

## **Statement on the Valadez Case Stay Lifted**

May 3, 2023 – Statement from Erik Haas, Worldwide Vice President of Litigation, Johnson & Johnson:

The Company deeply sympathizes with anyone suffering from cancer and understands that they are looking for answers, however, the science doesn't support that the exceedingly rare form of mesothelioma at issue in Mr. Valadez's case is connected to talc exposure. We stand ready to try this matter, where we will present evidence that scientific research, clinical evidence and over 40 years of studies by independent medical experts around the world continue to support that our cosmetic talc is safe, does not contain asbestos and does not cause cancer. The Company has won the majority of talc cases brought against it since these lawsuits began despite the misinformation campaigns driven by plaintiff lawyers.

The Bankruptcy Court correctly recognized that no other claimant has moved to have the stay lifted to pursue claims in the tort system, but rather have elected to avail themselves of the bankruptcy process. We look forward to finalization and vote by all claimants on the reorganization plan.