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Parties in Louisiana Benzene Case Involving Liquid Wrench Reach Settlement Agreement

BATON ROUGE, La. — The remaining parties involved in a case brought by a former millwright for injuries he allegedly sustained as a result of using the benzene-containing Liquid Wrench have reached a settlement agreement, according to a recent court order.

In the Jan. 20 order, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana indicated that it had been informed that the parties had “been settled as to all parties.”

As such, the court dismissed the case without prejudice with an allowance to reopen the proceedings should the settlement not be finalized within 60 days.

Plaintiffs Carl and Janifer Norred asserted the claims, contending that Carl Norred was exposed to benzene while using Liquid Wrench during the course of his employment as a millwright at various facilities.

Norred used the product while working on mechanical equipment such as pumps, turbines, and compressors, the lawsuit said.

The case was transferred to the Middle District of Louisiana from the Eastern District of Louisiana less than one year ago; Dow Chemical had sought the transfer on the ground that the Eastern District did not have personal jurisdiction over the defendant.

Despite opposition from the plaintiffs, the Eastern District agreed, writing that both private and public interest factors weighed in favor of a transfer.

The plaintiffs are represented by Richard J. Fernandez and Amber E. Cisney of the Law Office of Richard J. Fernandez LLC in Metairie, La.; and L. Eric Williams of the Williams Law Office in Metairie, La.

Dow Chemical is represented by Charles H. Abbt, Ryan C. Wallis, Erin Wedge Latuso and Sarah Perkins Reid of Cotton Schmidt & Abbott in New Orleans.

Norred, et al. v. Radiator Specialty Co., et al., No. 14-00936 (E.D. La.).

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