

**MINUTE ENTRY
FALLON, J.
AUGUST 7, 2015**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

IN RE: CHINESE-MANUFACTURED DRYWALL
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL NO. 2047

SECTION: L

JUDGE FALLON
MAG. WILKINSON

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES

The monthly status conference was held on this date in the Courtroom of District Judge Eldon E. Fallon. Prior to the conference, the Court met with liaison counsel and the chairs of the steering committees. Liaison Counsel reported to the Court on the topics set out in Joint Report No. 71. (Rec. Doc. 19361). The conference was transcribed by Ms. Karen Ibos, Official Court Reporter. Counsel may contact Ms. Tusa at (504) 589-7776 to request a copy of the transcript.

I. PRE-TRIAL ORDERS

All Pre-Trial Orders are posted on the court's website located at www.laed.uscourts.gov which has a tab that links directly to "Drywall MDL." The Court's website also includes other postings relevant to the litigation.

II. STATE COURT TRIAL SETTINGS

- (1) Trial commencing sometime between August 24, 2015 to September 25, 2015, in *Ziegler v. West Construction, Inc. et al*, Case No. 502010CA002246XXXXMB, 15th Judicial Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida.

III. STATE/FEDERAL COORDINATION

On March 18, 2010, the Court entered Pre-Trial Order No. 19 appointing State and Federal Coordination Committees. The parties will be prepared to discuss State/Federal coordination at the monthly status conference on August 7, 2015.

IV. OMNIBUS (“OMNI”) CLASS ACTION COMPLAINTS

The following is a list of filed Omni Complaints and Complaints in intervention:

- Omni I: *Sean and Beth Payton, et al v. Knauf Gips KG, et al*, Case No. 2:09-cv-07628 (E.D.La.). Omni IA, IB and IC have been filed. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed.
- Omni II: *Kenneth and Barbara Wiltz, et al. v. Beijing New Building Materials Public Limited Co., et al.*, Civil Action No.10-361(E.D.La.). Omni IIA, IIB and IIC have been filed. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed.;
- Omni III: *Gross, et al. v. Knauf Gips, K.G., et al.*, Case No. 09-6690 (E.D.La.), the PSC filed a Motion in Intervention (attaching a proposed Complaint in Intervention, *Mary Anne Benes, et al. v. Knauf Gips, K.G., et al.*, (E.D.La.) (Omni III). Omni IIIA has been filed. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed.
- Omni IV: *Joyce W. Rogers, et al. v. Knauf Gips, K.G., et al.*, Case No. 10-362 (E.D.La.) (Omni IV). Omni IVA, IVB and IVC have been filed. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed.
- Omni V: *Amato v. Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., et al.*, Case No. 10-932. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed. On January 14, 2015, Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Amend Complaint by Interlineation [Rec. Doc. 18263]. On March 26 2015, the Court granted the Motion to Amend Complaint by Interlineation [Rec. Docs. 18551 & 18590].
- Omni VI: *Charlene and Tatum Hernandez v. AAA Insurance*, Case No. 10-3070. This Omni VI Complaint has been dismissed;
- Omni VII: *Kenneth Abel v. Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd., et al*, No. 11-080. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed.
- Omni VIII: *Daniel Abreu v. Gerbrueder Knauf, et al*, No. 11-252. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed.

- Omni IX: *Laura Haya, et al, v. Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd., et al*, No. 11-1077. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed.
- Omni X: *Block v. Gebrueder Knauf Verwaltungsgesellschaft KG, et al*, No. 11-1363. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed.
- Omni XI: *Benoit, et al v. Lafarge, S.A., et al*, No. 11-1893. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed.
- Omni XII: *Arndt, et al v. Gebrueder Knauf Verwaltungsgesellschaft, KG, et al*, No. 11-2349. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed.
- Omni XIII: *Richard and Constance Almeroth, et al, v. Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd., et al.*, No. 12-0498. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed.
- Omni XIV: *Jessica Cassidy, et al v. Gebrueder Knauf Verwaltungsgesellschaft, KG, et al*, No. 11-3023. Numerous Motions to Dismiss have been filed.
- Omni XV: *Eduardo and Carmen Amorin, et al v. Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. f/k/a Shandong Taihe Dongxin Co., Ltd., et al*, No. 11-1672.
- Omni XVI: *Eduardo and Carmen Amorin, et al v. Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. f/k/a Shandong Taihe Dongxin Co., Ltd., et al*, No. 11-1395.
- Omni XVII: *Eduardo and Carmen Amorin, et al v. Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. f/k/a Shandong Taihe Dongxin Co., Ltd., et al*, No. 11-1673.
- Omni XVIII: *Paul Beane, et al v. Gebrueder Knauf Verwaltungsgesellschaft, KG, et al*, No. 13-609.
- Omni XIX: *Eduardo and Carmen Amorin, et al v. The State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. f/k/a Shandong Taihe Dongxin Co., Ltd., et al*, No. 14-1727. On March 25, 2015, the PSC filed a Motion to Serve Defendant SASAC Via Mail and/or Through CNBM Group [Rec. Doc. 18549], which the Court granted on April 2, 2015 [Rec. Doc. 18592]. On April 3, 2015, CNBM Group filed a Motion to Reconsider [Rec. Doc. 18594]. Thereafter, on April 7, 2015, the Court set a briefing schedule on the issue and stayed service by mail until the Court resolved the Motion to Reconsider [Rec. Doc. 18629]. On April 8, 2015, the PSC filed a response to the Motion to Reconsider [Rec. Doc. 18625; on April 13, 2015, CNBM Group filed a Reply to Response [Rec. Doc. 18713]; and on April 14, 2015, the PSC filed a Sur-reply [Rec. Doc. 18712]. On April 17, 2015,

after argument, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 18733] regarding service on SASAC. On April 29, 2015, the Court filed a Minute Entry [Rec. Doc. 18857] indicating that the Clerk of Court serve SASAC per the Court's Order. On June 23, 2015, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 19211] ordering that correspondence indicating refusal of service be filed into the record. On July 21, 2015, the Court issued an Order acknowledging receipt and review of a legal memorandum on issues concerning the lawsuit submitted by the Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China [Rec. Doc. 19329].

V. PLAINTIFFS' MOTIONS TO ESTABLISH A PLAINTIFFS' LITIGATION FEE AND EXPENSE FUND

On March 22, 2011, the PSC filed a Motion to Establish a Court Supervised Account for Voluntary Deposit of Funds to Compensate and Reimburse Common Benefit Counsel [Rec. Doc. 8308]. On April 13, 2011, the Court entered an Order directing that any party may voluntarily deposit seventeen percent (17%) of settlement proceeds for common benefit fees (12%) and costs (5%) into the registry of the Court [Rec. Doc. 8545.] A number of voluntary deposits have been made to the Clerk of Court pursuant to the motion.

VI. KNAUF REMEDIATION PROGRAM

The Lead Contractor in the Knauf settlements, Moss & Associates, continues to estimate the cost of remediation for homes. Remediation is complete on 2,624 homes and condominiums, work has begun on 10 homes and condominiums, and 4 more remediations are set to begin soon. To date, Moss has mailed out 2,673 Work Authorization packets to homeowners in the various states. Moss has received 2,660 executed Work Authorization packets, and 13 Work Authorization packets are outstanding. Homeowners and/or counsel with questions about remediations may call the helpline created by Moss & Associates at 1-888-91 MOSSUSA (1-888-916-6778).

VII. INEX, BANNER, KNAUF, L&W and GLOBAL SETTLEMENTS

On February 7, 2013, the Court entered an Order and Judgment: (1) Certifying the INEX, Banner, Knauf, L&W, and Global Settlement Classes, and (2) Granting Final Approval to the INEX, Banner, Knauf, L&W, and Global Settlements [Rec. Doc. 16570]. On February 19, 2013, the Court issued an Order Correcting Clerical Error [Rec. Doc. 16580] in the February 7, 2013 Order [16570].

On March 13, 2013, the PSC and Settlement Class Counsel filed a Motion for an Order: (1) Appointing Allocation Committees for the INEX and Global Settlements; and (2) Approving Allocation Plans for the INEX, Banner and Global Settlements [Rec. Doc. 16609]. On March 15, 2013, the Court entered an Order and Judgment: (1) Appointing Allocation Committees for the INEX and Global Settlements; and (2) Approving Allocation Plans for the INEX, Banner and Global Settlements [Rec. Doc. 16616]. On April 24, 2013, the Court entered an Order and Judgment (1) Appointing Allocation Committees for the INEX and Global Settlements; and (2) Approving Allocation Plans for the INEX, Banner and Global Settlements [Rec. Doc. 16782]. The registration period for the Knauf, Banner, INEX, Global, and/or L&W Class Settlements expired on October 25, 2013 [Rec. Doc. 17157].

A representative from BrownGreer will be present at the status conference to address settlement claims issues. BrownGreer filed Notices of Approved Claims Administrator Procedures [Rec. Doc. 17090 and 17160]; these procedures are recited in nine Claims Administrator Procedures from September 12, 2013 through September 11, 2014.

On August 12, 2013, a Joint Notice of Filing of Settlement Documents was filed by PLC and KLC [Rec. Doc. 16978] attaching the Settlement Agreement Regarding Post-December 9, 2011 Claims Against the Knauf Defendants in MDL No. 2047, with attached exhibits.

On August 19, 2013, Class Counsel filed a Motion to Establish Various Qualified Settlement Funds (QSFs) and to Appoint Fund Administrator and Depository Bank relating to the Global, Knauf, Banner, InEx and L&W Settlements [Rec. Doc. 17009]. On September 9, 2013, the Court issued various Orders approving the QSFs [Rec. Docs. 17064 thru 17076]. The Whitney National Bank was substituted as Escrow Agent in place of US Bank as the depository bank for the Remediation Fund [Rec. Doc. 17219].

On October 23, 2014, The Fee Committee's Inspection Costs and Hold Back Motion Pursuant to Pre-Trial Order No. 28(E) was filed with the Court [Rec. Doc. 18081] and on December 18, 2014, the Court entered an Order granting the Fee Committee's Inspection Cost and Hold Back Motion [Rec. Doc. 18215].

The parties will be prepared to discuss these matters further at the status conference on August 7, 2015.

VIII. TAISHAN, BNBK AND CNBK DEFENDANTS

The Court has issued Orders establishing three (3) tracks in connection with proceedings involving the Taishan, BNBK and CNBK Defendants [see Rec. Docs. 18757 and 18844].

1. The Court's July 17, 2014 Contempt Court Track:

On June 20, 2014, the Court ordered Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. f/k/a Shandong Taihe Dongxin Co., Ltd. to appear in open court on July 17, 2014 to be examined as a judgment debtor [Rec. Doc. 17774]. Taishan failed to appear for the July 17, 2014 Judgment Debtor Examination and the Court held Taishan in contempt [Rec. Doc. 17869] and Ordered that Taishan pay \$15,000.00 in attorney's fees to Plaintiffs' counsel; that Taishan pay \$40,000.00 as a penalty for contempt; that Taishan, and any of its affiliates

or subsidiaries be enjoined from conducting any business in the United States until or unless it participates in this judicial process, and if Taishan violates the injunction, it must pay a further penalty of 25% of the profits earned by the Company or its affiliate who violate the Order for the year of the violation. Taishan entered an appearance with the Court in February 2015 and to satisfy the contempt. Taishan paid both the sum of \$15,000 in attorney's fees to Plaintiffs' counsel and the contempt penalty of \$40,000 in March 2015 [Rec. Doc. 18764]. In addition, Taishan voluntarily paid the full amount of the *Germano* judgment and all court costs associated with the *Germano* lawsuits; therefore, on April 20, 2015, the Court issued Order & Reasons (Awarding Disbursement of the Germano Intervenors' Judgment) [Rec. Doc. 18725]. Taishan filed a motion to formally "lift" the order of contempt by showing compliance and that motion [Rec. Doc. 18449] is still pending.

On March 17, 2015, the Court ordered BNBM, BNBM Group, CNBM, CNBM Group, and Taishan to participate in expedited discovery related to "the relationship between Taishan and BNBM/CNBM, including whether affiliate and/or alter ego status exists" [Rec. Doc. 17869]. The Court at the time was unable to assess whether there is a need to enforce the associated penalty of 25% of profits.

On April 24, 2015, the Court explained to all parties that: "there are two tracks of these proceedings regarding which the Court has ordered the parties to focus discovery: (1) the Court's July 17, 2015 contempt order; and (2) class damages. For the former, the parties must focus the present discovery on (a) which, if any, entities constitute "affiliates," and (b) whether any such affiliate(s) conducted any business in the United States subsequent to the Court's July 17, 2014 Order through March 2015.

On June 12, 2015, the PSC filed a Motion to Extend Discovery Deadline With Respect to the Contempt Track Discovery [Rec. Doc. 19124]. On June 15, 2015, BNBMM filed a Response [Rec. Doc. 19136]. On June 16, 2015, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 19146] extending the deadline for completion of the contempt track discovery through August 14, 2015.

On July 31, 2014, the PSC filed a Motion for Contempt against corporate officers of Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. and Tai'an Taishan Plasterboard Co., Ltd., Chairmen Jia Tonchun and Peng Shiliang [Rec. Doc. 17920]. On September 18, 2014, the Court heard the Motion for Contempt and took the matter under advisement. In addition, on February 10, 2015, the PSC filed a Motion of Plaintiff-Intervenors and the PSC for and Expedited Hearing to Enforce the Court's July 17, 2014 Contempt Order and Injunction [Rec. Doc. 18302, and supplemented at Rec. Doc. 18404]. The parties await a ruling on these motions.

On July 29, 2014, the *Eduardo and Carmen Amorin, et al v. The State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. f/k/a Shandong Taihe Dongxin Co., Ltd., et al*, No. 14-1727, Omni XIX Complaint was filed which names as Defendants the State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. f/k/a Shandong Taihe Dongxin Co., Ltd., Tai'an Taishan Plasterboard Co., Ltd., Beijing New Building Materials Public Limited Co., China National Building Material Co., Ltd., Beijing New Building Materials (Group) Co., Ltd., China National Building Materials Group Corporation. The Court ruled that several of these Defendants are subsidiaries and affiliates of the Judgment Debtor, Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. The CNBM and BNBMM

entities subsequently filed pleadings challenging this ruling based upon facts and legal authorities. [Rec. Docs. 18451, 18454, 19271, 19294]. The Court has allowed discovery to continue on the jurisdiction track [see discussion in part 3, *infra*] and contempt track, which it found to coincide with discovery related to the exceptions to the Foreign Sovereign Immunity Act motion to dismiss of CNBM Group [see Rec. Doc. 19323]. On July 14, 2015 and July 16, 2015, the Court issued Orders [Rec. Doc. 19300 and 19309, respectively] setting the Motion to Clarify the July 17, 2014 Contempt Order or, in the alternative, to Vacate the Order to the Extent it Applies to the CNBM entities [Rec. Doc. 19271 and 19356] and joined by the BNBM Entities [Rec. Doc. 19294 and 19358] for hearing following the monthly status conference on August 7, 2015. The BNBM Entities filed a motion to strike the affidavit of Russ Herman [Rec. Doc. 19354-1] in connection with the pending motions to clarify or vacate the July 17, 2014 order [Rec. Doc. 19357-1].

On July 16, 2015, China National Building Material Investment Co. Ltd. (“CNBMP”), BNK International, LLC (“BNK”), and Jeffrey J. Chang (“Chang”) (collectively the “Texas Litigants”) file a Joint Request for Direction regarding the July 17, 2014 Contempt Order [Rec. Doc. 19311]. On July 20, 2015, CNBM filed a Response [Rec. Doc. 19318], on July 23, 2015, the PSC filed their Response [Rec. Doc. 19328]; and on July 29, 2015, CNBM filed a Reply [Rec. Doc. 19342].

Taishan filed a motion to dismiss the Ace complaint [Rec. Doc. 19296] and this motion has been set for hearing following the August 7th monthly status conference.

2. Class Damages Track:

On July 23, 2014, Omnibus Motion for Class Certification Pursuant to Rules 23(a)(1)-(4) and 23(b)(3) was filed by Plaintiffs [Rec. Doc. 17883] and on September 26, 2014, the Court issued Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law With Respect to Plaintiffs' Omnibus Motion for Class Certification Pursuant to Rules 23(a)(1)-(4) and 23(b)(3) [Rec. Doc. 18028], which also issued Legal Notice [Rec. Doc. 18028-1]. Notices were sent in accordance with the Court's Order.

On October 29, 2014, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Assessment of Class Damages Pursuant to Rule 55(b)(2)(B) and Request for Approval of Supplemental Notice [Rec. Doc. 18086]. An Order was issued on October 30, 2014 [Rec. Doc. 18097] setting the matter for hearing, with oral argument, following the December 17, 2014 status conference. On December 18, 2014, the Court entered an Order granting the "notice" portion of the Motion for Assessment of Class Damages Pursuant to Rule 55(b)(2)(B) [Rec. Doc. 18216] and a separate Order approving the supplemental notice [Rec. Doc. 18217]. On March 2, 2015, Plaintiffs filed Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law [Rec. Doc. 18405] with respect to the Motion for Assessment of Class Damages. On April 13, 2015, the PSC filed a Revised Trial Plan for the Assessment of Class Damages [Rec. Doc. 18673]. On April 15, 2015, the PSC filed a Memorandum Regarding Effects of Default and Issue Preclusion in April 28, 2015 Class-Wide Damages Trial (REDACTED)[Rec. Doc. 18694]. On April 24, 2015, the PSC filed a Second Revised Trial Plan for the Assessment of Class Damages [Rec. Doc. 18753]. Further, on May 8, 2015, Taishan moved to decertify the class [Rec. Doc. 18879] and the BNBM and CNBM entities have joined in Taishan's motion [Rec. Docs. 18883 and

18885, respectively]. (*See* May 28, 2015 Minute Entry [Rec. Doc. 19035] and Transcript.) An evidentiary hearing, with oral argument, occurred on June 9, 2015.

Following the evidentiary hearing on June 23, Taishan filed Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law [Rec. Doc. 19194], BNBM filed Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law [Rec. Doc. 19198], and the PSC filed a Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law Related to the June 9, 2015 Remediation Damages Trial [Rec. Doc. 19197].

On June 23, 2015, Taishan also filed a Motion to Exclude Plaintiffs' Class Spreadsheet [Rec. Doc. 19191], and BNBM filed a Notice of Joinder [Rec. Doc. 19193]. On July 6, 2015, the Plaintiffs filed their Opposition [Rec. Doc. 19254]. On July 8, 2015, Taishan filed a Reply Memorandum [Rec. Doc. 19279], and BNBM filed a Notice of Joinder [Rec. Doc. 19266] and on July 13, 2015, the Plaintiffs filed a Sur-Reply [Rec. Doc. 19302]. On July 16, 2015, Taishan filed a Notice Regarding Taishan's Motion to Exclude Plaintiffs' Class Spreadsheet [Rec. Doc. 19310] and on July 17, 2015, Plaintiffs' filed a Response [Rec. Doc. 19317]. On August 3, 2015, the Court entered Order & Reasons [Rec. Doc. 19355] denying the motion. The motion on the class assessment of damages is now joined and the parties await a ruling from the Court. Further, the Motion to Decertify the Class [Rec. Doc. 18879] filed on behalf of Taishan is to be briefed and ruled upon at a later date.

3. Jurisdiction Track:

On April 1, 2015, CNBM and CNBM Group filed a Motion for Order Preserving Defenses [Rec. Doc. 18581]. On April 2, 2015, the Court granted the motion [Rec. Doc. 18583].

On April 29, 2015, BNBM PLC filed a Motion to Dismiss the Complaints Pursuant to Rules 12(B)(2) and 12(B)(5) [Rec. Doc. 18841], a Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction [Rec. Doc. 18849], and a Motion to Vacate Entries of Preliminary Default [Rec. Doc. 18851]. On June 12, 2015, the Court issued Order & Reasons [Rec. Doc. 19127] denying the motions as premature.

On June 16, 2015, China New Building Materials Group, China New Building Materials Co., CNBMIT Co., CNBMIT Co., Ltd., CNBM USA Corp., and United Suntech Craft, Inc. filed a Motion to Dismiss the Complaints Pursuant to Rules 12(b)(1), 12(b)(2), 12(b)(4) and 12(b)(5) [Rec. Doc. 19179]. On July 9, 2015, CNBM Group requested the Court schedule for hearing on September 16, 2015 its pending motion to dismiss based upon sovereign immunity [Rec. Doc. 19267]. Additional letter briefs were submitted by the parties and on July 22, 2015, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 19323] setting CNBM's Motion to Dismiss the Complaints Pursuant to Rules 12(b)(1), 12(b)(2), 12(b)(4) and 12(b)(5) [Rec. Doc. 19179] to be heard on the date of the December 2015 status conference.

In connection with the three (3) tracks, the PSC has undertaken discovery of the Taishan Defendants, as well as third-parties. The following depositions have been taken:

1. 04/17/2015 Steve Kim (Sunpin Solar Development);
2. 04/16/2015 Rosemary Daszkiewicz (Plum Creek Timber);
3. 04/22/2015 Donald H. Sebastian, Ph.D. (New Jersey Institute of Technology);
4. 04/24/2015 Fred Paulsen (CTIEC-TECO American Technology, Inc.);
5. 05/13/2015 Samuel I. Hull (Hull Forest Products, Inc.);
6. 05/18/2015 Steven Zika (Hampton Companies);
7. 05/19/2015 George Inglis, P.E.;
8. 05/20/2015 Jeffrey J. Chang;
9. 05/21/2015 M. Laurentius Marais;
10. 05/22/2015 David Pogorilich;
11. 05/26/2015 Jacob S. Woody (BrownGreer);

12. 06/02/2015 Gang Che (Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. & Tai'an Taishan Plasterboard Co., Ltd. ("TTP"));
13. 06/03/2015 Gang Che (Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. & TTP);
14. 06/04/2015 Gang Che (Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. & TTP);
15. 06/05/2015 Zhangli Chang (CNBM);
16. 06/06/2015 Zhangli Chang (CNBM);
17. 06/07/2015 Zhangli Chang (CNBM);
18. 06/16/2015 Guoping Zhou (CNBM Group);
19. 06/17/2015 Guoping Zhou (CNBM Group);
20. 06/18/2015 Guoping Zhou (CNBM Group);
21. 07/08/2015 Yu Chen (BNBM);
22. 07/09/2015 Yu Chen (BNBM);
23. 07/10/2015 Yu Chen (BNBM);
24. 07/11/2015 Yu Chen (BNBM);
25. 07/15/2015 Yanming Zhao (BNBM Group);
26. 07/16/2015 Yanming Zhao (BNBM Group);
27. 07/17/2015 Yanming Zhao (BNBM Group); and
28. 07/27/2015 Triorient Trading, Inc.

The following depositions may be taken or have been noticed:

1. 08/04/2015 Great Western Building Materials;
2. 08/04/2015 Cao Jianglin (BNBM, BNBM Group, CNBM & CNBM Group);
3. 08/25/2015 Wang Bing (BNBM & CNBM);
4. 09/01/2015 – 09/02/2015 CNBM (USA) Corp.;
5. 09/03/2015 – 09/04/2015 United Suntech Crafts, Inc.;
6. 09/16/2015 Song Zhiping (CNBM and CNBM Group);
7. 09/16/2015 – 09/17/2015 Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. & TTP (continuation);
8. 09/29/2015 – 09/30/2015 CNBM Trading;
9. 09/30/2015 Peng Shou (CNBM Co., Ltd.);
10. 10/1/2015 – 10/2/2015 CNBM Forest Products (Canada), Ltd.;
11. TBD Jushi USA Fiberglass Co., Ltd.;
12. TBD China Jushi Co., Ltd.;
13. TBD Jushi Group Co., Ltd.;
14. TBD JP Morgan Chase & Co.;
15. TBD Morgan Stanley;
16. TBD Baoan International Investment Co., Ltd.
17. TBD Jia Tongchun;
18. TBD Peng Wenlong;
19. TBD Chungang Dong;
20. TBD JinYu Hu (BNBM & CNBM); and
21. TBD Cui Xingtai (BNBM & CNBM).

Several of the depositions were set on an expedited basis and additional depositions are in the process of being scheduled and set up.

IX. VENTURE SUPPLY & PORTER BLAINE DEFENDANTS

On July 9, 2013, the Court entered an Order (1) Certifying Each of Four Chinese Drywall Class Settlements (Nationwide Insureds Settlement Agreement, Porter-Blaine/Venture Supply Settlement Agreement, Tobin Trading and Installers Settlement Agreement, and Builders Mutual Insureds Settlement Agreement) Relating to Virginia and Certain Other Remaining Claims; (2) Granting Final Approval to the Four Chinese Drywall Class Settlements; and (3) Approving an Allocation Plan for the Four Class Settlements [Rec. Doc. 16934]. On July 12, 2013, Class Counsel filed a Motion to Approve Funding, Administration and Special Master Services [Rec. Doc. 16939] and the Court entered an Order granting the motion on July 19, 2013 [Rec. Doc. 16956].

On November 20, 2014 the Court entered an Order approving the Proposed Real Property Allocation and directing distribution of funds accordingly [Rec. Doc. 18145]. In accordance with the Court's Order, the Garretson Resolution Group (the Claims Administrator for the Four Virginia-based Settlements) has issued all Real Property Payments.

On December 6, 2013, Class Counsel for the Virginia-based settlements filed a Motion for an Order (1) Approving the Other Loss Claim Form and (2) Setting a Deadline of March 17, 2014 for Filing Other Loss Claims in Each of the Four Virginia-Based Chinese Drywall Class Settlements [Rec. Doc. 17308]. On December 9, 2013, the Court issued an Order (1) Approving the Other Loss Claim Form and (2) Setting a Deadline of March 17, 2014 for Filing Other Loss Claims in Each of the Four Virginia-Based Chinese Drywall Class Settlements [Rec. Doc. 17319]. Review of all Other Loss claims is now complete, and Garretson Resolution Group issued Other Loss Determination Notices on April 1, 2015. Five claimants appealed their Other Loss determinations. Garretson Resolution Group reviewed each appeal and issued

responses accordingly, the last of which were issued on June 26, 2015. One such claimant has done so. On July 7, 2015, claimants Colleen Nguyen and Tuan Nguyen filed a Motion for Reconsideration of the Special Master's Other Losses Determination [Rec. Doc. 19258]. Special Master Matthew L. Garretson will report separately regarding whether the parties are ready for the motion to be set for hearing. On July 20, 2015, Garretson Resolution Group issued a letter to all claimants who filed Other Loss Personal Property claims. The purpose of the letter was to address possible misunderstanding regarding the proof requirements for Personal Property claims and to provide claimants with the opportunity to submit additional supporting documentation accordingly. Upon completion of the appeals process, the Other Loss funds will be allocated among the claimants, and the allocation will be submitted to the Court for review, in preparation for issuing Other Loss payments.

X. PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT PROFILE FORMS

On November 3, 2011, the Court entered Pre-Trial Order No. 25 [Rec. Doc. 11151] setting a deadline of November 15, 2011 for the completion and submission of profile forms.

On March 31, 2015, the PSC filed a Motion for an Order Requiring the BNBM and CNBM Entities to Submit Profile Forms on or Before April 6, 2015 [Rec. Doc. 18575]. On April 1, 2015, the Court granted the motion [Rec. Doc. 18585]. On April 8, 2015, the PSC filed a Motion to Compel Complete Defendant Affiliate/Subsidiary/Parent Manufacturers' Profile Forms from BNBM and BNBM Group [Rec. Doc. 18628]. On April 10, 2015, BNBM and BNBM Group filed an Opposition to the motion. [Rec. Doc. 18667]. On April 14, 2015, the

PSC filed a Reply Brief in Support of Motion to Compel Complete Profile Forms [Rec. Doc. 18709]. This matter was discussed on the May 7, 2015 telephone status conference. See Minute Entry [Rec. Doc. 18925]. The BNBM and CNBM entities advise that they have now submitted Profile Forms subject to their pending motions.

XI. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The “MDL FAQs” may be found at www.laed.uscourts.gov/Drywall/FAQ.htm. Liaison counsel reminds the parties to review the FAQs before contacting Liaison Counsel. The parties will be prepared to discuss this issue at the monthly status conference on August 7, 2015.

XII. MATTERS SET FOR HEARING FOLLOWING THE CURRENT STATUS CONFERENCE

- (1) Motion to Clarify the July 17, 2014 Contempt Order or, in the alternative, to Vacate the Order to the Extent it Applies to the CNBM entities [19271] and joined by the BNBM Entities [19294].

XIII. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE PRESERVATION ORDER

On October 9, 2009, the Court issued Pre-Trial Order 1(B) relating to the preservation of physical evidence from properties that may be repaired during the course of these MDL proceedings. Pre-Trial Order 1(I) was entered by the Court on January 24, 2012 [Rec. Doc. 12257] and on March 20, 2015 the Court entered Pre-Trial Order 1(J) [Rec. Doc. 18528]. The parties will be prepared to address this matter at the status conference on August 7, 2015.

XIV. ENTRY OF PRELIMINARY DEFAULT

Pursuant to Minute Entry dated February 23, 2012 [Rec Doc. 12687], the Plaintiffs’ Omnibus Motion for Preliminary Default Judgment [Rec. Doc. 11234] and errata

thereto [Rec. Doc. 11773, 12265, 12551] was granted. On February 24, 2012, the Court signed an Entry of Preliminary Default [Rec. Doc. 12599] of certain defendants identified on Exhibit A thereto. Thereafter, additional Motions for Preliminary Defaults and Clarifications were issued by the Court [Rec. Docs Nos. 15412, 15898, 15972, 16030, 17089, 17172, 17722, 17378, 17781, 17792, 17793, 17791, 17800, 17814, 17802, 17815, 17803, 17816]. The PSC has not yet certified to the Court that it has completed the filing of Plaintiffs' amended complaints. The parties will be prepared to discuss this further at the monthly status conference on August 7, 2015.

XV. ALREADY REMEDIATED HOMES

The Already Remediated Homes Committee has met on several occasions to discuss properties that have not yet been resolved and the Knauf Defendants are in the process of filing motions with the Court to address those unresolved properties. The parties will be prepared to discuss this further at monthly status conference on August 7, 2015.

XX. NEXT STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court has scheduled the next monthly status conference on October 7, 2015 at 9:00 am. The September monthly status conference is cancelled. Any interested persons unable to attend the October conference in person may listen-in via telephone at 1-866-320-4708. The access code will be 366618 and the Chairperson will be Judge Fallon.