

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
CENTRAL DIVISION**

IN RE: PROFEMUR HIP IMPLANT) MDL No. 2949
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION) ALL CASES

ORDER

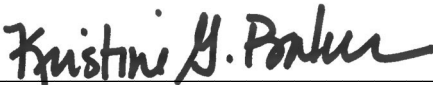
Before the Court are matters the Court discussed with the parties during the August 27, 2021, status conference. The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation transferred to this Court for centralized pretrial proceedings actions that concern alleged defects in the Wright Medical and Microport Profemur line of modular hip implants, which were offered in titanium and cobalt chromium alloys (the “MDL”). The Court understands from the parties that they are in discussions to find a resolution of the cases in the MDL. During the status conference, the parties orally moved for the Court to suspend all pre-trial deadlines so that the parties may continue to pursue their discussions.

For good cause shown, the Court grants the parties’ motion and suspends all pre-trial deadlines set forth in the parties discovery schedule attached as Exhibit A to the Court’s May 24, 2021, Order until a telephonic status conference to be held on November 5, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard time in Courtroom 4D (Dkt. No. 76-1). The parties are instructed to submit a joint position statement on the status of negotiations, as well as any other issues the parties intend to raise during the status conference, to the Court by October 29, 2021. If the parties are unable to reach consensus to prepare and submit a joint position statement, the parties may each submit a statement to the Court by October 29, 2021.

Also pending before the Court is correspondence from counsel for plaintiffs and counsel for MicroPort Orthopedics Inc. setting forth the parties’ positions regarding ESI search terms. As

discussed during the status conference, the Court will hold a separate telephonic hearing on the ESI search term matter on September 30, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard time in Courtroom 4D.

So ordered this 31st day of August, 2021.



Kristine G. Baker
United States District Court Judge