

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

IN RE: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS
ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Master File No. 12-md-02311
Hon. Marianne O. Battani

IN RE: Bearings

Case No. 2:14-cv-00507-MOB-MKM
Case No. 2:14-cv-13356-MOB-MKM

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

Truck and Equipment Dealer Cases

**ORDER GRANTING TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT DEALER PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS WITH CERTAIN
DEFENDANTS, PROVISIONAL
CERTIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT CLASSES, AND AUTHORIZATION OF
DISSEMINATION OF CLASS NOTICE, AND MOTION TO REVISE THE SKF USA
INC. NOTICE AND FINAL APPROVAL SCHEDULE**

Upon consideration of Truck and Equipment Dealer Plaintiffs' ("TED Plaintiffs") Motion for Preliminary Approval of Proposed Settlements with Defendants Nachi-Fujikoshi Corporation and Nachi America Inc. (collectively, "Nachi") and Defendants NSK Ltd. and NSK Americas, Inc. ("NSK" and collectively with Nachi, "Settling Defendants"), Provisional Certification of Settlement Classes, and Authorization of Dissemination of Class Notice, and Motion to Revise the SKF USA Inc. Notice and Final Approval Schedule (the "Motion"), it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The Motion is hereby **Granted**.
2. Unless otherwise set forth herein, defined terms in this Order shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Settlement Agreements between Settling Defendants and TED Plaintiffs.

Preliminary Approval of the Settlement Agreements

3. This Court has jurisdiction over these actions and each of the parties to the respective Settlement Agreements.

4. The terms of the Nachi Settlement Agreement are hereby preliminarily approved, including the release contained therein, as being fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, subject to final approval at a Fairness Hearing. The Court finds that the Nachi Settlement Agreement was entered into at arm's length by experienced counsel and is sufficiently within the range of reasonableness that notice of the Nachi Settlement Agreement should be given, pursuant to the plan submitted by Settlement Class Counsel and approved by the Court as provided in this Order. The Court further finds there is a sufficient basis for notifying the class of the proposed Settlement, pursuant to paragraphs 12-13 and 20-47 below, and for enjoining Settlement Class Members from proceeding in any other action pending the conclusion of the Fairness Hearing.

5. The terms of the NSK Settlement Agreement are hereby preliminarily approved, including the release contained therein, as being fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, subject to final approval at a Fairness Hearing. The Court finds that the Nachi Settlement Agreement was entered into at arm's length by experienced counsel and is sufficiently within the range of reasonableness that notice of the Nachi Settlement Agreement should be given, pursuant to the plan submitted by Settlement Class Counsel and approved by the Court as provided in this Order. The Court further finds there is a sufficient basis for notifying the class of the proposed Settlement, pursuant to paragraphs 12-13 and 20-47 below, and for enjoining Settlement Class Members from proceeding in any other action pending the conclusion of the Fairness Hearing.

Class Certification

6. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and in light of the proposed Nachi Settlement Agreement, the Court hereby finds that the prerequisites for a class action have been met and provisionally certifies the following class for settlement purposes (the “Nachi Settlement Class”):

all present and former Truck and/or Equipment dealers that, during the period January 1, 2000, through the Execution Date, inclusive, indirectly purchased Bearings manufactured or sold by a Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any alleged co-conspirator of a Defendant; or purchased new Trucks and/or Equipment containing Bearings manufactured or sold by a Defendant or any current or former subsidiary, affiliate or alleged co-conspirator of a Defendant.

7. The Court finds that provisional certification of the Nachi Settlement Class is warranted in light of the Nachi Settlement Agreement because: (a) the Nachi Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable; (b) TED Plaintiffs’ claims present common issues of law and fact and are typical of the Nachi Settlement Class; (c) TED Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Counsel (defined below) will fairly and adequately represent the Nachi Settlement Class; and (d) common issues predominate over any individual issues affecting the members of the Nachi Settlement Class. The Court further finds that TED Plaintiffs’ interests are aligned with the interests of all other members of the Nachi Settlement Class. The Court also finds settlement of this action on a class basis superior to other means of resolving the matter.

8. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and in light of the proposed NSK Settlement Agreement, the Court hereby finds that the prerequisites for a class action have been met and provisionally certifies the following class for settlement purposes (the “NSK Settlement Class”):

all Truck and/or Equipment dealers that, during the period January 1, 2000, through the Execution Date, indirectly purchased Bearings

manufactured by one of the Defendants or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any alleged co-conspirator; or purchased new Trucks and/or Equipment containing Bearings manufactured by one of the Defendants or any current or former subsidiary, affiliate or alleged co-conspirator.

9. The Court finds that provisional certification of the NSK Settlement Class is warranted in light of the NSK Settlement Agreement because: (a) the NSK Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable; (b) TED Plaintiffs' claims present common issues of law and fact and are typical of the NSK Settlement Class; (c) TED Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Counsel (defined below) will fairly and adequately represent the NSK Settlement Class; and (d) common issues predominate over any individual issues affecting the members of the NSK Settlement Class. The Court further finds that TED Plaintiffs' interests are aligned with the interests of all other members of the NSK Settlement Class. The Court also finds settlement of this action on a class basis superior to other means of resolving the matter.

Appointment of Settlement Class Counsel

10. The Court hereby appoints Duane Morris LLP as Settlement Class Counsel, having determined that the requirements of Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are fully satisfied by this appointment.

11. Each TED Plaintiff Class representative named in the Complaint that has not been dismissed by stipulation will serve as TED Plaintiff Class representative on behalf of the Nachi Settlement Class and NSK Settlement Class.

Notice to Potential Class Members

12. Prior to the Fairness Hearing, Settlement Class Counsel shall utilize the best available means of providing notice of the respective Settlement Agreements and the Fairness Hearing to all persons affected by and/or entitled to participate in the Settlement Agreements, in full compliance with the notice requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of

Civil Procedure and due process of law. Such means of providing notice are described more fully below in Paragraphs 28-51.

13. Notice to members of the Settlement Classes, except statutory notice required to be given by Settling Defendants pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1715, shall be the responsibility of Settlement Class Counsel.

Other Provisions

14. As of the date of the entry of this Order, TED Plaintiffs and all members of the Nachi Settlement Class and NSK Settlement Class shall be preliminarily enjoined from commencing, prosecuting, or continuing any action against Settling Defendants based upon or related to the Released Claims pending Final Approval of the Settlements or until such time as this Court lifts such injunction by subsequent order.

15. In the event that any respective Settlement Agreement is terminated in accordance with its provisions, that Settlement Agreement and all proceedings had in connection therewith shall be null and void, except insofar as expressly provided to the contrary in the Settlement Agreement, and without prejudice to the *status quo ante* rights of TED Plaintiffs, Settling Defendants, or the members of the Nachi Settlement Class and NSK Settlement Class.

16. The Court's provisional certification of the Nachi Settlement Class and NSK Settlement Class as provided herein is without prejudice to, or waiver of, the rights of any Defendant to contest certification of any other class proposed in these coordinated actions. The Court's findings in this Order shall have no effect on the Court's ruling on any motion to certify any class in these actions or on the Court's ruling(s) concerning any Defendant's motion; and no party may cite or refer to the Court's approval of the Settlement Class as persuasive or binding authority with respect to any motion to certify any such class or any party's motion.

17. The Court approves the establishment of the escrow accounts under the Settlement Agreements as qualified settlement funds (“QSFs”) pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 1.468B-1 and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, and retains continuing jurisdiction as to any issue that may arise in connection with the formation and/or administration of the QSFs. Settlement Class Counsel are, in accordance with the Settlement Agreements, authorized to expend funds from the QSFs for the payment of the costs of notice, payment of taxes, and settlement administration costs.

18. If either of the Settlement Agreements is terminated or is ultimately not approved, any of the parties to that Settlement Agreement may seek to modify any Court-ordered schedule to ensure that the TED Plaintiffs, and Settling Defendants will have sufficient time to prepare for the resumption of litigation, including but not limited to, the completion of discovery, if any, preparation of expert reports, the filing of class certification motion(s), the filing of summary judgment motion(s), and preparation for trial. The TED Plaintiffs, and Settling Defendants have agreed, and the Court so orders, that the Settlement Agreements and their contents, including their exhibits, and any and all statements, negotiations, documents, and discussions associated with them, shall not be deemed or construed to be an admission or evidence of any violation of any statute or law or of any liability or wrongdoing or of the truth of any of the claims, allegations, or defenses contained in the complaints in the Actions, the answers or other responses thereto, or any other pleading or filing, and evidence thereof shall not be discoverable or used, directly or indirectly, in any way, whether in the Actions or in any other action or proceeding. Neither these Settlement Agreements, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with them, nor any other action taken to carry out their terms by Settling Defendants shall be referred to, offered as evidence, or received in evidence in any pending or

future civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, except in a proceeding to enforce the Settlement Agreements, or to defend against the assertion of the Released Claims, or as otherwise required by law.

19. The litigation against Settling Defendants is stayed except to the extent necessary to effectuate the Settlement Agreements.

Notice to Potential Class Members

20. The Court approves the notice plan and the form and content of the settlement notices proposed in the motion presently before the Court.

21. For purposes of this Order, the term “Settlement Classes” shall mean the classes of persons and entities the Court provisionally certified for settlement purposes in this preliminary approval order.

22. The TED Plaintiffs have presented a plan to provide notice to the potential members of the Settlement Classes of the Settlements’ terms and the various options the potential members have, including, among other things, to opt out of the Settlements, be represented by counsel of their choosing, to object to the Settlements, and to participate as a claimant in the Settlements.

23. The notice plan proposed by the TED Plaintiffs is the best practicable under the circumstances and complies with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. In addition, the Court finds that the proposed notice to class members provides sufficient detail about the Settlements, so that it is appropriate to carry out the notice plan to allow the members of the Settlement Classes to consider and react to the Settlement.

24. The TED Plaintiffs have engaged RG/2 Claims Administration LLC (“RG/2”), an experienced class action claims administrator, to design a notice plan and to assist

in drafting of the notices. The Court has reviewed RG/2's qualifications and accepts its appointment as the TED Plaintiffs' notice consultant for the Settlement.

25. RG/2 has proposed a notice plan that will provide notice to the potential members of the Settlement Classes consistent with Rule 23 and federal due process requirements.

26. The notice plan detailed herein provides the best notice practicable under the circumstances and complies with due process requirements because it provides sufficient notice of: (a) the Settlements and their terms; (b) the right to opt out or object; and (c) the final approval hearing to truck and equipment dealerships who indirectly purchased for resale certain component parts and/or vehicles containing these parts and purchased such vehicles or parts in Arizona, Arkansas, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and/or Wisconsin (the "Included States") and who are therefore entitled to receive such notice as potential members of the Rule 23(b)(3) Settlement Classes.

27. The purpose of notice in a class action is to "afford members of the class due process which, in the context of the Rule 23(b)(3) class action, guarantees them the opportunity to be excluded from the class action and not be bound by any subsequent judgment." *Peters v. Nat'l R.R. Passenger Corp.*, 966 F.2d 1483, 1486 (D.C. Cir. 1992) (citing *Eisen v. Carlisle & Jacquelin*, 417 U.S. 156, 173-74 (1974)).

28. Where names and addresses of known or potential class members are reasonably available, direct notice should be provided. *See, e.g., Eisen*, 417 U.S. at 175-76;

Manual for Complex Litigation § 21.311, at 292 (4th ed. 2004). The notice plan here includes direct postal and email notice to known potential members of the Settlement Classes in the Included States who have the right to be excluded from the Settlement Classes and who may be entitled to share in the Settlement proceeds. *Roberts v. Shermeta, Adams & VonAllmen, P.C.*, No.1:13-cv-1241, 2015 WL 1401352 (W.D. Mich. March 26, 2015).

29. The “best notice practicable” does not mean actual notice, nor does it require individual mailed notice where there are no readily available records of class members’ individual addresses or where it is otherwise impracticable. See *Fidel v. Farley*, 534 F.3d 508, 514 (6th Cir. 2008); *In re Domestic Air Transp. Antitrust Litig.*, 141 F.R.D. 534, 548-53 (N.D. Ga. 1992); *Manual for Complex Litigation* § 21.311, at 288 (4th ed. 2004).

30. Where all class members cannot be identified for purposes of sending individual notice, notice by publication may also be sufficient. *Mullane v. Cent. Hanover Bank & Trust Co.*, 339 U.S. 306, 317-18 (1950); *Mirfasihi v. Fleet Mortg. Corp.*, 356 F.3d 781, 786 (7th Cir. 2004); *Kaufman v. Am. Express Travel Related Servs. Co. Inc.*, 264 F.R.D. 438, 445-46 (N.D. Ill. 2009); *In re Vivendi Universal, S.A. Sec. Litig.*, 242 F.R.D. 76, 107 (S.D.N.Y. 2007).

31. TED Plaintiffs propose a notice plan that will include direct postal mail and email notice to known Truck and Equipment dealerships in the Included States; published notice in The Wall Street Journal, Automotive News, National Trailer Dealers Association E-newsletter, the American Truck Dealers Insider E-newsletter, and World Truck Magazine; and earned media efforts through a national press release and a settlement web site. Direct notice will be sent via email and First Class Mail to approximately 33,000 Truck and Equipment dealerships in the Included States.

32. RG/2 Claims believes the plan summarized above more than satisfies due process standards given the parameters of the Settlements, information learned from RG/2's research, and the fact that this is an antitrust matter with not every Defendant settling at the current time. The proposed notice plan provides the best practicable method to reach the potential class members and is consistent with other class action notice plans that have been approved by various federal courts for similarly situated matters.

33. The notice plan's multi-faceted approach to providing notice to potential members of the Settlement Classes whose identity is not known to the settling parties constitutes "the best notice that is practicable under the circumstances" consistent with Rule 23(c)(2)(B). *See, e.g., In re Holocaust Victims Assets Litig.*, 105 F. Supp. 2d 139, 144 (E.D. N.Y. 2000) (approving plan involving direct-mail, published notice, press releases and earned media, Internet and other means of notice). The Court concludes that the proposed notice plan should be implemented and carried out.

34. The Court also approves the content of the proposed notices. The content of the notice for a Rule 23(b)(3) settlement class "must clearly and concisely state in plain, easily understood language" seven types of information: "(i) the nature of the action; (ii) the definition of the class certified; (iii) the class claims, issues, or defenses; (iv) that a class member may enter an appearance through an attorney if the member so desires; (v) that the court will exclude from the class any member who requests exclusion; (vi) the time and manner for requesting exclusion; and (vii) the binding effect of a class judgment on members under Rule 23(c)(3)." Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B)(i)-(vii).

35. The Court has reviewed the proposed notices and concludes that they provided the information required by Rule 23 and are drafted in a manner to clearly and concisely state the details of the Settlements in plain, easily understood language.

36. Within thirty (30) days after the date of the entry of this Order (“the Notice Date”), Interim Class Counsel for the TED Plaintiffs (through its notice consultants) shall cause copies of a Mailing Notice substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to begin to be mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, to each potential Settlement Class member in the Included States whose postal mailing address is reasonably known.

37. Within thirty (30) days after the date of the entry of this Order, Interim Class Counsel for the TED Plaintiffs shall cause copies of a Mailing Notice substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to be transmitted by electronic mail to the available email addresses associated with dealers in the Included States.

38. As soon as practicable after the Notice Date, Interim Class Counsel for the TED Plaintiffs shall cause to be published a Publication Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2. As noted above in paragraph 43, the Publication Notice will be published in: *The Wall Street Journal*; *Automotive News*, National Trailer Dealers Association E-newsletter, the American Truck Dealers Insider E-newsletter, and *World Truck Magazine*. If timely publication in one or more of the listed publications becomes impracticable after the issuance of this Order, appropriate changes to the publications or schedule may be made in consultation with RG/2.

39. On or before the Notice Date, Interim Class Counsel for the TED Plaintiffs shall establish the following website (the “Settlement Website”): www.TruckDealerSettlement.com. On or before the Notice Date, the Settlement Website shall

identify the substance of each of the Settlements and the definitions of the Settlement Classes, and shall make available the Nachi Settlement Agreement and NSK Settlement Agreement and the notices provided to potential class members.

40. In advance of the deadline for Settlement Class Members to opt out of or object to the Settlements, Interim Class Counsel for the TED Plaintiffs will post to the Settlement Website available information about the Plans of Allocation for which the TED Plaintiffs will seek Court approval.

41. The expenses related to the printing, mailing, and publishing of all notices required by this Order shall be paid from the Settlements to the extent permitted in the Settlement Agreements. The reasonable costs of RG/2 assistance shall also be paid from the Settlements to the extent permitted in the Settlement Agreements. Interim Class Counsel for the TED Plaintiffs are authorized to make these disbursements from the Escrow Accounts to the extent permitted in the Settlement Agreements.

42. Prior to the Fairness Hearing, Interim Class Counsel for the TED Plaintiffs shall serve and file a declaration attesting to compliance with the provisions of this Order.

Opt-Out Procedure

43. Notice to Rule 23(b)(3) members of the Settlement Classes must clearly and concisely state the nature of the lawsuits and their claims and defenses, the classes certified, the right of members of the Settlement Classes to appear through an attorney or opt out of the Settlement Classes, the time and manner for opting out, and the binding effect of a class judgment on Settlement Class Members. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B).

44. Compliance with Rule 23's notice requirements also satisfies due process requirements. "The combination of reasonable notice, the opportunity to be heard, and the opportunity to withdraw from the class satisfy due process requirements of the Fifth

Amendment.” *In re Prudential Sales Practice Litig. Agent Actions*, 148 F.3d 283, 306 (3rd Cir. 1998).

45. The proposed notices and explanation of the process to opt out of the Rule 23(b)(3) Settlement Classes meet due-process requirements. The proposed notices explain the actions, who is included in the Settlements, and the right to opt out, object, or appear through an attorney. The notices also describe the time and manner for opting out and declining to participate in or be bound by the Settlements for the members of the Rule 23(b)(3) Settlement Classes.

46. Prospective members of the Settlement Classes can readily determine whether they are likely to be class members, since membership is based on being a truck and equipment dealership that indirectly purchased for resale the relevant component parts and/or vehicles containing these component parts during the respective class periods. The Settlement Class definitions, the Settling Defendants and their alleged co-conspirators, and the vehicle part at issue in the Settlements, are set forth in the Postal Notice and will be available on the Settlement Website. Whether a dealership is included in the Settlement Class is ascertainable.

47. The notice plan advises members of the Settlement Classes who indirectly purchased for resale certain component parts and/or vehicles containing those parts, and made such purchases in the Included States, of their option to opt out of the Settlement and pursue claims individually, if they wish. Such members of the Settlement Class, who are potentially entitled to share in the proceeds of the Settlements, may seek to be excluded from one of the Settlements by sending a letter requesting that their dealership be excluded. The exclusion/opt out request must clearly state: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the member of the Settlement Class; (2) all trade names or business names and addresses that the member of the

Settlement Class has used as a dealership; (3) a signed statement identifying the Settlement Class from which the member requests to be excluded; and (4) the dealer number for each manufacturer for which the dealer was authorized to sell vehicles. The completed letter requesting exclusion shall bear the signature(s) of a person or entity having the legal power or authority to bind the truck and equipment dealership in its decision to opt out. An opt-out or request for exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides the required information and is made within the time stated above.

48. A member of the Settlement Class who is eligible to opt-out of the Settlements, and who wishes to opt-out, must send a letter requesting exclusion, postmarked by August 23, 2017, to the following address:

RG/2 Claims Administration, LLC
P.O. Box 59479
Philadelphia, PA 19102-9479

49. Except for those members of the Settlement Classes who indirectly purchased for resale the relevant component parts and/or vehicles containing these component parts in the Included States and who filed a timely and proper opt-out, all other dealerships will be deemed Settlement Class Members under the Settlement Agreements.

50. All Settlement Class Members shall be bound by the Settlements and by all subsequent proceedings, orders, and judgments in this MDL litigation for the cases in which the member remained in the Settlement Class. Any member of the Settlement Classes who properly opts-out of one or more of the Settlements shall not be entitled to relief under, or be affected by, the Settlements from which it opted-out.

51. Potential members of the Settlement Classes who elect to opt-out may later withdraw their opt-out, but only if they accept the terms of each Settlement from which they opted out.

52. Interim Class Counsel for the TED Plaintiffs may contact truck and equipment dealerships who file an opt-out and may challenge the timeliness and validity of any opt-out request, as well as the right to effect the withdrawal of any opt-out filed in error and any request for exclusion which any member of the Settlement Class wishes to withdraw for purposes of participating in the Settlements. The Court shall determine whether any contested opt-out is valid.

53. The notice plan advises Rule 23(b)(3) Settlement Class members in the Included States of the option to exclude themselves from the Settlements and pursue their claims individually and provides sufficient time to exercise this right. Notice periods for opting out are “almost wholly an exercise in the Court’s discretion.” *In re Potash Antit. Litig.*, 161 F.R.D. 411, 413, n.4 (D. Minn. 1995). The approximately sixty (60) day opt-out period provided relative to the Settlements is reasonable. *Fidel*, 534 F.3d at 513-15 (6th Cir. 2008) (affirming 46-day opt-out period and recognizing that publication notice and notice provided to brokerage houses on behalf of stockholders satisfies due process).

54. Federal courts will approve opt-out periods in which the deadline to opt out is approximately 30 days. *Torrise v. Tucson Elec. Power Co.*, 8 F.3d 1370, 1374-75 (9th Cir. 1993) (affirming 31-day opt-out period pursuant to dual notice plan, even though one-third of the class members received untimely notice); *DeJulius v. New England Health Care Emp. Pension Fund*, 429 F.3d 935, 944 (10th Cir. 2005) (affirming 32-day opt-out period and noting that “[f]or due process purposes, rather than looking at actual notice rates, our precedent focuses upon whether the district court gave ‘the best notice practicable under the circumstance’”); *In re OCA, Inc. Sec. & Deriv. Litig.*, Civ. A. No. 06-2165, 2008 WL 4681369, at *16 (E.D. La. Oct. 17, 2008) (approving 39-day opt-out period).

Objections to Settlements

55. A member of a Settlement Class may object to one or more of the Settlements in which they are a member. To exercise this right, a Settlement Class Member must provide a letter with a written notice of objection. The letter must specifically state to which of the Settlements the member objects and provide all trade names or business names that the Settlement Class Member has used for the dealership that is making the objection. The letter must also state the objecting Settlement Class Member's name, address, telephone numbers, the dealer number for each manufacturer for which the dealer was authorized to sell new vehicles, and the Settlement Class Member's reasons for objecting to the Settlement. The objection must bear the signature(s) of a person or entity having the legal power or authority to bind the truck and equipment dealership in making the objection.

56. To be considered, each objection letter must state the exact nature of the objection, the facts underlying the objection, and whether or not the objector or its counsel intends to appear at the final approval hearing. The objector must also provide a copy of any documents which the objector wants to use, reference, or rely upon at the Fairness Hearing. If the objector is represented by counsel, the objection shall also be signed by the attorney who represents the objector.

57. Any attorney representing a Settlement Class Member in relation to objecting to one of the Settlements shall file with the Clerk of Court and serve Interim Class Counsel for the TED Plaintiffs, a notice of appearance, not later than August 23, 2017.

58. All objection letters must be postmarked by August 23, 2017 and must be mailed to each of these addresses:

Clerk's Office
Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse

231 W. Lafayette Blvd., Room 564
Detroit, MI 48226

RG/2 Claims Administration, LLC
P.O. Box 59479
Philadelphia, PA 19102-9479

59. A dealer who objects to any of the Settlements shall respond to requests for information from the settling parties. The TED Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants may issue written discovery requests and may conduct the deposition of the objecting party to determine, among other things, whether the objecting party is a member of the Settlement Classes and to ascertain the nature of the objection.

60. No truck and equipment dealer shall be entitled to contest the approval of the terms and conditions of the Settlements or the final orders and judgments requested thereon except by filing and serving written objections in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

61. Any Settlement Class Member who does not submit a timely, written objection in compliance with all of the procedures set forth in this Order shall be deemed to and shall have waived all such objections and will, therefore, be bound by all proceedings, orders, and judgments in these Settlements, which will be preclusive in all pending or future lawsuits or other proceedings.

The Final Approval Hearing for Settlements with Nachi, NSK and SKF USA Inc.

62. The following terms of this Order shall apply to Defendant SKF USA Inc. (in addition to NSK and Nachi) and supersede any conflicting terms in the Court's June 1, 2017 Order Granting Truck and Equipment Dealer Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Proposed Settlement with SKF USA Inc., Provisional Certification of Settlement Classes, and Authorization of Dissemination of Class Notice, Case No. 2:14-cv-13356-MOB-MKM, ECF No. 75.

63. A Fairness Hearing will be held on September 13, 2017 before the undersigned in Courtroom 272, Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, Michigan, to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlements, and the request for interim attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and class representative service awards.

64. All papers in support of the request for attorneys' fees, past litigation expenses, the establishment of a future expense fund, and class representative service awards, shall be filed by August 14, 2017.

65. All papers in support of final approval of the Settlements shall be filed at least seven (7) days before the Fairness Hearing.

66. Notice of the Nachi Settlement and NSK Settlement may be combined with the Notice of the SKF USA Inc. Settlement.

67. The date of the Fairness Hearing shall be set forth in the Mailing Notice, Publication Notice and Settlement Website.

68. Counsel for any of the Settling Defendants and Interim Class Counsel for the TED Plaintiffs shall promptly furnish each other with copies of any objections to the Settlements that come into their possession.

69. The Court retains jurisdiction for purposes of implementing the Settlements, and reserves the power to enter additional orders to effectuate the fair and orderly administration and consummation of the Settlements as may from time to time be appropriate, and to resolve any and all disputes arising thereunder or in connection therewith.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Date: June 22, 2017

s/Marianne O. Battani
MARIANNE O. BATTANI
United States District Judge

Updated Settlement Notice

**If You Are a Truck and/or Equipment Dealership
that Bought a Truck and/or Equipment for Resale or Lease, or
Bought Certain Replacement Parts for Trucks and/or Equipment in
the U.S. Since 2000**

You Could Get Money from Settlements Totaling Approximately \$4,745,000

A Federal Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- Please read this Notice and the Settlement Agreements available at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com carefully. Your legal rights may be affected whether you act or don't act. This Notice is a summary, and it is not intended to, and does not, include all of the specific details of each Settlement Agreement. To obtain more specific details concerning the Settlements, please read the Settlement Agreements.
- A lawsuit alleging that Defendants in each lawsuit entered into unlawful agreements that allegedly artificially raised the prices of Bearings (as defined below) has been settled with certain defendants ("Settling Defendants").
- While the Settling Defendants believe that they are not liable for the claims asserted, that no damages were sustained by any dealers and that Settling Defendants have meritorious defenses, they have nevertheless agreed to enter into the Settlement Agreements to avoid the further expense, inconvenience, and distraction of burdensome and protracted litigation, and to obtain the releases, orders, and judgment contemplated by the Settlement Agreements, and to put to rest with finality all claims that have been or could have been asserted against the Releasees with respect to Bearings.
- Generally, you are included if, at any time from January 1, 2000 through May 25, 2017, inclusive, you were a dealer of heavy-duty (Class 8) or medium-duty (Class 4, 5, 6, & 7) trucks, buses, commercial vehicles (excluding automobiles, light trucks, vans, sports utility vehicles, crossovers, pickup trucks, and/or similar motor vehicles sold by automobile dealers), all-terrain vehicles, construction equipment, mining equipment, agricultural equipment, railway vehicles, materials-handling vehicles, and other similar vehicles ("Trucks and/or Equipment") that: (a) purchased Trucks and/or Equipment containing a Bearing, which was manufactured or sold by a Defendant or any subsidiary, affiliate, or alleged co-conspirator of a Defendant; and/or (b) indirectly purchased such a Bearing as a replacement part. Indirectly means you bought the vehicle replacement part from someone other than the manufacturer of the part.
- As more fully described in Question 7 below, the Settling Defendants have agreed to pay approximately \$4,745,000 to be made available to members of the Settlement Classes who sold or leased Trucks and/or Equipment in the District of Columbia and/or one or more of the following States: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Your Legal Rights And Options		
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	You will not be included in any Settlement from which you exclude yourself. You will receive no benefits from that Settlement, but you will keep any rights you currently have to sue the Settling Defendants about the claims in the case(s) from which you exclude yourself.	
DO NOTHING NOW	You will be included in the Settlements and eligible to file a claim for a payment (if you qualify) at a later date. You will give up your rights to sue the Settling Defendants about the claims for which releases are provided in the Settlement Agreements.	
OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENTS	If you do not exclude yourself, you can write to the Court explaining why you disagree with the Settlement(s).	
GO TO THE HEARING	Ask to speak in Court about your opinion of the Settlements.	
REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE	The best way to receive notice about filing a claim and updates about the lawsuits.	

Questions? Call 1-866-742-4955 or Visit www.TruckDealerSettlement.com

- These rights and options – and the deadlines to exercise them – are explained in this Notice.
- The Court in charge of these cases still has to decide whether to finally approve the Settlements. Payments will only be made (1) if the Court approves the Settlements and after any appeals are resolved, and (2) after the Court approves a Plan of Allocation to distribute the Settlement Funds minus expenses, any court-approved attorneys’ fees, and incentive awards (“Net Settlement Funds”) to members of the Settlement Classes. A Plan of Allocation will be proposed at the conclusion of the cases against the Non-Settling Defendants or as ordered by the Court. The Plan will be described in a future Notice to be given at a later date, providing members of the Settlement Classes with an opportunity to state their views regarding the Plan of Allocation.

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. WHY IS THERE A NOTICE?

This Notice is to inform you about Settlements reached in a pending case that is included in this litigation, before the Court decides whether to finally approve the Settlements. This Notice explains the lawsuits, the Settlements, and your legal rights.

The Court in charge is the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. This litigation is known as *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2311, and this Notice applies to Cases No. 2:14-cv-13356-MOB-MKM and No. 2:14-cv-00507-MOB-MKM. The people who sued are called the “Plaintiffs.” The companies they sued are called the “Defendants.”

2. WHAT IS THIS LAWSUIT ABOUT?

The lawsuit claims that the Defendants agreed to unlawfully raise the price of certain motor vehicle Bearings. As a result, dealers of Trucks and/or Equipment who purchased for resale or lease Trucks and/or Equipment containing those parts or who indirectly purchased those parts as replacement parts, which were manufactured or sold by a Defendant or any subsidiary, affiliate, or alleged co-conspirator of a Defendant, are alleged to have paid more than they should have. Although the Settling Defendants have agreed to settle, the Settling Defendants do not agree that they engaged in any wrongdoing or are liable or owe any money or benefits to Plaintiffs. The Court has not yet decided who is right.

3. WHO ARE THE SETTLING DEFENDANTS?

The Settling Defendants are: SKF USA Inc. (“SKF USA”), Nachi-Fujikoshi Corporation and Nachi America Inc. (“Nachi”), and NSK Ltd. and NSK Americas, Inc. (“NSK”) and collectively with SKF USA and Nachi, “Settling Defendants”).

4. WHO ARE THE NON-SETTLING DEFENDANTS?

A list of all of the Defendants and the parts they manufactured and sold is available at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com.

5. WHAT VEHICLE PARTS ARE INCLUDED?

The Settlements involve the following vehicle component parts:

Bearings refers to bearings used in heavy-duty (Class 8) trucks, medium duty (Class 4, 5, 6, & 7) trucks, buses, commercial vehicles, construction equipment, mining equipment, agricultural equipment, railway vehicles, and other similar vehicles as set forth in Paragraph 2 of the First Amended Class Action Complaint, Case No. 2:14-cv-13356 (July 24, 2015) [Doc. 23] (“Bearings Complaint”), whether sold separately, in combination, or as part of a module, assembly, or system.

6. WHY IS THIS A CLASS ACTION?

In class actions, one or more people or entities called the “class representatives” sue on behalf of themselves and other people with similar claims in the specific class action. All of these people

together are the “Class” or “Class members.” In this class action, there is a total of nineteen class representatives. In a class action, one court may resolve the issues for all Class members, except for those who exclude themselves from the class.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE CLASSES

7. HOW DO I KNOW IF I MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE CLASSES?

Generally, you are included if, at any time from January 1, 2000 through May 25, 2017, inclusive, you were a dealer of heavy-duty (Class 8) or medium-duty (Class 4, 5, 6, & 7) trucks, buses, commercial vehicles (excluding automobiles, light trucks, vans, sports utility vehicles, crossovers, pickup trucks, and/or similar vehicles sold by automobile dealers), all-terrain vehicles, construction equipment, mining equipment, agricultural equipment, railway vehicles, materials-handling vehicles, and other similar vehicles (“Trucks and/or Equipment”) that: (a) purchased Trucks and/or Equipment containing a Bearing, which was manufactured or sold by a Defendant or any subsidiary, affiliate, or alleged co-conspirator of a Defendant, or (b) indirectly purchased such a Bearing as a replacement part. “Indirectly” means you bought the vehicle replacement part from someone other than the manufacturer of the part.

The specific definitions of who is included in the Settlement Classes are set forth in the Settlement Agreements between the Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants. Those Settlement Agreements, and the related Complaints are accessible on the website www.TruckDealerSettlement.com. Set forth below at page 13 is a chart, referred to as Addendum A, identifying the pages and paragraph numbers of the relevant Settlement Class definitions for the Settlement Agreements that will permit you to determine whether you are a member of the Settlement Classes.

Payments to members of the Settlement Classes will only be made: (1) if the Court approves the Settlement and after any appeals are resolved, and (2) in accordance with a Plan of Allocation to distribute the Settlement Funds minus expenses, court-approved attorneys’ fees, and incentive awards (“Net Settlement Funds”) to members of the Settlement Classes who do not opt out of the Settlements. A Plan of Allocation will be proposed to the Court for approval at the conclusion of the cases against Non-Settling Defendants or as ordered by the Court. The Plan, as approved by the Court, will determine the amount, if any, that each member of the Settlement Class(es) will receive. The Plan will be described in a future Notice, to be given at a later date, providing members of the Settlement Class with an opportunity to state their views regarding the Plan.

This case is proceeding as a class action seeking monetary recovery for dealers and businesses in 29 states and the District of Columbia, and for nationwide injunctive relief to stop the Defendants’ alleged illegal behavior and prevent this behavior from happening in the future (*see* Question 13).

Dealers of Trucks and/or Equipment that are indirect purchasers of any of the Bearings manufactured or sold by a Defendant or any subsidiary, affiliate, or alleged co-conspirator of a Defendant may be members of the Settlement Classes entitled to monetary recovery if the purchase transaction occurred in the District of Columbia or one or more of the following states during the relevant time periods listed below: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The time period covered by the Settlements for each of the Classes is provided below.

Defendants	Time Period Starts	Time Period Ends	Auto Part(s)
Nachi-Fujikoshi Corporation Nachi America Inc.	January 1, 2000	May 11, 2017	Bearings
NSK Ltd. NSK Americas, Inc.	January 1, 2000	May 25 ,2017	Bearings
SKF USA Inc.	January 1, 2000	April 6, 2017	Bearings

The specific definition of each Settlement Class is available at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com or can be obtained by calling 1-866-742-4955.

8. WHO IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CLASSES?

The Settlement Classes do not include:

- Any of the Defendants, their parent companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates;
- Any alleged co-conspirators;
- Federal government entities and instrumentalities;
- States and their political subdivisions, agencies, and instrumentalities; and
- All persons who purchased Bearings directly from a Defendant; and
- All purchasers or lessors of new vehicles who are not dealers of Trucks and/or Equipment.

THE SETTLEMENTS' BENEFITS

9. WHAT DO THE SETTLEMENTS PROVIDE?

The Settlement Funds amount to \$4,745,000. After deduction of attorneys' fees, notice and claims administration costs, and litigation expenses, as approved by the Court, the remaining Settlement Funds will be available for distribution to members of the Settlement Classes who timely file valid claims.

Certain Settlements also include non-monetary relief (*see* Question 13) as more fully described in the proposed Final Judgments located on the Settlement website www.TruckDealerSettlement.com.

The Settlement Funds are allocated to the motor vehicle cases in question, as follows:

Auto Parts Settlements and Settlement Funds

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Automotive Parts Case	Settling Defendants	Settlement Amount	Settlement Fund
Bearings	Nachi-Fujikoshi Corporation Nachi America Inc.	\$475,000	\$475,000
Bearings	NSK Ltd. NSK Americas, Inc.	\$3,260,000	\$3,170,000 ¹
Bearings	SKF USA Inc.	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Total			\$4,745,000

Any interest earned will be added to each of the Settlement Funds. More details about the Settlements are set forth in the Settlement Agreements, available at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS

10. HOW MUCH MONEY CAN I GET?

At this time, it is unknown how much each member of each Settlement Class who submits a valid claim will receive. Payments will be based on a number of factors, including at least the number of valid claims filed by all members of each Settlement Class and the number of (1) new Trucks and/or Equipment each purchased containing a Bearing and (2) Bearings each purchased indirectly as replacement parts. It's possible that any money remaining after claims are paid will be distributed to charities, governmental entities, or other beneficiaries approved by the Court. No matter how many claims are filed, no money will be returned to the Settling Defendants once the Court finally approves the Settlements.

In order to receive a payment, you will need to file a valid claim form before the claims period ends. The claims period has not yet begun. A Notice about the claims process will be provided at a later date as ordered by the Court. If you want to be kept updated about the claims process or any future settlements, you should register at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com.

11. WHEN WILL I GET A PAYMENT?

No money will be distributed yet. All Settlement Funds that remain after payment of the court-ordered attorneys' fees, incentive awards, costs, and expenses (*see* Question 10) will be distributed as ordered by the Court.

¹ This \$3,170,000 Settlement Fund Amount from NSK reflects a proposed deduction of \$90,000 from the NSK Settlement Amount pursuant to the most-favored nation provision in Plaintiffs' Settlement Agreement with the JTEKT Defendants, which is also available on the settlement website. <http://truckdealersettlement.com/pdf/bearings/JTEKT-Settlement-Agreement.pdf>.

12. WHAT IS THE NON-MONETARY RELIEF?

Certain Settling Defendants will cooperate with the Plaintiffs in their ongoing litigation against the Non-Settling Defendants.

REMAINING IN THE CLASS(ES)

13. WHAT HAPPENS IF I REMAIN IN THE CLASS(ES)?

You will give up your right to sue the Settling Defendants on your own for the claims described in the Settlement Agreements unless you exclude yourself from the Class. You also will be bound by any decisions by the Court relating to the Settlements.

In return for paying the Settlement amounts and/or providing the non-monetary benefits, the Settling Defendants (and certain related entities defined in the Settlement Agreements) will be released from claims relating to the alleged conduct involving Bearings identified in the Settlement Agreements. The Settlement Agreements describe the released claims in detail, so read them carefully since those releases will be binding on you if the Court approves the Settlements. If you have any questions, you can talk to Class Counsel listed in Question 18 for free, or you can, of course, talk to your own lawyer (at your own expense) if you have questions about what this means. The Settlement Agreements and the specific releases are available at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS(ES)

14. HOW DO I GET OUT OF THE CLASS(ES)?

To exclude your dealership from a Settlement, your dealership must send a letter by mail stating that it wants to be excluded from the relevant Settlement Class(es) (including the Settlement(s) from which your dealership wishes to be excluded). The letter must also include:

- The case name: *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2311;
- The name, address, telephone number, and signature of a person with the authority to bind the dealership in its decision to exclude itself from the Settlement(s);
- All trade names or business names and addresses the dealership has used as a Truck and/or Equipment Dealership, as well as any subsidiaries or affiliates who are requesting to be excluded from the Settlement(s); and
- Your dealership's dealer number(s) / dealer identification number(s) (for each original equipment manufacturer for which you are or were an authorized dealer).

You must mail your exclusion request postmarked no later than **August 23, 2017**, to:

Clerk's Office
Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse
231 W. Lafayette Blvd., Room 564
Detroit, MI 48226

and to:

RG/2 Claims Administration, LLC

Questions? Call 1-866-742-4955 or Visit www.TruckDealerSettlement.com

P.O. Box 59479
Philadelphia, PA 19102-9479

15. IF I DON'T EXCLUDE MYSELF, CAN I SUE FOR THE SAME THING LATER?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue the Settling Defendants for the claims being released in this litigation.

16. IF I EXCLUDE MYSELF, CAN I STILL GET MONEY BENEFITS?

No. If you exclude yourself from a Settlement Class, you will not get any money as a result of that Settlement. However, you may exclude yourself from one Settlement but remain in the other Settlement(s). In that case, you may receive money from the Settlement(s) in which you remain.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

17. DO I HAVE A LAWYER REPRESENTING ME?

The Court has appointed the following law firm as Class Counsel to represent you and all other members of the Settlement Classes:

J. Manly Parks
Andrew R. Sperl
Duane Morris, LLP
30 S. 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

You will not be charged for contacting these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

18. HOW WILL THE LAWYERS BE PAID?

At the final approval hearing, Class Counsel will ask the Court to reimburse them for certain costs and expenses. At the final approval hearing, or at a later date, Class Counsel will ask the Court for attorneys' fees based on their services in this litigation. Class Counsel may also request a payment to the class representatives who helped the lawyers on behalf of the Classes. Any payment to the attorneys and class representatives will be subject to Court approval, and the Court may award less than the requested amount. The attorneys' fees, costs, expenses and awards that the Court orders, plus the costs to administer the Settlements, will come out of the Settlement Funds. Class Counsel may seek additional attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses from any other settlements or recoveries obtained in the future.

When Class Counsel's motion for fees, costs and expenses, and class representative payments is filed, it will be available at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com. The motion will be posted on the website at least 30 days before the Court holds a hearing to consider the request, and you will have an opportunity to comment on the motion. (See Question 20.)

Register at the website or call 1-866-742-4955 to receive notice when the motion is filed.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENTS

19. HOW DO I OBJECT TO OR COMMENT ON THE SETTLEMENTS?

If you have objections to or comments about any aspect of the Settlements, you may express your views to the Court. You can object to or comment on a Settlement only if you do not exclude yourself from that Settlement Class. To object to or comment on a Settlement, you must specify which Settlement (including the Settling Defendant(s)) you are objecting to in a letter that also contains the following:

- The case name: *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2311;
- The name, address, telephone number, and signature of a person with the authority to bind your dealership in its decision not to exclude itself from the Settlement(s);
- All trade names or business names and addresses the dealership has used as a Truck and/or Equipment Dealership, as well as any subsidiaries or affiliates who are not requesting to be excluded from the Settlement(s);
- Your dealership's dealer number(s) / dealer identification number(s) (for each original equipment manufacturer for which you are or were an authorized dealer);
- The name of each Settling Defendant whose Settlement you are objecting to or commenting on;
- The automotive part case, Bearings, that is the subject of your objection(s) or comments; and
- The reasons you object to the Settlement, along with any supporting materials.

Any comment or objection must be postmarked by **August 23, 2017**, and mailed to:

Court

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
Clerk's Office
Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse
231 W. Lafayette Blvd., Room 564
Detroit, MI 48226

and to:

Notice Administrator

RG/2 Claims Administration, LLC
P.O. Box 59479
Philadelphia, PA 19102-9479

20. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXCLUDING MYSELF FROM THE CLASS(ES) AND OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT(S)?

If you exclude yourself from one or more of the Classes, you are telling the Court that you do not want to participate in the Settlement(s) from which you exclude yourself. Therefore, you will not be eligible to receive any benefits from those Settlements, and you will not be able to object to those Settlements. Objecting to a Settlement simply means telling the Court that you do not like something about it. Objecting does not make you ineligible to receive a payment.

THE FINAL FAIRNESS HEARING

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the Settlements and any requests by Class Counsel for fees, costs, expenses, and class representative awards. You may attend and you may ask to speak, but you do not have to do so.

21. WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE COURT DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENTS?

The Court will hold a Final Fairness Hearing at time TBD on **September 13, 2017**, at the United States Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette Blvd, Detroit, MI 48226, Room 272. The hearing may be moved to a different date or time without additional notice, so check www.TruckDealerSettlement.com or call 1-866-742-4955 for current information. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlements are fair, reasonable, and adequate. If there are objections or comments, the Court will consider them at that time and may listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. The Court may also decide how much to pay Class Counsel. At or after the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlements.

22. DO I HAVE TO ATTEND THE HEARING?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. But you are welcome to attend at your expense. If you send an objection or comment, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also hire your own lawyer at your own expense to attend on your behalf, but you are not required to do so.

23. MAY I SPEAK AT THE HEARING?

If you send an objection or comment on the Settlements as described in Question 20, you may have the right to speak at the Final Approval Hearing as determined by the Court. You cannot speak at the hearing if you exclude yourself from the Class.

GET MORE INFORMATION

24. HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

This Notice summarizes the Settlements. More details are in the Settlement Agreements. You can get copies of the Settlement Agreements and more information about the Settlements at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com. You also may write with questions to RG/2 Claims Administration, LLC P.O. Box 59479, Philadelphia, PA 19102-9479 or call the toll-free number, 1-866-742-4955. You should also register at the website to be directly notified of any future settlements, the terms of the Plan of Allocation of the Settlement Funds, how to file a claim form, and other information concerning this case.

Addendum A

Defendants	Case	Class Definition	Part Definition
Nachi-Fujikoshi Corporation Nachi America Inc.	Bearings	Nachi Settlement Agreement ¶ 15	Nachi Settlement Agreement ¶ 2; Amended Complaint ¶ 2
NSK Ltd. NSK Americas, Inc.	Bearings	NSK Settlement Agreement ¶ 8	NSK Settlement Agreement ¶ 2; Amended Complaint ¶ 2
SKF USA Inc.	Bearings	SKF USA Settlement Agreement ¶ 11	SKF USA Settlement Agreement ¶ 7; Amended Complaint ¶ 2

Legal Notice

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation, No. 12-md-02311

If You Are a Truck and/or Equipment Dealership That Purchased New Vehicles or Bearings for a Vehicle in the U.S. Since January 1, 2000 You Could Receive Money from Settlements of a Class Action

A lawsuit involving the prices of certain vehicle Bearings has been settled with certain Defendants in a class action in this litigation (“Settling Defendants”). The Settling Defendants are identified below. The case is a separate class action within the lead case known as *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, 12-md-02311 (E.D. Mich.), which is currently before United States District Judge Marianne O. Battani.

You may be part of class action settlements if you are a Truck and/or Equipment dealership that indirectly purchased Bearings, which were manufactured or sold by a Defendant or any subsidiary, affiliate, or alleged co-conspirator of a Defendant, and/or purchased new vehicles for resale or lease containing these parts (“Dealer”) in the District of Columbia or one or more of the following states: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

These Settlements may affect your rights. Read on for more information.

What Is The Lawsuit About?

The lawsuit alleges that the Defendants agreed to unlawfully raise the price of certain motor vehicle Bearings. As a result, dealers of Trucks and/or Equipment who purchased for resale or lease new Trucks and/or Equipment containing those parts or who indirectly purchased those parts as replacement parts, which were manufactured or sold by a Defendant or any subsidiary, affiliate, or alleged co-conspirator of a Defendant, allegedly paid more than they should have. Although the Settling Defendants have agreed to settle, the Settling Defendants do not agree that they engaged in any wrongdoing or are liable or owe any money or benefits to Plaintiffs. The Court has not yet decided who is right.

The Court has appointed Duane Morris LLP as interim class counsel (“Class Counsel”) in these lawsuits to represent your dealership and all other members of the class action. Your dealership will not be charged directly by these lawyers, and any fees that they are paid will come from any settlements or recovery in the lawsuit. If your dealership wants to be represented by its own lawyer, it may hire one at its own expense.

Who’s Included In The Settlements?

Your dealership is part of the Settlements if it is a Truck and/or Equipment Dealer and falls within the definition of the settlement classes (“Settlement Classes”) approved by Judge Battani. The class definitions are set forth in the full length Notice, which is available at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com. The term “Truck and/or Equipment Dealer” or “Truck and/or Equipment Dealership” means an entity or person authorized to engage in the business of selling or dealing in Trucks and/or Equipment at retail in the United States. A list of the part included in these Settlements and its manufacturers can be found at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com.

Who Are The Settling Defendants?

The Settling Defendants are SKF USA Inc. (“SKF USA”), Nachi-Fujikoshi Corporation and Nachi America Inc. (“Nachi”), and NSK Ltd and NSK Americas, Inc. (“NSK”) and collectively with SKF USA and Nachi, “Settling Defendants”). A list of the Defendants, their affiliates, and the alleged co-conspirators for the case involving the vehicle Bearings described in the Settlement Class definitions and settlement agreements are available at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com.

What Do The Settlements Provide?

Generally, you are included if, at any time from January 1, 2000 through May 25, 2017, inclusive, you were a dealer of heavy-duty (Class 8) or medium-duty (Class 4, 5, 6, & 7) trucks, buses, commercial vehicles (excluding automobiles, light trucks, vans, sports utility vehicles, crossovers, pickup trucks, and/or similar motor vehicles sold by automobile dealers), all-terrain vehicles, construction equipment, mining equipment, agricultural equipment, railway vehicles, materials-handling vehicles, and other similar vehicles (“Trucks and/or Equipment”) that: (a) purchased new Trucks and/or Equipment containing a Bearing, which was manufactured or sold by a Defendant or any subsidiary, affiliate, or alleged co-conspirator of a Defendant; or (b) indirectly purchased such a Bearing as a replacement part. Indirectly means you bought the vehicle replacement part from someone other than the manufacturer of the part.

The specific definitions of who is included in the Settlement Classes are set forth in the Settlement Agreements between the Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants. Those Settlement Agreements, and the related Complaint are accessible on the website www.TruckDealerSettlement.com.

The Settlement Funds amount to \$4,745,000. Detailed information about the Settlements and the parts involved can be found in the full-length Notice, which is available at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com. The amount of money your dealership may receive, if any, will depend upon where the dealership purchased the affected vehicles or component parts, the type and quantity of vehicles and parts your dealership purchased in the states listed above and the District of Columbia, and the total number of claims made by eligible Truck and/or Equipment Dealers.

What Are My Rights And Options?

1. Opt Your Dealership Out of One or More of the Settlements

If your dealership indirectly purchased any of the Bearings listed in the Settlement Class definitions as components in the specified Trucks and/or Equipment or as parts and purchased such new vehicles or parts in the states listed in this Notice or the District of Columbia and does not want to be legally bound by the Settlements, your dealership must exclude itself (“opt out”) in a writing postmarked by August 23, 2017, or it will not be able to sue, or continue to sue, the Settling Defendants (including all related entities covered by the releases in the Settlement Agreements) about the legal claims settled in the Settlement Agreements.

If your dealership submits a valid and timely request for exclusion / opt out from a Settlement, it will not share in the proceeds of that Settlement, and it will not be bound by the judgment. To be valid, the request for exclusion / opt out must follow the instructions set forth in the full-length Notice and be postmarked by August 23, 2017. The full instructions and requirements for opting out may be viewed at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com.

2. Object to One or More of the Settlements

If your dealership wishes to object to the Settlements or the request for attorneys’ fees, reimbursement of expenses, and service awards, it may write to the Court and counsel about why it objects. To be considered, your dealership’s objection must be filed according to the procedures set forth in the full-length Notice and postmarked no later than August 23, 2017. The full instructions and requirements for objecting to the Settlements may be viewed at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com.

3. Attend the Final Approval Hearing

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing at a time TBD on September 13, 2017, at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette Blvd., Courtroom 272, Detroit, MI 48226 to decide whether to approve the Settlements and the request for attorney’s fees, reimbursement of expenses, and service awards. You or your own lawyer may attend and ask the Court’s permission to speak, but you don’t have to participate in the hearing in order to attend. To request to speak at the Final Approval Hearing, you must follow the procedures set forth in the full-length Notice no later than August 23, 2017.

This notice is a summary only. The complete terms, including the definitions of what parties and claims are being released, are set forth in the full-length Notice, settlement agreements, and the Court filings, which may be obtained at www.TruckDealerSettlement.com.

For More Information, Contact the Settlement Administrator toll free at 1-866-742-4955

or visit www.TruckDealerSettlement.com.