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New York, NY - Legal counsel for Philip Morris were informed today that Marc Edell has voluntarily dismissed the Cipollone case. We have also been informed that Mr. Edell and his co-counsel intend to dismiss several other smoking and health cases in New Jersey in which they have served as counsel. In addition, we understand that they will seek permission from the courts to withdraw as counsel from the two remaining cases in which the plaintiffs wish to proceed.

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