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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION (Electronically Filed)

ARTHUR RAY BOWLING, ET AL.,

No. C-1-91-256

PLAINTIFF,

JUDGE HERMAN J. WEBER,

: SENIOR JUDGE

PFIZER, INC. ET AL.,

v.

DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF FILING OF THE THIRTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MASTER/TRUSTEE COVERING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 20, 2010 TO NOVEMBER 16, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all counsel of record that the THIRTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MASTER/TRUSTEE COVERING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 20, 2010 TO NOVEMBER 16, 2010 is hereby filed with the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN RE: : Case No. C-1-91-256

BOWLING-PFIZER LITIGATION : Judge Herman J. Weber,

Senior Judge

## THIRTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MASTER/TRUSTEE COVERING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 20, 2010 TO NOVEMBER 16, 2010

#### SPECIAL MASTER/TRUSTEE

James A. Higgins, Esq.

#### **AGENDA**

#### THIRTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MASTER/TRUSTEE

In Re: Bowling-Pfizer Litigation

Case No. C-1-91-256

December 1, 2010 10:00 A.M.

Hon. Herman J. Weber, Senior Judge

- 1. Introductory remarks by Judge Weber.
- 2. Report of the Special Master/Trustee.
- 3. Comments from Counsel:

Class Counsel.
Counsel for Defendants.

- 4. Questions and comments from those in attendance.
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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

IN RE: : Case No. C-1-91-256

BOWLING-PFIZER LITIGATION : Judge Herman J. Weber,

: Senior Judge

#### THIRTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MASTER/TRUSTEE

To the Honorable Herman J. Weber, Senior Judge, United States District Court:

Your Special Master/Trustee respectfully presents his thirty-third periodic report, covering activities from May 20, 2010 to November 16, 2010. This report is submitted fifteen days prior to the status hearing before the Court scheduled for December 1, 2010.

#### I. PATIENT BENEFIT FUND

- A. <u>Supervisory Panel</u>. There are no research projects at this time. Thus, the activities of the Panel have been mainly limited to planning its future scope of work and monitoring and surveillance of issues related to the guidelines.
- B. <u>Guidelines.</u> Drs. Harrison, Ibrahim and Ivey regularly monitor the pertinent worldwide literature and review reported events occurring to class members to ensure that any issues which may impact the guidelines are detected and considered by the full panel. The Guidelines Committee reviewed the most current version of the BSCC research database, other relevant data and the risk factors and surgical mortality and morbidity rates which form the basis of the guidelines. The Committee determined that the data does not support the need for a revision of the 2007

Amended Guidelines. The Panel believes that continued monitoring of the data as outlined in Exhibit 2 of the Joint Brief filed on October 25, 2010 is in the best interests of the Class.

- C. Repository. The Supervisory Panel maintains a repository of certain documents and information concerning the BSCC heart valve. The repository contains reports on the results of research sponsored by the Supervisory Panel, minutes of meetings of the Supervisory Panel, a bibliography of published literature regarding the BSCC heart valves, certain unpublished reports prepared by Dr. Ron Brookmeyer of his statistical analysis, the Bowling Settlement Agreement, and other information. The repository is available electronically in a database. Some of the information, such as published articles are not available for review due to copyright and other intellectual property concerns.
- D. <u>Website</u>. The Supervisory Panel's website continues to be found at www.bowling-pfizer.com. It provides basic information on the parties involved (biographies, addresses, telephone numbers, email, etc.), certain orders of the Court including the Guidelines, the Settlement Agreement, Trustee Reports and a bibliography of relevant articles as well as other important information. The panel prepared a summary of key studies which is intended to provide a more user-friendly bibliography. This user-friendly bibliography is available on the website. A copy of the most recent "hit report" of the Supervisory Panel's website is attached to this Report as Appendix 1.

#### E. <u>Valve Replacement Surgery Claims and Fracture Claims</u>.

The last claim for valve replacement surgery received by the Claims Administrator was for a qualified valve replacement surgery that occurred on March 11, 2010. The processing of that claim continues in progress. There have not been any recent outlet strut fracture claims. Some of the claimants have elected other courses of action rather than to receive the Settlement benefits.

From the beginning, there have been 98 (74 foreign) qualified outlet strut fracture claims and 101 (40 foreign) qualified valve replacement surgery claims other than single leg fracture claims. In addition, there have been 39 (16 foreign) single leg fracture claims.

The office of the Claims Administrator continues to fulfill requests to calculate estimated annual fracture rates under the 2007 Guidelines and to respond to other inquiries from and on behalf of Class Members.

#### II. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

At October 31, 2010, the total balance of cash and cash equivalents was \$19,877,282.

Attached as Appendix 2 are the following: an unaudited balance sheet as of October 31, 2010 and an unaudited statement of income and funds balance for the ten months ended October 31, 2010 (which includes the budgeted amounts for expenses for the administrative office for the year ended December 31 2010).

Attached as Appendix 3 is a copy of the Independent Auditors' Report for the year ended December 31, 2009.

#### III. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>

Communications remain open, whether with physicians, Class Members, other BSCC heart valve implantees, Class Counsel, Special Counsel, Defendant's Counsel, or Counsel for Public Citizen.

#### IV. APPROVALS

Your honor, the Special Master/Trustee requests that the Court:

- Approve this Report, and
- Approve, or provide guidance with respect to, each of the Appendices to this Report,
   and

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- Provide guidance with respect to any duty of the Special Master/Trustee, and
- Fix the date for the next Report.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Higgins, Esq.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this Thirty-Third Report of the Special Master/Trustee Covering Period from May 20, 2010 to November 16, 2010, has been electronically sent to the following this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010.

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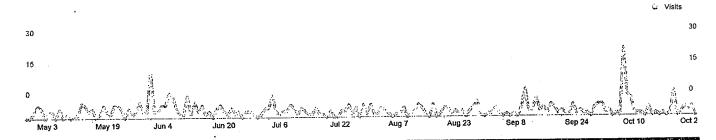
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#### Site Usage

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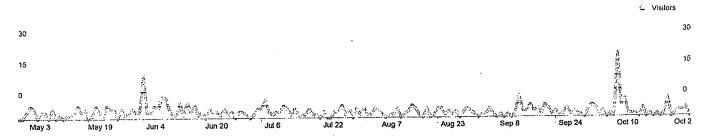
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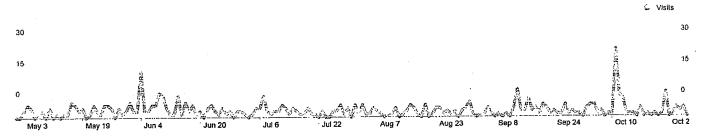
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Firefox	79	19.41%	DSL	106	26.04%
Chrome	.20	4.91%	T1	88	21.62%
Mozilla	14	3.44%	Cable	63	15.48%
Safari	12	2.95%	Dialup	7	1.72%

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google (organic)	113	27.76%	supervisory panel	10	6.85%
bing (organic)	17	4.18%	bowling pfizer heart valve	6	4.11%
yahoo (organic)	15	3.69%	bowling v pfizer	6	4.11%
capretz.com (referral)	14	3.44%	bowling pfizer ddl	5	3.42%

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Italy		23	2.39	00:01:06	100.00%	65.22%
Switzerland	•	16	5.06	00:10:42	25.00%	12.50%
Germany		13	1.69	00:00:29	92.31%	76.92%
Canada		11	4.91	00:01:57	54.55%	18.18%
India		11	1.27	00:00:09	100.00%	72.73%
Netherlands		9	3.00	00:00:57	88.89%	11.11%
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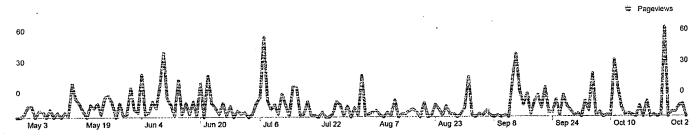
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**APPENDIX 2** 

\$ 19,883,520

## TRUSTEES FOR THE BOWLING-PFIZER HEART VALVE SETTLEMENT FUNDS

#### BALANCE SHEET

#### AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2010

#### UNAUDITED

#### **ASSETS**

 CASH
 \$ 38,342

 U.S. TREASURY BILLS
 19,838,940

 OTHER ASSETS
 6,238

 \$ 19,883,520

 LIABILITIES AND FUNDS BALANCE

 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES
 \$ 101,720

 FUNDS BALANCE
 19,781,800

## TRUSTEES FOR THE BOWLING-PFIZER HEART VALVE SETTLEMENT FUNDS

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND FUNDS BALANCE

#### FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2010

#### UNAUDITED

INVESTMENT INTEREST INCOME	\$ 30,501
VALVE REPLACEMENT SURGERY BENEFITS	603
LITIGATION ATTORNEYS - FEES & EXPENSES	89,447
EXPENSES:	
Supervisory Panel	97,392(1)
Trustees' fees	37,713
Professional fees	110,296
Administrative office	314,906(1)
Total	560,307
NET CHANGE IN FUNDS BALANCE	(619,856)
FUNDS BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2009	20,401,656(2)
FUNDS BALANCE, OCTOBER 31, 2010	<u>\$ 19,781,800</u>

- (1) See Schedule 1 herewith.
- (2) This amount is different than the balance in the audited financial statements due to accruing certain expenses on the unaudited financial statements to more currently reflect the financial condition of the Settlement Funds.

Schedule 1

## TRUSTEES FOR THE BOWLING-PFIZER HEART VALVE SETTLEMENT FUNDS

## SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES UNAUDITED

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
	1/1/10-12/31/10	1/1/10-10/31/10	
SUPERVISORY PANEL: Panel members' compensation		\$ 84,160	
Consultants' compensation Miscellaneous	•	7,187 6,045	
Total		\$ 97,392	
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:			
Rents	\$ 75,000	\$ 57,875	
Office payroll	388,000	204,080	
Payroll taxes	30,000	16,827	
Employee benefits	47,000	25,913	
Outside services	12,000	608	
Printing and postage	6,000	1,064	
General insurance	2,000	1,000	
Telephone	9,000	6,093	
Office supplies and expense	6,000	1,394	
Miscellaneous	6,000	1,462	
Administrative services incom		(1,410)	
Total	\$ 581,000	<u>\$ 314,906</u>	

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## Bowling-Pfizer Heart Valve Litigation Settlement Fund

Financial Statements — Modified Cash Basis as of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and Independent Auditors' Report

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Bowling-Pfizer Heart Valve Litigation Settlement Fund:

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balance — modified cash basis of the Bowling-Pfizer Heart Valve Litigation Settlement Fund (the "Fund") as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of income, expenses, and change in fund balance — modified cash basis, and of cash flows — modified cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, these financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balance of the Fund at December 31, 2009 and 2008, and its income, expenses, and change in fund balance, and its cash flows for the years then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

DELOITE + TOUCHE LLP

May 25, 2010

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCE — MODIFIED CASH BASIS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

ASSETS	2009	2008
CASH	\$ 71,062	\$ 79,750
INVESTMENTS	20,533,381	21,801,196
OTHER ASSETS	6,237	6,287
TOTAL	\$20,610,680	\$21,887,233
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES	\$ 118,318	\$ 129,805
FUND BALANCE	20,492,362	21,757,428
TOTAL	\$20,610,680	\$21,887,233

See notes to modified cash basis financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF INCOME, EXPENSES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE — MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

	2009	2008
INCOME — Net investment income	\$ 86,469	\$ 547,344
EXPENSES AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS:		
Benefit payments	1,145	
Litigation attorneys — fees and expenses	237,631	331,879
Research programs	129,906	52,733
Supervisory panel expenses	255,992	263,798
Trustees' fees and expenses	69,450	47,946
Professional fees	138,764	163,611
Other administrative expenses	518,647	574,610
Total expenses and benefit payments	1,351,535	1,434,577
DECREASE IN FUND BALANCE	(1,265,066)	(887,233)
FUND BALANCE — Beginning of year	21,757,428	22,644,661
FUND BALANCE — End of year	\$20,492,362	\$21,757,428

See notes to modified cash basis financial statements.

## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS — MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

	2009	2008
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Decrease in fund balance Adjustments to reconcile decrease in fund balance to net cash used in operating activities:	\$ (1,265,066)	\$ (887,233)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	50	(310)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(11,487)	35,273
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,276,503)	(852,270)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchase of investments Sale of investments	(42,188,459) 43,456,274	(39,986,849) 40,570,610
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,267,815	583,761
DECREASE IN CASH	(8,688)	(268,509)
CASH: Beginning of year	79,750	348,259
End of year	\$ 71,062	\$ 79,750

See notes to modified cash basis financial statements.

NOTES TO MODIFIED CASH BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bowling-Pfizer Heart Valve Litigation Settlement Fund (the "Fund") is the result of a settlement between Pfizer Inc. ("Pfizer") and its wholly owned subsidiary Shiley Incorporated ("Shiley") and a class of plaintiffs ("Plaintiffs") consisting of all persons who were alive on January 23, 1992, with a Bjork-Shiley Convexo-Concave (BSCC) heart valve still implanted, and their spouses on that date, except those persons who filed valid and timely requests for exclusion from the class.

The settlement required that Pfizer/Shiley pay a minimum of \$165 million to the Fund to settle the claims of the Plaintiffs. Certain provisions exist whereby Pfizer may be required to pay additional amounts to the Fund based on certain criteria as defined in the settlement. The minimum settlement is allocated between the "Patient Benefit Fund" (\$75 million) and the "Consultation Fund" (\$90 million).

The Patient Benefit Fund is to be used for: research and development of diagnostic techniques to identify implantees who may have a significant risk of strut fracture and to make such diagnostic techniques available to Plaintiff implantees; research concerning the characterization and/or reduction of the risks of valve replacement surgery; and payment of covered medical expenses for qualifying surgery to explant, due to the risk of strut fracture, a Plaintiff implantee's BSCC heart valve and replace it with another prosthetic heart valve.

The research activities of the Patient Benefit Fund are supervised by a Supervisory Panel (the "Panel"). The Panel, subject to Court approval, shall adopt and amend guidelines for valve replacement surgery. Also, the Panel will create a publicly accessible repository of information concerning the status of the research and the risks of valve fracture and of valve replacement. The Panel is made up of six members who are recognized scientific or medical experts and one member who is not a scientist or physician.

The Consultation Fund, initially \$80,000,000 for Plaintiff implantees, was intended to provide Plaintiff implantees with funds to obtain medical and psychological consultation as they deemed best. It was to be divided equally among qualified Plaintiff implantees after paying or providing for fees and expenses to be paid out of the implantee portion of the Fund. In addition, \$10,000,000 was paid into the Fund which was paid, after fees and expenses, equally to all qualified Plaintiff spouses.

The terms of the settlement required Pfizer/Shiley to initially deposit \$12,500,000 into the Patient Benefit Fund. Additionally, beginning on the second anniversary of the final approval of the settlement, Pfizer/Shiley was required to make annual deposits into the Patient Benefit Fund of not less than \$6,250,000 until a total of \$75,000,000 had been paid.

Pfizer/Shiley paid \$80,000,000 to the Consultation Fund in 1992. In 1994, Pfizer/Shiley paid \$10,000,000 to the Consultation Fund and \$12,500,000 to the Patient Benefit Fund. Pfizer/Shiley also paid \$6,250,000 annually in 1996 through 2005 to the Patient Benefit Fund. Pfizer/Shiley made the last fund payment during 2005 to fulfill the \$165 million dollar settlement.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting — The Fund prepares its financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting. Therefore, it records interest receivable for interest earned not yet received, taxes receivable (payable) (see Note 5), and accounts payable and accrued expenses for expenses when incurred rather than when paid (modified cash basis). Under this basis all settlement payments by Pfizer/Shiley are recognized when received and all benefit payments and Plaintiffs' counsel fees and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when incurred.

Litigation Attorneys, Fees, and Expenses — Represents Court approved payments to Plaintiffs' counsel and to Public Citizen, Inc.

Other Assets — Other assets represent prepaid expenses for the Fund.

Fair Value Measurements — ASC Topic 820 (previously SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements), defines fair value, provides a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures required for fair value measurements. This guidance also defines a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three broad levels. The adoption of this statement has had no impact on the Fund's financial statements as of December 31, 2009 or 2008.

The Fund adopted ASC Topic 820 (previously FASB Staff Position FAS 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157) for all non-financial assets and liabilities in 2009. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Fund's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009.

#### 3. INVESTMENTS

Investments at December 31, 2009 and 2008, consist of short term (6-month maturity) U.S. Treasury Bills and are carried at cost. The fair value, at quoted market prices, of such investments was approximately \$20,533,000 and \$21,816,000 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, which approximates cost. All investments are considered Level 1 investments under the hierarchy established within ASC Topic 820.

#### 4. OPERATING LEASES

The Fund leases its office facilities under an agreement classified as an operating lease from an unrelated party. Total future minimum lease payments due in 2010 are \$16,372. In April 2010, the Fund executed an amendment to extend the lease term through March of 2012 at a monthly rate of \$5,458.

#### 5. TAX STATUS

For Federal income tax purposes, the Fund is treated as a taxable designated settlement fund under Section 468(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Fund is required to pay taxes on the excess of interest income earned over expenses incurred for the administration of the Fund. The settlement payments by Pfizer/Shiley, benefit payments, and payment of Plaintiffs' counsel fees and expenses are not taxable transactions.

In March 1996, the Fund requested a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the taxability of the Fund and the deductibility of certain disbursements from the Fund. In January 1997, the Fund received a favorable ruling regarding these issues and, consequently, recorded no tax provision for 2009 or 2008.

#### 6. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Fund has evaluated all activity of the Fund through May 25, 2010 (the date financial statements were available for issuance).

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