UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA Southern Division

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IN RE:

SILICONE GEL BREAST IMPLANTS PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION (MDL-926) MASTER FILE NO. CV 92-P-10000-S

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: ALL CASES

ORDER NO. 1 (Initial Case Management Order)

It appearing that the cases listed on Attachment A, which have been transferred

TO THIS COURT UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1407, MERIT SPECIAL ATTENTION AS COMPLEX LITIGATION, THE

COURT ORDERS:

1. **Initial Conference.** The court will conduct a conference under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 and 26(f) at 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 20, 1992, in Courtroom 8 at the Hugo L. Black Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama.

(A) **Attendance.** TO MINIMIZE COSTS AND FACILITATE A MANAGEABLE CONFERENCE, PARTIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, AND PARTIES WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS ARE EXPECTED TO AGREE TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE ON A SINGLE ATTORNEY TO ACT ON THEIR JOINT BEHALF AT THE CONFERENCE. A PARTY WILL NOT, BY DESIGNATING AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT ITS INTERESTS AT THE CONFERENCE, BE PRECLUDED FROM OTHER REPRESENTATION DURING THE LITIGATION; AND ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE WILL NOT WAIVE OBJECTIONS TO JURISDICTION, VENUE, OR SERVICE.

(1) **Service List.** This order is being mailed to the persons shown on Attachment B, which has been prepared from the list of counsel making appearances with the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. Counsel on this list are requested to forward a copy of the order to other attorneys who should be notified of the conference. A corrected service list will be prepared after the conference.

(2) **Other Participants.** Counsel for persons or entities who are not named as parties in the cases initially transferred by the JPMDL but may be later joined as parties or are parties in related litigation pending in other federal and state courts are welcome to attend the conference.

(B) **Purposes; Agenda.** The conference will be held for the purposes

Specified in Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(A), 16(B), 16(C) and 26(F). A tentative agenda is appended as Attachment C.

(C) **Preparations for Conference.**

(1) **Procedures for Complex Litigation.** COUNSEL WILL FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE *Manual for Complex Litigation, Second*, AND BE PREPARED AT THE CONFERENCE TO SUGGEST PROCEDURES THAT WILL FACILITATE THE EXPEDITIOUS, ECONOMICAL, AND JUST RESOLUTION OF THIS LITIGATION.

(2) **Meeting of Counsel.** BEFORE THE CONFERENCE, COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFFS AND COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENDANTS SHALL SEPARATELY CONFER AND SEEK CONSENSUS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, INCLUDING A PROPOSED DISCOVERY PLAN UNDER RULE 26(F), METHODS TO OBTAIN DISCOVERY OF EXPERT TESTIMONY, AND THE TIMING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS AND FOR RESOLUTION OF CONTROVERSIES REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF ONE OR MORE CASES AS CLASS ACTIONS.

(D) **Preliminary Reports.** Counsel will submit to the undersigned by July 14, 1992, a brief written report indicating their preliminary understanding of the facts involved in the litigation and what they expect to be the critical factual and legal issues. These statements will not be filed with the Clerk, will not be binding, will not waive other claims or defenses, and may not be offered in evidence against a party in later proceedings. To the extent feasible, the statements of parties with similar interests should be consolidated and submitted as a single document.

(1) **List of Affiliated Companies and Counsel.** To assist the court and other counsel in identifying any problems of recusal or disqualification, the reports should include as an appendix a list of all companies affiliated with the parties and of all counsel associated in the litigation.

(2) **List of Pending Motions.** The reports should briefly summarize the NATURE OF PENDING MOTIONS.

(3) **State Court Litigation.** The reports should briefly summarize, to the extent known, the nature and status of similar litigation pending in state courts.

(4) Lead and Liaison Counsel; Steering Committees. ATTORNEYS INTERESTED IN SERVING AS LEAD, LIAISON, OR COORDINATING COUNSEL OR ON A COMMITTEE OF COUNSEL TO ASSIST IN COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE LITIGATION SHALL ALSO SUBMIT INFORMATION OUTLINING HOW AND AT WHAT RATES THEY WILL EXPECT TO BE COMPENSATED OR REIMBURSED FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO OTHER PARTIES AND COUNSEL AND WHAT AGREEMENTS OR COMMITMENTS THEY HAVE MADE RESPECTING THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHER ATTORNEYS IN CONDUCTING PRETRIAL PROCEEDINGS, DISCOVERY, AND TRIAL.

2. **Interim Measures.** UNTIL OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE COURT:

(A) **Admission of Counsel.** Attorneys admitted to practice and in good standing in any United States District Court are hereby permitted to appear pro hac vice in this litigation, without need for any other motion, order, or payment of fee. Association of local counsel is not required.

(B) **Pretrial consolidation.** The cases listed on Attachment A are consolidated for pretrial proceedings. This order does not constitute a determination that these actions should be consolidated for trial, nor does it have the effect of making any entity a party to an action in which it has not been joined and served in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

(1) **Master Docket and File.** The Clerk will maintain a master docket and case file under the style "In re Silicone Gel Breast Implants Product Litigation (MDL-926)" as master file number CV 92-P-10000-S. All orders, pleadings, motions, and other documents will, when filed and docketed in the master case file, be deemed filed and docketed in each individual case to the extent applicable.

(2) **Captions; Separate Filing.** ORDERS, PLEADINGS, MOTIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS WILL BEAR A CAPTION SIMILAR TO THAT OF THIS ORDER. IF GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO ALL CONSOLIDATED ACTIONS, THEY SHALL INCLUDE IN THE CAPTION THE NOTATION THAT THEY RELATE TO "ALL CASES" AND SHALL BE FILED AND DOCKETED ONLY IN THE MASTER FILE. DOCUMENTS INTENDED TO APPLY ONLY TO PARTICULAR CASES WILL INDICATE IN THEIR CAPTION THE CASE NUMBER OF THE CASE(S) TO WHICH THEY APPLY, AND EXTRA COPIES SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE CLERK TO FACILITATE FILING AND DOCKETING BOTH IN THE MASTER CASE FILE AND IN THE SPECIFIED INDIVIDUAL CASE FILES.

(C) **Pleadings.** Each defendant is granted an extension of time for responding by motion or answer to the complaints until a date to be set at the conference.

(D) Motions.

(1) No motion shall be filed under Rule 11 or Rule 56 without leave of court.

(2) NO MOTION (OTHER THAN UNDER RULE 12) SHALL BE FILED UNLESS IT INCLUDES A CERTIFICATION THAT THE MOVANT HAS CONFERRED WITH OPPOSING PARTIES AND MADE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE MATTER WITHOUT COURT ACTION.

(E) **Preservation of Records.** Each party shall preserve all documents and other records containing information potentially relevant to the subject matter of this litigation. Subject to further order of the court, parties may continue

ROUTINE ERASURES OF COMPUTERIZED DATA PURSUANT TO EXISTING PROGRAMS, BUT THEY SHALL (1) IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY OPPOSING COUNSEL ABOUT SUCH PROGRAMS AND (2) PRESERVE ANY PRINTOUTS OF SUCH DATA. REQUESTS FOR RELIEF FROM THIS DIRECTIVE WILL RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION FROM THE COURT.

(F) **Discovery.**

(1) **Non-filing of Discovery Documents.** PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 5(D), DISCOVERY REQUESTS AND RESPONSES WILL NOT BE FILED WITH THE COURT EXCEPT WHEN SPECIFICALLY SO ORDERED BY THE COURT OR TO THE EXTENT NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH A MOTION.

(2) **Pending and New Discovery.** PENDING THE CONFERENCE, ALL OUTSTANDING DISCOVERY PROCEEDINGS ARE STAYED AND NO FURTHER DISCOVERY SHALL BE INITIATED. THIS DIRECTIVE DOES NOT (A) PRECLUDE INFORMAL DISCOVERY REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND WITNESSES; (B) PRECLUDE PARTIES FROM STIPULATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A DEPOSITION THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED; (C) PREVENT A PARTY FROM VOLUNTARILY RESPONDING TO AN OUTSTANDING DISCOVERY REQUEST UNDER RULE 33, 34, OR 36; OR (D) AUTHORIZE A PARTY TO SUSPEND ITS EFFORTS IN GATHERING INFORMATION NEEDED TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST UNDER RULE 33, 34, OR 36. RELIEF FROM THIS STAY MAY BE GRANTED FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, SUCH AS THE ILL HEALTH OF A PROPOSED DEPONENT.

(3) **Deadlines.** Orders issued by transferor courts imposing dates for initiation or completion of discovery are vacated.

(G) **Magistrate Judge.** The undersigned expects to handle personally, to the extent practical, all matters requiring or deserving judicial attention, including discovery disputes. In the absence or unavailability of the undersigned, matters requiring immediate judicial attention are automatically referred, without need for special order, to Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Todd Campbell for disposition or report and recommendation as may be appropriate.

(H) **Later Cases.** The interim orders contained in this paragraph 2, including pretrial consolidation, shall apply automatically to actions later instituted in, removed to, or transferred to this court (including cases transferred for pretrial purposes under 28 U.S.C. § 1407) that involve claims relating to silicone gel breast implants.

This the _____ day of _____, 1992.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

ATTACHMENTS: A--LIST OF CASES B--SERVICE LIST (OMITTED) C--TENTATIVE AGENDA

Transferee Court Court	CAPTION	TRANSFEROR	
AL-N CASE NO.		COURT	CASE
<u>No.</u>			
CV 92-P-10001-S	Elizabeth Wires v. Surgitek, et al., C-91-2132-JPV	CA-N	
CV 92-P-10002-S	THERESA RAMIREZ V. DOW CORNING CORP., ET AL., C-92-0354-EFL-ARB	CA-N	
CV 92-P-10003-S	SHARON DEFOREST, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP., ET AL., C-92-0376-FMS-ENE	CA-N	
CV 92-P-10004-S	Nancy Ann Colagiovanni, etc. v. Surgitek, Inc., et al., C-92-0473-WHO	CA-N	
CV 92-P-10005-S	LORETTA PATTERSON, ET AL. V. COOPERSURGICAL INC., ET AL., C-92-0662-SAW	CA-N	
CV 92-P-10006-S	Martha Luce, etc. v. Dow Corning Corp., et al., C-92-0732-EFL	CA-N	
CV 92-P-10007-S	Hariett Schnapper, etc. v. McGhan Medical Corp., et al., C-92-0733-BAC	CA-N	
CV 92-P-10008-S	TAMARA CALLAS, ET AL. V. THE DOW CHEMICAL CO., ET AL., C-92-0793-SC	CA-N	
CV 92-P-10009-S	REBECCA FLATTMAN, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP., ET AL., CV-92-1186-SVW	CA-C	
CV 92-P-10010-S	Christine House, et al. v. Dow Corning Wright, et al., CV-92-1547-WMB	CA-C	
CV 92-P-10011-S S-1978	Karen Reid v. Dow Corning Corp.,	CO	90-
CV 92-P-10012-S S-923	JOANN ROBERTS, ET AL. V. BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORP., ET AL.,	CO	91-
CV 92-P-10013-S S-2065	ROBIN SKINNER V. INAMED CORP., ET AL.,	CO	91-
CV 92-P-10014-S S-2066	JUDY STOUGHTON V. MCGHAN MEDICAL CORP., ET AL.,	CO	91-
CV 92-P-10015-S	Lynda Roth v. Mentor Corp., et al.,	CO	92-414
CV 92-P-10016-S	DIANA HINTON, ET AL. V. BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORP., ET AL.,	CO	92-415
CV 92-P-10017-S	VALERIE SOMMERS, ET AL. V. BRISTOL-MYERS/SQUIBB CO., ET AL.,	CO	92-416
CV 92-P-10018-S	CAROLYN REPETTA V. DOW CORNING CORP., ET AL., 90-1360-CIV-T-21	FL-M	
CV 92-P-10019-S	Mary Louise Smith, et al. v. Dow Corning Corp., et al., 90-1361-Civ-T-22C	FL-M	
CV 92-P-10020-S	JANICE BUCK V. BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORP., 90-1379-CIV-T-17	FL-M	
CV 92-P-10021-S	Judy Taylor, et al. v. Medical Eng'g Corp. a/k/a Surgitek, 90-1408-Civ-T-10A	FL-M	
CV 92-P-10022-S	Santina ("Tina") Otis, et al. v. Dow Corning Corp., et al., 90-1562-Civ-T-21A	FL-M	
CV 92-P-10023-S CIV-T-17B	SHARON FULLERTON, ET AL. V. MCGHAN MEDICAL CORP., ET AL.,	FL-M	91-460-

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CV 92-P-10024-S	Lori J. Phillips, et al. v. Surgitek-Medical Eng'g Corp., 91-1043-Civ-T-21B	FL-M	
CV 92-P-10025-S	PATRICIA BINGAMON V. MEDICAL ENG'G CORP. A/K/A SURGITEK,	FL-M	
CV 92-P-10026-S	91-1108-CIV-T-17C PATRICIA ESPER, ET AL. V. MCGHAN MEDICAL CORP., ET AL.,	FL-M	
CV 92-P-10027-S	91-1117-Civ-T-22B Helene Williams, et al. v. Minnesota Mining and MFg Co., et	T AL.,	FL-M
CV 92-P-10028-S	92-166-CIV-T-22B Dorothy Keeney, et al. v. Minnesota Mining and MFg Co., et	- AL	FL-M
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CV 92-P-10029-S	SUE CAROL HOOD, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP., 92-30061-RV	FL-N	
CV 92-P-10030-S	MARY JOAN GARDNER, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING WRIGHT CORP., ET 92-30090-RV	AL.,	FL-N
CV 92-P-10031-S	Tina Marie Pachivas v. McGhan Medical Corp., et al., 92-0572	FL-S	
CV 92-P-10032-S	Sylvia Wilson, et al. v. Surgitek, Inc., et al.,	GA-M	92-03-
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CV 92-P-10034-S	HEATHER CASTELLANOS V. SURGITEK-MEDICAL ENG'G CORP., 92-00031-DAE	HI	
CV 92-P-10035-S C-895	INEZ BARNETT, ET AL. V. BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB, ET AL.,	IL-N	92-
CV 92-P-10036-S	Beverly J. Shoun, et al. v. Dow Corning Wright, et al., IP92-285-C	IN-S	
CV 92-P-10037-S	Cynthia Steward, et al. v. Dow Corning Corp., et al., 92-1105-K	KS	
CV 92-P-10038-S	Lugene Yarbrough v. Dow Corning Corp., MJG-91-2964	MD	
CV 92-P-10039-S	BILLIE RAE TERRONES V. DOW CORNING CORP., S92-345	MD	
CV 92-P-10040-S	MICKII CARTER, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP.,	MI-E	92-
CV-10016-BC CV 92-P-10041-S	DENISE HEINZE, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP., ET AL.,	MI-E	92-
CV-70920-DT	DENISE HEINZE, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP., ET AL.,		92-
CV 92-P-10042-S	CAROLINE BROMM V. DOW CORNING WRIGHT, ET AL.,	MN	4-92-
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CV 92-P-10043-S CV-00113	DARLENE NGO V. DOW CORNING,	MN	92-
CV 92-P-10044-S	Julie Goodroad v. Mentor Corp., et al., CV-92-001-GF-PGH	MT	
CV 92-P-10045-S	MARIANNE RULLO V. DOW CORNING WRIGHT, ET AL., 92-1189(JCL)	NJ	
CV 92-P-10046-S	Victoria Holt v. McGhan Medical Corp., Civ-92-0190-JB	NM	
CV 92-P-10047-S	JANET PEELE V. DOW CORNING CORP., CIV-92-0193-SC	NM	
CV 92-P-10048-S	STANLEY DRUCKER, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP.,	NY-E	91-
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CV 92-P-10049-S	Marita Swirski, et al. v. Dow Corning Wright, et al., CV-92-0972	NY-E	
CV 92-P-10050-S	VIOLET W. KENNEDY, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING WRIGHT, ET AL.,	NY-E	

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CV 92-P-10051-S CIV-5325	SANDRA K. RICHMAN, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP.,	NY-S	90-
CV 92-P-10052-S	ANTOINETTE FACCHINI, ET AL. V. PROFILES & CONTOURS, INC., ET 91-CV-3755(MSC)	AL.,	NY-S
CV 92-P-10053-S CV-7828(KC)	TONI J. CAGLE, ET AL. V. THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC., ET AL.,	NY-S	91-
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CV 92-P-10055-S CV-1650	LINDA K. CHANCE V. THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC., ET AL.,	NY-S	92-
CV 92-P-10056-S CV-1741	DIDI KIRSCHNER, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP., ET AL.,	NY-S	92-
CV 92-P-10057-S CV-7742	JO ANN RACANIELLO, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP., ET AL.,	NY-S	91-
CV 92-P-10058-S	Brenda Brandenburg, et al. v. Dow Corning Corp., et al., C-1-91-0326	OH-S	
CV 92-P-10059-S	Marilyn Seckler, etc. v. Dow Corning Corp., et al., C-1-92-064	OH-S	
CV 92-P-10060-S	Donna Dante, et al. v. Dow Corning Corp., et al., C-1-92-057	OH-S	
CV 92-P-10061-S	BECKY PERCIFULL, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP., ET AL., C-12-92-260	OH-S	
CV 92-P-10062-S	DENISE ANDREE V. MEDICAL ENG'G CORP., ET AL., CIV-91-2143-T	OK-W	
CV 92-P-10063-S	LINDA L. FENDER V. DOW CORNING WRIGHT CORP., CIV-91-388-W	OK-W	
CV 92-P-10064-S	PAULA NORWOOD, ET AL. V. MEDICAL ENG'G CORP., ET AL., CIV-91-1689-W	OK-W	
CV 92-P-10065-S	Maggie L. Cook v. Dow Corning Wright Corp., Civ-92-397-A	OK-W	
CV 92-P-10066-S CV 92-P-10067-S CV-0570	LEAANN HALL V. HEYER SCHULTE CORP. OF SANTA BARBARA, M.S. BOYER, ETC. V. MEDICAL ENG'G CORP., ET AL.,	OR PA-E	92-182 92-
CV 92-P-10068-S CV 92-P-10069-S	LISA M. KYZER, ETC. V. DOW CORNING CORP., DEBBIE DROZ, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP., ET AL., 2-92-0677-18	PA-W SC	92-0366
CV 92-P-10070-S	CONNIE STRICKLAND V. BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB, ET AL., 4-91-3617-2	SC	
CV 92-P-10071-S CA-321	MARILYN S. JENNINGS V. THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC., ET AL.,	TX-W	W-91-
CV 92-P-10072-S	Holly Galando v. Dow Corning Corp., et al., 8-92-792	TX-S	
CV 92-P-10073-S C-704-G	LORI CAMPBELL GEE V. SURGITEK, ET AL.,	UT	91-
CV 92-P-10074-S A	MARY SCHIAVONE, ET AL. V. DOW CORNING CORP.,	VA-E	92-225-
CV 92-P-10075-S CV 92-P-10076-S	Cynthia R. Malmlov v. Corning Inc., Sunny Powell-Naumann, et al. v. Heyer Schulte Corp., et a C-92-5096	WA-W	C-92-56 WA-W
CV 92-P-10077-S	PHYLLIS J. LANE, ET AL. V. MCGHAN MEDICAL CORP., 2:92-0206	WV-S	
CV 92-P-10078-S	Sharon Lea Busse, et al. v. Dow Corning Corp., et al.,	WI-E	92-0277

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ATTACHMENT C

Tentative Agenda

9:00 A.M., MONDAY, JULY 20, 1992 (For further details, see *MCL 2d* § 40.1)

- I. FORMAT FOR CONFERENCE.
- II. COURT POLICIES.
- III. COUNSEL.

Note: Detailed discussions relating to organization of counsel may be deferred until later in the conference.

- IV. OTHER LITIGATION.
- V. FILING; SERVICE; NOTICES.

Note: Consideration will be given to possible acceptance of service in later-filed cases and use of electronic notifications.

- VI. PRELIMINARY IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES.
- VII. PLEADINGS AND MOTIONS.

Note: Consideration will be given to possible use of standardized complaints, motions, and answers that may be incorporated by reference or deemed as filed without need for separate documents.

- VIII. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS, ORDERS, NOTICES, ETC.
- IX. PRELIMINARY PLANNING FOR DISCOVERY.

Note: Consideration will be given to use of, and access to, existing document depository and to development of standardized interrogatories or production requests directed to plaintiffs.

- X. SPECIAL REFERRALS.
- XI. SETTLEMENT.
- XII. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS REGARDING TRIAL/REMAND.

XIII. ADDITIONAL CONFERENCES.

- XIV. OTHER MATTERS.
- XV. PREPARATION OF ORDER.