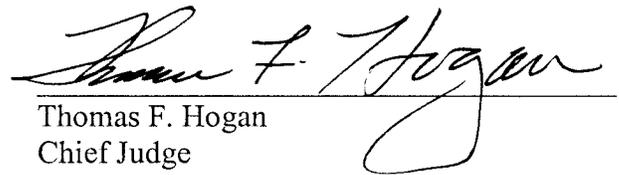




prejudice against Defendants Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc. and Mitsui & Co., Ltd. This dismissal is without prejudice to Hill's Pet's claims against any other Defendants or alleged co-conspirators in the above-captioned case.

Done and ordered in chambers in Washington, D.C. this 27 day of July,  
2003.

  
Thomas F. Hogan  
Chief Judge