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#### **APPENDIX A**

#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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114,175 (cons.w/114,183) Michael D. Galier v. Murco Wall Products, Inc. And Welco Manufacturing Company et al
Both petitions for certiorari are denied.
CONCUR: Gurich, V.C.J., Watt, Winchester, Edmondson, Colbert and Reif, JJ.
DISSENT: Wyrick, J.
NOT PARTICIPATING: Kauger, J.
DISQUALIFIED: Combs, C.J.

CHIEF JUSTICE

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#### **APPENDIX B**

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IN THE COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

**DIVISION I** 

MICHAEL D. GALIER, Plaintiff/Appellee, vs. MURCO WALL PRODUCTS, INC., and WELCO MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Defendants/Appellants, and Red Devil Corporation, Defendant.

> Case No. 114,175 (Cons.w/114,183)

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA HONORABLE BRYAN C. DIXON, TRIAL JUDGE <u>AFFIRMED</u>

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#### **OPINION BY BRIAN JACK GOREE, PRESID-ING JUDGE:**

¶1 In this consolidated appeal, Defendants/Appellants, Murco Wall Products, Inc. (Murco) and Welco Manufacturing Company (Welco), seek review of the trial court's judgment based on a jury verdict in favor of Plaintiff/Appellee, Michael D. Galier. We find no error in the conduct of the trial, and the jury's verdict is supported by competent evidence. The judgment is affirmed.

#### I.

#### Background

¶2 Galier commenced an action against numerous manufacturers of asbestos products, alleging they caused him to contract asbestos-related mesothelioma. He sued under the theories of negligence and manufacturers' products liability. At trial he pursued only three of the defendants: Murco, Welco, and Red Devil Corporation. The jury reached a verdict and nine of its members signed a six-page verdict form. The principal issue before this court is whether the trial court erroneously accepted the written verdict after the foreman asked a question that suggested the verdict did not express the jury's intent.

¶3 The jury found Galier failed to prove his claims against Red Devil but succeeded in proving his claims against Murco and Welco. It found Galier sustained actual damages totaling \$6 million, comprising \$1.5 million in economic damages and \$4.5 million in noneconomic damages. It apportioned 40% of Gailer's damages to Murco and 60% to Welco. Thirteen non-parties were identified on the verdict

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