

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

**IN RE: HAIR RELAXER MARKETING
SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION**

Case No. 23 C 818

MDL No. 3060

Judge Mary M. Rowland

STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Plaintiffs, by the Plaintiff Leadership Committee (“PLC”) in accordance with the minute entry of June 15, 2023, provide the following status report and request for relief:

On June 15, 2023, the Court’s Order stated, “If Plaintiffs are not prepared to file the class complaint by that date [7/31/23], they shall file a status report by 7/31/23 updating the Court on the status of that complaint and whether Court intervention is needed.” ECF No. 121. First, Court intervention is not needed at this time. The PLC is pleased to report that the competing class action complaints and the lawyers that originally filed the class claims (including certain lawyers that are not part of the Plaintiffs Steering Committee) will be superseded by one Master Class Complaint. Notably, the Master Class Complaint will not allege personal injury claims (an issue that both the Court and Defendants were concerned about). Discussions regarding those claims, as well as other causes of action, and vetting of clients has taken longer than anticipated; as a result, the PLC respectfully requests until August 14, 2023, to file the Master Class Complaint. The PLC will not make any further requests for extensions with respect to the filing of this pleading. The PLC has conferred with counsel for the Defendants and they do not oppose the requested extension of time to file the Master Class Complaint. Thus, the PLC is respectfully requesting that the Court set August 14, 2023, as the filing deadline for the Master Class Complaint.

Dated: July 28, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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