

### **Johnson & Johnson Statement on Valadez Trial**

May 31, 2023 – The Company deeply sympathizes with anyone suffering from cancer and understands they are looking for answers. However, the science doesn't support that the exceedingly rare form of mesothelioma at issue in this case is connected to talc exposure.

During trial, 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.