

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

John A. Tibbs and Margaret B. Tibbs, Plaintiffs,

v.

3M Company; 4520 Corp., Inc.; A.O. Smith Corporation;
A.W. Chesterton Company; ABB, Inc.; Air & Liquid
Systems Corporation; Aiw-2010 Wind Down Corp.;
Amentum Environment & Energy, Inc.; Anchor/Darling
Valve Company; Armstrong International, Inc.; Asbestos
Corporation Limited; ASCO, L.P.; Atlas Asbestos Co;
Atlas Turner, Inc.; AWT Air Company, Inc.; Bahnson,
Inc.; Banner Industries International, Inc.; Banner
Industries, LLC; Banner Industries of N.E., Inc.; Barretts
Minerals, Inc.; Beaty Investments, Inc.; Bechtel
Corporation; The Bonitz Company; Brand Insulations,
Inc.; BW/IP Inc.; Canvas Ct, LLC; Cape PLC; Carboline
Company; CB&I Laurens, Inc.; Cleaver-Brooks, Inc.;
Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc.; Copes-Vulcan,
Inc.; Covil Corporation; Crane Instrumentation &
Sampling, Inc.; Crosby Valve, LLC; Daniel International
Corporation; Davis Mechanical Contractors, Inc.;
Dezurik, Inc.; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Duke
Energy Corporation; Eaton Corporation; Ellington
Insulation Company, Inc.; Emerson Electric Co.; Fisher
Controls International LLC; Flame Refractories, Inc.;
Flowserve Corporation; Flowserve US, Inc.; Fluor
Constructors International; Fluor Constructors
International, Inc.; Fluor Daniel Services Corporation;
Fluor Enterprises, Inc.; FMC Corporation; Foster
Wheeler Energy Corporation; Gardner Denver Nash,
LLC; General Boiler Casing Company, Inc.; General
Cable Corporation; General Cable Industries, Inc.;
General Electric Company; Gould Electronics, Inc.;
Goulds Pumps, Incorporated; Goulds Pumps LLC; Great
Barrier Insulation Co.; Grinnell LLC; Hajoca
Corporation; Howden North America, Inc.; HPC
Industrial Services, LLC; IMO Industries, Inc.; ITT LLC;

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Joy Global Underground Mining LLC; K-Mac Services Incorporated; Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; Mine Safety Appliances Company, LLC; MP Supply, Inc.; The Nash Engineering Company; Occidental Chemical Corporation; Paramount Global; Patterson Pump Company; PECW Holding Company; Pfizer, Inc.; Piedmont Insulation, Inc.; Plastics Engineering Company; Presnell Insulation Co., Inc.; Redco Corporation; Riley Power Inc.; Rockwell Automation, Inc.; RSCC Wire & Cable LLC; Schneider Electric USA, Inc.; Sequoia Ventures, Inc.; Spirax Sarco, Inc.; SPX Corporation; Stafford Insulation Company; Standard Insulation Company Of N.C., Inc.; Starr Davis Company, Inc.; Starr Davis Company of S.C., Inc.; Sterling Fluid Systems (USA) LLC; TE Wire & Cable LLC; Thermo Electric Company, Inc.; Union Carbide Corporation; Valves And Controls Us, Inc.; Velan Valve Corp.; Viking Pump, Inc.; Vistra Intermediate Company LLC; The William Powell Company Wind Up, Ltd.; Yuba Heat Transfer LLC; Zurn Industries, LLC, Defendants,

and

Cape PLC, individually and as successor in interest to Cape Asbestos Company Limited, by and through its duly appointed Receiver Peter D. Protopapas, Third-Party Plaintiff, Respondent,

v.

Anglo American PLC, individually and as successor in interest to Anglo American Corporation of South Africa LTD., De Beers PLC, individually and as successor in interest to De Beers S.A., De Beers Centenary AG, De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd., n/k/a De Beers Consolidated Mines Proprietary Ltd., De Beers UK Ltd., De Beers Jewellers LTD., De Beers Jewellers US, Inc., Anglo American US Holdings Inc., Element Six US Corp., Element Six Technologies US Corp., Element Six Technologies (OR) Corp., First Mode Holdings, Inc.,

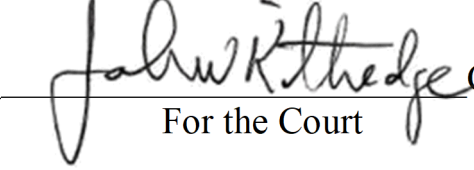
Platinum Guild International (U.S.A.) Jewelry Inc.,
Lightbox Jewelry Inc., Forevermark US Inc., Anglo
American Crop Nutrients (U.S.A.) LLC, Charter
Consolidated Ltd., ESAB Corporation, Central Mining &
Investment Corporation Ltd., Cape Holdco Ltd., The Law
Debenture Corporation PLC, Cape Industrial Services
Group Ltd., Mohed Altrad, Altrad UK Ltd., Cape UK
Holdings Newco Ltd., Altrad Services, Ltd., f/k/a Cape
Industrial Services Ltd., Altrad Investment Authority
S.A.S., Sparrows Offshore Group Ltd., Hawk Bidco US
Inc., ArranCo US, LLC, Sparrows Offshore, LLC, and
The Sparrows Group, LLC, Third-Party Defendants,

Of which Mohed Altrad, Altrad Investment Authority
SAS, Charter Consolidated Ltd., ESAB Corporation, and
Central Mining & Investment Corporation Ltd. are the
Petitioners.

Appellate Case Nos: 2024-001423, 2024-001499, 2024-000916,
2024-002114, 2024-002116, 2024-002117, 2025-000052

ORDER

On June 26, 2025, following this Court's decision in *Welch v. Advance Auto Parts, Inc.*, 445 S.C. 640, 916 S.E.2d 320 (2025), we remanded the above-referenced matters to the circuit court and, among other directives, required the circuit court to submit monthly reports as specified in our order. The circuit court has since filed eleven reports, and this Court has issued *Tibbs v. Asbestos Corp. Limited*, Op. No. 28337 (S.C. Sup. Ct. filed May 27, 2026) (Howard Adv. Sh. No. 20 at 19). In light of the progress reflected in the circuit court's reports, and because this Court has provided further guidance in *Tibbs*, we find it appropriate to decrease the circuit court's reporting frequency. Accordingly, we ask the circuit court to provide status reports every 90 days until further order of this Court.

 C.J.
For the Court

Verdin, J., not participating.

Columbia, South Carolina

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