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Re: In re Minnesota Vitamins Antitrust Litigation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find the following:

- 1. Response Of Murr Plaintiffs' To Motion To Transfer And Consolidate; and
- 2. Affidavit of Service.

Thank you.

Very truly yours, Jordan M. Lewis

JML/krb Enclosures

cc: all counsel

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IN SUPREME COURT

66-99-1909

CASE TITLE:

<u>In re Minnesota Vitamin Antitrust</u> <u>Litigation</u> Response Of Murr Plaintiffs To Motion To Transfer And Consolidate

TO: Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court

The "Murr plaintiffs"¹ hereby respond to the Motion To Transfer and Consolidate. The Murr plaintiffs do not object to the motion by defendants; indeed, the Murr plaintiffs had initiated communication with the "DeNardi² plaintiffs" in advance of the defendants' motion and did not know that any other similar action had been filed. Accordingly, the Murr plaintiffs join in the defendants' motion, with a single exception. The Murr plaintiffs agree that these cases are much more expeditiously and economically litigated before a single court. How these cases are organized before that court is another matter. Accordingly, the Murr plaintiffs ask only that these various files be consolidated under the supervision of Hennepin County Chief Judge Daniel Mabley, who can direct this consolidation and organize these cases at his discretion. Indeed, if multiple cases *within* the same judicial district would be consolidated, the cases would be consolidated under the supervision of the Chief Judge for that judicial district. Surely, consolidation of cases from multiple judicial districts should be organized under the same authority.

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¹ <u>Thomas Murr v. Hoffmann Roche Ltd., et al.</u>, Dakota County, No. 19-C9-99-9673 (served originally on or about May 20, 1999, Amended Complaint filed September 29, 1999).

² Denise DeNardi v. Hoffmann Roche Ltd., et al., Hennepin County, No. 99-3132 (filed March 3, 1999).

Dated: ______, 1999

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

Kristi Besse, of the City of Eden Prairie, County of Hennepin, in the State of Minnesota, being duly sworn on oath, says that on the 12th day of November, 1999, she served the following:

1. Response Of Murr Plaintiffs' To Motion To Transfer and Consolidate

upon the person(s) listed below, by mailing a copy thereof, enclosed in an envelope, postage prepaid and depositing same in the post office in Minneapolis.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of lovember, 1999. FRCK Notary Public

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