

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION**

In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.,) **Master File No. IP 00-9373-C-B/S**
TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION) **MDL NO. 1373**
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL))
ACTIONS))

ENTRY FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2001

The parties appeared, by counsel, this date for a discovery conference, during which the following was discussed and determined:

1. The magistrate judge reminded the parties of their on-going obligation to file a notice to the court whenever a dispositive motion is ready for ruling.
2. Firestone reports that they have not yet received all of the discovery responses from plaintiffs relevant to the forum non conveniens issue. Plaintiffs subject to the forum non conveniens motions to dismiss shall serve their responses to the following outstanding discovery requests no later than **Wednesday, December 5, 2001**: Forum Non Conveniens Interrogatories of defendants Firestone and Ford; Forum Non Conveniens Document Production Requests of defendants Firestone and Ford; First Set of Document Production Requests of defendants Firestone and Ford; First Set of Interrogatories of defendants Firestone and Ford; and Second Set of Interrogatories and Production Requests of defendants Firestone and Ford.
3. The parties recognize that an enlargement of the seven-hour, one-day limit for case-specific depositions may be necessary when a translator is used, and expect that they will be able to resolve amicably any such timing issues that may arise.
4. Ford reluctantly agreed to reschedule the two depositions scheduled for next week, in light of the plaintiffs' intention to file a motion to compel raising the issue of whether certain documents and topics relevant to those depositions are privileged, as Ford has asserted. All of the parties recognize the necessity of raising any such issues that may arise in the future as early as possible, in order to avoid disrupting the deposition schedule.
5. In order to facilitate the scheduling of all remaining depositions, the magistrate judge will hold a telephonic scheduling conference on **Friday, November 30, 2001, at 12:00 p.m.** All counsel involved in deposition scheduling shall participate in the conference, and each side shall be prepared to schedule all depositions they still wish to take in this action.

6. The magistrate judge also will hold a telephonic discovery conference on **Thursday, December 6, 2001, at 1:00 p.m.** to discuss additional discovery and case management issues. The court will make arrangements for the call and will notify liaison counsel regarding those arrangements.

ENTERED this _____ day of November 2001.

V. Sue Shields
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Indiana

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