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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

MEDTRONIC, INC., MEDTRONIC USA,  
INC., and MEDTRONIC VASCULAR, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

W. L. GORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.,

Defendant.

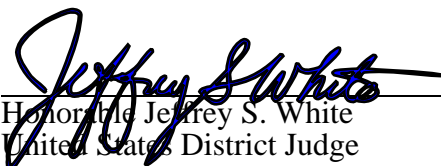
Case No. C 06-04455 JSW (JL)

~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER GRANTING IN PART  
STIPULATION REQUESTING  
APPROVAL FOR SETTLEMENT  
MEETING BETWEEN THE  
PARTIES INSTEAD OF AN  
ADDITIONAL THIRD-PARTY  
MEDIATION SESSION

The Court, having considered the parties' Stipulation Requesting Approval for Settlement Meeting Between the Parties Instead of an Additional Third-Party Mediation Session, and good cause appearing for such request, hereby GRANTS such stipulation and directs the parties to complete by June 11, 2009, a face-to-face CEO/business executive settlement meeting instead of the additional mediation session with a third-party mediator specified in the Court's March 17 Order. The Court, however, reserves its right to order the parties to participate in a third-party mediation session at a later date.

**SO ORDERED:**

Dated: April 28, 2009

  
Honorable Jeffrey S. White  
United States District Judge