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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION KENNETH J. HURPHY

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In re: Breast Implant Litigation

Master File No. C-1-92-057 Judge Carl B. Rubin

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION TO RESTRAIN DEFENDANTS AND THEIR COUNSEL FROM IMPROPER COMTACTS WITH CLASS MEMBERS

IMMEDIATE RELIEF REQUESTED

On March 11, 1992, Plaintiffs filed a motion with this need requesting it to restrain Defendants and their counsel from Journal Motion improper contacts with class members (docket no. 64). The Card motion, based on information received by Plaintiffs' counsel misom Docketed conversations with class members and numerous press reports and articles, identified that Defendants were operating a toll free 800 number wherein misleading and incorrect information was provided to class members. In addition, the motion revealed that the Dow Corning Defendants were seeking releases of liability from class members through their treating physicians in exchange for a nominal sum of money (\$600.00) in Dow's "warranty" exchange program. Plaintiffs set forth the case law which unequivocally established that such contacts with class members were improper. See Plaintiffs' Motion at pp. 3 - 9. To protect the rights of class members and avoid confusion and prejudice, Plaintiffs requested that Defendants be restrained from all such communications and that they be compelled to identify all persons with whom they had communicated since the class action was certified on February 14, 1992.

Recent actions by the Dow Corning Defendants mandate immediate consideration and protection for class members by this Court. Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(c)(1), which allows for expedited consideration of a motion, Local Rule 65.1 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b), Plaintiffs herein respectfully request that this Court grant a temporary restraining order prohibiting Defendants and, in particular, the Dow Corning Defendants, from any further communications with class members.

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On March 19, 1992, the Dow Corning defendants held a press conference at which time they indicated their intention to continue soliciting contacts and releases of liability from class members. See Dow Corning Press Release, attached as Exhibit A hereto. Specifically, the press release stated:

McKennon also announced a new program for women who have a medical need to have their Dow Corning implants removed but who cannot afford the necessary surgical procedure.

"More than any other group," McKennon explained, "women in these circumstances would be left without the choice to have their implants removed when a medical need made this procedure necessary. We have now designed a program to help women in that situation."

In explaining the new program, McKennon emphasized the FDA Advisory Panel's recommendation that implants performing satisfactorily need not be removed. As a result, the new program is limited to women with Dow Corning implants "who have agreed with their physician that, for medical reasons, her implant(s) need be [stet] removed, but who cannot afford the procedure. For such patients, we will provide up to \$1200 to support the medical costs of the removal procedure," said McKennon.

Patients with Dow Corning implants who believe they qualify for the program can call the company's Breast Implant Information Center at 1-800-442-5442 to find out more information about the program.

McKennon also stated that Dow Corning will continue its replacement warranty program for women using Dow Corning Silastic II or MSI implants. The program, under appropriate circumstances, provides those women with a replacement device and \$600 in financial support. "Dow Corning will continue that program," explained McKennon, "perhaps by increasing the dollar amount so that patients can purchase a device from other manufacturers."

See Exhibit A at p. 2. Notwithstanding that there is an obvious and gross deficiency in the amount of money the Dow Corning Defendants allegedly are offering to implant recipients, 1/ there are grave, significant flaws with the programs identified above which require immediate and expedited protection by the Court.

I. The Dow Corning Defendants Are Attempting To Secure Releases of Liability From Class Members.

number on March 19, 1992, received conflicting and confusing information on the above-mentioned programs. Although the press release did not mention anything about a release of liability, an operator from the Dow Corning Breast Information Center stated to perform the Dow Corning Breast Information Center stated to a class member, that she would have to execute a release of liability before any payment could be made. See Exhibit B hereto, Affidavit of treating physician but would include

^{1/} As evidenced by the affidavits of and D respectively, attached hereto as Exhibits C and D respectively, the cost of removing the implants is significantly higher than \$1,200.00.

implant as well as releasing the treating physician. Id.

(emphasis added). In return for executing the release, Dow

Corning, in its sole discretion, would decide whether to pay for

the removal and what amount it deemed appropriate, with a maximum

payment of \$1,200. Id. Payment in all cases would be made

directly to the physician. Id. The class member would not

receive any of the money. Id.

Attempting to settle claims of class members in this manner violates Federal Rule 23(e), which mandates court approval of any compromise or settlement of a class action claim. Dow Corning's payment plan also violates Rule 23(e)'s provision that notice of the proposed settlement "shall be given to all members of the class in such manner as the court directs." In this situation, Dow Corning has not received the approval of the Court to settle

claims of class members nor has it provided Court approved notice of the settlement to class members. It is unilaterally conducting an unmonitored nationwide toll free line, disseminating information and attempting to secure releases of liability without the benefit of representation by Plaintiffs' counsel or the Court's approval. Rule 23(e) was designed to address improper contacts with class members such as the toll free 800 number and "payment" plan of the Dow Corning defendants. The Court should enjoin the Dow Corning defendants from operating the toll free number and compromising claims of class members.

II. The Toll Free 800 Number Is Providing Conflicting And Confusing Information to Class Numbers.

There are additional examples of conflicting information provided by the Dow Corning Breast Information Center. While the press release states that persons are eligible only if their treating physician determines the explantation is medically necessary, see Exhibit A, class member was told by Dow Corning representatives that this was not a requirement. See Exhibit B, Affidavit of at 13. The representative, which that the state only needed to confirm that she had Dow Corning implants and that this would qualify her to participate in the program. Id. The applicant did not have to establish a "medical need" as the press release claimed. Id.

Third, each of the class members who telephoned Dow Corning's Breast Implant Center were told that they would have to relinquish the implants to Dow Corning following explantation.

See Exhibit B at ¶ 3, Exhibit C at ¶ 3. This aspect of Dow

Corning's program is particularly prejudicial to the development of an implant recipient's claim in this class action. Inasmuch as the implants will be major source of information and evidence in support of the implantee's claim, preservation of the implant and proper analysis is crucial to prosecuting the claim. Under Dow Corning's present program, it intends to reclaim the implants for alleged future "testing," with no guarantee that the implants will be preserved for use at trial.

Furthermore, Dow Corning offered to send a package of information to callers about the removal and warranty programs and insisted that callers give the operators their name and address. Notwithstanding that requiring class members to reveal their identity violates the Court's Confidentiality Order of February 20, 1992 (docket no. 17), Dow Corning informed callers that they would be ineligible to participate in the program unless they revealed both their name and their treating physician's name.

that it retained sole discretion to determine whether it will pay for the removal surgery and that this determination is made only after surgery and a report by the treating physician. See Exhibit B, Affidavit of This untimely, one-sided procedure gives Dow Corning a tremendous and unfair advantage. By retaining sole discretion to determine what amount, if any, Dow Corning will pay for the explantation procedure, Dow Corning places a breast implant recipient in a perilous financial

position. Inasmuch as the program only applies to women who have a financial need, a unilateral refusal to pay for the explantation once a woman has undergone the procedure would cause grievous and irreparable harm to the financial and emotional well-being of implantees. Breast implant recipients already feel violated and victimized by the devastating physical and emotional damage caused by silicone in their bodies. To undergo further physical pain and anguish based on vague and illusory promises of payment by Dow Corning would be monumentally unfair and wrong.

The information disseminated by the Dow Corning defendants in its toll free 800 number is confusing and misleading to class members. Plaintiffs' counsel herein received dozens of phone calls from class members on March 19 and 20, 1992, following Dow Corning's press conference, asking what the payment program means and when they would be able to receive their check for \$1,200. See Affidavit of Dianna P. McBride, attached as Exhibit E hereto. Based on conversations with these class members, it was evident that they did not understand the underlying and unspoken requirements of the payment program: that they would be required to sign a release of liability and forfeit their rights to keep the implant following surgery. Other class members who telephoned the toll free 800 number had widely varying, disparate accounts of their conversations with Dow Corning's Breast Information Center. Id. Some reported being told that the plan was part of a scientific study by Dow Corning, some reported that Dow Corning told them releases were required while others stated

just the opposite, and some class members were told that the payment program would have no effect on any pending claims or actions against Dow Corning. Id.

III. Federal Rule 65 Authorizes This Court To Enjoin The Dow Corning Defendants From Improper Contacts with Class Members.

Federal Rule 65 authorizes this Court to issue a temporary restraining order when affidavits and other evidence establish that the applicant will suffer immediate and irreparable harm. To prevail, it must be shown that the applicant is likely to prevail on the merits, that there is no adequate remedy at law, the applicant will suffer irreparable injury, and that the balance of equities favor the applicant. Dayton Christian Schools v. Ohio Civil Rights Commission, 578 F. Supp. 1004, 1016-17 (S.D. Ohio 1984). Plaintiffs herein have clearly met the standards for a temporary restraining order pursuant to Rule 65. See Waldo v. Lake Shore Estates, Inc., 433 F. Supp. 782, 790-91 (E.D. La. 1977); Kleiner v. First National Bank of Atlanta, 99 F.R.D. 77 (N.D. Ga. 1983) (order enjoining defendants from "lobbying campaigns" of prospective class members); and Hawkins v. Holiday Inns. Inc., 1978-1 Trade Cases ¶ 61,838 at 73,493 (W.D. Tenn. 1978) (court granted a restraining order where defendants had sent notice to class members which had the effect of intimidating or coercing them into executing releases).

Based on the sharply conflicting and misleading information the Dow Corning Defendants provided to class members on March 19, 1992, the need for this Court to control the dissemination of Irreparable and immediate harm may be done to class members who unwittingly sign the release, particularly without the benefit of counsel. Severe prejudice may occur to class members who unknowingly forfeit their right to keep the implants following explantation. If Dow Corning is willing to assume financial responsibility for the grievous bodily injury it inflicted on implant recipients, as it claims in its March 19, 1992 press release, it should be compelled to do so in a fair and just manner, supervised by this Court in the form of a medical monitoring fund so that the rights of implant recipients aren't jeopardized or unwittingly signed away by unsuspecting persons.

The payment program announced on March 19, 1992 by Dow Corning is ill-conceived and poorly organized, administered, and operated. The program gives breast implant recipients, particularly those that need immediate medical attention but cannot afford it, false information and false hopes. Implant recipients are led to believe that they will receive \$1,200, when this is clearly incorrect. It also confuses and misleads implant recipients by using the treating physician as the conduit through which releases of liability are executed and payment for the surgery is made to the physician, not to the implant recipient.

Immediate and expedited consideration in the form of a temporary restraining order and permanent injunctive relief is necessary to protect class members herein. Each day the Dow Corning Defendants are permitted to operate the toll free number

unaware of their legal rights and who may unknowingly forfeit rights which the class action device is designed to protect. Proper management and control of information and payment of claims should be administered by this Court. The decision of whether to pay a breast implant recipient's surgical and medical costs should not be made unilaterally by Dow Corning, based only on criteria Dow Corning deems relevant. It should be made by observing and complying with proper legal procedures, supervised by this Court, and be based on considerations of fairness to all class members.

For these reasons and as set forth in Plaintiffs' Motion to Restrain Defendants and Their Counsel From Improper Contacts With Class Members, Plaintiffs respectfully request an immediate, expedited hearing on this matter and that the following injunctive relief be awarded:

- That Defendants be enjoined from any further communications with class members that are not approved by this Court;
- 2. That Defendants be compelled to identify each class member with whom they have had contact since February 14, 1992, the date this Court certified the class action;
- 3. That any releases of liability executed after February 14, 1992 be deemed null and void and that all such releases of liability be produced to this Court and to Plaintiffs' Counsel herein;

- 4. That Defendants be compelled to return any implants received from implant recipients after February 14, 1992;
- 5. That Defendants be compelled to maintain a portion of their existing inventory of silicone gel breast implants; and
- 6. Payment of all costs and time incurred by Plaintiffs' counsel in preparing this motion.

Proper notice of the filing of this motion was given by hand delivering a copy of the motion to local counsel for each Defendant at 12 p.m., March 20, 1992. Plaintiffs request that this motion be heard and considered today, March 20, 1992.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Plaintiffs' Motion For A Temporary Restraining Order and Supplemental Motion to Restrain Defendants and Their Counsel Temporary Contacts With Class Members was hand delivered to the counsel listed below at 12 p.m. this 20th day of March 1992:

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March 19, 1992

Dow Corning Announces \$10 Million Research Fund to Continue Study of Silicone Breast Implant Safety; Affirms Financial Support for Implant Removal Under Certain Conditions; and Announces its Withdrawal from the Silicone Breast Implant Market

Washington, D.C. (March 19, 1992) — Dow Corning today announced it would establish a \$10 million fund for breast implant research; provide financial support for removal of supplants for women who have a marked annual fee the precedure but rules cannot afferd to pay for it; and announced it would not re-coact the silicone breast implant market worldwide.

Keith McKennon, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Dow Corning, said the company has established a \$10 million research fund to be audited by the independent accounting firm. Price Waterhouse. This fund, along with the interest income it earns, will be used for the sole purpose of funding continuing breast implant research. Price Waterhouse will report periodically how these funds have been spent. This \$10 million was included in the million charge previously taken by Dow Corning against 1991 earnings.

"The single, most important objective of this research is to answer those remaining questions women may have about their implants," said McKennon. "For example, the February FDA panel agreed that insufficent evidence exists to show any link between implants and systemic diseases of the arrange system. The panel also said there is insufficient evidence to prove no



such link exists. Thus, continuing research is obviously important. We agree with the seed for more studies, and are committed to fund additional research to provide an expanded scientific base to answer these questions. We will ensure that results of these studies be made available to all interested parties."

McKennon also announced a new program for women who have a medical used to have their Dow Coming implants removed but who cannot afford the necessary surgical procedure.

"More than any other group," McKennon explained, "women in these circumstances would be left without the choice to have their implants removed when a medical need made this procedure necessary. We have now designed a program to help women in that situation."

In explaining the new program, McKennon comphasized the FDA Advisory Panel's recommendation that implants performing satisfactorily need not be removed. As a result, the new program is limited to women with Dow Corning implants "who have agreed with their physician that, for medical reasons, her implant(s) need be removed, but who cannot afford the procedure. For such patients, we will provide up to \$1200 to support the medical costs of the removal procedure," said McKennon.

Patients with Dow Coming implents who believe they qualify for the program can call the company's Breast implent information Center at 1-800-442-5442 to find out more information about the program.

McKennon also stated that Dow Coming will continue its replacement warranty program for women using Dow Coming Silestictell or MSRD implants. The program, under appropriate circumstances, provides those women with a replacement device and \$600 in financial support. "Dow Coming will continue that program," explained McKennon, "perhaps by increasing the dellar amount so that patients can purchase a device from other manufacturers."

Finally, McKennon said that after careful consideration of a variety of factors, Dow Corning has decided not to means sales or production of breast implants. "In making this amountement," said McKennon, "let me make very clear that Dow Corning remains satisfied that Dow Corning implants produced over the years have filled an important medical need for thousands of women, and did not and do not represent an unreasonable risk. Based on past experience, we believe that the vast majority of women who have our implants will remain satisfied with the device. Our reasons for not resuming production and sales, therefore, are not related to issues of science or safety, but to the existing condition of the maintaplace."

"Dow Coming has remained in the silicons breast implant business even though for us, this is a small business. The products represent less than 1% of our revenues and have not been profitable over their bissory. Given the continued controversial environment surrounding this product, I see no prospect for business improving. Instead, I believe that the future use of this product will be curtailed to a considerable extent. However, woman in general and the medical community in particular, are fortunate that two other manufacturers of silicons breast implants supply the product around the world. I believe that both of these manufacturers, Menter and McGhan Medical, intend to remain in the device business and will provide women and their physicians with a future source of supply for the devices."

MoKenson concluded by assuring women with Dow Coming implants that the company "remains fully committed to them as the manufacturer of this device — we will stand by them, by our commitments to continuing research, and by our other support programs. Let me also assure women and physicians that we will continue to cooperate with the FDA as we develop the test protocols that will guide ongoing research, and we will assure that results of the research will be communicated to all interested parties."

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

In re: Breast Implant Litigation

Master File No. C-1-92-057 Judge Carl B. Rubin

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hereby state as follows:

- 1. I am one of the class members in the above-captioned litigation.
- 2. On March 19, 1992, it was reported that Dow Corning, a defendant in this litigation, had announced a program offering women with Dow Corning's breast implants up to \$1200.00 to cover the cost of having the implants surgically removed. It was also reported that Dow Corning was encouraging women who believed that they qualified for this program to call a toll-free number, 1-800-442-5442, for more information.
- Corning, I called this telephone number and spoke to a Dow Corning representative who identified herself as Linda. I was told that, in order to be eligible for such a payment, I would have to be otherwise unable to pay for removal and would have to show that my doctor and I both agreed on removal of the breast implants. She emphasized that my doctor did not have to say that removal was medically necessary. I was also told payments would be made directly to my doctor, but only post-surgery, after he confirmed that I had Dow Corning implants. She said now Corning would be happy to receive the implants from my doctor after surgery if I didn't want them. Finally, I was told that, in order to be eligible for such a payment, I would have to execute a release that would free Dow Corning from any liability for problems related to the removal of the implants.

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

4. This affidavit is based on my personal knowledge.
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Sworn to before me and subscribed in majoresence, a Notary Public for said State and County, this gray of the page 1992.

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CAROL A. ASIMUS
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires May 7, 1982

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- manufactured by Dow Corning, I called this telephone number on March 19, 1992, and spoke to a Dow Corning representative who identified herself as Jan. Jan suggested to me that I would be eligible for the payment being offered, even though my implants have already been removed. She repeatedly pressed me for my name and the name of my doctor. She stated that they would like to have my doctor's name so that they could get the implants for study. She emphasized Dow Corning's desire to get the implants. Finally, she told me that, in order to obtain such a payment, I would not have to execute a release, and even emphasized that this "has nothing to do with lawsuits."
- 4. Based on having already had my implants removed, I am aware that the actual cost of undergoing surgery for removal of breast

PLAINTIPP'S EXCHIBIT implants far exceeds the \$1200.00 being offered by Dow Corning.

This affidavit is based on my personal knowledge.

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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, a Notary Public for said State and County, this // day of // 1992.

CAROL A. ASIMUS Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires May 2, 1992

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- 3. Since my wife recently had surgery to remove breast implants manufactured by Dow Corning, I called this telephone number on March 19, 1992, and spoke to a Dow Corning representative who identified herself as Trudy. Trudy suggested to me that my wife would be eligible for the payment being offered, even though her implants have already been removed. She pressed me for my name, my wife's name, and the name of my doctor. She also told me that, in order for a woman to obtain such a payment, both the woman and her doctor would have to execute a release before the removal surgery was done.
- 4. Based on my wife's having already had her implants removed, I am aware that the actual cost of undergoing surgery for removal of breast implants far exceeds the \$1200.00 being offered by Dow Corning.

PLAINTIPP'S EXHIBIT

This affidavit is based on my personal knowledge. FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

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AFFIDAVIT OF DIAMMA P. MCBRIDE, ESO.

Dianna P. McBride, being first duly cautioned and sworn, and based on personal information, knowledge and belief do hereby state as follows:

- 1. I am attorney in the law firm of Waite, Schneider, Bayless & Chesley Co., L.P.A.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit A to Plaintiff's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order is a true and accurate copy of the Press Release issued by Dow Corning Corporation on March 19, 1992. At the request of Plaintiff's counsel herein, Dow Corning Corporation request of Plaintiff's counsel herein, Dow Corning Corporation telefaxed a copy of the Press Release to the offices of Waite, Schneider, Bayless & Chesley, Co., L.P.A., on March 19, 1992.
- 3. On March 19 and 20, 1992, I received numerous phone calls from class members inquiring about the March 19, 1992 Dow Corning Press Release. Specifically the class members inquired about when they would receive their check for \$1,200.00. Based on these conversations and the questions asked by class members, it was evident that they did not understand the \$1,200.00 payment program and were confused by Dow Corning's Press release.
- 4. Other class members who telephoned me stated that they had telephoned the toll free 800 number of the Dow Corning Breast Information Center on March 19, 1992. Accounts of these telephone conversations with Dow Corning revealed widely varying and disparate information being disseminated about the payment program, whether releases of liability would be required, and the eligibility requirements for participation in the program.
- Information Center and spoke with an operator named Linda. She repeatedly insisted that I provide her with my name and address, which I refused to do, and with the name of my treating physician. She stated that releases of liability would be required to participate in the program and that these releases would be provided and handled by my treating physician. She would not go into further detail about the release on the telephone but stated



that she would be happy to send a package of information about the program if I would provide my name and address.

This affidavit is based on my personal knowledge.

PURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Dianna P. MøBride

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COUNTY OF HAMILTON

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, a Notary Public for said County and State, this 20th day of March, 1992.

Notary Public

SUSAN M. AMEND Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires July 7, 1994

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