IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN DETROIT DIVISION		
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In re:	)	Case No. 00-CV-00005
	)	(Settlement Facility Matters)
DOW CORNING CORPORATION	)	,
	)	HON. DENISE PAGE HOOD

## MOTION AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF CLAIMANT LAURA AYON-AZZAR'S REQUEST TO TOLL THE ONE YEAR DEADLINE FOR CURING DISEASE CLAIM DEFICIENCIES AND REQUEST FOR SIX MONTH EXTENSION FOR CURING PAST AND FUTURE DISEASE DEFICIENCIES

Laura Ayon-Azzar (SID 6055738), through her counsel Bos & Glazier, P.L.C., respectfully requests that this Court toll the one year deadline for curing deficiencies in her disease claim and allow a six month extension for curing past and future disease deficiencies. In support of her motion, Ms. Ayon-Azzar states the following:

- Ms. Ayon-Azzar submitted her disease claim for ACTD, disability level C 1. on July 28, 2003.
- On September 15, 2004, the Settlement Facility Dow Corning Trust ("SF-DCT") mailed Ms. Ayon-Azzar a Notification of Status (NOS) regarding her disease claim.
- The NOS letter stated that Ms. Ayon-Azzar's claim was deficient. The 3. disease portion (ACTD) of Ms. Ayon-Azzar's claim was approved, however, the compensation (disability) level was not approved.
- 4. The NOS letter also stated that the deadline to cure the deficiency in Ms. Ayon-Azzar's claim is September 15, 2005.

- 5. The SF-DCT was contacted after receipt of the NOS letter and an appointment was made for a nurse to call and discuss the claim with regard to the requirements to cure the deficiency, *prior* to contacting Ms. Ayon-Azzar's treating physicians to get a supplemental report to cure the deficiency. During the telephone conversation with the nurse from the SF-DCT, the nurse simply reiterated the statements contained in Ms. Ayon-Azzar's NOS.
- 6. We believe that the SF-DCT has been overly harsh in their evaluation of disease claims in general and of Ms. Ayon-Azzar's claim in particular. Of this firm's 19 clients that have actually *received a response* to their disease claims, 17 have been reduced or outright denied in disability level.
- 7. The Motion of Claimants' Advisory Committee for the Disclosure of Substantive Criteria Created, Adopted and/or Being Applied by the Settlement Facility and Request for Expedited Consideration is currently pending, which requests the Court to order the SF-DCT to disclose all substantive, non-published criteria that they are applying in their review of disease claims.
- 8. It would be unfair and prejudicial to Ms. Ayon-Azzar to insist that she spend time and money in attempting to cure any deficiency in her disease claim, by way of obtaining additional documentation from her medical providers, until a decision has been rendered with regard to the pending motion and the claimants learn of any revisions to the criteria in proving a disability level to the SF-DCT.

WHEREFORE, we respectfully request that this Court direct Laura Ayon-Azzar's disease claim cure deadline be tolled until a) the Court hears the Claimants' Advisory

Committee' pending motion regarding the disclosure of substantive criteria, and determines whether the SF-DCT has applied the proper criteria in reviewing disease claims; and b) until all substantive, non-published criteria are made publicly available to all claimants by the SF-DCT. In addition, we request that Ms. Ayon-Azzar be allowed a six month extension for curing past and future disease deficiencies.

**BOS & GLAZIER, P.L.C.** 

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Bradley K. Glazier states that he is the attorney for claimant Laura Ayon Azzar, with regard to the above-captioned matter, and that on the 1st day of July, 2005, he served Motion and Memorandum in Support of Claimant Laura Ayon-Azzar's Request to Toll the One Year Deadline for Curing Disease Claim Deficiencies and Request for Six Month Extension for Curing Past and Future Disease Deficiencies on the following person(s):

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