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GENERAL ORDER NO. 87-12

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It appearing that on July 17, 1987, Nicolet, Inc. a defendant in hundreds of asbestos-related cases in this district, filed for relief under Title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and upon filing effected the automatic stay provisions of 11 U.S.C. §362(a) and,

It also appearing that in an order entered on November 20, 1984, this Court directed that all claims against other debtor defendants Johns-Manville, Unarco and Continental which were previously severed be administratively closed and assigned to the inactive docket of the Court and,

It further appearing that severing and administratively closing all claims relating to Nicolet, Inc. would also benefit the Court in respect to its statistical reporting and case management procedures;

It is hereby ORDERED that pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 21 all claims, counterclaims, cross claims and third-party claims brought by or against Nicolet, Inc. in all pending asbestos civil actions are hereby SEVERED from the main actions; and

It is further ORDERED that all such severed claims shall be and are hereby ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED and assigned to the inactive docket of this court.

It is further ORDERED that all claims against Nicolet, Inc. shall be restored to the active docket of the court when the automatic stay provisions have been vacated pursuant to the provisions of 11 U.S.C. \$362(c)(2)(A)(B)(C).

It is further ORDERED that the same procedures shall be followed concerning any future Nicolet, Inc. claims severed from asbestos cases.

For the Court:

William Wayne Justice

Chief Judge

Dated: October 22, 1987.