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Re: Billy F. Nations v. Owens Corning (Corp.), et al
19th JDC No. 455,961, Division "D"
Parish of East Baton Rouge
Our File: 55558-2436

Dear Ms. Levingston and Elizabeth:

Attached please find a copy of Dr. Robert Jones' expert report concerning Billy Nations.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

T'Anne Samson
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Enclosure
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TO: LDL

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RE: *Billy Nations*

Dear Ms. Culotta:

I have reviewed documents and chest X-rays in this case. Medical records indicate chronic problems of hiatus hernia with reflux, and hypertension. Records from 2000 show treatment after a heart attack, with angioplasty and stenting.

Dr. Petroff interpreted chest X-rays of 12/4/97 as showing minimal linear interstitial abnormality in the middle and lower lung zones, mild hyperinflation, and calcified nodules suggesting *Varicella* or *Histoplasma* lung infection. Dr. Petroff examined Mr. Nations on 8/19/98. He was then age 66 and was said to have smoked a package of cigarettes daily until 1978 (starting year not specified) Asbestos exposures were said to have occurred during maintenance work in paper mills. He complained of shortness of breath with heavy exertion, and a productive cough. Physical examination showed clear lungs. Chest X-rays were said to be unchanged since 12/4/97. Lung function studies showed apparent overinflation, with normal spirometry and diffusing capacity. The doctor gave a diagnosis of asbestosis

Review of chest radiographs

12/4/97 Two views, good quality; normal heart, pleura; lungs normal except for widely scattered calcified nodules consistent with healed granulomas.

8/19/98 Two views, fair (contrasty, scatter effects); findings same as above.

Discussion and conclusions

There is no radiographic evidence of asbestos effects in Mr. Nations, and his lung function is essentially normal. He does not have any diagnosable asbestos-related disease or condition.

I hope that this information is helpful in your assessment of the medical aspects of this case. Please call if there are any questions.

Very truly yours,

