UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: SERZONE PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 14

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PRETRIAL ORDER No. 15

Extension of Class Certification Deadlines

For reasons appearing to the court, the following dates are set as class certification deadlines herein and those dates previously established in earlier pretrial orders are hereby vacated.

1. **Depositions of Putative Class Representatives**. Depositions of all class representatives shall be completed by **September 24, 2004**.

2. **Disclosure/Discovery of Plaintiffs' Experts**. Plaintiffs shall furnish to Defendants the identity and reports of all experts, if any, to be used in support of any Motion to Certify Class Action in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(2)(B) along with the dates each such expert is available for deposition by **September 24, 2004**. Defendants shall complete the depositions of Plaintiffs' experts by **November 12, 2004**.

3. **Disclosure/Discovery of Defendants' Experts**. Defendants shall furnish to Plaintiffs the identity and reports of all experts, if any, to be used in conjunction with class certification issues in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(2)(B) along with the dates each such expert is

available by **December 3, 2004**. The Plaintiffs shall complete the depositions of the Defendants' experts by **January 14, 2004**.

4. **Class Certification Motions**. Plaintiffs' lead counsel shall file any Motion to Certify Class Action together with supporting Memoranda, exhibits and affidavits by **January 28, 2005.** The Memorandum shall be limited to fifty (50) pages exclusive of attachments. Defendants shall file any Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Class Action together with exhibits, affidavits and depositions by **March 11, 2005**. The Memorandum shall be limited to fifty (50) pages exclusive of attachments. Plaintiffs' lead counsel shall file any Memorandum in Reply to Defendants' Opposition for class certification by **March 25, 2005**. The Reply shall be limited to twenty (20) pages exclusive of attachments.

5. **Hearing**. The hearing on any Motion to Certify Class Action shall be on **April 20, 2005** at 10:00 a.m..

6. **Status Conferences.** The monthly status conference currently scheduled for August 18, 2004 is hereby cancelled and will be re-scheduled in August only if deemed necessary by the court. The remaining monthly status conference dates set forth in Pretrial Order No. 12 shall stand.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to Defendant' Liaison Counsel and Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel.

ENTER: July 13, 2004

Joseph R. Goodwin
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE