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Plaintiff,

vs.

ATRIUM MEDICAL CORPORATION, GETINGE GROUP, GETINGE USA, INC., MAQUET CARDIOVASCULAR, LLC, AND DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

Honorable William H. Alsup

JOINT STIPULATION EXTENDING TIME TO COMPLETE MEDIATION

N.D. ADR Local Rule 6-5

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TO THE HONORABLE COURT, ALL PARTIES, AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF **RECORD:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff Robyn Blasco and Defendants Atrium Medical Corporation, Maquet Cardiovascular, LLC, Getinge USA, Inc., and Getinge AB (improperly named in the Complaint as Getinge Group) (collectively, Defendants), through their respective counsel of record, jointly stipulate, pursuant to ADR L.R. 6-5, to extend the time by which the parties must conduct mediation. The parties enter into this stipulation based on the following facts and representations.

- 1. On September 28, 2015, the Case Management Order and Reference to ADR Unit for Mediation was entered in this case. Pursuant to ADR L.R. 6-4, the mediation in this matter must be held on or before December 23, 2015.
- On October 28, 2015, the parties participated in the pre-mediation conference call 2. with court-appointed mediator, Eric Danoff, at which the difficulty of conducting a meaningful mediation by the December 23, 2015 deadline was discussed.
- 3. In this medical products liability action, the Plaintiff's medical records are necessary and germane to determining whether liability may exist and assessing the value of the case. Due to the external time frame involved in receiving medical authorizations, submitting the requests to Plaintiff's numerous medical providers, following up with the medical providers to receive Plaintiff's medical records, and having the medical records evaluated in preparation for the mediation, a December 23, 2015 deadline is impracticable. It typically can be up to 30 days to receive a response and/or medical records from the providers.
- 4. Without the benefit of Plaintiff's medical records to assess the value of the case to both parties, the likelihood of success at the mediation is significantly lessened. Thus, a relatively brief extension of time in which to mediate would enhance the mediation experience.
- 5. This stipulation represents the first extension of time to mediate, and will not prejudice either party.
- Good cause exists to extend the mediation deadline because the extension will permit 6. the parties to engage in a meaningful mediation.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 Case No. 3:15-cv-02468-WHA 11 ROBYN BLASCO, Honorable William H. Alsup 12 Plaintiff, 13 [PROPOSED] ORDER VS. 14 N.D. ADR Local Rule 6-5 ATRIUM MEDICAL CORPORATION, 15 Complaint Filed: June 22, 2014 GETINGE GROUP, GETINGE USA, INC., SAC Filed: May 12, 2015 16 MAQUET CARDIOVASCULAR, LLC, AND DOES 1-20, Case Removed: June 3, 2015 17 Defendants. 18 19 This matter is before the Court on the Joint Stipulation Extending Time to Complete 20 Mediation filed by Plaintiff Robyn Blasco and Defendants Atrium Medical Corporation, Maquet 21 Cardiovascular, LLC, Getinge USA, Inc., and Getinge AB (improperly named in the Complaint as 22 Getinge Group). 23 /// 24 /// 25 26 27 28

[PROPOSED] ORDER

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Having read and considered the papers filed in this action and in connection with the Joint Stipulation Extending Time to Complete Mediation, and good cause appearing, the Court hereby orders as follows:

- 1. The parties' Joint Stipulation Extending Time to Complete Mediation is **GRANTED**.
- 2. The parties shall have through and including January 26, 2016 to conduct mediation in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November <u>9</u>, 2015



UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE