

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

LAWRENCE E. JAFFE, Pension Plan  
and on behalf of all others  
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

HOUSEHOLD INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
ARTHUR ANDERSEN, L.L.P.,

Defendants.

MARC ABRAMS, individually and on  
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

HOUSEHOLD INTERNATIONAL, INC.,  
*et al.*,

Defendants.

EISBERRY HOLDINGS, LTD., on  
behalf of itself and all others  
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

HOUSEHOLD INTERNATIONAL, INC.,  
*et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 02 C 5893

Judge Ronald A. Guzman

No. 02 C 5934

Judge Joan H. Lefkow

No. 02 C 6130

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*et al.*, )

Defendants. )

No. 02 C 6326

Judge Marvin E. Aspen

BERNARD DOLOWICH, on )  
behalf of himself and all others )  
similarly situated, )

Plaintiff, )

v. )

HOUSEHOLD INTERNATIONAL, INC., )  
*et al.*, )

Defendants. )

No. 02 C 6352

Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

RONALD H. HANSCHMAN on )  
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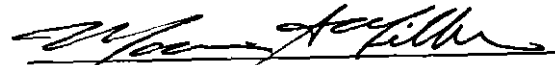
No. 02 C 6859

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JOINT STATUS REPORT

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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EASTERN DIVISION**

GERALD M. FRIEDEL, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 02 C 7067
	)	
HOUSEHOLD INTERNATIONAL, INC., <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

A. A status hearing has been set for November 26, 2002. Therefore, this joint status report is due by November 21, 2002.

**Parties and Jurisdiction**

B. Lead plaintiff applicant, the Glickenhau Institutional Group, is represented by Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach ("Milberg Weiss"). Lead plaintiff applicant, Natcan Investment Management, Inc., is represented by Schiffrin & Barroway LLC ("Schiffrin Barroway"). Milberg Weiss and Schiffrin Barroway have each individually designated Miller Faucher and Cafferty LLP as liaison counsel.

(1) Defendants Household International, Inc. ("Household") and William F. Aldinger and David A. Schoenholz are represented by Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz and Eimer Stahl Klevorn & Solberg. Defendant Arthur Andersen LLP is represented by the law firm of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw.



(2) Arthur Andersen LLP has been named a defendant in some (Case Nos. 02 C 5893, 02 C 6130 and 02 C 6352), but not all of the actions.

C. Plaintiffs allege that this Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1337 and Section 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78aa].

#### **Procedural History**

D. The above-captioned securities class actions were filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

(1) On October 17, 2002, plaintiff Dom Investments, LP (“Dom Investments”) filed a complaint captioned *Dom Investments, LP v. Household International, Inc., et al.*, 02-CV-1082, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. On November 15, 2002, Dom Investments filed a motion seeking to dismiss its complaint without prejudice. The parties are not aware of any other case related to this action filed outside the Northern District of Illinois.

(2) On October 18, 2002, plaintiffs Glickenhau Institutional Group, Stoneridge Investment Partners, LLC and Natcan Investment Management, Inc. filed competing motions seeking appointment as lead plaintiff, and approval of their respective selected lead counsel and liaison counsel. Plaintiffs also filed motions seeking to consolidate the related cases.

(3) By Minute Order dated October 23, 2002, Judge Guzman related the above-captioned seven cases.

(4) On October 24, 2002, a hearing was held before Judge Guzman, who continued the hearing on the appointment of lead plaintiff until November 22, 2002.

(5) By Minute Order dated October 24, 2002, Judge Guzman referred plaintiffs' motions regarding appointment of lead plaintiff and approval of lead plaintiffs' selection of lead counsel and liaison counsel to this Court.

(6) On October 25, 2002, Stoneridge Investment Partners, LLC withdrew its motion seeking appointment as lead plaintiff.

(7) On October 28, 2002, all of the above-captioned cases were reassigned to Judge Guzman and *Abrams v. Household International, Inc., et al.*, 02-CV-5934, was consolidated with the low-numbered related case, *Jaffe v. Household International, Inc., et al.*, 02-CV-5893. An order consolidating the remaining cases has not yet been issued.

(8) On November 4, 2002, Judge Guzman referred each of the related cases to this Court to conduct all discovery, prepare pretrial materials and rule on the motions for lead plaintiff.

(9) By Minute Order dated November 7, 2002, Judge Guzman rescheduled a November 22, 2002 status hearing for December 11, 2002.

**Plaintiffs' Allegations and Defendants' Opposition**

E. The claims asserted in the complaint allegedly arise under and pursuant to Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§§§ 78j(b) and 78t(a)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.10b-5]. The Complaint alleges that defendants violated Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, by issuing a series of material misrepresentations to the market between October 23, 1997 and August 14, 2002, thereby artificially inflating the price of Household securities.

F. Plaintiffs seek the following relief:

(1) Appointing lead plaintiff and designating lead counsel; determining that this is a proper class action; and certifying a class representative under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;

(2) Awarding compensatory damages in favor of plaintiff and the other class members against all defendants, jointly and severally, for all damages sustained as a result of defendants' alleged wrongdoing, in an amount to be proven at trial, including interest thereon;

(3) Awarding plaintiff and the putative class their reasonable costs and expenses incurred in this action, including counsel fees and expert fees; and

(4) Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

G. Defendants anticipate that they will file motions to dismiss. Should the Court deny defendants' motions to dismiss in whole or in part and defendants are required to file Answers in this matter, defendants anticipate denying all material allegations.

#### **Preparation of Scheduling Order**

H. Currently pending before this Court are lead plaintiff applicants' motions for consolidation and lead plaintiff applicants' Glickenhau Institutional Group and Natcan Investment Management, Inc.'s competing motions for appointment of lead plaintiff and approval of lead plaintiff's selection of lead counsel.

I. Both lead plaintiff applicants suggest the following briefing schedule for the resolution of the pending lead plaintiff motions.

(1) Opposition briefs shall be due on or before December 6, 2002.

(2) Reply briefs shall be due on or before December 13, 2002.

(3) Hearing on the competing lead plaintiff motions shall be set for Wednesday December 18, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

J. Plaintiffs anticipate that they will file and serve a Consolidated Class Action Complaint no later than sixty (60) days after this Court appoints lead plaintiff and lead counsel.

K. Until the Court appoints a lead plaintiff and lead counsel, there can be no further scheduling of motions, disclosures or other pertinent matters.

L. By agreement of the parties, the time for defendants to answer or otherwise respond in this matter is extended until thirty (30) days after they receive service of the anticipated Consolidated Class Action Complaint.

M. Pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, discovery and disclosures are stayed until and unless the Court denies a motion to dismiss the Consolidated Class Action Complaint.

Therefore, until this Court determines any motions to dismiss, the parties cannot agree further upon a scheduling order.

**Trial Status**

N. A jury trial has been requested. At this time, the parties cannot anticipate a date for trial or the length of such trial.

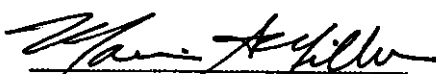
**Consent To Proceed Before A Magistrate Judge**

O. The parties do not consent to a trial before a Magistrate Judge.

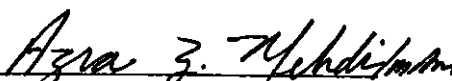
**Settlement Status**

P. Until a lead plaintiff and lead counsel have been appointed, no settlement discussions can be commenced.

Dated: November 21, 2002

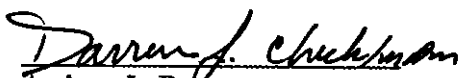
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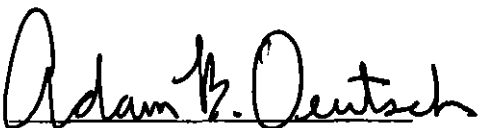
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