## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA AT CHARLESTON

IN RE: COLOPLAST CORP. PELVIC SUPPORT SYSTEMS PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Master File No. 2:12-MD-02387 MDL 2387

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES

JOSEPH R. GOODWIN U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

## PRETRIAL ORDER # 20 (Waiver of Service for Coloplast Corp.)

With the substantial agreement of the parties, the court **ORDERS** that:

- 1. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Order, Defendant Coloplast Corp. ("Coloplast Corp.") will waive service of process in cases directly filed in or transferred by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to MDL 2387, MDL 2187, MDL 2325, MDL 2326, and MDL 2327, in which it is named and one or more products either manufactured or distributed by Coloplast Corp. as specified in the Amended Master Complaint in MDL 2387 is alleged to be at issue. Defendants Coloplast A/S, Coloplast Manufacturing US, LLC, and Porges S.A. will not waive service of process in any case at this time.
- 2. For such cases, plaintiffs shall send the Short Form Complaint or Amended Short Form Complaint, a request for waiver of service pursuant to the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 4, and, if in their possession, a sticker page or other medical record identifying the product(s) at issue in the case to counsel for Coloplast Corp.:

- a. by email to <u>ColoplastSFC@fulbright.com</u>; or
- b. by certified mail to:

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Service will be effective only if accomplished as set forth above, or if accomplished pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

- 3. Counsel for Coloplast Corp. shall return the signed waiver requests to the plaintiffs within the time permitted by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4, and shall acknowledge receipt of the Short Form Complaint or Amended Short Form Complaint by filing a Notice of Appearance within 30 days of receipt.
- 4. By accepting service pursuant to Paragraph 3 above, Coloplast Corp. does not waive any claims, affirmative defenses or other defenses of any nature whatsoever except for those relating to service of process. If service is otherwise perfected under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Coloplast Corp. does not waive any claims, defenses or other defenses of any nature whatsoever, including those related to service of process.
- 5. Plaintiffs submitting a request for waiver shall not seek to hold Coloplast Corp. in default for failure to timely answer a complaint in which service has been accomplished pursuant to the terms of this Order without first giving Coloplast Corp. written notice of the alleged default and ten business days in which to cure any alleged default.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:12-md-02387 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 2:13-cv-01128. 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 <a href="https://www.wvsd.uscourts.gov">www.wvsd.uscourts.gov</a>.

ENTER: January 24, 2013

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JOSEPH R. GOODWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE