STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT

C4-87-2406

In Re Minnesota Asbestos Litigation

ORDER

WHEREAS, by order of this Court dated October 27, 1988 the Honorable Thomas H. Carey was assigned to hear and decide all asbestos-related claims brought in Minnesota state courts;

WHEREAS, the consolidation of these asbestos-related cases has proven to be effective in providing a consistent, efficient and economical system for managing all phases of this litigation;

WHEREAS, reassignment of those cases has been requested by Judge Carey and is now considered appropriate to better equalize judicial workloads;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §480.16 and 2.724, that the Honorable J. Thomas Mott of the Second Judicial District, having consented pursuant to statute, is hereby appointed effective January 1, 1994 to hear and decide all matters, including all pretrial and trial proceedings, in all presently pending and future actions before Minnesota state trial 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.

Dated:

November /0, 1993

BY THE COURT

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A. M. Keith

Chief Justice