

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

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IN RE: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS	:	Master File No. 12-md-02311
ANTITRUST LITIGATION	:	
_____	:	Case No. 12-cv-00102
PRODUCT(S):	:	
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AUTOMOTIVE WIRE HARNESSSES	:	
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This Document Relates to:	:	Hon. Marianne O. Battani
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ALL DEALERSHIP ACTIONS	:	
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**Order Granting Dealership Plaintiffs'
Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement
with Defendants Lear Corporation and
Kyungshin-Lear Sales and Engineering, LLC and
Provisional Certification of a Settlement Class**

Upon consideration of Dealership Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement with Defendants Lear Corporation ("Lear") and Kyungshin-Lear Sales and Engineering, LLC ("KL Sales") and Provisional Certification of a Settlement Class (the "Motion"), it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The Motion is hereby **Granted**.
2. Unless otherwise set forth herein, defined terms in this Order shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Settlement Agreement.

Preliminary Approval of Settlement Agreement

3. This Court has jurisdiction over this action and each of the parties to the Settlement Agreement.

Class Certification

4. The terms of the Settlement Agreement are hereby preliminarily approved, including the release contained therein, as being fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, subject to final approval at a Fairness Hearing. The Court finds that the Settlement Agreement was entered into at arm's length by experienced counsel and is sufficiently within the range of reasonableness that notice of the Settlement Agreement should be given, pursuant to a plan to be submitted by Settlement Class Counsel and approved by the Court at a later date as provided in this Order. The Court further finds there is a sufficient basis for notifying the class of the proposed settlement, pursuant to the Notice Motion (defined in paragraph 9 below), to be submitted by Dealership Plaintiffs for Court approval, and for enjoining class members from proceeding in any other action pending the conclusion of the Fairness Hearing.

Class Certification

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

All automobile dealers that, during the period January 1, 2000 through May 5, 2014: (1) purchased Automotive Wire Harness Systems manufactured by the Defendants or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof or any co-conspirator, or (2) purchased vehicles containing Automotive Wire Harness Systems manufactured by the Defendants or any current or former subsidiary, affiliate thereof or co-conspirator. Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants, their parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates, any co-conspirators, federal government entities and instrumentalities of the federal government, states and their subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities, and

persons who purchased Automotive Wire Harness Systems directly from Defendants.

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

Appointment of Settlement Class Counsel

7. The Court hereby appoints Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca, LLP, Larson • King, LLP, and Barrett Law Group, P.A. as Settlement Class Counsel, having determined that the requirements of Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are fully satisfied by this appointment.

8. Each Dealership Plaintiff Class representative named in the Complaint will serve as Dealership Plaintiff Class representative on behalf of the Settlement Class.

Notice to Potential Class Members

9. Prior to the Fairness Hearing, Settlement Class Counsel shall utilize the best available means of providing notice of the Settlement Agreement and the Fairness Hearing to all persons affected by and/or entitled to participate in the Settlement Agreement, in full

compliance with the notice requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and due process of law. Such means of providing notice will be addressed in a subsequent Order following submission by Dealership Plaintiffs at a later date of a proposal for notice to the Settlement Class and related forms for notice, claims and distribution (“Notice Motion”).

10. The Notice Motion shall include a proposed form of, method for, and date of dissemination of notice, consistent with the Settlement Agreement. The date on which the notice is mailed shall be the, “Notice Date.”

11. Notice to members of the Settlement Class, except statutory notice required to be given by Lear and KL Sales pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1715, shall be the responsibility of Settlement Class Counsel.

Other Provisions

12. As of the date of the entry of this Order, Dealership Plaintiffs and all members of the Settlement Class shall be preliminarily enjoined from commencing, prosecuting, or continuing any action against Lear and/or KL Sales based upon or related to the Released Claims pending Final Approval of the settlement or until such time as this Court lifts such injunction by subsequent order.

13. In the event that the Settlement Agreement is terminated in accordance with its provisions, the Settlement Agreement and all proceedings had in connection therewith shall be null and void, except insofar as expressly provided to the contrary in the Settlement Agreement, and without prejudice to the *status quo ante* rights of Dealership Plaintiffs, Lear, KL Sales, or the members of the Settlement Class.

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

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

16. If the Settlement Agreement is terminated or is ultimately not approved, any of the parties may seek to modify any Court-ordered schedule to ensure that the Dealership Plaintiffs, Lear, and KL Sales will have sufficient time to prepare for the resumption of litigation, including but not limited to the completion of discovery, preparation of expert reports, the filing of class certification motion(s), the filing of summary judgment motion(s), and preparation for trial. The Dealership Plaintiffs, Lear, and KL Sales have agreed, and the Court so orders, that this Settlement Agreement and its contents, including its exhibits, and any and all statements, negotiations, documents, and discussions associated with it, shall not

be deemed or construed to be an admission or evidence of any violation of any statute or law or of any liability or wrongdoing or of the truth of any of the claims, allegations, or defenses contained in the complaints in the Actions or any other pleading or filing, and evidence thereof shall not be discoverable or used, directly or indirectly, in any way, whether in the Actions or in any other action or proceeding. Neither this Settlement Agreement, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, nor any other action taken to carry out its terms by Lear and/or KL Sales shall be referred to, offered as evidence, or received in evidence in any pending or future civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceedings, except in a proceeding to enforce this Settlement Agreement, or to defend against the assertion of the Released Claims, or as otherwise required by law.

17. The litigation against Lear and KL Sales is stayed except to the extent necessary to effectuate the Settlement Agreement.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Date: July 8, 2014

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing Order was served upon counsel of record via the Court's ECF System to their respective email addresses or First Class U.S. mail to the non-ECF participants on July 8, 2014.

s/ Kay Doaks
Case Manager