

Johnson & Johnson Issues Statement on February 6 Punitive Decision in New Jersey

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New Brunswick, NJ –We sympathize with all who are suffering from cancer, and we understand patients and their families are seeking answers. Consumers can be assured that more than 40 years of independent scientific evaluations confirm that Johnson’s Baby Powder is safe, does not contain asbestos and does not cause cancer.

Today’s verdict is at odds with the decades of evidence showing the Company acted responsibly, was guided by sound science and used the most sophisticated testing available for its talc.

We will quickly move forward with an appeal of both phases of this trial based on the numerous legal errors that subjected the jury to irrelevant information and prevented them from hearing meaningful evidence. Prior to this verdict, juries in the last four talc trials found in favor of Johnson & Johnson, concluding our talc was not the cause of the plaintiffs’ disease. The trial track record underscores that, when allowed to hear the totality of the evidence, most jurors understand that science confirms Johnson’s Baby Powder is safe. To date, every single verdict against the Company that has been through the appeals process has been overturned.

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