## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MORGAN COUNTY NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

MARCIA GOLDBERG, In	ndividually and )	Case No. 2015-CV-33
on Behalf of All Others Sin	milarly Situated, )	
	) Plaintiff, ) )	Judge Pemberton
VS.	)	
DELOY MILLER, et al,	)	
	Defendants.	
	)	
KENNETH GAYNOR, Individually and on)		Case No. 2015-CV-34
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,		
	Plaintiff,	
VS.	)	Judge Pemberton
DELOY MILLER, et al,	)	
	Defendants.	
	)	

PLAINTIFFS' STATEMENT OF NON-OPPOSITION IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND APPROVAL OF PLAN OF ALLOCATION; AND FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES AND AWARDS TO PLAINTIFFS PURSUANT TO 15 U.S.C. §77z-1(a)(4) Plaintiffs Kenneth Gaynor, Marcia Goldberg, and Christopher R. Vorrath respectfully submit this statement of non-opposition in further support of their Moti0on for Final Approval of Settlement and Approval of Plan of Allocation and for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and Awards to Plaintiffs Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §77z-1(a)(4). Pursuant to the Court's March 7, 2023 Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement Pursuant to Tenn. R. Civ. P. 23.03 and Permitting Notice to the Class ("Preliminary Approval Order") and as a supplement to the initial filing made by Plaintiffs and their counsel on May 9, 2023, Plaintiffs submit to the Court the following updated information regarding the mailing of notice to the Settlement Class.

Here, at the conclusion of an extensive Court-approved notice program, the Settlement Class' response to the Settlement, Plan of Allocation, and counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses has been overwhelmingly positive. More than 14,300 copies of the Notice of Pendency of Class Action, Proposed Class Action Settlement, and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses ("Notice") and Proof of Claim and Release form ("Proof of Claim") were sent to potential Settlement Class Members and their nominees.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the Summary Notice was transmitted over the *Business Wire* and published in *The Wall Street Journal* on March 28, 2023. Murray Aff., ¶11. Copies of the Notice, Proof of Claim, Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, Preliminary Approval Order, and all opening briefs and supporting documents in support of the Settlement were also posted on a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See ¶¶5-10 to the Affidavit of Ross D. Murray Regarding Notice Dissemination, Publication, and Requests for Exclusion Received to Date ("Murray Aff."), and ¶¶3-4 to the accompanying Supplemental Affidavit of Ross D. Murray Regarding Notice Dissemination and Requests for Exclusion Received to Date.

website dedicated to the Litigation. *Id.*, ¶13. The May 23, 2023 deadline for objecting to any aspect of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Plaintiffs' Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses has since passed and to counsel's knowledge, as of the date of this statement, not a single objection has been received to any of the relief requested.

Accordingly, the reaction of the Settlement Class is significant evidence that the Settlement Class supports the Settlement, Plan of Allocation, and counsel's attorneys' fee and expense request, and thus weighs strongly in favor of approval. *In re High Pressure Laminate Antitrust Litig.*, 2006 WL 3681147, at \*5 (Ct. App. Tenn. Dec. 13, 2006) ("The favorable response by the great majority of Class Members in this case to the settlement agreements . . . also militates in favor of the conclusion that the settlements are fair and reasonable.").

For the reasons set forth herein and in previously submitted memoranda and affidavits, Plaintiffs respectfully submit that the \$7.6 million Settlement is a highly favorable result for the Settlement Class, and the Plan of Allocation is a fair and equitable method for distributing the Net Settlement Fund. Therefore, both should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate. Finally, the attorneys' fees and expenses requested by Plaintiffs' Counsel and the awards to Plaintiffs for their dedicated service to the Settlement Class since its inception in 2015 are reasonable under the circumstances and should be awarded in the amounts sought.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Proposed orders granting the relief sought herein are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on June 2, 2023, a true and exact copy of the foregoing document has

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