## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

| In re: VIOXX®                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | * | MDL Docket No. 1657 |           |   |   |   |                    |
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## PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 34 (*Pro Se* Tolling Claimant Registration and Enrollment Re: Settlement)

The Court hereby Orders as follows with respect to the registration and enrollment of *pro se* tolling claimants in the Vioxx MDL Settlement Program:

- The Court hereby orders Defendants to provide to Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel ("PLC"), within ten (10) days, a complete list of all *pro se* tolling claimants in this matter. The list shall identify the full name of the *pro se* tolling claimant, address, phone number (if known), e-mail address (if known), and any other contact information that may assist PLC in communicating with a *pro se* tolling claimant.
- Defendants shall provide to PLC within ten (10) days copies of any Claimant Profile Forms ("CPFs") for *pro se* tolling claimants.
- 3. The Court hereby orders PLC to initiate contact and communicate with any *pro se* tolling claimant with respect to the efficient administration and management of the Vioxx Settlement Program. PLC shall assist the *pro se* tolling claimants by explaining the prosecution of their Vioxx claims or settlement options. PLC shall make available to *pro se* tolling claimants the Master Settlement Agreement,

Registration Form, Enrollment Form, Claims Package, and shall assist the *pro se* tolling claimants with answers to questions a claimant may have regarding forms. Furthermore, PLC shall advise claimants regarding the Court's website located at <u>http://vioxx.laed.uscourts.gov</u> and any website that the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee dedicates exclusively to the Vioxx Settlement Program.

- 4. PLC shall advise any *pro se* tolling claimant that communicates with PLC that the *pro se* tolling claimant may retain counsel. PLC shall advise the *pro se* tolling claimant of the name and contact information for counsel handling Vioxx matters in the jurisdiction where the *pro se* tolling claimant resides.
- 5. PLC shall keep track of all calls received from *pro se* tolling claimants. The tracking shall include the name and contact information for the *pro se* tolling claimant and the date of the communication. PLC shall also maintain files and retain any and all written information by and between the *pro se* tolling claimant and PLC.

Honorable Eldon E. Fallon United States District Judge