

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

IN RE AUTOMOTIVE PARTS ANTITRUST  
LITIGATION

In Re: BEARINGS CASES

THIS RELATES TO:  
ALL DIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS

CASE NO. 12-MD-02311  
HON. SEAN F. COX

2:12-cv-00501- SFC-RSW  
2:15-cv-12068- SFC-RSW

**ORDER**

AND NOW, upon consideration of Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' Motion for an Order Authorizing the Proposed Pro-Rata Plan of Distribution of the Net Schaeffler Settlement Fund to the Schaeffler Settlement Class, Approving Settlement Class Counsel's Requests for Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and Providing for Class Representative Service Awards (the "Motion"), the Memorandum in support thereof, and the declarations and exhibits attached thereto (ECF No. 489) , it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(h)(1) have been satisfied. Notice of the relief requested in the Motion was mailed to all potential class members. In addition, a summary notice was published in *Automotive News*, an online banner notice appeared over a 21-day period on [www.AutoNews.com](http://www.AutoNews.com), the digital version of *Automotive News*, an Informational Press Release was issued nationwide via PR Newswire's "Auto Wire," which targets auto industry trade publications, and PR Newswire's "Machinery and Equipment" microlist. The Notice is also posted online on the website dedicated to this litigation.

2. The Class is composed of sophisticated direct purchasers of Bearings and there were no objections to the relief requested in the Motion. The absence of objections is an indication

that the proposed plan for distribution of settlement funds, and the requests for reimbursement of litigation expenses and service awards are fair and reasonable.

3. The Court approves the proposed pro-rata plan for distribution of the settlement funds as a fair and reasonable method to allocate the net Schaeffler settlement funds among the Class members.

4. The Court has considered the relevant authority and finds that reimbursement of Plaintiffs' counsel's litigation costs and expenses is appropriate under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(h) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(d)(2).

5. The Court therefore grants the Motion for reimbursement of litigation costs and expenses in the amount of \$6.5 million and authorizes Interim Co-Lead Counsel to allocate the funds.

6. The Court finds that the class representatives are deserving of service awards in view of the time and effort expended and the burden and inconvenience incurred by them in furtherance of the case and hereby awards each of the class representatives—DALC Gear & Bearing Supply Corp., McGuire Bearing Company, and Sherman Bearings, Inc.—a service award of \$50,000.

7. Any further distributions from the Schaeffler Settlement fund will proceed only upon further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 20, 2020

s/Sean F. Cox  
Sean F. Cox  
U. S. District Judge