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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 MARYLOU ARMUTH, *et al.*,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 vs.

13 GUIDANT CORPORATION, *et al.*,

14 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:06-CV-02420-DFL-DAD

STIPULATION AND ORDER TO
 CONTINUE PRETRIAL DEADLINES

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 17 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their designated counsel
 18 that the deadline for Defendants to answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint in this
 19 action should be extended. It is further stipulated that the deadline for the parties to submit a joint
 20 status report pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) should be extended. Defendants seek
 21 to transfer this case to the Multi-District Litigation proceeding established in the United States
 22 District Court, District of Minnesota ("MDL court"). Accordingly, the following deadlines will be
 23 modified as follows:

24 The deadline for Defendants to file an answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs' complaint
 25 shall be as follows:

26 (a) if the case is not remanded to state court, and is transferred to the MDL court, any
 27 response will be due pursuant to a deadline set by the MDL court;

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(b) if the case is not remanded and also is not transferred to the MDL court, any response will be due thirty (30) days after the decision by the JPML denying transfer to the MDL court; or

(c) if the case is remanded, any response will be due thirty (30) days after the remand decision by this Court.

The deadline for the parties to prepare and submit a joint status report shall be as follows:

(a) if the case is not remanded to state court, and is transferred to the MDL court, any joint status report will be due pursuant to a deadline set by the MDL court; or

(b) if the case is not remanded and also is not transferred to the MDL court, the joint status report will be due thirty (30) days after this Court denies remand.

All other deadlines will be set pursuant to Federal and local rule.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

DATED: November ____, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 9, 2006

/s/ David F. Levi
THE HONORABLE DAVID F. LEVI