

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

IN RE DUCTILE IRON PIPE  
FITTINGS (“DIPF”) INDIRECT  
PURCHASER ANTITRUST  
LITIGATION

Civ. No. 12-169 (AET)(LHG)

**[PROPOSED] ORDER AUTHORIZING DISSEMINATION  
OF CLASS NOTICE AND SCHEDULING HEARING  
FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS**

**THIS CAUSE** came before the Court on Plaintiffs’ Motion to Authorize Dissemination of Class Notice and to Schedule Fairness Hearing, filed January 22, 2016.

On June 23, 2015, the Court granted preliminary approval to a settlement entered between indirect purchaser plaintiffs and SIGMA Corporation and its subsidiary SIGMA Piping Products Corporation (the “SIGMA Settlement”) [ECF No. 223]. On August 26, 2015, the Court granted preliminary approval of a second settlement with defendant Star Pipe Products, Ltd. (the “Star Settlement”) [ECF No. 231].

The Court, having reviewed the Motion and its accompanying memorandum, and the file, hereby:

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**ORDERS AND ADJUDGES:**

**Notice to Potential Class Members**

1. Within 30 days after the date of the entry of this Order, Settlement Class Counsel shall cause copies of the Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, to be sent by United States Mail, first class, postage prepaid, to each potential settlement class member whose name and address are known to Settlement Class Counsel (the "Notice Date"). A copy of a claim form, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2, will be included.

2. As soon as practicable after the Notice Date, Settlement Class Counsel shall cause to be published a Publication Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3. The Publication Notice shall be published one time in the various industry publications specifically selected to target members of the Settlement Classes.

3. On or before the Notice Date, Settlement Class Counsel shall cause the Notice to be published on the following website: [www.DIPFIndirectSettlement.com](http://www.DIPFIndirectSettlement.com). In addition, Settlement Class Counsel shall cause the Publication Notice to be published on the websites of various industry publications, and will cause a press release, in English and Spanish, to be disseminated to press outlets nationwide. A more complete explanation of the

media, web, and press notice campaign is contained in the declaration of Lori Castaneda, Vice President of Operations of Garden City Group, LLC, the Court approved legal notice provider. Exhibit 4.

4. Prior to the Fairness Hearing, Settlement Class Counsel shall serve and file a sworn statement attesting to compliance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 3 of this Order.

5. As described in the Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement, any member of the Settlement Classes may opt out of the SIGMA Settlement or the Star Settlement or both by notifying the Administrator at the address provided. A Settlement Class Member wishing to request exclusion shall mail a request in written form by first-class mail, postmarked no later than 60 days after the Notice Date to the address of the Administrator designated in the Notice. The exclusion request must clearly state (a) the Settlement Class Member's name, address, and telephone number; (b) all trade names or business names and all addresses (including any addresses that have received shipments of DIPF from defendants) you or your business have used, as well as any subsidiaries or affiliates who are requesting to be excluded from the class; (c) the name of the Action ("*In re Ductile Iron Pipe Fittings ("DIPF") Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litigation*, Civ. No. 12-169 (D.N.J.)"); and (d) A statement indicating that you want to be excluded from the SIGMA Settlement or the Star Settlement, or from both of the Settlements.

6. The request for exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides the required information and is made within the time stated above or the exclusion is otherwise accepted by the Court. Persons or entities that request exclusion from a Settlement Class shall not be entitled to share the benefits of that Settlement Agreement, nor be bound by any judgment, whether favorable or adverse.

The Fairness Hearing

7. A Fairness Hearing is hereby scheduled to be held on 6/8/16 at 10 AM before the undersigned at the Clarkson S. Fisher Building & U.S. Courthouse, 402 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608, to consider the fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of the SIGMA Settlement and the Star Settlement, and the request for litigation expenses.

8. All papers in support of final approval of the SIGMA Settlement and Star Settlement and the request for litigation expenses shall be filed thirty (30) days before the Fairness Hearing.

9. Any member of the Settlement Classes that has not provided notification of its intent to opt out of the SIGMA Settlement or Star Settlement in the manner set forth above may appear or object or both to the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of any or all of the Settlement Agreements from which it has not requested exclusion; or in opposition to the request for litigation expenses; provided, however, that no person shall be heard in opposition to or

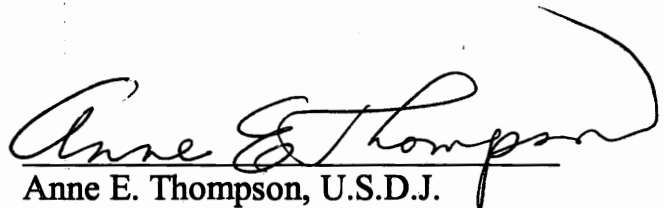
support of any Settlement Agreement, and no papers or briefs submitted by or on behalf of any such person shall be accepted or considered by the Court, unless, twenty (20) days or more before the Fairness Hearing, such person (a) files with the Clerk of the Court a signed statement that indicates such person's position, and its basis, with regard to any Settlement for which that person wishes to appear or object to and includes proof of membership in the relevant Settlement Class; and (b) serves copies of such statement, as well as any other papers or briefs that such person files with the Court, either in person or by mail, upon Settlement Class Counsel and Counsel for the relevant Settling Defendant(s).

10. The date of the Fairness Hearing shall be set forth in the Notice and Publication Notice, but shall be subject to adjournment by the Court without further notice to the members of the Settlement Classes other than that which may be posted at the Court and on the Court's website.

11. If any provision of this Order conflicts with a provision of any of the Preliminary Approval Orders, the provisions of this Order shall govern.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED: 2/2/16

  
Anne E. Thompson, U.S.D.J.

Conformed copies furnished to:  
Counsel of Record