

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**CHARLESTON DIVISION**

IN RE: C.R. BARD, INC., PELVIC REPAIR  
SYSTEM PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL 2187

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**PRETRIAL ORDER # 247  
(ORDER AMENDING PTO # 238 (ORDER AMENDING PTO # 199 - ORDER  
ESTABLISHING REPORTING ON PAYMENT TO THE MDL 2187 FUND))**

The court **ORDERS** that Pretrial Order # 238 is amended to replace the first Exhibit B with the correct Exhibit, Exhibit A. The remainder of the PTO and the second Exhibit B attached to the original PTO remain in force and effect.

Pursuant to Pretrial Order # 84, as amended by Pretrial Order # 135<sup>1</sup>, defendants (1) C. R. Bard, Inc. (“Bard”) and (2) Tissue Science Laboratories Limited and Sofradim Production SAS (“TSL/Sofradim”) are required to pay into the MDL 2187 Fund, five percent (5%) of any sum to be paid in settlement of a claim. PTO # 84 explicitly orders that “[a] total assessment for payment of attorneys’ fees and approved common benefit and MDL expenses of five percent (5%) of the Gross Monetary Recovery [as defined in the PTO] shall apply to all Covered Claims [as defined in the PTO].” Pretrial Order No. 84, ECF No. 634, ¶ 3.a. In addition,

Defendants are directed to withhold the Assessment from amounts paid on any Covered Claim and to pay the Assessment directly into the MDL 2187 Fund as a credit against the Settlement or Judgment. If for any reason the Assessment is not or has not been so withheld, the Defendants as well as the plaintiff and his or her counsel are jointly responsible for paying the Assessment into the MDL 2187 Fund promptly.

*Id.* ¶ 3.c.

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<sup>1</sup> PTO # 135 amended paragraph 3.e of PTO # 84 only, leaving the remaining provisions of PTO # 84 in place.

By PTO # 199, I set forth a mechanism for reporting all payments of assessments made into the MDL 2187 Fund to the court. That process, set forth again below, will remain in place. However, I find it necessary to supplement the reporting process to collect additional information on settlements of Covered Claims to confirm that all 5% payments that must be paid into the common benefit fund by defendants pursuant to PTO # 84 (as amended by PTO # 135), are making their way to the common benefit fund. To that end, the court **ORDERS** that PTO # 199 be amended as follows:

A. MDL Settlement Summary Report

No later than April 30, 2017, Bard and TSL/Sofradim shall separately provide the court with a report (“MDL Settlement Summary Report”) as of March 31, 2017, of *all* settlements made by Bard or TSL/Sofradim on Covered Claims as defined in PTO # 84 (as amended by PTO # 135), by plaintiff’s firm or settlement group, and indicate whether 5% has been paid into the common benefit fund for that particular settlement. If not, Bard and TSL/Sofradim must estimate a date when the 5% will be paid. Thereafter, within thirty (30) calendar days of the end of each quarter, Bard and TSL/Sofradim shall update the initial MDL Settlement Summary Report to reflect all settlements reached and payments made into the MDL 2187 Fund by or on behalf of Bard or TSL/Sofradim during the preceding quarter (e.g., by July 31, 2017, Bard and TSL/Sofradim shall provide a report on all payments from April 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017). The MDL Settlement Summary Report will essentially become a running report updated and supplemented every quarter. Such MDL Settlement Summary Reports shall be submitted to the court via email and maintained by the court in chambers for in camera review and reconciliation with the amounts received by the MDL 2187 Fund. The MDL Settlement Summary Reports will not be filed or kept in the court Clerk’s office.

A template for the MDL Settlement Summary Report is attached hereto as Exhibit A. For each settlement on a Covered Claim, the MDL Settlement Summary Report shall set forth in a form substantially similar to Exhibit A, (1) plaintiff's counsel or group of plaintiff's counsel; (2) the maximum potential number of covered claims in the settlement group; (3) the date of execution of the applicable Master Settlement Agreement; (4) the cumulative maximum potential settlement amount under the Master Settlement Agreement; (5) the 5% assessment amount to be paid if the maximum potential settlement amount is paid; (6) the date(s) and amount(s) paid to the MDL 2187 Fund to date; and (7) the estimated date(s) of any unpaid assessments, if any.

#### B. MDL Fund Report

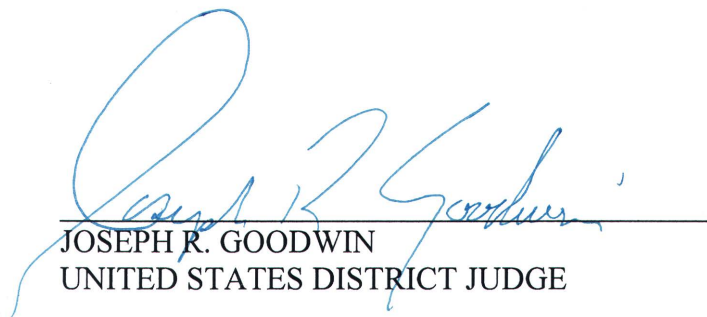
In addition, no later than April 30, 2017, Bard and TSL/Sofradim shall separately provide the court with a report ("MDL Fund Report") on all payments made into the MDL 2187 Fund by or on behalf of Bard or TSL/Sofradim through March 31, 2017. Thereafter, within thirty (30) calendar days of the end of each quarter, Bard and TSL/Sofradim shall provide the court with an MDL Fund Report on all payments made into the MDL 2187 Fund by or on behalf of Bard and TSL/Sofradim during the preceding quarter (*e.g.*, by July 31, 2017, Bard and TSL Sofradim shall provide a report on all payments from April 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017). Such MDL Fund Reports shall be submitted to the court via email and maintained by the court in chambers for in camera review and reconciliation with the amounts received by the MDL 2187 Fund. The MDL Fund Reports will not be filed or kept in the court Clerk's office.

A template form MDL Fund Report is attached hereto as Exhibit B. In addition, template forms for use as an exhibit to attach to the MDL Fund Reports are attached hereto as Exhibit C. For each payment made into the MDL 2187 Fund by or behalf of Bard and TSL/Sofradim, the MDL Fund Report shall set forth in a form substantially similar to Exhibit B, (1) the date of the

payment to the MDL 2187 Fund; (2) the amount of the payment to the MDL 2187 Fund; (3) a wire confirmation number or other proof of payment; (4) the total number of claims for which the payment to the MDL 2187 Fund was made; (5) the cumulative total amount to be paid in settlement of the claims; (6) the amount of each payment to the MDL 2187 Fund; (7) the name and other identifying information for each claimant on whose behalf the payment was made; (8) and the attorney or law firm representing each such claimant.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:10-md-2187 and it shall apply to each member related case previously transferred to, removed to, or filed in this district, which includes counsel in all member cases up to and including civil action number 2:17-cv-01964. In cases subsequently filed in this district, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action at the time of filing of the complaint. In cases subsequently removed or transferred to this court, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action upon removal or transfer. It shall be the responsibility of the parties to review and abide by all pretrial orders previously entered by the court. The orders may be accessed through the CM/ECF system or the court's website at [www.wvsd.uscourts.gov](http://www.wvsd.uscourts.gov).

ENTER: April 6, 2017

  
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JOSEPH R. GOODWIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**EXHIBIT A**

**[FIRST BARD OR TSL SOFRADIM] MDL SETTLEMENT SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE MDL 2187 FUND**

Defendant [Bard or TSL/Sofradim] advises the Court that pursuant to Pretrial Order # 84, as amended by Pretrial Order # 135, five percent (5%) of any settlement amount paid to any claimant settling with [Bard or TSL/Sofradim] is being paid into the MDL 2187 Fund. By this [First] MDL Settlement Summary Report for the MDL 2187 Fund, [Bard or TSL/Sofradim] is providing the Court a list of all settlements made by [Bard or TSL/Sofradim] on Covered Claims as defined by PTO # 84 (as amended by PTO # 135), by plaintiff's counsel or group, and indicating whether 5% has been paid into the common benefit fund for that particular settlement. If not, defendants are directed to estimate a date when the 5% will be paid. Thereafter, the MDL Settlement Summary Report shall be updated and supplemented within thirty (30) calendar days of the end of each quarter.

A sample report is set forth below:

<b>Settling Plaintiff's Counsel</b>	<b>Maximum Potential Number of Covered Claims in Settlement Group</b>	<b>Date of Execution for Master Settlement Agreement</b>	<b>Cumulative Maximum Potential Settlement Amount</b>	<b>5% Assessment Owed</b>	<b>Date and Amount Paid to MDL 2187 Fund</b>	<b>Estimated Date(s) of any unpaid Assessment</b>
Smith & Jones, LLC	400	1/1/16	\$4,000,000	\$200,000	\$200,000 paid 1/09/16	
Wilson & Smith, LLC	200	1/1/16	\$2,000,000	\$100,000	\$50,000 paid 1/09/16	6/1/17


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*Lead Counsel for [Bard or TSL/Sofradim]*

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



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*Lead Counsel for [Bard or TSL/Sofradim]*

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_