IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

ELEANOR ABRAHAM et al.,

Plaintiff(s),

CIVIL NO. 12-CV-0011

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ST. CROIX RENAISSANCE GROUP, LLLP,

Defendant(s).

ACTION FOR DAMAGES

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

PLAINTIFFS' MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SEVERANCE PURSUANT TO RULE 21

Plaintiffs, by and through their undersigned Counsel, respectfully submit this memorandum in Opposition to Defendant St. Croix Renaissance Group, LLLP's ("SCRG") Motion for Severance pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 21.

INTRODUCTION

This is a mass tort case¹ involving the negligent conduct of SCRG from the time it took ownership of the alumina refinery in 2002, and in which all the Plaintiffs were injured in substantially the same way and at substantially the same time—they were exposed to toxic dusts blown from the old alumina refinery onto their persons and properties during and after SCRG took control of the property. Plaintiff has filed an Amended Complaint on August 7, 2012 to clarify that the exposure was coming from the same place, the refinery, and to

ASSOCIATES, LLC 1101 King Street Christiansted VI 00820-4933 Tel: 340.778.8855 Fax: 340.773.2954 lee@rohnlaw.com 1 A mass tort case should not be confused with a "mass action," defined by 28 U.S.C. §1332 (d) (11), under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. §1332 (d) and 28 USCS § 1453. Defendant is concurrently moving to remove this case from the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, alleging that it is "mass action" subject to removal under CAFA. But a "mass action" is a creature of statute with an expressly defined meaning, whereas a "mass tort" is a term that encompasses much more than the limited statutory definition of a "mass action."

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clarify that the emissions were multiple and continuous and affected Plaintiffs in the same manner because the same toxic materials in the dangerous dispersion of pollutants blew onto them and their property whenever strong winds blew or machinery disturbed the piles of red mud. See First Am. Complaint, Docket No. 22. Plaintiffs seek damages for their personal and property injuries and also seek to enjoin Defendants from subjecting Plaintiffs to future harm from similar exposures.

The distinction between, on the one hand, a multi-party case involving distinct occurrences and, on the other hand, a mass tort arising from one occurrence and/or related occurrences is an important one. See *Phillips v. County of Allegheny*, 515 F.3d 224, 233 (3d Cir. 2008)("[T]he *Twombly* decision focuses our attention on the 'context' of the required short, plain statement. Context matters in notice pleading."). Defendant has not shown how severance is warranted given the fact that the exposure of each individual Plaintiff occurred out of the same series of transactions, and the issues to be tried are significantly the same requiring the same expert and corporate defendant witnesses. *See* Def's Exhibit C, Judge Maria Cabret's decision in *Alexander v HOVIC*, Civ. No. 323/1997; see also German v. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., 896 F. Supp. 1385, 1400 (S.D.N.Y. 1995)(cited by Defendant SCRG for factors to consider for severance to be granted). Clearly, the factors weigh in favor of non-severance.

Furthermore, Plaintiffs object to Defendant's motion as premature and respectfully request that this Court delay consideration of these motions until it decides the jurisdiction

of this lawsuit. ² In *Steel Co. v. Citizens for a Better Environment*, 118 S. Ct. 1003, 1012, (1998), the Supreme Court stated that "the requirement that jurisdiction be established as a threshold matter. . . is 'inflexible and without exception.'" *Id.*, quoting *Mansfield*, *C. & L.M.R. Co. v. Swan*, 111 U.S. 379, 382 (1884). Thus, the Court should determine its jurisdiction to hear this matter before deciding whether to sever any claims or order more definite statement. *See Moseley v. City of Pittsburg Public School District*, No. 07-1560, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 42189, at * 6 (W.D. Pa. May 27, 2008) (agreeing that a motion to remand must be decided before a motion to dismiss on the merits); *see also Blake v. Macy's Inc.*, No. 08-1040, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 45776, at *4-5 (E.D. Pa. June 12, 2008) (stating that any decision on the merits is futile if the court lacks jurisdiction to hear the case and resolving a motion for remand before addressing the motion to dismiss).

In the related case of *Abednego v. St. Croix Alumina*, et. al., SX-09-CV-571, the District Court determined that it did not have federal jurisdiction over that case pursuant to the same law cited in this instant case's Motion to Remand, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(11)(B), and remanded *Abednego* back to Superior Court, after prematurely dismissing 198 Plaintiffs from the lawsuit. Those 198 Plaintiffs are now seeking relief under Rule 60(b)(4) to vacate that premature judgment and be reinstated in the *Abednego* case. Therefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court decide the removal issue before determining Defendant's motions for severance and for more definite statement.

² Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Remand this case back to Superior Court on April 12, 2012, which is currently pending.

RELEVANT FACTS

The St. Croix Alumina Refinery is located just south of several residential neighborhoods. See **Exhibit 1**, Pl's First Am. Compl., ¶ 462. The refinery used red-colored ore called bauxite as a raw material and produced a red substance generally called "red mud" as a byproduct in the alumina refining process. *Id.* For many years, previous owners and operators of the refinery failed to correctly store or contain the bauxite or the red mud. *Id.* at ¶¶ 463, 471. Instead, the red mud, which contains numerous toxic substances and known irritants, were placed in large uncovered piles. *Id.* at ¶ 471. Additionally, the refinery contained unabated asbestos in various conditions that was never removed, in violation of the law. *Id.* at ¶¶ 476-480. The previous owners/operators retain some liability for environmental conditions existing at the time of the sale to Defendant SCRG in 2002, and claims against those defendants are the subject of other lawsuits *Henry* and *Abednego*.

In 2002, SCRG obtained the refinery. Since doing so, SCRG has continued to inadequately store and/or secure the bauxite, red mud, and asbestos and permitted the emissions of the dangerous particulates onto Plaintiffs' property and persons. **Exhibit 1** at ¶¶ 472-474. By at least 2006, SCRG had learned that the asbestos in the refinery was friable and dangerous. *Id.* at ¶ 476. Although the asbestos had been unsecured for approximately ten years, Plaintiffs never knew about this dangerous condition. Upon learning of the situation itself, SCRG concealed and made false reports about the dangers posed by the asbestos. *Id* at, ¶¶ 477-481.

Because SCRG have never properly secured the bauxite, red mud, asbestos, and other particulates, Plaintiffs continued to be exposed to these substances even at this late date. *Id.* at ¶¶ 472, 483-484. Plaintiffs' exposure to the bauxite, red mud, asbestos, and other particulates have caused them personal injuries, property damages, loss of earning capacity, mental anguish, pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, and reasonable fears of contracting future illnesses. *Id.* at ¶ 483-484.

In this case, Plaintiffs seek compensatory damages, punitive damages, and injunctive relief to compensate them for their injuries and damages and protect Plaintiffs from continuing harm from the fugitive dusts being emitted from the refinery.

LEGAL ARGUMENT

I. SEVERANCE WOULD NOT BE JUDICIALLY ECONOMICAL OR CONVENIENT, THUS THE MOTION FOR SEVERANCE MUST BE DENIED

"A district court has broad discretion in deciding whether to sever a party pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 21." *Cooper v. Fitzgerald,* 266 F.R.D. 86, 88 (E.D. Pa. 2010) (quoting *Boyer v. Johnson Matthey, Inc.,* No. 02-8382, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9802, 2004 WL 835082, at *1 (E.D. Pa. Apr. 16, 2004)). Rule 21 states: "Misjoinder of parties is not a ground for dismissing an action. On motion or on its own, the court may at any time, on just terms, add or drop a party." Fed. R. Civ. P. 21. The Court may also sever claims against a party. Fed. R. Civ. P. 21(a). Significantly, "Rule 21 is 'most commonly invoked to sever parties improperly joined under Rule 20." *Boyer*, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9802, 2004 WL 835082, at *1 (citation omitted).

A. Rule 20 Factors Weigh in Favor of Joinder

The Third Circuit holds that as a threshold matter, joinder is strongly encouraged. *Hagan v. Rogers*, 570 F.3d 146, 152 (3d Cir. 2009). However, joinder is only appropriate if both elements of Rule 20(a) are met. *Cooper*, 266 F.R.D. at 88 (citing *Lopez v. City of Irvington*, No. 05-5323, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14941, 2008 WL 565776, at *2 (D.N.J. Feb. 28, 2008). Specifically, Rule 20(a) permits the joinder of plaintiffs in a single action if: "(1) the plaintiffs have a right to relief arising out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences; and (2) there exists some question of law or fact common to the plaintiffs." *Cooper*, 266 F.R.D. at 88 (citing *Cumba v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, No. 08-2328, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 41132, 2009 WL 1351462, at *1 (D.N.J. May 12, 2009); see *also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 20(a).

The entire point of Rule 20(a) is to "promote trial convenience and expedite the final determination of disputes, thereby preventing multiple law suits." *Al Daraji v. Monica,* No. 07-1749, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 76205, 2007 WL 2994608, at *10 (E.D. Pa. Oct. 12, 2007) (citation omitted). The rule is designed "to promote judicial economy . . . [and] reduce inconvenience, delay, and added expense." *Id.* (citation omitted); *see also Cooper v. Fitzgerald*, 266 F.R.D. 86, 88 (E.D. Pa. 2010).

In the instant case, judicial economy, convenience and expenses would be greatly increased if the Court severs the Plaintiffs' claims into over 450 lawsuits. Moreover, Plaintiffs are properly joined under Rule 20. Plaintiffs' claims are all based on the same series of occurrences that red dust, mud, coal dust, and asbestos emanated from SCRG's

alumina refinery during heavy winds and damaged the Plaintiffs and their property during the time period that SCRG owned and/or operated the refinery from 2002 to the present.

Courts generally apply a case-by-case approach in determining whether a particular factual situation meets the same transaction or occurrence test. See Norwood Co. v. RLI Ins. Co., Civ. No. 01-6153, 2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 5974, ** 6-7 (E.D. Pa. Apr. 4, 2002) (citing Federal Practice and Procedure § 1653 at 409) and Mosley v. General Motors Corp., 497 F.2d 1330, 1333 (8th Cir. 1974). The test mirrors the one applied under Rule 13 whereby: "'Transaction' is a word of flexible meaning. It may comprehend a series of many occurrences, depending not so much upon the immediateness of their connection as upon their logical relationship." Mosley, 497 F.2d at 1333 (emphasis added) (quoting Moore v. New York Cotton Exchange, 270 U.S. 593, 610, 46 S. Ct. 367, 371, 70 L. Ed. 750 (1926)). See also Sap America, Inc. v. Zoldan, 1999 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 15956, No. Civ. A. 99-3923, 1999 WL 907569, at *4 (E.D. Pa. Oct. 18, 1999). Indeed, the series of toxic dust emissions from the old alumina refinery during strong winds since SCRG's ownership from 2002 to the present are all logically connected as the emissions come from the same place, the old alumina refinery, consists of toxins from the same red mud, bauxite and asbestos piles, and occurred during the same periods of strong winds that caused the toxins to blow onto Plaintiffs' properties. Exhibit 1 at ¶¶ 472-474, 476-480, 483-484. Thus, using the series of transactions test, Plaintiffs' joinder under Rule 20 is proper and must not be disturbed

Furthermore, all of the issues of law and fact concerning Defendant's negligence in failing to warn, failing to protect Plaintiffs against an abnormally dangerous condition,

and issues of public and private nuisances and intentional or negligent infliction of emotional distress are shared by all of the Plaintiffs. Thus they satisfy Rule 20.

Defendant's claim that the Plaintiffs live over a "very large and varied physical are" is ludicrous, given that they all lived in St. Croix, in close proximity to the alumina refinery and the red dust dispersed miles across St. Croix. See Def's Exhibit B, Map of St. Croix, showing SCRG's alumina refinery in close proximity to residences affected. An expert witness will describe in detail the area of dispersion and show that all Plaintiffs were within the zone of danger of SCRG's tortious conduct. There is no rule requiring Plaintiffs to prove these facts in a Complaint. And while there are other cases filed in the Superior Court addressing the previous owners and operators' liability, such as *Abednego*, this case centers solely around SCRG's culpable actions with regard to the dangerous dispersion of particulates onto Plaintiffs' property and persons.

Defendant's reliance on Judge Cabret's Order in *Alexander et. al. v. HOVIC* supports joinder *not* severance. Judge Cabret ruled in favor of severance in that case only because the Plaintiffs made "no allegations that each individual's exposure occurred out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences." *See* Def's Exhibit C at p. 4. In this case, Plaintiffs have made numerous allegations that their exposure to the red dust, coal dust, and asbestos occurred from strong winds blowing the toxic material from SCRG's alumina refinery onto their property and persons and that their exposure to the dangerous material were a result of a series of these dispersions. *See* Exhibit 1, First Amended Complaint at ¶¶ 472-479. Thus, Judge Cabret's decision helps Plaintiffs' position

not Defendant's.

B. Rule 21 Severance Factors Weigh Against Severance

Moreover, "[i]n deciding whether to grant a severance, the court is required to balance the factors of benefit and prejudice that will result from the alternative courses." *Turner Constr. Co. v. Brian Trematore Plumbing & Heating, Inc.*, Civ. No. 07-666, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 92309, 12-13 (D.N.J. Oct. 5, 2009) (quoting *Cruzan Terraces, Inc. v. Antilles Ins., Inc.*, 138 F.R.D. 64, 65, 26 V.I. 294 (D.V.I. 1991). "Specific factors are '(1) whether the issues sought to be tried separately are significantly different from one another, (2) whether the separable issues require the testimony of different witnesses and different documentary proof, (3) whether the party opposing the severance will be prejudiced if it is granted, and (4) whether the party requesting the severance will be prejudiced if it is not granted." *Turner*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 92309 at *13 (quoting *Cruzan, supra); see also Official Comm. of Unsecured Creditors v. Shapiro*, 190 F.R.D. 352, 355 (E.D. Pa. 2000). No one factor is determinative, and a court must consider the "overall equities" of a case in ruling on a motion to sever or bifurcate. Turner, supra.

C. The Four Factors Weigh Against Severance

As applied to the instant Complaint, the factors weigh against severance. First, the issues to be tried occur from the same series of transactions, which is the toxic dust emissions during strong winds from the alumina plant since SCRG's ownership from 2002 to the present. Thus, the issues of negligence and private and public nuisance and emotional distress are not at all different from each other, much less significantly different

to warrant severance. Second, the same defense witnesses and expert and medical witnesses would testify about the same occurrences that caused the Plaintiffs' injuries and damages and the same documentary proof would be admissible as evidence, thus severance would *not* benefit the parties, jury, court and all the necessary witnesses.

Third, Plaintiffs will be severely prejudiced if the motion for severance is granted as severance will cause excessive delays, inconvenience, and prohibitive additional costs as Plaintiffs' counsel will be required to attend over 450 case conferences, prepare over 450 motions or responses to motions when necessary, and produce over 450 separate sets of discovery requests and responses to Defendant's discovery. See Official Comm. of Unsecured Creditors v. Shapiro, 190 F.R.D. 352, 355 (E.D. Pa. 2000) ("Whether severance is warranted requires balancing of several considerations, including 'the convenience of the parties, avoidance of prejudice to either party, and promotion of the expeditious resolution of the litigation.") (citation omitted).

Fourth, Defendant SCRG will not be prejudiced if severance is not granted. SCRG has not explained how it is prejudiced in any way by the joinder of the 450 plus Plaintiffs in this case except to complain of collective allegations. However, the law does not require that each Plaintiff allege detailed facts for each element of each claim against Defendant, as the law permits common allegations by multiple Plaintiffs. *See Fiorentino v. Cabot Oil & Gas Corp.*, 750 F. Supp. 2d 506 (M.D. Pa. 2010) (sixty-three individuals alleged that defendant, under leases to extract natural gas from their properties, improperly released methane, natural gas, and other toxins onto their land and into their groundwater); *Turner*,

et al., v. Murphy Oil USA, Inc., No. 05-4206 Consol. Case Sec. "L"(2), 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 45123, *2 (E.D. La. Dec. 29, 2005) (twenty-six consolidated class actions claiming damages after an oil tank at Murphy Oil's Meraux, Louisiana oil refinery came loose from its bearings during (or shortly after) Hurricane Katrina and released thousands of barrels of oil into the surrounding neighborhoods, where plaintiffs lived).

D. Requirements for Pleading Multiple Plaintiff Complaint

In the Third Circuit, a court when deciding a motion to dismiss must still "accept all factual allegations as true, construe the complaint in the light most favorable to the plaintiff, and determine whether, under any reasonable reading of the complaint, the plaintiff may be entitled to relief." *Paschal v. Billy Beru, Inc.,* No. 09-2764, 2010 U.S. App. LEXIS 7239 (3d Cir. 2010), *citing Phillips*, 515 F.3d at 233; see also Charleswell, et al. v. Chase Manhattan Bank, et al., No. 01-119, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 54519 *1, *18 (D.V.I. June 22, 2009); see also Umland v. Planco Fin. Servs., 542 F.3d 59, 64 (3d Cir. 2008).

Also the Third Circuit will read complaints to determine if "under any reasonable reading...the plaintiff may be entitled to relief." *Valentine v. Bank of America*, 2010 U.S. Dist LEXIS 8546 at *6 (D.N.J. 2010), *citing Pinker v. Roche Holdings, Ltd.* 292 F.3d 361, 374 n. 7 (3d Cir. 2002). Moreover, the Third Circuit has explained that the Supreme Court's new plausibility requirement "does not impose a probability requirement at the pleading stage," but instead 'simply calls for enough facts to raise a reasonable expectation that discovery will reveal evidence of the necessary element." *Wilkerson v. New Media Tech. Charter Sch., Inc.*, 522 F.3d 315, 322 (3d Cir. 2008); see also Bearden v. Honeywell Int'l, Inc., No.

3:09-01035, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 28331, *6-7 (M.D. Tenn. Mar. 24, 2010) ("The court must assume that all of the factual allegations are true, even if they are doubtful in fact. *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 555, 127 S. Ct. 1955, 167 L. Ed. 2d 929 (2007).")

The above-stated standards for proper pleadings in the Third Circuit apply whether there is one plaintiff or one thousand plaintiffs. Defendant repeatedly argues that Plaintiffs should be held to a more detailed pleading standard because of their number and that the Court should not permit Plaintiffs to make "joint," or "collective" allegations. Defendant inappropriately refers to Plaintiff's Complaint as a "shotgun pleading." Specifically, in the Motion for a More Definite Statement, Defendant asks the Court to require each individual Plaintiff to allege separate counts and to identify his or her particular exposures and damages. But this position is contrary to the applicable law, stated above in **Sec. C**, governing common practice in mass torts. Further, Defendant has also failed to provide any authorities on point supporting its position.

In this case, Plaintiffs have alleged liability against only one Defendant, SCRG, about one main issue--the release of particulates from the red mud at the alumina refinery during heavy winds and several related incidents, including the failure to clean up the hazardous materials at the refinery and the subsequent failure to inform Plaintiffs of the dangers of the friable asbestos being blown into the Plaintiff's homes. Plaintiffs here have clearly set out the claims and SCRG's role in each of these incidents. See **Exhibit 1**, First Amended Complaint at ¶¶ 471- 482.

For example, the First Amended Complaint explains that the red dust, bauxite, and asbestos problem originated under other entities' ownership of the alumina refinery, but that SCRG obtained the refinery and failed to correct the improper storage of the toxic particulates, which were blown by heavy winds into Plaintiffs' neighborhoods. *Id.* The First Amended Complaint sets out how when SCRG took over the refinery in 2002, and failed to properly store the bauxite and red dust and it failed to contain the friable asbestos. *Id.* Thus, although there are a series of related occurrences giving rise to SCRG's liability, those occurrences are inextricably intertwined and common to all Plaintiffs. Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint informs Defendant SRCG of its role specifically in the occurrences that gave rise to this suit.

1. Mass Tort Claims

In addition, none of the cases cited by Defendant involve mass torts; instead, Defendant's authorities all arose from separate and distinguishable occurrences involving varying circumstances as to each plaintiff and defendant. Contrary to Defendant's characterization of Plaintiffs' claims, this case involves the conduct of one company SCRG from the time it obtained the refinery in 2002. Here, all the Plaintiffs were injured in substantially the same way, by the same substances, and at the same time—they were exposed to toxic dusts blown from the refinery onto their properties and into their lungs during high winds on St. Croix. Consequently, Defendant has not cited any persuasive authorities urging the Court to require each of the 400 plus Plaintiffs to file individual complaints.

2. Common Allegations are Typically Permitted in Mass Tort Actions.

Turner, et al., v. Murphy Oil USA, Inc., No. 05-4206 Consol. Case Sec. "L"(2), 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 45123, *2 (E.D. La. Dec. 29, 2005) involved twenty-six consolidated class actions. The plaintiffs were residents and homeowners of St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. According to the plaintiffs, an oil tank at Murphy Oil's Meraux, Louisiana oil refinery came loose from its bearings during (or shortly after) Hurricane Katrina and released thousands of barrels of oil into the surrounding neighborhoods, where plaintiffs lived. Turner, et al., v. Murphy Oil USA, Inc., No. 05-4206 Consol. Case Sec. "L"(2), 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 45123, *2 (E.D. La. Dec. 29, 2005). Plaintiffs sought recovery for personal injuries, property damage, and mental anguish resulting from the spill. Id.

Under Rule 42a, the court consolidated actions from numerous courts and ordered that the plaintiffs prepare a Master Complaint that would govern all actions. *Id.* at **4-5. Although the Master Complaint is not a substantive pleading and is just a procedural device used to streamline motions and discovery, the Louisiana district court referred to the normal standards regarding motions to dismiss. *Id.*

Like the Defendant SCRG here, Murphy Oil challenged the plaintiffs' general allegations that they suffered personal injuries, property damages, and mental anguish as not sufficiently establishing injuries-in-fact to meet the standing requirement. *Id.* at *10. The court rejected this argument because "the court must presume that general allegations embrace the specific facts that are necessary to support the Plaintiffs' claim." *Id.* at *10. It determined that the plaintiffs' general allegation that they resided near the oil refinery and

suffered injuries as a result of the oil discharge was sufficient to put the defendant on notice of the claims against it. *Id.* Although the *Turner* court used the *Conley v. Gibson* standard for evaluating the motions to dismiss, its rationale is still applicable.

Courts still employ the presumption regarding general allegations embracing specific facts under the new *Twombly* standard. In *Consumer Protection Corp. v. Neo-Tech News*, No. CV 08-1983-PHX-JAT, 2009 WL 2132694, *1 (D. Ariz. July 16, 2009), the court denied a motion to dismiss a class claim that the defendant sent unsolicited advertisement faxes in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. *Consumer Protection Corp. v. Neo-Tech News*, No. CV 08-1983-PHX-JAT, 2009 WL 2132694, *1 (D. Ariz. July 16, 2009). The court held that the plaintiff's bare allegations that the defendant sent unsolicited faxes were conclusory and not entitled to presumption of truth, but it credited the following allegations as factual: the defendant (1) knew the faxes were advertisements; (2) participated in preparing the faxes; (3) provided/obtained class members' fax numbers; (4) paid a contractor to transmit faxes, and/or (5) knew that class members had not authorized the fax. Assuming these to be true, plaintiff alleged a plausible violation of the Act. *Id.* at *4-5. The court invoked the "general allegation" presumption in rejecting the defendants' argument that the plaintiffs had to address the moving defendant specifically. *Id.* at **6-7.

Similarly, *In Re Digitek Products Liability Litigation*, MDL NO. 2:08-md-01968, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 113947, *1 (S.D. W. Va. Aug. 3, 2009), numerous groups of Plaintiffs filed civil actions in state and federal courts across the country against many groups of defendants that manufactured, marketed, tested, promoted, sold and/or distributed Digitek,

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a drug used to treat a number of heart conditions that was recalled and allegedly caused various injuries to plaintiffs. In 2008, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation entered an order establishing a multidistrict litigation ("MDL") proceeding consolidating the federal Digitek-related actions for joint case management. *Id.* at 97. The MDL court ordered the plaintiffs to prepare a Master Complaint, which it evaluated under the normal standards for a motion to dismiss.

As the court explained, "[t]he Mylan defendants are correct that the master complaint lacks detailed factual allegations respecting their specific knowledge of a manufacturing defect. It does allege though that all of the defendants knew generally of a manufacturing defect and that they failed to act." *Id.* Thus, once again, a post-*Iqbal* court dealing with a mass tort reiterated the rule that courts must assume that general allegations contain the specific facts that they subsume.

These cases support Plaintiffs' position in this case that the First Amended Complaint against Defendant need not set out detailed allegations as to each Plaintiff's claims. Unlike the authorities Defendant relies upon, these cases share a similar context with this case—they all involve mass torts in which the plaintiffs generally allege facts putting the defendant(s) on notice of the type of claims at issue and the bases for them. This practice is both common and practical for the administration of cases involving so many parties and so many claims. To require anything more would be to overwrite the law regarding dismissals in this jurisdiction.

III. Conclusion

There are over 450 Plaintiffs in this action and their common claims and issues of law and fact permits joinder in a single action under Rule 20. Joinder also promotes judicial economy in this case as it would be costly and inconvenient to try over 450 of the cases as separate trials bringing down the same expert witnesses and corporate defendant witnesses repeatedly, and tying up the Court's docket for over a year or more. A joint trial would not, as Defendant suggests, take over a year as there would be no need to put the expert witnesses on the stand more than once in the Plaintiffs' direct case, and that is true for the corporate defendant witnesses as well. Thus in the interest of judicial economy and convenience joinder is appropriate.

Moreover, this Court should rule on the Motion to Remand prior to ruling on the Motions to Sever or for More Definite Statements, as subject matter jurisdiction belongs in the Superior Court per the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(11)A) and (B), the same statute that warranted remanding the Abednego case back to Superior Court.

Thus, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court address the Motion to Remand prior to ruling on this instant Motion, and, should the Court decide to rule on this Motion, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court Deny the Defendant's Motion for Severance and permit the Plaintiffs to litigate their case as joined parties.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on September 19, 2012, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing (NEF) to the following:

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Ana; Cirlio, Sonia N.; Clarke, Tuwanda; Clercin, Skitter; Clovis, Celestin; Clovis, Regina J.; Cobb, Theophilius; Cobb, Veronica; Codrington, Raymond; Colon, Ivette; Colon, Luis R.; Cordice, Lendale Jr.: Coron, Domingo: Correa, Maria P.: Cruz, Christina; Cruz, Maria; Cruz, Orlando; Cuencas, Alfredo Jr.; Daniel, Adrea Y.; Daniel, Cammie O.; Daniel, Cyril Jr.; Daniel, Stanley; Daniel, Suzette; David, Francis; David, Ruby C.; Davis, Enrique; Davis, Mercedes; Davis, Samuel; Davis-Feliz, Gladys individually and as parent to minor Davis, Eric O.; DeJesus, Elie; DeJesus, Theodore M.; deLande, Kevin F.; Denis, Matthew; Dennie, Mary; Dennie, Nkosi B.; Diaz, Elizabeth; Diaz, Fiadalizo; Drew, Maud; Durand, Benjamin; Durand, David; Durand, Fennella individually and as parent to minors Coureure, Jasi R. and Coureure, Shomalie C.; Durand, Gweneth; Durand, Jamal R.; Durand, Kishma R.; Durand, Rudolph: Durand, Rudolph Jr.; Duvivier, Brandon C.; Edward, Leara individually and as parent to minor Cooper, Neges; Edward, Patrick; Estephane, Virginia; Ettienne, Carlton; Ettienne, Madona individually and as parent to minors Ettienne, Kareem and Sylvain, Jady: Evelyn, Sylvia: Felix, Alane K.; Felix, Alvin; Felix, Domingo; Felix, Edymarie; Felix, Hyacinth M.; Felix, Isabel; Felix, Isidoro; Felix, Jasmine; Felix, Maria B.; Felix, Marius F.; Felix, Mathilda; Felix, Sasha Marie individually and as parent to minors Felix. Taheyrah, Hospedales, Dani Marie, Hospedales, Dennis K. and Hospedales, Destani L.; Ferdinand, Neeshawn; Ferdinand, Pearline; Ferdinand, Renee; Ferdinand, Rinel; Fulgencio, Jose Antonio; Flavien, Delia; Fontenelle, Kenyan; Fulgencio, Luis M.; Fulgencio, Nilsa Cruz; Garcia, Martha; George, Alcenta; George, Amos; George, Charles; George, Inez; George, Lucia M.; Gill, Sharon E.; Glasgow, George; Glasgow, Wilhemina; Gomez, Angel Luis; Green, Vernon; Greenaway, Charles; Greenaway, Veronica; Grouby, Wendell; Guadalupe, Margarita; Guerrero, Alcides; Guerrero, Casiano; Hanes, Veronica; Hendrickson, Kenisha C. individually and as parent to minors Almestica, Zaquan, Jonas, Jahi and Jonas, Zarvah; Henry, Josephat; Henry, Lucille; Henry, Mary; Hepburn, Maria; Hodge, Edmond; Irwin, Vera; Isaac, Stella B.; Isaac, Verrall; Jacobs, Janet C. individually and as parent to minor Joseph, Justin J.; Jairam, Barbara;

Jairam, Kelman; James, Akeem; James, Kareem; James, Sybil; Jean-Baptiste, George; Jean-Baptiste, Lisa; Jean-Baptiste, Magdalena individually and as parent to minors Jean-Baptiste, Tamera and Jean-Baptiste, Tia: John, Alfred Jr.: John, Estrellita Marie; John, Ignatius; John, Yahmillia; Jordan, John; Khan, Ingema; Kiture, Emily J. individually and as parent to minors Carmona, Kish'Marie V., Carmona, Wilmarice S. and Carmona, E'Marley; Kiture, Janice; Kiture, Lucina: Knight, Barbara: LaForce, Cassandra: LaForce, Joseph Jr.; Lebron, Fermin Jr.; Lebron, Mariluz; Leo, John B.; Leonce, Herbert; Liburd, Leonard; Llanos, Veronica individually and as parent to minor Llanos, Veronique; Lopez, Carmen M. individually and as parent to minors Lopez, Jashira M. and Allen, Alloy O. Jr.; Lopez, Maishaleen: Lopez, Miguel A.: Lopez, Miguel A. Jr.: Lopez, Myrna: Lubin, Apreel: Lubin, Joel Patrick: Lubin, Jonah Newell; Lubin-Duman, Beverly Ann; Lugo, Corali individually and as parent to minors Lugo, Giselle and Lugo, Marc A.; Lugo, Jerge L.; Lugo, Krystal; Malaykhan, Ejajie; Malaykhan, Sham; Malaykhan, Suraj; Maldonado, Ana; Mark, Cynthia: Martinez, Humberto: Martinez, Andrea: Martinez, Conception; Martinez, Lynnette individually and as parent to minor Vazquez, Jose E. Jr.; Martinez, Ramon; Matthew, Alford; Matthew, Asiah; Matthew, Estine; Matthew, Euphelie; Matthew, Maria; Matthew, Martin; Matthew, Michael L.; Matthew, Shirley (La Force); Maynard, Chamarie; Maynard, Maria; Maynard, Nadeen V. individually and as parent to minor Walters, Nadean V.; Melendez, Jose Reyes; Miranda, Andrea: Miranda, Miguel: Mitchell, Claire-Mina: Mitchell, Clarie-Mina A.; Mitchell, Janice individually and as parent to minor Mitchell, Queana; Mitchell, Nancy; Mitchell, Sharon; Moe, Melwyn; Morales, Maria Luz; Morris, Ersilie; Morris, Sennet E.; Morton, Catherine; Morton, Julian E. Jr.; Morton, Monroe; Navarro, Carmen, individually and as parent to minor Ruiz, Cristina; Navarro, Luz D.; Navarro, Marco A.; Navarro, Maria individually and as parent to minors Navarro, Gilberto and Navarro, Gilmarie: Navarro, Maria Mercedes: Navarro, Nelson; Nicholas, Joan; Nicholas, Latoya Y.; Nicholas, Sandy; Noorhasan, Dorette F.; Noorhasan, Lennox E.: Noorhasan, Shane Antonio: Nyack, Marilyn; O'Reilly, Wilburn; Paige, Alvin;

Paige, Ara individually and as parent to minor Burke, Ian; Parrilla, Carmen Amaro individually and as parent to minors Parrilla, Christian Jr., Parrilla, Miguel J. and Parrilla, Natacha; Parrilla, Delores I., individually and as parent to minor Parrilla, Roberto Jr.; Parrilla, Joel; Parrilla, Juan; Parrilla, Orlando; Parrilla, Raquel; Parrilla, Pedro Juan; Parrilla, Roberto Sr.; Parrilla, Sonia M.; Parrilla, Tara; Parrilla, Wilfredo; Parrilla, Orlimagelys; Parrilla-Ferdinand, Delores; Pemberton, Candis M.; Pemberton, Maiarie C.: Pena, Marco Garcia: Perez, Carlos A.; Perez, Carlos Alberto; Perez, Carmen L.; Perez, Jorge A.; Perez, Jose M.; Perez, Naishma K.; Perez, Nydia, individually and as parent to minor Perez, Paula Y.; Perez, Tuwanda; Perez, Victor M.; Perez, Xavier M.; Perez, Yamileisy; Perez, Yaritza; Perez, Ylonis J.; Perez, Yomar A.; Perez, Zalemie Y.; Perez-Ayala, America individually and as parent to minors Perez. Neishalee and Perez, Victor Manuel III; Phillip, Arthur; Phillip, Martial; Phillip, Marva; Phillip, Marvin; Phillip, Terry M.; Picart, Jose; Pilier, Demetrio A. individually and as parent to minors Pilier, Lizandro and Pilier, Lizangel; Plaskett, Cripson: Plaskett, Dilia individually and as parent to minor Ventura, Angela S.; Plaskett, William A.; Polidore, Cornelia; Polidore, Keriscia; Polydore, Lawrence: Prescott, Miscelda: President, Kimbel: President, Kimberly; Preville, Godfrey G.; Profil, Migdalia; Pryce, David; Pryce, Philbert Jr.; Quildan, Isabella N.; Quildan, Kareem; Quinones, Iris M.; Quinones, Jose William; Quinones, Ruth A.; Quinones, Sila; Ramirez, Andres Mercado; Ramos, Brunilda; Ramos, Daniel; Ramos, Gabriel; Ramos, Jorge: Ramos, Josefina; Ramos, Marcela; Reves, Eridania; Reyes, Evaristo; Reyes, Francisca C., individually and as parent to minor Reyes, Nayoshe; Reyes, Juan A.; Reyes, Juanico; Reyes, Maximo Guerrero; Reyes, Wanda J.; Richardson, Laurencea; Richardson, Marilyn, individually and as parent to minor Gonzague, Jovon; Rios, Cecilia; Rivera, Ana Celia; Rivera, Beatrice; Rivera, Belkis; Rivera, Ebony; Rivera, Miriam; Rivera, Sandro; Robles Jessica C.; Robles, Benjamin Jr.; Robles, Benjamin Sr.; Robles, Elise; Robles, Ismael; Robles, Ivette; Robles, Jose Luis; Rodney, Martina L.; Rodriguez, Julio; Rodriguez, Lillian R. individually and as parent to minor Rodriguez. Miguel A.; Rodriguez, Miguely; Rogers, Akeel;

Rojas, Pablo; Roldan, Frenando L.; Roldan, Jeremy L.; Rosario, Angela Pagan; Ross, Neelia; Ruiz, Joanne, individually and as parent to minors Carmona, Angelo J., Greenidge, Alaika E., Greenidge, Allen H., Jr., Greenidge, Talaiva A.and Ruiz, Takima T.; Ruiz, Rut individually and as parent to minor Leo, Jahliah T.; Saldana, Carmen; Saldana, Eddie Adner; Saldana, Edwin; Saldana, Raquel individually and as parent to minor Maragh, Krystal; Sanchez, Angel Alberto; Sanchez, Edith; Sanchez, Jose Alberto; Sanchez, Jose E.; Sanchez, Jose Roberto; Sanes, Angel L.; Sanes, Joshua; Sanes, Miguel Angel; Santana, Yadira; Santiago, Jose Lanso; Santiago, Artemia; Santiago, Carlos L.; Santiago, Chayanne; Santiago, Eliever; Santiago, Lydia; Santiago, Maynalys; Santos, Angelica; Santos, Ramona; Santos, Theresita: Serrano, Maria: Serrano, Martha; Serrano, Martin Jr.; Shalto, Greta; Shaw-Jacobs, Jeanette: Shirley, Helen: Slater, Ramisha individually and as parent to minor Wilson, Brandon T.B. II; Smith, Keisha P.; Smith, Kevin E.; Smith, Natasha; Soto, Jennifer; Soto, Jeremy; Soto, Jorge ; Soto, Luis Enrique individually and as parent to minor Soto, Luis E.: Soto, Maria L.: Soto, Rosa: St. Brice, Anthony; Stevens, Claudia; Stubbs, Jeremiah C. individually and as parent to minor Stubbs, Mariah C.; Taylor, Annette J.; Taylor, Beryl E.; Taylor, Debbie R.; Theophilus, Alita V.; Thomas, Marsha individually and as parent to minors Tanis, Tamirea N. and Tanis, Nahomey; Torres, Jose Manuel, Jr.; Torres, Linda; Valentine, Carmen; Valentine, Santiago O. Jr.; Vasquez, Noemi S.; Vega, Efrain; Vega, Luis Felix Jr.; Vega, Luz Delia individually and as parent to minors. Vega, Shanley T. and Vega, Fransheska; Vega, Luis Felix; Vegas Lebron, Fermin; Velez, Carmen R.; Velez, Corporina; Velez, Jose R.; Velez, Jose Ramon; Velez, Margarita; Velez, Miguel Angel; Velez, Norma; Velez, Yesenia; Ventura, Angel L.; Ventura, Anna Maria; Ventura, Carlos Jr.; Ventura, Carmen L.; Ventura, Edna; Ventura, Jose Miguel; Ventura, Karla Jeanette; Ventura, Noelia Soto; Ventura, Xiomara I. individually and as parent to minor Denis, Diane N.; Villanueva, Shelia L.; Williams, Clayton; Williams, Idelfonsa; Williams, Urma; Wilson, Alfred; Wilson, Brandon T.B.; Wilson, Cindy, individually and as parent to minor Rivera, Justin; Wilson, Diana N., individually and as

parent to minor Roldan, Shaedean N.; Wiltshire, Dunn; Wiltshire, Ethelbert; Wiltshire, Gregg; Wiltshire, Hermine, individually and as guardian to minor Wiltshire, Christina; and Wiltshire, Peter,

Plaintiffs,

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St. Croix Renaissance Group LLLP,

Defendant.

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

COME NOW, the Plaintiffs by and through their undersigned counsel, and file their First Amended Complaint and respectfully represent to the Court as follows:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 4 V.I.C Section 76, et seg.
- 2. Abraham, Eleanor is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 3. Abraham, Phillip is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 4. Abraham, Ratcliffe is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 5. Abreu, Elizabeth is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 6. Acosta, Edelmiro is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 7. Acosta, Martha is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 8. Acosta, Tomas J. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 9. Acosta, Tomas Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 10. Acosta, Yamaris is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- Albert, Charmaine N. individually and as parent to minors Andre, Austin B.
 Andre, Bevington R., Andre, Chris L. and Andre, Felisha C., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands;

- Aldonza, Davidson, individually and as parent to minors Aldonza, Abigail,
 Aldonza, Brianner Aldonza, Bryson and Aldonza, Ruthlin, citizens of St. Croix
 U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 13. Alexander, Christina is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 14. Alexander, Olive is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 15. Alphonse, Anastasia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 16. Alphonse, Brian is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 17. Alphonse, Kelvin is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 18. Andrew, Julita is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 19. Anthony, Jerome is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 20. Anthony, Violet is a citizen of Miramar, Florida.
- 21. Antoine, Priscilla is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 22. Arjune, Camille is a citizen of Tampa, Florida.
- 23. Arjune, Ian is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 24. Arroyo, Hector M. Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 25. Arroyo, Hector M. Sr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 26. Arroyo, Maria C. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 27. Arroyo, Marilyn is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 28. Arroyo, Paula is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 29. Arroyo, Petra is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 30. Athill, Christopher is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 31. Auguste, Merkey R. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 32. Augustine, Denis J. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 33. Ayala, Awilda is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 34. Ayala, Carmela is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 35. Ayala, Evangelista J. Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 36. Ayala, Evangelista J. Sr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 37. Ayala, Jahaira is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 38. Ayala, Jesus M. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 39. Ayala, Manuel is a citizen of Oviedo, Florida.
- Ayala, Rosanda individually and as parent to minors Ayala, Jason A. and Ayala,
 Jesus JB., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 41. Barnard, Melvina A. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 42. Barnard, Sandra individually and as parent to minor Concepcion, Trejuan, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 43. Barnard, Shawn is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 44. Barnard-Liburd, Leonor individually and as parent to minor Parris, Millina, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 45. Benjamin, Akima is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 46. Benjamin, Alie is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 47. Benjamin, Ashsba is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 48. Benjamin, Yvette individually and as parent to minors Harris, Ashema and Harris, Joseph N., residents of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 49. Beras, Catherine is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 50. Beras, Lulila is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 51. Bonit, Andria is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 52. Bonit, Timothy is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 53. Boulogne, Carlo J. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 54. Bright, Alexis is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 55. Brooks, Edred is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 56. Bright, Lestroy is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 57. Brown, Iva T. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 58. Browne, Gweneth is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 59. Browne, Sylvia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 60. Bryan, George O. Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 61. Burgos, Kayla K. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 62. Caines, Imogen is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 63. Candelario, Aura E. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 64. Carmona, Francisco J. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 65. Carmona, Wilfredo Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 66. Carrasquillo Lao Carmen is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 67. Carrasquillo, Amparo individually and as parent to minor Navarro, Jahvan J., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 68. Carrasquillo, Angel Mario is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 69. Carrasquillo, Julio A. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- Carrasquillo, Leisha L. individually and as parent to minors Nolasco, Marcus A.
 Jr. and Villanueva, Edilberto III Anthony, citizens of Charlotte, North Carolina.
- 71. Cartier, Shermaine is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 72. Cedeno, Valentin is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 73. Cepeda, Johanna is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 74. Cepeda, Luz individually and as parent to minor Cepeda, Anthony, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 75. Cepeda, Regalado III is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 76. Cepeda, Regalado IV is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 77. Cepeda, Regalado, Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 78. Chassana, Vitalienne A. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 79. Christophe, Joseph is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 80. Christophe, Maryanna is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 81. Cirlio, Ana is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 82. Cirlio, Sonia N. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 83. Clarke, Tuwanda is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 84. Clercin, Skitter is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 85. Clovis, Celestin is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 86. Clovis, Regina J. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 87. Cobb, Theophilius is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 88. Cobb, Veronica is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 89. Codrington, Raymond is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 90. Colon, Ivette is a citizen of Kissimmee, Florida
- 91. Colon, Luis R. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 92. Cordice, Lendale Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 93. Coron, Domingo is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 94. Correa, Maria P. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 95. Cruz, Christina is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 96. Cruz, Maria is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 97. Cruz, Orlando is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 98. Cuencas, Alfredo Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 99. Daniel, Adrea Y. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 100. Daniel, Cammie O. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 101. Daniel, Cyril Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 102. Daniel, Stanley is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 103. Daniel, Suzette is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 104. David, Francis is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 105. David, Ruby C. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 106. Davis, Enrique is a citizen of Kissimmee, Florida.
- 107. Davis, Mercedes is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 108. Davis, Samuel is a citizen of St. Cloud, Florida.
- 109. Davis-Feliz, Gladys individually and as parent to minor Davis, Eric O., citizen of Kissimmee, Florida.
- 110. DeJesus, Elie is a citizen of Kissimmee, Florida.
- 111. DeJesus, Theodore M. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 112. deLande, Kevin F. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 113. Denis, Matthew is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 114. Dennie, Mary is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 115. Dennie, Nkosi B. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- Diaz, Elizabeth is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 117. Diaz, Fiadalizo is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 118. Drew, Maud is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 119. Durand, Benjamin is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 120. Durand, David is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- Durand, Fennella individually and as parent to minors Coureure, Jasi R. and
 Coureure, Shomalie C. citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 122. Durand, Gweneth is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 123. Durand, Jamal R. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 124. Durand, Kishma R. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 125. Durand, Rudolph is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 126. Durand, Rudolph Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 127. Duvivier, Brandon C. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 128. Edward, Leara individually and as parent to minor Cooper, Neges, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 129. Edward, Patrick is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 130. Estephane, Virginia is a citizen of West Palm Beach, Florida.
- 131. Ettienne, Carlton is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 132. Ettienne, Madona individually and as parent to minors Ettienne, Kareem and Sylvain, Jady, citzens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 133. Evelyn, Sylvia is a citizen of Miami, Florida.
- 134. Felix, Alane K. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 135. Felix, Alvin is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- Felix, Domingo is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 137. Felix, Edymarie is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 138. Felix, Hyacinth M. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 139. Felix, Isabel is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 140. Felix, Isidoro is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 141. Felix, Jasmine is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 142. Felix, Maria B. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 143. Felix, Marius F. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 144. Felix, Mathilda is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 145. Felix, Sasha Marie individually and as parent to minors Felix, Taheyrah, Hospedales, Dani Marie, Hospedales, Dennis K. and Hospedales, Destani L., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 146. Ferdinand, Neeshawn is a citizen of Orlando, Florida.
- 147. Ferdinand, Pearline is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 148. Ferdinand, Renee is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 149. Ferdinand, Rinel is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 150. Fulgencio, Jose Antonio is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 151. Flavien, Delia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 152. Fontenelle, Kenyan is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 153. Fulgencio, Luis M. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 154. Fulgencio, Nilsa Cruz is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 155. Garcia, Martha is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 156. George, Alcenta is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 157. George, Amos is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 158. George, Charles is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 159. George, Inez is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 160. George, Lucia M. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 161. Gill, Sharon E. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 162. Glasgow, George is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 163. Glasgow, Wilhemina is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 164. Gomez, Angel Luis is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 165. Green, Vernon is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 166. Greenaway, Charles is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 167. Greenaway, Veronica is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 168. Grouby, Wendell is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 169. Guadalupe, Margarita is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 170. Guerrero, Alcides is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 171. Guerrero, Casiano is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 172. Hanes, Veronica is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 173. Hendrickson, Kenisha C. individually and as parent to minors Almestica, Zaquan, Jonas, Jahi and Jonas, Zaryah, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 174. Henry, Josephat is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 175. Henry, Lucille is a citizen of Mableton, Georgia.
- 176. Henry, Mary is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 177. Hepburn, Maria is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 178. Hodge, Edmond is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 179. Irwin, Vera is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 180. Isaac, Stella B. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 181. Isaac, Verrall is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- Jacobs, Janet C. individually and as parent to minor Joseph, Justin J., citizens of
 St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 183. Jairam, Barbara is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 184. Jairam, Kelman is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 185. James, Akeem is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 186. James, Kareem is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 187. James, Sybil is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 188. Jean-Baptiste, George is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 189. Jean-Baptiste, Lisa is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 190. Jean-Baptiste, Magdalena individually and as parent to minors Jean-Baptiste, Tamera and Jean-Baptiste, Tia, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 191. John, Alfred Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 192. John, Estrellita Marie is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 193. John, Ignatius is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 194. John, Yahmillia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 195. Jordan, John is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 196. Khan, Ingema is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 197. Kiture, Emily J. individually and as parent to minors Carmona, Kish'Marie V.,

 Carmona, Wilmarice S. and Carmona, E'Marley residents of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Kiture, Janice is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

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- 199. Kiture, Lucina is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 200. Knight, Barbara citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 201. LaForce, Cassandra is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 202. LaForce, Joseph Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 203. Lebron, Fermin Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 204. Lebron, Mariluz is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 205. Leo, John B. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 206. Leonce, Herbert is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 207. Liburd, Leonard is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 208. Llanos, Veronica individually and as parent to minor Llanos, Veronique, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 209. Lopez, Carmen M. individually and as parent to minors Lopez, Jashira M. and Allen, Alloy O. Jr., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 210. Lopez, Maishaleen is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 211. Lopez, Miguel A. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 212. Lopez, Miguel A. Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 213. Lopez. Myrna is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 214. Lubin, Apreel is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 215. Lubin, Joel Patrick is a citizen of Charlotte, NC.
- 216. Lubin, Jonah Newell is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 217. Lubin-Duman, Beverly Ann is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 218. Lugo, Corali individually and as parent to minors Lugo, Giselle and Lugo, Marc A. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

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- 219. Lugo, Jerge L. Is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 220. Lugo, Krystal is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 221. Malaykhan, Ejajie is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 222. Malaykhan, Sham is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 223. Malaykhan, Suraj is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 224. Maldonado, Ana is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 225. Mark, Cynthia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 226. Martinez, Humberto is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 227. Martinez, Andrea is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 228. Martinez, Conception is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 229. Martinez, Lynnette individually and as parent to minor Vazquez, Jose E. Jr., citizens of Longwood, Florida.
- 230. Martinez, Ramon is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 231. Matthew, Alford is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 232. Matthew, Asiah is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 233. Matthew, Estine is a citizen of Baytown, Texas.
- 234. Matthew, Euphelie is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 235. Matthew, Maria is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 236. Matthew, Martin is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 237. Matthew, Michael L. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 238. Matthew, Shirley (La Force) is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- Maynard, Chamarie is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 240. Maynard, Maria is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 241. Maynard, Nadeen V. individually and as parent to minor Walters, Nadean V., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 242. Melendez, Jose Reyes is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 243. Miranda, Andrea is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 244. Miranda, Miguel is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 245. Mitchell, Claire-Mina is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 246. Mitchell, Clarie-Mina A. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 247. Mitchell, Janice individually and as parent to minor Mitchell, Queana, citizen of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 248. Mitchell, Nancy is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 249. Mitchell, Sharon is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 250. Moe, Melwyn is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 251. Morales, Maria Luz is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 252. Morris, Ersilie is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 253. Morris, Sennet E. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 254. Morton, Catherine is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 255. Morton, Julian E. Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 256. Morton, Monroe is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 257. Navarro, Carmen, individually and as parent to minor Ruiz, Cristina, residents of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Navarro, Luz D. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- Navarro, Marco A. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 260. Navarro, Maria individually and as parent to minors Navarro, Gilberto and Navarro, Gilmarie citizens of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 261. Navarro, Maria Mercedes is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 262. Navarro, Nelson is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 263. Nicholas, Joan is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 264. Nicholas, Latoya Y. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 265. Nicholas, Sandy is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 266. Noorhasan, Dorette F. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 267. Noorhasan, Lennox E. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 268. Noorhasan, Shane Antonio is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 269. Nyack, Marilyn is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 270. O'Reilly, Wilburn is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 271. Paige, Alvin is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 272. Paige, Ara individually and as parent to minor Burke, Ian, citizens of St. Petersburg, Florida.
- 273. Parrilla, Carmen Amaro individually and as parent to minors Parrilla, Christian Jr., Parrilla, Miguel J. and Parrilla, Natacha, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 274. Parrilla, Delores I., individually and as parent to minor Parrilla, Roberto Jr., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 275. Parrilla, Joel is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 276. Parrilla, Juan is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 277. Parrilla, Orlando is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 278. Parrilla, Raquel is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

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- Parrilla, Pedro Juan is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 280. Parrilla, Roberto Sr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 281. Parrilla, Sonia M. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 282. Parrilla, Tara is a citizen of Orlando, Florida.
- 283. Parrilla, Wilfredo is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 284. Parrilla, Orlimagelys is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 285. Parrilla-Ferdinand, Delores is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 286. Pemberton, Candis M. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 287. Pemberton, Majarie C. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 288. Pena, Marco Garcia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 289. Perez, Carlos A. is a citizen of St. Cloud, Florida.
- 290. Perez, Carlos Alberto is a citizen of St. Cloud, Florida.
- 291. Perez, Carmen L. is a citizen of St. Cloud, Florida.
- 292. Perez, Jorge A. is a citizen of Atlanta, Georgia.
- 293. Perez, Jose M. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 294. Perez, Naishma K. is a citizen of St. Cloud, Florida.
- 295. Perez, Nydia, individually and as parent to minor Perez, Paula Y., citizens of San Antonio, Texas.
- 296. Perez, Tuwanda is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 297. Perez, Victor M. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 298. Perez, Xavier M. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 299. Perez, Yamileisy is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- Perez, Yaritza is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 301. Perez, Ylonis J. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 302. Perez, Yomar A. is a citizen of St. Cloud, Florida.
- 303. Perez, Zalemie Y. is a citizen of San Antonio, Texas.
- 304. Perez-Ayala, America individually and as parent to minors Perez, Neishalee and Perez, Victor Manuel III, residents of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 305. Phillip, Arthur is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 306. Phillip, Martial is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 307. Phillip, Marva is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 308. Phillip, Marvin is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 309. Phillip, Terry M. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 310. Picart, Jose is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 311. Pilier, Demetrio A. individually and as parent to minors Pilier, Lizandro and Pilier, Lizangel, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 312. Plaskett, Cripson is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 313. Plaskett, Dilia individually and as parent to minor Ventura, Angela S., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 314. Plaskett, William A. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 315. Polidore, Cornelia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 316. Polidore, Keriscia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 317. Polydore, Lawrence citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 318. Prescott, Miscelda is a citizen of Mattapan, Massachusetts.
- President, Kimbel is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- President, Kimberly is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

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- 321. Preville, Godfrey G. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 322. Profil, Migdalia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 323. Pryce, David is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 324. Pryce, Philbert Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 325. Quildan, Isabella N. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 326. Quildan, Kareem is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 327. Quinones, Iris M. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 328. Quinones, Jose William is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 329. Quinones, Ruth A. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 330. Quinones, Sila is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 331. Ramirez, Andres Mercado is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 332. Ramos, Brunilda is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 333. Ramos, Daniel is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 334. Ramos, Gabriel is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 335. Ramos, Jorge is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 336. Ramos, Josefina is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 337. Ramos, Marcela is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 338. Reyes, Eridania is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 339. Reyes, Evaristo is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 340. Reyes, Francisca C., individually and as parent to minor Reyes, Nayoshe, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 341. Reyes, Juan A. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 342. Reyes, Juanico is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 343. Reyes, Maximo Guerrero is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 344. Reyes, Wanda J. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 345. Richardson, Laurencea is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 346. Richardson, Marilyn, individually and as parent to minor Gonzague, Jovon, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 347. Rios, Cecilia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 348. Rivera, Ana Celia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 349. Rivera, Beatrice is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 350. Rivera, Belkis is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 351. Rivera, Ebony is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 352. Rivera, Miriam is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 353. Rivera, Sandro is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 354. Robles Jessica C. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 355. Robles, Benjamin Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 356. Robles, Benjamin Sr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 357. Robles, Elise is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- Robles, Ismael is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 359. Robles, Ivette is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 360. Robles, Jose Luis is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 361. Rodney, Martina L. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 362. Rodriguez, Julio is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 363. Rodriguez, Lillian R. individually and as parent to minor Rodriguez, Miguel A., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.

- 364. Rodriguez, Miguely is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 365. Rogers, Akeel is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 366. Rojas, Pablo is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 367. Roldan, Frenando L. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 368. Roldan, Jeremy L. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 369. Rosario, Angela Pagan is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 370. Ross, Neelia is a citizen of St. Cloud, Florida.
- 371. Ruiz, Joanne, individually and as parent to minors Carmona, Angelo J.,
 Greenidge, Alaika E., Greenidge, Allen H., Jr., Greenidge, Talaiya A.and Ruiz,
 Takima T., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 372. Ruiz, Rut individually and as parent to minor Leo, Jahliah T., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 373. Saldana, Carmen is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 374. Saldana, Eddie Adner is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 375. Saldana, Edwin is a citizen of Bronx, NY.
- 376. Saldana, Raquel individually and as parent to minor Maragh, Krystal, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 377. Sanchez, Angel Alberto is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 378. Sanchez, Edith is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 379. Sanchez, Jose Alberto is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 380. Sanchez, Jose E. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- Sanchez, Jose Roberto is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 382. Sanes, Angel L. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

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- 383. Sanes, Joshua citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 384. Sanes, Miguel Angel is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 385. Santana, Yadira is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 386. Santiago, Jose Lanso is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 387. Santiago, Artemia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 388. Santiago, Carlos L. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 389. Santiago, Chayanne is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 390. Santiago, Eliever is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 391. Santiago, Lydia is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 392. Santiago, Maynalys is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 393. Santos, Angelica is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 394. Santos, Ramona is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 395. Santos, Theresita is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 396. Serrano, Maria is a citizen of Sanford, Florida.
- 397. Serrano, Martha is a citizen of San Antonio, Texas.
- 398. Serrano, Martin Jr. is a citizen of San Antonio Texas.
- 399. Shalto, Greta is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 400. Shaw- Jacobs, Jeanette is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 401. Shirley, Helen is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 402. Slater, Ramisha individually and as parent to minor Wilson, Brandon T.B. II, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 403. Smith, Keisha P. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 404. Smith, Kevin E. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

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- 405. Smith, Natasha is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 406. Soto, Jennifer is a citizen of Camden, New Jersey.
- 407. Soto, Jeremy is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 408. Soto, Jorge is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 409. Soto, Luis Enrique individually and as parent to minor Soto, Luis E., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 410. Soto, Maria L. is a citizen of Miramar, Florida.
- 411. Soto, Rosa is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 412. St. Brice, Anthony is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 413. Stevens, Claudia is a citizen of St. Petersburg, Florida.
- 414. Stubbs, Jeremiah C. individually and as parent to minor Stubbs, Mariah C., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 415. Taylor, Annette J. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 416. Taylor, Beryl E. is a citizen of Dundee, Florida.
- 417. Taylor, Debbie R. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 418. Theophilus, Alita V. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 419. Thomas, Marsha individually and as parent to minors Tanis, Tamirea N. and Tanis, Nahomey citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 420. Torres, Jose Manuel, Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 421. Torres, Linda is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 422. Valentine, Carmen is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 423. Valentine, Santiago O. Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 424. Vasquez, Noemi S. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.

- 425. Vega, Efrain is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 426. Vega, Luis Felix Jr. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 427. Vega, Luz Delia individually and as parent to minors, Vega, Shanley T. and Vega, Fransheska citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 428. Vega, Luis Felix is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 429. Vegas Lebron, Fermin is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 430. Velez, Carmen R. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 431. Velez, Corporina is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 432. Velez, Jose R. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 433. Velez, Jose Ramon is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 434. Velez, Margarita is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 435. Velez, Miguel Angel citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 436. Velez, Norma citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 437. Velez, Yesenia citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 438. Ventura, Angel L. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 439. Ventura, Anna Maria is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 440. Ventura, Carlos Jr. citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 441. Ventura, Carmen L. citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 442. Ventura, Edna is a citizen of Boston, Massachusetts.
- 443. Ventura, Jose Miguel is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 444. Ventura, Karla Jeanette is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 445. Ventura, Noelia Soto is a citizen of Carolina, Puerto Rico.

- 446. Ventura, Xiomara I. individually and as parent to minor Denis, Diane N., citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 447. Villanueva, Shelia L. is a citizen of Charlotte, North Carolina.
- 448. Williams, Clayton is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 449. Williams, Idelfonsa is a citizen of St. Cloud, Florida.
- 450. Williams, Urma is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 451. Wilson, Alfred is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 452. Wilson, Brandon T.B. is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 453. Wilson, Cindy, individually and as parent to minor Rivera, Justin citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 454. Wilson, Diana N., individually and as parent to minor Roldan, Shaedean N., residents of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 455. Wiltshire, Dunn is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 456. Wiltshire, Ethelbert is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 457. Wiltshire, Gregg is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 458. Wiltshire, Hermine individually and as guardian to minor Wiltshire, Christina, citizens of St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 459. Wiltshire, Peter is a citizen of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands.
- 460. At all times relevant to this action, and within the time period of 2002 to the present, all Plaintiffs were residents of or guests staying in close proximity to the Defendant's alumina refinery on the south shore of St. Croix.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

461. For about thirty years, an alumina refinery located near thousands of homes on

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dust.

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the south shore of the island of St. Croix was owned and/or operated by a number of entities. The facility refined a red ore called bauxite into alumina, creating enormous mounds of the by-product, bauxite residue, red mud, or red

- 462. St. Croix Renaissance Group LLLP ("SCRG") upon information is a Limited Liability Limited Partnership and is deemed to be a citizen of Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Puerto Rico and St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. In or about 2002, Alcoa World Alumina, LLC ("ALCOA") and St. Croix Alumina, LLC ("SCA") entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement ("PSA") for the refinery with Brownfields Energy Recovery Corporation ("BRC") and Energy Answers Corporation of Puerto Rico ("EAPR") and BRC and EAPR immediately transferred their interests in the refinery to St. Croix Renaissance Group ("SCRG").
- 463. SCRG has owned and/or operated the refinery from 2002 to the present.
- 464. Alumina is extracted from a naturally-occurring ore called bauxite. Bauxite is red in color. The Material Safety Data Sheets ("MSDS") for bauxite warn that it can cause irritation of the eyes, skin and upper respiratory tract.
- 465. The byproduct of the alumina refining process used at the St. Croix refinery is a red substance called bauxite residue, or "red mud" or "red dust," which is indistinguishable in color and texture from bauxite. Red mud causes damages to real and personal property.
- 466. Red mud causes significant physical injuries. The MSDS for red mud states that it can cause "severe irritation and burns [of eyes], especially when wet," "can

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cause severe irritation [of skin], especially when wet," "can cause irritation of the

upper respiratory tract," and that is a "cancer hazard." The MSDS also advises

against skin and eye exposure to red mud.

467. From the beginning of the alumina refinery's operations, hazardous materials,

including chlorine, fluoride, TDS, aluminum, arsenic, molybdenum, and selenium,

as well as coal dust and other particulates were buried in the red mud, and the

red mud was stored outdoors in open piles that at times were as high as

approximately 120 feet and covered up to 190 acres of land. The piles of red

mud erode into the environment if they are not secured by vegetation or retaining

walls. For years, the uncovered piles often emitted fugitive dust when winds

blew across the refinery and on the frequent occasions when bulldozers ran over

them.

468. In addition, the refinery contained asbestos and other particulates and hazardous

substances in various conditions that were never removed from the premises, in

violation of law.

469. The bauxite was stored in a steel A-frame structure with plastic sheets hung

down the sides, called the bauxite storage shed. In 1995, Hurricane Marilyn hit

St. Croix and damaged the roof of the bauxite storage shed, which allowed the

dusty bauxite to be blown out of the shed.

470. Previous owners ALCOA and St. Croix Alumina added red dust, coal dust and

other particulates to the materials left behind by Virgin Islands Alumina

Company, Glencore, Ltd., Glencore International AG, and Century Aluminum

Company, the former owners and/or operators of the refinery, and continued to

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stack and store them in huge uncovered piles.

- 471. When SCRG purchased the refinery it had knowledge of the potential for red mud releases. It was aware of the loose bauxite and piles of red mud and knew that those substances had the propensity for particulate dispersion when exposed to wind and that the refinery was in close proximity to thousands of residential dwellings. Indeed, all of the Plaintiffs lived or were staying or still live in close proximity to the dangerous dispersion of the red dust particulates. SCRG knew that every time there was a strong wind the toxic substances in the piles would be dispersed into the air, where they were inhaled by Plaintiffs, deposited onto Plaintiffs' persons and real and personal properties, and deposited into the cisterns that are the primary source of potable water for many Plaintiffs. This dispersion of toxic materials occurred continuously from the same source, the red mud piles at the alumina refinery, and SCRG, owner of the refinery from 2002, did nothing to abate it, and instead, allowed the series of continuous transactions to occur like an ongoing chemical spill. Each Plaintiff's exposure occurred out of the same dispersions of toxic materials including the coal dust, which is buried in the red mud, and which was stored outdoors.
- 472. Despite that knowledge SCRG failed to take proper measures to control those emissions ever since it took control of the refinery from 2002 to the present.
- 473. In addition, SCRG took actions related to the red mud piles that increased the disbursement of the toxic substances into Plaintiffs' properties and further resulted in Plaintiffs' additional exposure to those toxic substances.
- 474. Red mud contains caustic soda, crystalline silica, iron oxide, titanium dioxide,

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- and other toxic substances that make it a health risk to Plaintiffs and exposes Plaintiffs to toxic injuries.
- 475. SCRG discovered that ALCOA had not abated the asbestos in the property on or about 2006 when it was informed by DPNR.
- 476. SCRG attempted to conceal the fact it had friable asbestos in the plant and left it there for years.
- 477. SCRG knew that friable asbestos was being blown into Plaintiffs' homes and being inhaled by Plaintiffs but failed to disclose its knowledge or warn Plaintiffs.
- 478. During its operation and/or ownership of the alumina refinery, SCRG failed to remove the asbestos from the refinery for years and upon information asbestos remains in the property.
- 479. Upon information the asbestos has been friable and in an extremely dangerous condition for at least 10 years but Plaintiffs had no way of knowing or discovering that. In particular, Defendant concealed the existence of the friable asbestos from Plaintiffs until 2010, when DPNR produced documents, indicating the presence of asbestos in discovery in the Bennington v. SCRG matter indicating that unencapsulated asbestos fibers were permitted to hang and blow about freely.
- 480. Upon information SCRG hid the fact that it had friable asbestos not only from the Plaintiffs but also from Department of Natural Resources (DPNR) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and in fact, made false reports concerning the same.
- 481. SCRG has done nothing to remove that asbestos to the present.

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482. As a result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiffs suffered and continue to suffer physical injuries, medical expenses, damage to their properties and possessions, loss of income, loss of capacity to earn income, mental anguish, pain and suffering and loss of enjoyment of life, a propensity for additional medical illness, and a reasonable fear of contracting illness in the future, all of which are

expected to continue into the foreseeable future.

483. To this date, Defendant is continuing to expose Plaintiffs to red dust, bauxite, asbestos and other particulates and hazardous substances. Defendants' conduct is also continuing to prevent Plaintiffs from freely enjoying their properties.

COUNT I: Abnormally Dangerous Condition

- 484. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each allegation of Paragraph 1-483 as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 485. The actions of the Defendant constitute maintaining an abnormally dangerous condition.
- 486. The St. Croix alumina refinery is located in a known hurricane zone at the head of the Kraus Lagoon Channel at Port Alucroix, which leads to the Caribbean Sea.

 The natural resources of the Virgin Islands are particularly sensitive and precious.
- 487. Thousands of residential dwellings are located in close proximity to the refinery and all of the Plaintiffs lived or stayed at or still live in close proximity to the refinery and certainly within range of the dispersion of the toxic materials from the refinery.

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488. Defendant's use, storage, disposal and failure to remediate the bauxite, red dust

and/or red mud, asbestos, coal dust, and other particulates and hazardous

materials at the refinery is solely for Defendant's own business purposes.

489. Defendant knows and understands that there is a high risk that strong winds

could blow bauxite, red mud, asbestos and other particulates and hazardous

materials into Plaintiffs' neighborhoods.

490. Defendant's ongoing storage, disposal, and failure to remediate the bauxite, red

mud, asbestos, and other particulates and hazardous materials presented and

continues to present a high risk of great harm to Plaintiffs' health, chattel, and

properties. Bauxite and red mud can irritate the skin, respiratory tract, and eyes

and can permanently stain, clog, and otherwise damage property and objects.

Friable asbestos is also a known carcinogen that can cause a variety of

respiratory illnesses.

491. Defendant's ongoing use, storage, disposal and failure to remediate bauxite, red

mud, asbestos and other particulates and hazardous materials at the alumina

refinery caused and continue to cause serious harm to Plaintiffs' persons, chattel,

and properties. As a result, the Plaintiffs suffered damages as alleged herein.

COUNT II: Public Nuisance

492. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each allegation of Paragraph 1-491 as if set forth

herein verbatim.

493. The actions of Defendant constitute a public nuisance.

494. Specifically, the ongoing release of harmful dusts, including bauxite, red mud,

coal dust, asbestos, and other particulates and hazardous materials, from the

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alumina refinery unreasonably threatens and interferes with the public rights to safety, health, peace, comfort, and the enjoyment of private land and public natural resources.

- 495. The actions of Defendant violated the statutes of the Virgin Islands (including, but not limited to, 12 V.I.R. & R. § 204-20(d) & (e), §§ 204-25(a)(2) & (3), § 204-25(c), and § 204-27(a)) and constitute nuisance *per se*.
- 496. Defendant knows or has reason to know that its conduct has a significant effect on the public rights.
- 497. Plaintiffs are entitled to damages as a result, thereof.
- 498. The Plaintiffs are further entitled to an injunction requiring Defendant to desist all activities that allow the release of pollutants, further requiring Defendant to remove the piles of "red dust", coal dust and other particulates and hazardous materials, to remove all such pollutants, "red dust", coal dust and other particulates and hazardous materials including asbestos from the island of St. Croix, and to refrain from allowing said substances from accumulating again on St. Croix.

COUNT III: Private Nuisance

- 499. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each allegation of Paragraph 1-498 as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 500. Defendant's actions constitute a private nuisance in violation of 28 V.I.C. § 331 and Virgin Islands common law against each Plaintiff as they all lived within close proximity to the refinery and were subjected to the dangerous ongoing emissions.
- 501. Defendant's recurring releases of massive quantities of bauxite, red mud,

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asbestos, and other particulates and hazardous substances have stained, clogged, and otherwise significantly damaged and/or destroyed Plaintiffs' homes and yards, and the damages and destruction continue to date.

- 502. Defendant's recurring releases of massive quantities of bauxite, red mud, asbestos, and other particulates and hazardous substances have exposed and continue to expose Plaintiffs' bodies to toxic and/or irritating dusts.
- 503. By so doing, Defendant has wrongfully and unreasonably interfered with Plaintiffs' private use and enjoyment of their homes and properties. As a result, Plaintiffs have been damaged, and continue to be damaged, as alleged, herein.
- 504. Pursuant to 28 V.I.C. § 331, in addition to damages, Plaintiffs are entitled to a warrant to abate the nuisance and/or an injunction to prevent the continuance of the nuisance.

COUNT IV: Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress

- 505. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each allegation of Paragraph 1-504 as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 506. The actions of Defendant constitute the intentional infliction of emotional distress on Plaintiffs.
- 507. Defendant knows and understands that exposure to bauxite, red mud, asbestos, and other particulates and hazardous substances presented and continues to present serious risks to the health and property of thousands of St. Croix residents. Defendant also understands that the emissions posed and continue to pose serious threats to the local environment and natural resources.
- 508. Defendant knows that wind, rain and/or flooding, and other physical disturbances

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could release bauxite, red mud, asbestos and other particulates and hazardous substances from the alumina refinery into Plaintiffs' neighborhoods.

- 509. Defendant understands that St. Croix is a hurricane-prone area and that local residents rely on cisterns as their primary source of potable water.
- 510. Since at least 2006, Defendant SCRG also knew that dangerous friable asbestos was present at the refinery and could, along with the red mud and related particulates and hazardous substances, be blown by winds into Plaintiffs' neighborhoods, and that it did in fact do so.
- 511. Despite this knowledge, Defendant has knowingly and intentionally failed to take precautions to prevent bauxite, red mud, asbestos and other particulates and hazardous substances from blowing into Plaintiffs' neighborhoods, where it did blow and was dispersed exposing each Plaintiff to the harmful emissions and toxic substances continuously.
- 512. After Defendant permitted Plaintiffs to be exposed to bauxite, red mud, asbestos and other particulates and hazardous substances emissions from the alumina refinery, Defendant purposefully concealed and/or misrepresented the health risks associated with exposure to the emissions from Plaintiffs.
- 513. Years after learning that emissions from the alumina refinery presented high risk of serious injury to Plaintiffs and the natural resources of the Virgin Islands, Defendant continues to allow bauxite, red mud, asbestos and other particulates and hazardous substances to blow into Plaintiffs' neighborhoods and cause significant harm to Plaintiffs' minds, bodies, and property.
- 514. As a result of Defendant's callous disregard for the health, safety, well-being and

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property of Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs have suffered damages as alleged herein, including severe emotional distress and physical ailments resulting from such distress.

COUNT V: Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress

- 515. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each allegation of Paragraph 1-514 as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 516. In the alternative to intentional infliction of emotional distress, the actions of Defendant constitute the negligent infliction of emotional distress.
- 517. As a result, Plaintiffs have been damaged as alleged, herein.

COUNT VI: Negligence as to Defendant

- 518. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each allegation of Paragraph 1-517 as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 519. The actions of Defendant constitute negligence.
- 520. SCRG has owned and/or operated the alumina refinery from 2002 to the present.
- 521. SCRG has failed and continues to fail to properly store and/or secure bauxite, red mud, related particulates, hazardous substances, and asbestos on the premises.
- 522. SCRG knew and/or should have known that its failure to secure these dangerous materials would allow them to blow freely into Plaintiffs' neighborhoods and harm Plaintiffs and their properties.
- 523. SCRG's failure to properly secure, store and/or maintain the bauxite, red mud, related particulates, hazardous substances, and asbestos at the alumina refinery has allowed and continues to allow these materials to blow into the nearby areas

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and harm Plaintiffs and their properties.

524. As a result Plaintiffs have been damaged as alleged, herein.

COUNT VII: Punitive Damages

525. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each allegation of Paragraph 1-524 as if set forth

herein verbatim.

526. The actions of Defendant were and are so callous and done with such extreme

indifference to the rights and interests of the Plaintiffs and the citizens of St. Croix

so as to entitle Plaintiffs to an award of punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for damages as they may appear, compensatory

and punitive, an injunction requiring that Defendant cease and desist all activities that

result in pollutants being discharged and, further requiring a cleanup of all pollutants

and removal of the piles of "Red Dust", coal dust and particulates and hazardous

substances, costs and fees and such other relief as this Court deems fair and just.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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