88 Claimants; and 4) failing to return claim funds that were intended for 88 Claimants. In support of this motion, the Finance Committee would respectfully show the Court as follows:

1. On May 15, 1995, Debtor filed a petition for reorganization under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. On November 30, 1999, the Court entered the Order confirming the Plan of Reorganization of Dow Corning Corporation ("the

Confirmation Order") and on June 1, 2004 the Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Dow Corning Corporation ("the Plan") became effective. Pursuant to the Plan and the Confirmation Order, the Settlement Facility and Fund Distribution Agreement ("SFA") became effective on Jume 1, 2004. See Exh. A.
2. The SFA establishes the Settlement Facility ("SF-DCT"), which among other things, assumes liability for and resolves claims of settling Personal Injury Claimants and distributes funds to Claimants with allowed claims. The Court supervises the resolution of Claims under the SFA and is authorized to perform all functions relating to the distribution of funds. See Exh. A, SFA § 4.01. The funds distributed by the Settlement Facility are in the custody of the Court until they are paid to and actually received by a Claimant. See Exh. A, SFA § 10.09 ("All funds in the Settlement Facility are deemed in custodia legis until such times as the funds have actually been paid to and received by a Claimant.").
3. Yeon-Ho Kim is the attorney-of-record representing a number of Claimants located in Korea. In that capacity, Mr. Kim is aware that his clients' election to settle their claims subjects him to the terms of the SFA. See Exh. A, § 6.02 .
4. After determining that 148 Claimants represented by Mr. Kim had allowed Claims, the SF-DCT sent claim payment checks to Mr. Kim's law office for distribution to those Claimants.
5. Claim award notification letters mailed directly to the 148 Claimants by the SF-DCT regarding the claim payments referenced above were returned undeliverable, with no forwarding addresses. Valid address information is necessary for the SF-DCT to notify Claimants of their claim payments and confirm receipt of those payments. To perform those functions, the SF-DCT sent written requests to Mr. Kim for updated addresses for the 148 Claimants. Mr. Kim ignored the SF-DCT's requests.
6. The SF-DCT has confirmed that each claim payment check sent to Mr. Kim for the 148 Claimants has been cashed. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that Mr. Kim has valid address information for each Claimant and proof of distribution of claim payments to each Claimant.
7. On December 20, 2017, Counsel for the Finance Committee made a written request for updated addresses for the 148 Claimants or return of the claims payment funds for those Claimants without valid addresses. See Exh. B. Mr. Kim responded on January 3, 2018, providing updated addresses for only 60 Claimants. As à result, the SF-DCT continues to have invalid addresses for the remaining 88 Claimants, listed in the table below. ${ }^{1}$ Additionally, Mr. Kim has not returned any funds.

[^0]| Claimant | STW | Claim <br> Payments | Payment <br> Date | Payment <br> Amount |
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| Claimant 1 | 735310 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 2 | 735315 | Disease | $1 / 15 / 2015$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 3 | 1035526 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 4 | 1035535 | Disease | $11 / 24 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 5 | 1035553 | Explant | $10 / 23 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,000$ |
| Claimant 6 | 1035568 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 7 | 1035573 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 8 | 1035599 | Disease | $11 / 24 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 9 | 1035613 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 10 | 1035678 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 11 | 1035679 | Disease | $11 / 24 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 12 | 1035750 | Disease | $10 / 23 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 13 | 1035776 | Disease | $10 / 23 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 14 | 1035798 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 15 | 1035817 | Disease | $11 / 24 / 2015$ | $\$ 7,000$ |
| Claimant 16 | 1035862 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 17 | 1035866 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 18 | 1035869 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 19 | 1035882 | Disease | $11 / 24 / 2015$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 20 | 1035887 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 21 | 1035964 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 22 | 1035975 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 23 | 1036020 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 24 | 1036033 | Disease | $10 / 23 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 25 | 1036044 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 26 | 1036062 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 27 | 1036087 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 28 | 1036176 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 29 | 1036263 | Disease | $10 / 23 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 30 | 1036265 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 31 | 1036309 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
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| Claimant 32 | 1036313 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
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| Claimant 33 | 1036364 | Disease | $11 / 24 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 34 | 1036415 | Disease | $10 / 23 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 35 | 1036492 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 36 | 1036614 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 37 | 1036627 | Disease | $11 / 24 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 38 | 1036653 | Disease | $10 / 23 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 39 | 1036706 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 40 | 1036713 | Disease | $11 / 24 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 41 | 1036776 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 42 | 1036870 | Disease | $10 / 23 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 43 | 1036901 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 44 | 1036908 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 45 | 1036927 | Disease | $10 / 23 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 46 | 1036938 | Disease | $10 / 23 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 47 | 1036993 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 48 | 1037035 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 49 | 1037060 | Disease | $2 / 27 / 2015$ | $\$ 10,000$ |
| Claimant 50 | 1037079 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 51 | 1037087 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 52 | 1037093 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 53 | 1038484 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 54 | 2746180 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 55 | 2783097 | Disease | $2 / 27 / 2015$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 56 | 2783311 | Disease | $2 / 27 / 2015$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 57 | 2783386 | Disease | $2 / 27 / 2015$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 58 | 2783563 | Disease | $2 / 27 / 2015$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 59 | 2783642 | Disease | $2 / 27 / 2015$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 60 | 2787316 | Disease | $2 / 27 / 2015$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 61 | 6459176 | Disease | $12 / 18 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 62 | 6459701 | Disease | $11 / 24 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 63 | 6459778 | Disease | $10 / 23 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
| Claimant 64 | 6461229 | Disease | $10 / 23 / 2014$ | $\$ 3,500$ |
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8. Because Mr. Kim's has failed to provide valid addresses for the 88 Claimants (or proof of fund distribution) and has failed to return the funds, the SFDCT cannot verify that $\$ 370,500$ in claims payments have been received by the intended Claimants.
9. The conduct of Mr. Kim has diverted SF-DCT's employees from performing their normal duties and necessitated the utilization of counsel, which has caused the SF-DCT to incur unnecessary expense.
10. This Court supervises the distribution of funds from the SF-DCT to Claimants. There can be no dispute that the claim payment funds sent to Mr . Kim's law office are in the custody of the Court until those funds are actually received by the Claimants. See Exh. A, § 10.09. Accordingly, the Court is entitled to know with certainty whether the funds sent to Mr. Kim have been received by the Claimants. Moreover, if Mr. Kim was unable to distribute claim payments to Claimants, the Court should require Mr. Kim to return those funds.
11. While there is no order or injunction requiring Mr. Kim's compliance with the SF-DCT's requests, his conduct clearly contradicts the SFA and the Court's custody over the funds in question. Therefore, the imposition of civil contempt sanctions is warranted. District courts have inherent power to enforce compliance with orders through civil contempt. Electrical Workers Pension Trust

Fund of Local Union \#58, IBEW v. Gary's Elec. Serv. Co., 340 F.3d 373, 378 (6th Cir. 2003).
12. The Finance Committee asks the Court to enter an order requiring Yeon Ho Kim to appear before this Court on January 31, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., and show cause why he should not be sanctioned, held in contempt, and otherwise required to respond regarding his failure to account for, or return $\$ 370,500$ in claims funds. At the hearing, following submission of this and other evidence, the Finance committee will ask that the Court find Mr. Kim in contempt and enter such sanctions and penalties as the Court deems appropriate.

Dated: January 10, 2018

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