

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

AMY JOHNSON, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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vs.)	Case No. 4:17-CV-2651 SNLJ
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JOHNSON & JOHNSON, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Plaintiffs --- 78 in total --- brought this action against defendant Johnson & Johnson and several others alleging that defendants' talcum powder products caused ovarian cancers. Plaintiffs brought the lawsuit in the City of St. Louis, Missouri. The matter was removed by defendants based upon this Court's diversity jurisdiction. Defendants contend that, although complete diversity does not exist, the non-diverse plaintiffs' claims should be dismissed for lack of personal jurisdiction.

Numerous motions are pending, including defendant Johnson & Johnson's motion to dismiss (#4) and the concurrently-filed motion to stay proceedings pending transfer of this case to the MDL (#5). Defendant Imerys Talc America, Inc. has also moved to dismiss (#12) and to transfer venue (#13). Finally, plaintiffs have moved to remand, and they have also filed a motion to expedite the motion to remand (#17, #23).

In accordance with the practice of this Court for many similarly-situated cases, the Court will grant the defendant's motion to stay proceedings. See, e.g., Rea v.

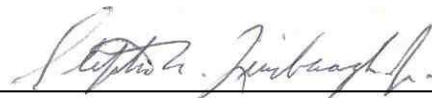
Johnson & Johnson, No. 4:16-CV-2165 SNLJ (E.D. Mo.); Gallow v. Johnson & Johnson, No. 4:16-CV-1123 JAR (E.D. Mo.); Lucas v. Johnson & Johnson, No. 4:16-CV-1339 JAR (E.D. Mo.); Starks v. Johnson & Johnson, No. 4:16-CV-1362 AGF (E.D. Mo.); Frazier v. Johnson & Johnson, No. 4:16-CV-1388 JAR (E.D. Mo.); Eveland v. Johnson & Johnson, No. 4:16-CV-1436 JAR (E.D. Mo.). As a result, the Court will deny the plaintiffs' motion to expedite the motion to remand.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that defendant Johnson & Johnson's motion to stay (#7) is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHERE ORDERED that plaintiffs' motion to expedite motion to remand (#23) is **DENIED**.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2017.



STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE