## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

KATHY RICHARDS, \*

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Plaintiff,

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v. \* Civil Action No. 09-11172-JLT

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GENERAL DYNAMICS, \*

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Defendant. \*

## <u>ORDER</u>

June 1, 2011

TAURO, J.

After reviewing Defendant's <u>Status Report</u> [#38], this court hereby orders that this case is DISMISSED for failure to prosecute pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).<sup>1</sup> This case is CLOSED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Joseph L. Tauro United States District Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>See Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.</u>, 370 U.S. 626, 630 (1962) ("The authority of a court to dismiss <u>sua sponte</u> for lack of prosecution has generally been considered an 'inherent power' . . . ."); <u>Alen-Guitierrez v. Acevedo-Miranda</u>, 66 Fed. Appx. 226, 228 (1st Cir. 2003) (holding that the district court properly dismissed a case sua sponte pursuant to Rule 41(b)).