

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE: SULZER HIP PROSTHESIS)	Civil Action No.: 01-CV-9000
AND KNEE PROSTHESIS PRODUCT)	
LIABILITY LITIGATION)	ALL CASES
)	
<i>This document relates to:</i>)	(MDL No. 1401)
<i>Alice Hansen</i>)	
)	Judge Kathleen M. O'Malley

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER DETERMINATION

Class Member Alice Hansen, by and through her attorney Jerome A. Vinkler, Esq. (“Appellant”), appealed the decision of the Claims Administrator (“Appellee”) in rendering a Final Determination dated December 30, 2003 on Appellant’s claim for Extraordinary Injury Fund (“EIF”) benefits from the Sulzer Settlement Trust.

Appellant appealed the decision of the Appellee, and contends that Appellee erred in his decision to deny Appellant’s claim for EIF Matrix Level V and IX benefits.

The factual findings of this matter are as follows:

1. Appellant submitted a claim for EIF Matrix Level V and IX benefits.
2. Appellant seeks Matrix Level V benefits for permanent pain and leg length discrepancy, and Matrix Level IX benefits for exacerbation of a back condition.
3. Appellee issued Preliminary and Final Determinations that Appellant was not eligible for EIF Matrix Level V and IX benefits.

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Appellant and Appellee have fifteen days from the date of this decision to submit a fact or principle they believe the Special Master did not consider in rendering a decision. **Such submissions may not be more than three pages in length. Exhibits are not to be attached to any such submission and will not be considered. Submissions are to be mailed to the following address:**

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Special Master to the Sulzer Settlement Trust
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If no response is received (postmarked) by APR 09 2004, then the Special Master's Decision is final and may not be further contested or appealed.

MAR 25 2004
Date

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Special Master