

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C4-87-2406

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In Re Minnesota Asbestos Litigation.

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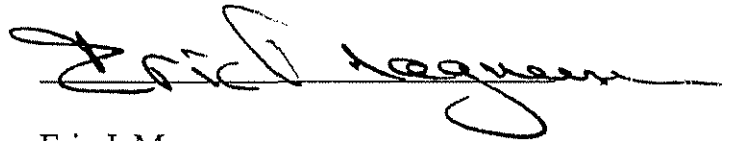
By order of this court filed October 5, 2006, the Honorable John T. Finley and the Honorable Dale B. Lindman, both of the Second Judicial District, were assigned to hear and decide all asbestos-related claims brought in Minnesota state courts. Judge Finley will retire from the bench effective January 4, 2009, and assignment of a replacement judge to share the continuing responsibilities for asbestos-related claims with Judge Lindman is therefore required.

Based upon all the files, records and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 480.16 and 2.724 (2006) and Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 113.03, that the Honorable John B. Van de North, of the Second Judicial District, having consented, is hereby appointed effective January 5, 2009, to hear and decide all matters, including all pretrial and trial proceedings, in all presently pending and future actions before Minnesota state district courts, whether relating to personal injury, death or property damage, that arise from or seek recovery for the manufacture, distribution, use or exposure to asbestos and asbestos-containing products under the same terms and conditions as provided in the judicial assignment order of this court dated

December 14, 1987. To maintain the efficiencies intended by this order and its predecessors, Judges Lindman and Van de North shall utilize procedures (1) to facilitate submission of issues common to all cases covered by this order to a single judge, and (2) in consultation with the Second Judicial District Court Administrator, to coordinate assignment of specific cases to a particular judge and to communicate the assignment information to counsel.

Dated: December 8, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Magnuson", written over a horizontal line.

Eric J. Magnuson
Chief Justice