

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

AUTOLIV ASP, INC.,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) Case No. 2:13-cv-141-WKW-SMD
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HYUNDAI MOBIS CO.,LTD., and)
MOBIS ALABAMA, L.L.C.,)
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Defendants.)

ORDER

On November 4, 2020, the Court ordered (Doc. 272) an in-person hearing on several pending motions (Docs. 200, 201 & 225) in this case. The Court scheduled the hearing for December 11, 2020. (Doc. 272). On November 12, 2020, the parties filed a joint motion to continue the hearing due to the surge of COVID-19 cases nationwide. (Doc. 274, p. 2, ¶¶ 4–5). The Court granted the parties’ motion and reset the hearing for January 26, 2021. (Doc. 277). The parties now move to again continue the hearing. (Doc. 278).

In the instant Motion, the parties explain that, “[g]iven that the surge in Covid-19 cases across the United States has continued, however, the parties remain concerned about their ability to travel to the hearing (from places such as Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Chicago) and conduct an in-person hearing while ensuring the health and safety of all involved.” (Doc. 278, pp. 1–2, ¶ 4). They also note that they are concerned about local and state travel restrictions. *Id.* Accordingly, the parties request that the hearing be rescheduled for late February or early March. (Doc. 278, p. 2, ¶ 5). The Court finds that, due to the age

of this case and the pending motions, the hearing cannot be further delayed. Therefore, the Court denies the parties' Joint Motion to Continue.

As to the parties' concerns about interstate travel, the Court is mindful about the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic. *Global Deaths Near 2 Million; U.S. Task Force Pick: Virus Update*, BLOOMBERG, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-01-14/n-y-deaths-surge-germany-weighs-tighter-lockdown-virus-update> (last updated Jan. 15, 2021) (“The world’s about to hit a frightening Covid-19 benchmark, with 2 million people dead and few expectations for infections to start dropping any time soon. The U.S. is leading all countries in deaths . . .”). The Court is also aware that many local and state governments have enacted restrictions on interstate travel. Forrest Brown & Megan Marples, *Covid-19 Travel Restrictions State by State*, CNN TRAVEL, <https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/us-state-travel-restrictions-covid-19/index.html> (last updated Jan 13, 2021, 8:47 AM) (listing current travel restrictions on interstate travel). Due to these concerns, the Court finds that the January 26, 2020 hearing should be held via video teleconference.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties' Joint Motion to Continue (Doc. 278) is DENIED. It is further ORDERED that the Court's January 11, 2021 Order (Doc. 277) is AMENDED as follows: The upcoming hearing, scheduled for January 26, 2021, shall occur via ZoomGov. A member of the undersigned's chambers will email the Zoom link to the parties. The parties shall join the Zoom conference no later than five minutes before the hearing begins. A party who experiences technical difficulties should attempt to rejoin the Zoom conference before contacting chambers at (334) 954-3700. Any model,

photograph, or other demonstrative exhibit that a party wishes to use during the hearing should be delivered to the undersigned's chambers by **January 24, 2020**. Finally, the Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to provide a court reporter for the hearing if one is available.

DONE this 15th day of January, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen M. Doyle", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen M. Doyle
CHIEF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE