

**MINUTE ENTRY
FALLON, J.
JULY 18, 2018**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In re: CHINESE-MANUFACTURED	*	MDL Docket No. 2047
DRYWALL PRODUCTS	*	
LIABILITY LITIGATION	*	SECTION L
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	*	JUDGE FALLON
This document relates to All Cases	*	
	*	MAG. JUDGE WILKINSON
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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. Liasion counsel reported to the Court on the topics set out in Joint Report No. 101 (R. Doc. 21528). The conference was transcribed by Ms. Cathy Pepper, Official Court Reporter. Counsel may contact Ms. Pepper at (504) 589-7779 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. OMNIBUS (“OMNI”) CLASS ACTION COMPLAINTS

All of the filed thirty-four (34) Omni Complaints and Complaints in intervention are listed in prior Joint Status Reports which can be accessed through the Court’s ECF/PACER docket or File & Serve Xpress.

On May 22, 2018, Plaintiffs’ Motion to Intervene was filed with the Court [Rec. Doc. 21342], relating to *Allen, et al. v. Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd., et al.* (2:17-cv-08288); *Bayne, et al. v. Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd., et al.* (2:17-cv-08284); *Brooke, et al. v. The State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Counsel* (2:15-cv-04127); *Brooke, et al. v. The State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Counsel* (2:15-cv-06631); and *Brooke, et al. v. The State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Counsel* (2:15-cv-06632). On June 7, 2018, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 21373] granting the Motion to Intervene.

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

On February 22, 2018, a Motion to Extinguish the Knauf Defendants’ Settlement Obligations for Certain Remediation Claims was filed with the Court [Rec. Doc. 21190]. Certain Claimants listed in the Motion have filed a response [Rec. Docs. 21230, 21236, 21237]. Several other claimants have been in contact with the Knauf Defendants and have completed their Remediation Claims or expect to complete their Remediation Claims soon. The matter was heard on June 12, 2018 and the Court issued an Order on June 12, 2018 [Rec. Doc. 21406], granting the motion in part and continuing certain claims until the July 18, 2018 status conference.

The matter was heard again at the July 18, 2018 status conference with the Court granting the motion in part and continuing certain claims until the August 14, 2018 status conference.

IV. TAISHAN, BNBM AND CNBM DEFENDANTS

The Court has issued Orders establishing three (3) tracks in connection with proceedings involving the Taishan, BNBM and CNBM 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.

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].

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] ("PSC's Motion for Assessment of Class Damages"). An Evidentiary Hearing, with oral argument, on the PSC's Motion for Assessment of Class Damages occurred on June 9, 2015.

On September 8, 2015 the PSC notified the Court that its proposed class of claimants for remediation decreased from 3,852 claimants to potentially fewer than 1,800 as a result of the Plaintiffs' voluntary dismissals. In response, Taishan submitted a supplemental class damages opposition to address the Plaintiffs' class damages revisions. [Rec. Doc. 19490.] The number of claimants has been the subject of ongoing meet and confer discussions and on July 25, 2017 the PSC filed its updated Class Plaintiffs' spreadsheet (*see* Rec. Docs. 20824 and 20875).

On May 14, 2018, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 21329] regarding Motion to Certify Class Builder Plaintiffs' Renewed Motion for Class Certification Against Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. [Rec. Doc. 20857] setting a briefing schedule.

On May 31, 2018, CNBM Company, BNBM Group, and BNBM PLC's Motion to Dismiss Certain Plaintiffs Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(b) was filed with the Court [Rec. Doc. 21351], with a Request for Oral Argument [Rec. Doc. 21352]. On May 31, 2018, Taishan's Motion to Dismiss Claims for Failure to Complete Supplemental Profile Forms was filed with the Court [Rec. Doc. 21353], with a Request

for Oral Argument [Rec. Doc. 21354]. On June 4, 2018, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 21357] setting briefing schedules and setting the matter for hearing, with oral argument, following the July 18, 2018 status conference. On July 3, 2018, the PSC filed an Omnibus Response to Taishan and CNBM Company, BNBM Group and BNBM PLC's Motions to Dismiss claims for Failure to Complete Supplemental Profile Forms [Rec. Doc. 21460]. On July 13, 2018, CNBM Company, BNBM Group, and BNBM PLC filed a Reply in Support of Motion to Dismiss Certain Plaintiffs Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(b) [Rec. Doc. 21516]. At the July 18, 2018 Monthly Status Conference, the Court reset these motions as Motions to Show Cause to be heard at the next Monthly Status Conference on August 14, 2018.

On May 21, 2018, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 21339] to proceed to the trial phase of all Louisiana actions within the Court's jurisdiction, and ordered the parties to confer and be prepared to discuss a trial plan for all Louisiana cases with the Court at the June 12, 2018 monthly status conference. On May 25, 2018, the PSC filed a Motion to Substitute Exhibit, providing an updated exhibit to be substituted for the Appendix attached to the Order [Rec. Doc. 21339-1]. On May 29, 2018, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 21344] substituting the Appendix to the May 21, 2018 Order. On June 11, 2018, the PSC filed a Second Motion to Substitute Exhibit [Rec. Doc. 21399], providing an updated exhibit to be substituted for the Appendix attached to the Order [Rec. Doc. 21339-1]. On June 12, 2018, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 21404] substituting the Appendix to the May 21, 2018 Order.

On July 11, 2018, the CNBM and BNBM entities filed a Motion to Adopt Louisiana *Amorin* Trial Plan [Rec. Doc. 21501], Tiashan filed a Motion for Adoption of Proposed Plan for Adjudication and Resolution of Louisiana Claims in *Amorin* and *Brooke* [Rec. Doc. 21503] and the PSC submitted to the Court a Proposed Pretrial Order Setting Deadlines for the Resolution of Louisiana Plaintiffs' Claims for Remediation and Other Damages in *Amorin* and *Brooke*. The PSC will be filing a response. The Court has advised that this matter be set for oral argument on August 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

3. Jurisdiction Track:

On March 9, 2016, the Court granted the Motion to Dismiss by CNBM Group under the FSIA and issued Order & Reasons supporting its Judgment [Rec. Doc. 20150]. On April 21, 2017, the Court issued Order & Reasons on the various Motions to Dismiss [Rec. Doc. 20739].

Additional Matters

On December 21, 2016, the PSC filed a Motion to Remove Confidentiality Designations With Respect to Documents Produced By and Testimony of the Taishan Defendants and Third Parties [Rec. Doc. 20598]. On February 13, 2017, Taishan filed its Response in Opposition to PSC's Motion to Remove Confidentiality Designations [Rec. Doc. 20654], BNBM filed its Opposition to Plaintiffs' Steering Committee's Motion to Remove Confidentiality Designations With Respect to Documents Produced By and Testimony of the Taishan Defendants [Rec. Doc. 20653], CNBM filed its Response to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee's Motion to Remove Confidentiality Designations [Rec. Doc. 20658] and Jushi USA Fiberglass Co., Inc. filed its Response to the Plaintiffs'

Steering Committee's Motion to Remove Confidentiality Designations [Rec. Doc. 20660]. On February 22, 2017, the PSC filed a Reply to Responses and Oppositions by Taishan, the CNBM Entities, Beijing New Building Materials Public Limited Company, Beijing New Building Materials (Group) Co., Ltd., and Jushi USA Fiberglass Co., Inc. to Motion to Remove Confidentiality Designation With Respect to Documents Produced By and Testimony of the Taishan Defendants and Third Parties [Rec. Doc. 20684], and on April 27, 2017 the PSC filed a Supplemental Memorandum in further support [Rec. Doc. 20751]. The Court entered an Order on June 14, 2017 [Rec. Doc. 20805] continuing the hearing.

On January 26, 2017, Taishan filed a Motion for Plan to Satisfy Translation Order [Rec. Doc. 20643], on February 10, 2017, Plaintiffs' Steering Committee's Alternative Suggestion to Taishan's Plan to Satisfy Translation Order was filed [Rec. Doc. 20651] and on February 17, 2017, Taishan filed a Reply in Further Support of Taishan's Motion for Plan to Satisfy Translation Order [Rec. Doc. 20672]. The Court entered an Order on June 14, 2017 [Rec. Doc. 20805] continuing the hearing.

On March 29, 2018, the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee filed a Motion to Redress Improper Confidentiality Designations and Enforce Order Requiring Manual Translation of Chinese Documents in Recognition of the Suggestion of Remand of the Florida *Amorin* Plaintiffs [Rec. Doc. 21280]. On April 13, 2018, Taishan filed a Response to PSC's "Motion for Redress" Regarding Pending Motions Related to Confidentiality Designations and Taishan's Plan to Satisfy Translation Order [Rec. Doc. 21300] and CNBM Company, BNBM Group, and BNBM PLC filed a Response to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee's Motion Relating to Confidentiality Designations [Rec. Doc. 21306].

On April 20, 2018, the PSC filed a Reply Memorandum in Support of its Motion to Redress Improper Confidentiality Designations and Enforce Order Requiring Manual Translation of Chinese Documents in Recognition of the Suggestion of Remand of the Florida *Amorin* Plaintiffs [Rec. Doc. 21310]. On May 3, 2018, the Court issued Order and Reasons (Confidentiality) [Rec. Doc. 21317] and Order (Translations) [Rec. Doc. 21318]. The parties were directed to report back to the Court on the status of the matter and discussed this further at the June 12, 2018 status conference. The parties will give a further report at the July 18, 2018 status conference.

CNBM filed a Motion to Decertify the Class Action on January 5, 2017 [Rec. Doc. 20627], BNBM filed a Joinder on January 6, 2017 [Rec. Doc. 20631] and Taishan filed a Joinder on January 9, 2017 [Rec. Doc. 20632]. On February 13, 2017, the PSC filed Plaintiffs' Opposition to Taishan Defendants' Motion to Decertify the Class Pursuant to Rule 23(c)(1)(C) [Rec. Doc. 20675]. The matter was heard on March 2, 2017. On April 21, 2017, the Court issued Order & Reasons [Rec. Doc. 20740]. On May 22, 2017, Taishan filed a Motion to Amend the Order Denying Class Decertification and the Class Damages Order and to Certify for Interlocutory Appeal Under Section 1292(b) [Rec. Doc. 20778]. On June 15, 2017, the PSC filed a Response in Opposition to Taishan's Motion to Amend the Order Denying Class Decertification and the Class Damages Order and to Certify for Interlocutory Appeal Under Section 1292(b) [Rec. Doc. 20809]. On July 5, 2017, Taishan filed a Reply in Support of Motion to Amend the Order Denying Class Decertification and the Class Damages Order and to Certify for Interlocutory Appeal Under Section 1292(b) [Rec. Doc. 20849].

On February 14, 2017, the PSC filed a Motion to Compel Complete Responses to Supplemental Discovery Directed to Taishan, TTP, BNBM, BNBM Group, CNBM and CNBM Group [Rec. Doc. 20661]. The Court entered an Order on June 14, 2017 [Rec. Doc. 20805] continuing the hearing on this matter until the Court discusses the status of the litigation with Liaison Counsel.

On August 1, 2017, CNBM and BNBM filed a Supplemental Motion on Jurisdiction and Class Certification Following *Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Superior Court of California, San Francisco County* [Rec. Doc. 20882], and August 7, 2017, Taishan filed a Notice of Joinder [Rec. Doc. 20894]. On August 30, 2017, the PSC filed a Memorandum in Opposition to Defendants' Supplemental Motion on Jurisdiction and Class Certification Following *Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Superior Court of California, San Francisco County* [Rec. Doc. 20935]. On September 5, 2017, the Court entered an Order [Rec. Doc. 20942] setting the matter for oral argument on October 12, 2017, following the monthly status conference, and establishing briefing deadlines. On September 19, 2017, CNBM and BNBM filed a Reply Brief in Support of Supplemental Motion on Jurisdiction and Class Certification Following *Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Superior Court of California, San Francisco County* [Rec. Doc. 20956-2] and Taishan filed a Reply in Support of Taishan's Joinder to Supplemental Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction Following *Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Superior Court* [Rec. Doc. 20964]. On September 29, 2017, the Court issued an additional briefing deadline Order [Rec. Doc. 20992]. On September 29, 2017, Taishan filed a Supplemental Brief in Support of Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction Following *Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Superior Court* [Rec. Doc.

20996]; CNBM and BNBM filed a Supplemental Brief Addressing *In Re Depuy Orthopaedics, Inc.* [Rec. Doc. 20997]; and the PSC filed a Supplemental Memorandum Addressing *In Re Depuy Orthopaedics, Inc.*, in Further Opposition to Defendants' Supplemental Motion on Jurisdiction and Class Certification Following *Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Superior Court of California, San Francisco County* [Rec. Doc. 21000]. On October 6, 2017, the PSC filed a Second Supplemental Memorandum in Further Opposition to Defendants' Supplemental Motion on Jurisdiction and Class Certification Following *Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Superior Court of California, San Francisco County*, Filed Pursuant to the Court's September 28, 2017 Order [Rec. Doc. 21031]. On October 11, 2017, Defendants filed a Supplemental Brief Addressing the Difference, If Any, Between a Mass Action and a Class Action In Which Every Member is a Named Plaintiff [Rec. Doc. 21038] and Taishan filed a Supplemental Brief on Mass Tort and Class Actions in Support of Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction Following *Bristol-Myers Squibb v. Superior Court* [Rec. Doc. 21036]. The matter was heard on October 12, 2017 and was taken under submission (see Minute Entry, Rec. Doc. 21040). On November 13, 2017, Defendants filed a Motion for Leave to File Notice of Supplemental Authority [Rec. Doc. 21070 and 21073] and November 20, 2017, the PSC filed a Motion for Leave to File a Response [Rec. Doc. 21075 and 21081]. On November 30, 2017, the Court issued Order & Reasons [Rec. Doc. 21088]. CNBM and BNBM specifically reserve their respective objections to jurisdiction. CNBM, BNBM and Taishan have preserved their positions based upon the ruling in *Bristol-Myers Squibb*. On December 13, 2017, CNBM and BNBM filed a Renewed Motion to Certify an Immediate

Appeal From the Court's Jurisdictional Orders [Rec. Doc. 21095] and Taishan filed a Notice of Joinder [Rec. Doc. 21096]. On January 10, 2018, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 21128] issuing briefing deadlines and indicating that no oral argument was necessary on this motion. On January 15, 2018, the PSC filed its Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Defendants' Renewed Motion to Certify an Immediate Appeal From the Court's Jurisdictional Orders [Rec. Doc. 21138 and 21158]. On February 8, 2018, CNBM and BNBM filed a Reply Memorandum in Support of Their Renewed Motion to Certify an Immediate Appeal From the Court's Jurisdictional Orders [Rec. Doc. 21173]. On March 6, 2018, the Court entered Order and Reasons granting in part and denying in part the Motion to Certify Immediate Appeals [Rec. Doc. 21231]. On March 15, 2018, CNBM and BNBM filed a Petition for Permission to Appeal Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b) with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

On August 22, 2017, the PSC filed an End Game Proposal [Rec. Doc. 20913], and on August 31, 2017, filed a Supplement [Rec. Doc. 20937]. On August 23, 2017, CNBM and BNBN filed an MDL Issues List [Rec. Doc. 20923]. On August 24, 2017, Taishan filed Suggestion of Next Steps in MDL Litigation [Rec. Doc. 20928], and on August 31, 2017, CNBM and BNBM filed a Memorandum of Joinder [Rec. Doc. 20938].

V. VENTURE SUPPLY & PORTER BLAINE DEFENDANTS

On March 13, 2018, a Motion for an Order (1) Preliminarily Approving the Settlement Agreement of Assigned Claims in MDL No. 2047 on Behalf of the Porter-Blaine/Venture Supply Class Regarding Claims Assigned to the Class by the Porter-

Blaine/Venture Participating Defendants and Participating Insurers Against Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. and Taian Taishan Plasterboard Co., Ltd.; (2) Directing the Dissemination of Class Notice; and (3) Scheduling a Fairness Hearing [Rec. Doc. 21244] was filed with the Court. On April 17, 2018, the Court issued an (1) Order Preliminarily Approving the Settlement Agreement of Assigned Claims in MDL 2047 on Behalf of the Porter-Blaine/Venture Supply Class Regarding Claims Assigned to the Class by Porter-Blaine/Venture Participating Defendants and Participating Insurers Against Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. and Taian Taishan Plasterboard Co., Ltd.; (2) Directing the Dissemination of Class Notice; and (3) Scheduling a Fairness Hearing on July 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. [Rec. Doc. 21307].

On July 5, 2018, Class Counsel's Motion for an Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement of Assigned Claims in MDL No. 2047 on Behalf of the Porter-Blaine/Venture Supply Class Regarding Claims Assigned to the Class by the Porter-Blaine/Venture Supply Participating Defendants and Participating Insurers Against Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. And Tian Tiashan Plasterboard Co., Ltd. was filed with the Court [Rec. Doc. 21485].

VI. BENNETT CLASS ACTION

On March 7, 2018, the Court conducted a status conference concerning the action styled *Elizabeth Bennett, et al. v. Gebrueder Knauf Verwaltungsgesellschaft, KG, et al.*, Case No. 1:14-cv-02722-EEF-JCW [Rec. Doc. 21238]. On March 13, 2018, it was agreed that Plaintiffs' deadline to submit profile forms (PPF and SPPF, as appropriately modified) and all supporting documentation to Brown Greer is forty-five (45) days or by

April 27, 2018. On May 14, 2018, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 21332] filing the Fourth Amended Class Action Complaint [Rec. Doc. 21333] and Fifth Amended Class Action Complaint [Rec. Doc. 21334]. The Court conducted a status conference on June 27, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. and a telephone status conference on July 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The Court directed the parties to meet and confer, and issued a Minute Entry [Rec. Doc. 21481]. The parties provided the Court with an update at the July 18, 2018 Monthly Status Conference.

VII. 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.

VIII. ATTORNEY FEES

On January 31, 2018, the Court issued Order and Reasons Setting Common Benefit Fees [Rec. Doc. 21168]. On February 28, 2018, Primary Counsel filed a Motion for Certification of Order for Interlocutory Appeal Under 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b), or in the Alternative, Entry of Final Judgment Under Rule 54(b) [Rec. Doc. 21216]. On March 19, 2018, Plaintiffs’ Lead and Liaison Counsel filed a Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Primary Counsel’s Motion for Certification of Order for Interlocutory Appeal Under 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b), Or in the Alternative, Entry of Final Judgment Under Rule 54(h) [Rec. Doc. 21248-2]. On March 27, 2018, Primary Counsel filed a Reply in Support of Primary Counsel’s Motion for Certification of Order for Interlocutory Appeal Under 28 U.S.C. §

1292(B) [Rec. Doc. 21273]. On May 7, 2018, the Court issued Order and Reasons [Rec. Doc. 21322].

On May 4, 2018, Krupnick Campbell Malone (KCM) filed a Motion to Compel Fee Committee to Transmit to Common Benefit Counsel the Committee's Recommendation and/or Set Timelines Pursuant to Pre-Trial Order 28 and Pre-Trial Order 28(E) [Rec. Doc. 21319]. On May 7, 2018, Plaintiffs' Lead and Liaison Counsel filed a Response [Rec. Doc. 21321] and on May 9, 2018, KCM filed a Reply Memorandum [Rec. Doc. 21327]. On June 12, 2018, the Court entered an Order denying the motion [Rec. Doc. 21403].

On May 18, 2018, Yance Law Firm's Motion to Immediately Transfer Attorney Fee Qualified Settlement Fund to a Different Depository Bank or Back Into the Court Registry [Rec. Doc. 21338] was filed with the Court. On May 22, 2018, Krupnick Campbell Malone Et Al.'s Joinder in Relief Sought in Yance Law Firm's Motion to Immediately Transfer Attorney Fee Qualified Settlement Fund to a Different Depository or Back Into the Registry of the Court [Rec. Doc. 21341] was filed with the Court. On May 31, 2018, Taylor Martino, P.C.'s Joinder in Relief Sought in Yance Law Firm's Motion to Immediately Transfer Attorney Fee Qualified Settlement Fund to a Different Depository or Back Into the Registry of the Court [Rec. Doc. 21350] was filed with the Court. On June 12, 2018, the Court issued an Order [Rec. Doc. 21405] providing a briefing schedule and setting the matter for hearing for oral argument on July 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and transferring the Attorney Fee Settlement Fund from Esquire Bank to the Court Registry. On June 26, 2018, Plaintiffs's Liaison Counsel and Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel filed

a Response [Rec. Docs. 21429-2 and 21432-2]. On July 3, 2018, Yance Law Firm filed a Reply [Rec. Doc. 21477] and on July 5, 2018, Krupnick Campbell Malone filed a Reply [Rec. Doc. 21499]. This matter was heard on July 12, 2018 and the motion was taken under advisement [Rec. Doc. 21506].

On July 3, 2018, Step Six Final Recommendation of the Majority of the Fee Committee Regarding Allocation of the Common Benefit was filed [Rec. Doc. 21455] and on July 5, 2018, Krupnick Campbell Malone et al's Minority Fee Committee Report Consistent with "Step Six" Pursuant to Pre-Trial Order 28 was filed [Rec. Doc. 21473]. On July 6, 2018, the Court entered an Order [Rec. Doc. 21482] directing anyone having any objections to the attached [Rec. Doc. 21455] recommendations to file their objections with the Court no later than Friday, July 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. central standard time. The Court provided notice of the Fee Committee recommendation and posted the information to the Court's website located at www.laed.uscourts.gov, which has a tab that links directly to "Drywall MDL."

On July 20, 2018, Parker Waichman, LLP filed a Motion to Disqualify Fee Committee Chair and Co-Chair, to Strike Step Six Recommendation of the Majority of the Fee Committee Regarding Allocation of the Common Benefit [Rec. Doc. 21455]. And to Lift the Seal on Related Filings [Rec. Doc. 21489], along with a Request for Oral Argument [Rec. Doc. 21490].

IX. MATTERS SET FOR HEARING FOLLOWING THE CURRENT

STATUS CONFERENCE

1. [21190] Motion to Extinguish the Knauf Defendants' Settlement Obligations for Certain Remediation Claims. – Some claims reset for August 14, 2018 Monthly Status Conference.
2. CNBM Company, BNBM Group and BNBM PLC's Motion to Dismiss Certain Plaintiffs Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(b) [Rec. Doc. 21351] – Reset as a show cause hearing for August 14, 2018 Monthly Status Conference.
3. Taishan's Motion to Dismiss Claims for Failure to Complete Supplemental Profile Forms [Rec. Doc. 21353] – Reset as a show cause hearing for August 14, 2018 Monthly Status Conference.
4. Fairness Hearing for the Settlement of Assigned Claims in MDL No. 2047 on Behalf of the Porter-Blaine/Venture Supply Class Regarding Claims Assigned to the Class by the Porter-Blaine/Venture Supply Participating Defendants and Participating Insurers Against Taishan Gypsum Co., Ltd. and Taian Taishan Plasterboard Co., Ltd. [Rec. Doc. 21307].

X. 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].

XI. SUGGESTION OF REMAND

On June 6, 2018, the United States Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation issued a Remand Order [Rec. Doc. 524] for certain plaintiffs in the *Amorin* action [1:11-22408] remanding the actions to the Southern District of Florida. On June 19, 2018, Judge Marcia G. Cooke issued an Order setting a status conference for July 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Miami Division of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS

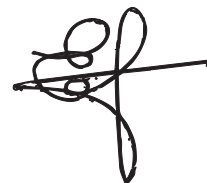
On June 28, 2018, a Motion to Withdraw Jerrold Seth Parker from the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee was filed with the Court [Rec. Doc. 21433]. On June 29, 2018, the Court issued an Order granting the motion and withdrawing Jerrold Seth Parker from the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee [Rec. Doc. 21440].

On June 19, 2018, a Motion to Appoint Plaintiffs' Steering Committee Member was filed [Rec. Doc. 21421] and on June 21, 2018, the Court issued an Order appointing Salvadore Christina of the Becnel Law Firm, LLC to the PSC.

On June 25, 2018, Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel filed a Motion to Authorize Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel to Pay and/or Reimburse Payment of Taxes [Rec. Doc. 21427].

XIII. NEXT STATUS CONFERENCE

The next monthly status conference is scheduled for August 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The following monthly status conference is scheduled for September 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Conference call information is available on the Court's MDL website on the Calendar page.

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