

DESIGNATION OF A DISTRICT JUDGE
FOR SERVICE IN ANOTHER DISTRICT WITHIN THE CIRCUIT

WHEREAS, in my judgement the public interest so requires NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Title 28 U.S.C. § 292(b), I do hereby designate and assign the Honorable Alfred M. Wolin of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey to hold court in the District of Delaware during the period beginning November 27, 2001 and ending November 27, 2002, and for such additional time thereafter as may be required to complete unfinished business in the following cases:

Armstrong Work Industries	No. 00-4471
Federal-Mogul	No. 01-10578
USA	No. 01-2094
W.R. Grace	No. 01-1139
Owens Corning	No. 00-3837

This order is entered after consultation with and with and the assent of Chief Judge Sue L. Robinson, Judge Joseph J. Farnan, Jr., Judge Roderick R. McKelvie and Judge Gregory M. Sleet of the District of Delaware. As Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and presiding officer of the Judicial council of the Third Circuit, it is my considered judgment that these bankruptcy cases, which carry with them tens of thousands asbestos claims, need to be consolidated before a single judge so that a coordinated plan for management can be developed and implemented. It is contemplated that Judge Wolin will assign a portion of these cases to various bankruptcy judges sitting in the District of Delaware so they may assist in moving these matters forward. As a

significant portion of the asbestos cases in this country are proceeding under the aegis of this litigation, I deem this assignment and consolidation critically important to the administration of justice.

Edward R. Becker
Chief Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit

Dated: 11-27-01