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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

G.P.P., Inc.,

Plaintiff,

v.

GUARDIAN PROTECTION
PRODUCTS, INC. and RPM
WOOD FINISHES GROUP, INC.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 1:15-cv-00321-SKO

ORDER REGARDING SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE

PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY PLAINTIFF
AND DEFENSE COUNSEL REQUIRED

This case is set for a Settlement Conference before Magistrate Judge Barbara A. McAuliffe on **January 31, 2017 at 10:00 am** in Courtroom 8 at the U.S. District Court, 2500 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, 93721. Unless otherwise permitted in advance by the Court, the attorneys who will try the case shall personally appear at the settlement conference with the parties and the person or persons having full authority to negotiate and settle the case, on any terms, at the conference.

No later than seven days prior to the settlement conference, each party shall submit directly to Judge McAuliffe's chambers at **bamorders@caed.uscourts.gov**, a confidential settlement conference statement. This statement should neither be filed with the clerk of the Court nor served on any other party. Each statement shall be clearly marked "CONFIDENTIAL" with the date and time of the

1 mandatory settlement conference indicated prominently.

2 The settlement statement should not be lengthy but shall include a brief recitation of the facts,
3 a discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the case, an estimate of the cost and time to be
4 expended for further pretrial and trial matters, and the relief sought. The parties are also directed to
5 include a candid statement on the party's position on settlement, **including the amount which the**
6 **party will accept to settle, realistic settlement expectations**, present settlement proposals, and a
7 history of past settlement discussions, offers, demands, and a report on settlement efforts to date.

8 A prior settlement conference has been conducted in this case. The parties must inform the
9 Court in their confidential settlement statements how the changed circumstances in the case affect the
10 potential of settlement.

11 This Court will vacate the settlement conference if the Court finds the settlement conference
12 will be neither productive nor meaningful to attempt to resolve all or part of this case. As far in
13 advance of the settlement conference as possible, a party shall inform the Court and other parties that
14 it believes the case is not in a settlement posture so the Court may vacate or reset the settlement
15 conference. Otherwise the parties shall proceed with the settlement conference in good faith to attempt
16 to resolve all or part of the case.

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 Dated: January 18, 2017

/s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE