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10 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

11 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

12 YSIDRO LIMON, SR.,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 AMCORD, INC., *et al.*,

16 Defendants.
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Case No. CGC-15-276378

**ANSWER OF DEFENDANT
HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL
INC. TO COMPLAINT**

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19 Defendant Honeywell International Inc., *f/k/a* AlliedSignal Inc., Successor-in-Interest to
20 The Bendix Corporation ("Honeywell"), hereby answers the unverified Complaint for
21 Personal Injury filed on January 2, 2015 ("Complaint") of plaintiff Ysidro Limon, Sr.
22 ("Plaintiff"), as follows:

23 **GENERAL DENIAL**

24 Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 431.30(d), Honeywell denies
25 generally and specifically each and every allegation of each cause of action contained in the
26 Complaint, and further denies that Plaintiff has sustained injury or damage in the sums alleged, or
27 in any other sum or sums, or at all, and that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief as a result of any act,
28 conduct, or omission of Honeywell.

1 **AS AND FOR ITS AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES HEREIN, HONEYWELL**
2 **ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:**

3 **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

4 1. The Complaint, and each purported cause of action therein, fails to state facts
5 sufficient to constitute a cause of action against Honeywell.

6 **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

7 2. The Complaint, and each purported cause of action therein, is barred, in whole or
8 in part, by the applicable statutes of limitation and/or repose, including, but not limited to,
9 California Code of Civil Procedure sections 340 and 340.2.

10 **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

11 3. Venue is improper in this Court.

12 **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

13 4. The Complaint, and each purported cause of action therein, is barred, in whole or
14 in part, by the doctrine of estoppel by virtue of Plaintiff's conduct.

15 **FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

16 5. The Complaint, and each purported cause of action therein, is barred, in whole or
17 in part, by the doctrine of laches by virtue of Plaintiff's conduct.

18 **SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

19 6. The Complaint, and each purported cause of action therein, is barred, in whole or
20 in part, by the doctrine of waiver by virtue of Plaintiff's conduct.

21 **SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

22 7. The Complaint, and each purported cause of action therein, is barred, in whole or
23 in part, by Plaintiff's express assumption of the risks and dangers, if any, associated with the
24 alleged conditions, conduct, or injuries, with knowledge of such risks and dangers.

1 **EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

2 8. The Complaint, and each purported cause of action therein, is barred, in whole or
3 in part, by Plaintiff's implied assumption of the risks and dangers, if any, associated with the
4 alleged conditions, conduct, or injuries, with knowledge of such risks and dangers.

5 **NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

6 9. Some or all of the damages claimed by Plaintiff is not recoverable under applicable
7 law. In the event that there is a finding of damages for Plaintiff, any award or judgment entered in
8 favor of Plaintiff must be reduced or offset by the amount of any benefits Plaintiff received, or is
9 entitled to receive, from any source, under applicable law.

10 **TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

11 10. Plaintiff's damages, if any, were directly and proximately caused, or contributed
12 to, in whole or in part, by the acts and/or omissions and/or fault of other individuals, firms,
13 corporations, or other entities over whom Honeywell has or had no control or right of control, and
14 for whom it is/was not responsible. Said acts and/or omissions and/or fault intervened between,
15 and/or superseded, the acts and/or omissions and/or fault of Honeywell, if any. Plaintiff's
16 recovery against Honeywell, if any, should therefore be barred or diminished in accordance with
17 applicable law.

18 **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

19 11. Plaintiff's damages, if any, were directly and proximately caused, or contributed
20 to, by Plaintiff's own negligence or fault at the times and in the places set forth in the Complaint,
21 or the negligence or other fault of individuals, firms, corporations, or other entities, over whom
22 Honeywell has or had no control or right of control, and for whom it is/was not responsible which
23 were in privity with Plaintiff. Plaintiff's recovery against Honeywell, if any, should therefore be
24 barred or diminished in accordance with applicable law.

25 **TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

26 12. The Complaint, and each purported cause of action therein, is barred, in whole or
27 in part, by Plaintiff's failure to mitigate damages, if any.

1 **THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

2 13. At the times and in the places set forth in the Complaint, any Honeywell product in
3 question was not being used in the normal and ordinary way, nor was it being used in a manner
4 recommended by Honeywell, nor for the purposes for which it was designed. To the contrary, any
5 such Honeywell product was being put to an abnormal use or misuse, and to a use that was not
6 reasonably foreseeable to Honeywell. Such abnormal use or misuse was the sole, direct and
7 proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries and damages, if any. Plaintiff's recovery against
8 Honeywell, if any, is therefore barred.

9 **FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

10 14. At all times and in all places relevant to the alleged conditions, conduct, or
11 injuries, Plaintiff had or should have had notice and knowledge of the risks and dangers, if any,
12 associated with such conditions, conduct, and injuries, because any such risk or danger was open,
13 obvious, and apparent to Plaintiff, Plaintiff appreciated the danger or risk, and voluntarily
14 assumed any such danger or risk.

15 **FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

16 15. If Plaintiff sustained any injury or damage as alleged in the Complaint, said injury
17 or damage was solely, directly, and proximately caused by conditions, circumstances, and/or
18 conduct of others, beyond the control of Honeywell.

19 **SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

20 16. The actions of Honeywell were in conformity with the state of the medical,
21 industrial, and scientific arts, so that there was no duty to warn Plaintiff under the circumstances,
22 or to the extent such a duty arose, Honeywell provided adequate warnings, labels, and/or
23 instructions concerning any Honeywell product in question. If those warnings, labels, and/or
24 instructions were not made available or heeded, it is the fault of others and not of Honeywell.

25 **SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

26 17. The Complaint, and each purported cause of action therein, is barred, in whole or
27 in part, because Plaintiff had failed to join all necessary and indispensable parties.
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TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

23. Plaintiff's claim for punitive damages violates the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution because it seeks to punish Honeywell based upon unconstitutionally vague standards.

TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

24. Plaintiff's claim for punitive damages would violate the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 15 of the California Constitution because it would expose Honeywell to multiple punishments and fines for the same act or conduct.

TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

25. Plaintiff's claim for punitive damages violates the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution in the absence of an order bifurcating that claim from the issue of liability.

TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

26. Any award of punitive damages in this case would violate the Separation of Powers Doctrine since this Court and/or the jury would be usurping the exclusive power of the legislature to define crimes and establish punishment.

TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

27. Any award of punitive damages in this case would be constitutionally defective as an *ex post facto* law prohibited by the California and United States Constitutions. The jury, in making any such punitive award, would effectively be criminalizing conduct after it has occurred and without appropriate advance notice to a defendant that such conduct may subject it to criminal punishment.

TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

28. The punitive damages sought by Plaintiff would violate the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution because Plaintiff seeks to punish Honeywell in California for alleged conduct that occurred elsewhere.

1 **THIRTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

2 35. Honeywell is not liable for Plaintiff's injuries, if any, because it did not exercise
3 the requisite degree of control over the details of Plaintiff's work.

4 **THIRTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

5 36. Honeywell neither designed, nor manufactured nor sold any of the products alleged
6 in the Complaint.

7 **THIRTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

8 37. Any products manufactured by Honeywell that incorporated asbestos-containing
9 materials alleged to have been a cause of, or to have contributed to, any disease contracted by
10 Plaintiff, were manufactured in, under, and in conformity with the direction and control of the
11 United States Government, which at all times material hereto had knowledge superior to that of
12 Honeywell with respect to the potential hazards of asbestos products; accordingly, no liability can
13 be imposed upon Honeywell.

14 **THIRTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

15 38. Any and all "market share," "enterprise," and/or "concert of action" theories of
16 liability are inapplicable to Honeywell and/or any of Honeywell's products in question.

17 **THIRTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

18 39. Third parties over whom Honeywell has or had no control or right of control, and
19 for whom it is/was not responsible, altered or modified the Honeywell product or products in
20 question, and such alteration or modification was the sole, direct, and proximate cause of
21 Plaintiff's damages, if any, thereby barring any and all claims against Honeywell.

22 **FORTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

23 40. The plans or designs, method or technique of manufacturing, assembling, testing,
24 labeling and sale of any Honeywell product alleged in the Complaint to have caused all or part of
25 Plaintiff's alleged damages conformed with the state of the art at the time any such Honeywell
26 product was designed, manufactured, assembled, tested, labeled and/or sold by Honeywell,
27 pursuant to generally recognized and prevailing standards and in conformance with the statutes,
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1 regulations, and requirements that governed the product or products at the time of design,
2 manufacture, assembly, testing, labeling, and sale.

3 **FORTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

4 41. The benefits of the design of any Honeywell product in question outweigh any risk
5 associated with said products, if there was actually any risk, which Honeywell denies.

6 Honeywell reserves the right, upon completion of its investigation and discovery, to assert
7 such additional defenses as may be appropriate.

8 **FORTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

9 42. California Code of Civil Procedure section 361 is a bar to this action because
10 Plaintiff's claims arise in another state and, by the laws of that state, an action cannot be
11 maintained by reason of the lapse of time and as a consequence, cannot be maintained in this
12 state.

13 **FORTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

14 43. Another action is pending or has been adjudicated between Honeywell and
15 Plaintiff on the same claims alleged in this action, and therefore, pursuant to California Code of
16 Civil Procedure section 430.10(c), this action is duplicative and vexatious and cannot be
17 maintained.

18 **FORTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

19 44. Honeywell was under no legal duty to warn Plaintiff of the hazard associated with
20 the use of products containing asbestos or their existence at any premises owned, operated or
21 otherwise controlled by Honeywell. The purchasers of said products, Plaintiff, Plaintiff's
22 employers, his unions or certain third parties yet to be identified were knowledgeable and
23 sophisticated users who knew or should have known of the risk associated with using products
24 containing asbestos and, assuming a warning was required, were in a better position to warn
25 Plaintiff.

1 WHEREFORE, Honeywell prays for judgment against Plaintiff dismissing the Complaint
2 and each and every purported cause of action alleged against Honeywell therein, and awarding
3 Honeywell costs, interest, disbursements and such other and/or further relief as the Court may
4 deem appropriate.

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6 DATED: February 13, 2015

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7 By: /s/ Bo W. Kim

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I, Carolyn A. Sanford, am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 years and am not a party to the within action. My business address is Perkins Coie LLP, 1888 Century Park East, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90067-1721. I am familiar with the business practice of Perkins Coie LLP. On February 13, 2015, I caused to be served the following document(s) on the interested parties in this action through the use of the website maintained by File & ServeXpress.

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TO COMPLAINT**

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct and was executed in Los Angeles, California.

DATED: February 13, 2015


Carolyn A. Sanford