

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

WHITMAN INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.,

Plaintiff,

v.

TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:05-CV-01125

Paul L. Friedman, Judge

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's Minute Order of September 8, 2009, the undersigned parties respectfully submit this joint status report:

1. Since the last status report, Plaintiff Whitman Insurance Company, Ltd. and Defendant Pneumo Abex LLC ("Pneumo Abex") have continued to engage in mediation efforts with participating defendants.

2. David Geronemus continues to oversee the mediation. Since the last status report, Plaintiff and Pneumo Abex and the London Market Companies completed a final settlement and this Court entered an Order approving the dismissal with prejudice of the certain defined London Market Companies on October 7, 2009.

3. Following the mediation session earlier this summer, First State Insurance Company continues to work on a subsequent presentation of its evaluation of the data provided by or on behalf of Pneumo Abex.

4. Plaintiff and Mt. McKinley Insurance Company anticipate further settlement discussions in the coming weeks.

5. Plaintiff is awaiting responses from settlement proposals provided to the other defendants.

6. Recently, several insurers have requested additional information and Plaintiff is in the process of responding to these requests.

7. In sum, the parties continue to believe that settlement efforts to date have been helpful. To provide sufficient additional time for settlement efforts to be successful, the parties request that the time for parties to re-file any of the motions withdrawn and for any Defendant to answer or otherwise respond to the Amended Complaint be extended to and including February 1, 2010, with another status report provided on December 30, 2009.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of October, 2009.

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I certify that on October 30, 2009, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Joint Status Report was filed electronically. Notice of this filing will be sent by operation of the Court's Electronic Case Filing System. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

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