

**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 JANUARY 31, 2002**

The parties appeared, by counsel, this date for a telephonic status conference, during which the following was discussed:

1. The parties will meet with the magistrate judge on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., to discuss Ford's privilege log. The magistrate judge requests that Ford bring a laptop computer with the appropriate software (Microsoft Access) loaded onto it so that she and the parties can work with the privilege log in its electronic form.
2. To that end, Ford reports that it is working to have the entire privilege log consolidated into one file and put into Access form, and that it is likely that some documents will be removed from the log (that is, the claim of privilege will be withdrawn) during that process. Ford will provide plaintiffs with the revised log in Access form on or before Monday, February 4, 2002.
3. The plaintiffs have identified additional cases which they believe were erroneously transferred to this MDL proceeding. The plaintiffs will file a second notice listing these cases, which the defendants shall again treat as a motion and respond to pursuant to L.R. 7.1.
4. Ford noted that it will continue to add documents to its electronic document depository, even though fact discovery has now closed, because the depository is used for purposes other than this litigation. To the extent that any of these newly added documents are responsive to the plaintiffs' discovery requests, Ford recognizes its duty to supplement its discovery responses as provided by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
5. The next status conference in this case will be held at **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2002**. Randy Riggs, counsel for Ford, will arrange the call and notify the magistrate judge and liaison counsel of the arrangements.

ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2002.

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

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