

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

**NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING**

If you are or were a person or entity who purchased Ready-Mixed Concrete directly from Irving Materials, Inc., Prairie Material Sales, Inc., or its subsidiary Hoosier Concrete LLC, Builder’s Concrete & Supply, Inc., Shelby Gravel, Inc., d/b/a Shelby Materials, American Concrete Company, Inc., Hughey, Inc., d/b/a Carmel Concrete Products, or MA-RI-AL Corporation d/b/a Beaver Materials Corporation, which was delivered from a facility within the Counties of Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, and Shelby, in the State of Indiana, at any time from and including July 1, 2000 through and including May 25, 2004, you may be entitled to comment on, exclude yourself, or receive payments from the Settlement.

**The United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana has authorized this notice.**

**This is not a solicitation. This is not a lawsuit against you and you are not being sued.**

- You received this Notice because you are included among the persons or entities believed to have purchased Ready-Mixed Concrete directly from Irving Materials, Inc., Prairie Material Sales, Inc., or its subsidiary Hoosier Concrete LLC, Builder’s Concrete & Supply, Inc., Shelby Gravel, Inc., d/b/a Shelby Materials, American Concrete Company, Inc., Hughey, Inc., d/b/a Carmel Concrete Products, or MA-RI-AL Corporation d/b/a Beaver Materials Corporation (the “Defendants”), which was delivered from a facility within the Counties of Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, and Shelby, in the State of Indiana, at any time from and including July 1, 2000 through and including May 25, 2004 (the proposed “Settlement Class”).
- A Settlement has been reached between the Plaintiffs in *In re Ready-Mixed Concrete Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 1:05-cv-00979-SEB-JMS (the “Lawsuit”) and Irving Materials, Inc. (“IMI”), Fred R. (Pete) Irving, Daniel Butler, John Huggins and Price Irving (collectively “IMI Defendants”), and the proposed Settlement Class has been certified by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana (the “Court”). The settlement includes IMI’s parents, subsidiaries and affiliates. The Court has appointed the Plaintiffs to represent the Settlement Class and their attorneys as Class Counsel. This is a partial settlement, and does not conclude any claims against Defendants other than the IMI Defendants.
- The purpose of this Notice is to advise members of the Settlement Class defined above of the proposed Settlement of claims being asserted against the IMI Defendants, and how to assert any rights you may have under the Settlement. It is also intended to advise you of a hearing to consider the proposed settlement on March 29, 2010. The Court must decide whether to approve the Settlement as fair, just and reasonable.
- The Lawsuit asserts that the Defendants conspired to raise, fix, maintain, or stabilize the price of Ready-Mixed Concrete sold from plants in the Counties of Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, and Shelby, in the State of Indiana (the “Central Indiana Area”) at artificially high levels, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, Title 15, United States Code, Section 1. The Defendants have denied liability and raised certain defenses to these claims, which if sustained by the Court following a trial may minimize or defeat any recovery for the Class.
- If you are a member of the Settlement Class, your legal rights are affected whether you act or choose not to act. **PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.**

<b>YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS</b> (YOU MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN ONE OF THESE OPTIONS)		<b>DEADLINE</b>
<b>EXCLUDE YOURSELF</b>	You may exclude yourself from the Settlement, in which case you will not be eligible to receive any payments from the Settlement that are approved by the Court, or to comment on the Settlement. This is the only option that allows you to be part of any other lawsuit against the IMI Defendants about the legal claims brought or which could be brought in this case.	February 8, 2010
<b>DO NOTHING</b>	If you choose to do nothing you will remain eligible to receive any payments from the Settlement that are approved by the Court. This will result in a release of any right you may have to pursue the legal claims brought, or which could have been brought in this case against the IMI Defendants, but will not result in a release of any right you may have to pursue the same legal claims against the other Defendants.	N/A
<b>OBJECT</b>	Write to the Court if you do not think the Settlement is fair. If you exclude yourself from the Settlement you may not object.	February 8, 2010
<b>GO TO A HEARING</b>	If you object, you may also ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement.	March 29, 2010

**These rights and options – and the deadlines to exercise them – are explained in this Notice.**

## BASIC INFORMATION

### 1. Why did I get this Notice?

This Notice has been sent to you because the Defendants' records show that you purchased Ready-Mixed Concrete directly from one of the Defendants or a Defendant's subsidiary or affiliate, which was delivered from a facility within the Central Indiana Area at any time from and including July 1, 2000 through and including May 25, 2004. You have the right to know about a proposed settlement of a class action lawsuit that may affect your rights.

This Notice explains the Lawsuit, the terms of the Settlement, your legal rights, what benefits may be available, who may be eligible for them, and what you will be giving the IMI Defendants in this Settlement.

The Court in charge of the case is the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. The case is known as *In re Ready-Mixed Concrete Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 1:05-cv-00979-SEB-JMS. The companies who sued are called the Plaintiffs. The companies the Plaintiffs sued are called the Defendants. The Defendants sold Ready-Mixed Concrete in the Central Indiana Area during the period from July 1, 2000 through May 25, 2004; that is the focus of the lawsuit.

### 2. What is the Lawsuit about?

In the Lawsuit, the Plaintiffs claim that, from July 1, 2000 through May 25, 2004, the Defendants conspired to raise, fix, maintain, or stabilize the price of Ready-Mixed Concrete sold from plants in the Central Indiana Area at artificially high levels, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, Title 15, United States Code, Section 1. The Plaintiffs claim that this conspiracy among the Defendants resulted in artificially high prices for Ready-Mixed Concrete sold by Defendants in the Central Indiana Area. The Plaintiffs are seeking money damages and other relief on behalf of themselves and other persons and entities who purchased Ready-Mixed Concrete directly from the Defendants during this time period. The Court has not made any determination of the IMI Defendants' liability for these claims.

### 3. What is a class action?

A class action is a lawsuit in which one or more persons called class representatives sue on behalf of other persons who have similar claims. Together all these persons are a Class or individually, Class Members. One court resolves the issues for all Class Members, except for those who exclude themselves from the Class. For this reason, the judge must find that the Settlement of this class action is fair, reasonable and adequate before the Settlement can receive final court approval.

### 4. Why is there a settlement?

The Lawsuit has not gone to a trial. Instead, the Plaintiffs and the IMI Defendants agreed to settle to avoid the costs and risks of trial. The Settlement provides the opportunity for payments or other benefits to be made available to Class Members. Under this Settlement, Class Members give the IMI Defendants a release of any right they may have to pursue the same legal claims brought, or which could have been brought, in this case against the IMI Defendants.

This is a partial settlement of claims made by the Plaintiffs in the Lawsuit, and the Plaintiffs will continue to pursue their claims against Defendants other than the IMI Defendants that have not already settled. Under this Settlement, Class Members do not give any other Defendant a release of any right they may have to pursue the same legal claims in this case against those Defendants.

## WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT?

### 5. How do I know if I am part of the settlement?

You are a member of the Proposed Settlement Class if you purchased Ready-Mixed Concrete directly from Irving Materials, Inc., Prairie Material Sales, Inc., or its subsidiary Hoosier Concrete, LLC, Builder's Concrete & Supply, Inc., Shelby Gravel, Inc., d/b/a Shelby Materials, American Concrete Company, Inc., Hughey, Inc., d/b/a Carmel Concrete Products, or MA-RI-AL Corporation d/b/a Beaver Materials Corporation, which was delivered from a facility within the Counties of Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, and Shelby, in the State of Indiana, at any time from and including July 1, 2000 through and including May 25, 2004.

### 6. Are there exceptions to being included?

You are not a Settlement Class Member if you are one of the Defendants, their co-conspirators, their respective parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates. You are also not a Settlement Class Member if you are a federal, state, or local government entity or a political subdivision.

## THE SETTLEMENT TERMS

### 7. What does the settlement provide?

The IMI Defendants have agreed to pay the amount of \$29,000,000 ("Settlement Amount") pursuant to the terms of the Settlement. This Settlement was achieved after more than four years of litigation and numerous negotiating sessions between

Class Counsel and the lawyers for the IMI Defendants. Because of the inherent risks of litigation, Plaintiffs believe that the Settlement provides a fair and efficient resolution of the Plaintiffs' and Class Members' claims against the IMI Defendants.

Under the terms of the Settlement, the IMI Defendants will deposit the Settlement Amount into a Settlement Fund no later than April 1, 2010, or five (5) days after the Court's entry of an Order and Final Judgment if such entry occurs after April 1, 2010. Class Counsel will seek Court permission to distribute the Settlement Fund to Class Members and to pay amounts approved by the Court for Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and reasonable expenses, reasonable expenditures made or to be made by Class Counsel on behalf of Class Members to pursue the Lawsuit against the Defendants other than the IMI Defendants, notices to Class Members, and incentive payments to the Class Representatives. The Settlement does not prevent the Plaintiffs from seeking damages from other Defendants caused by the IMI Defendants' alleged participation in the price-fixing conspiracy.

It is anticipated that the proposed distribution of amounts from the Settlement Fund to Class Members will be in direct proportion to the amount of a Class Member's purchases of Ready-Mixed Concrete from the Defendants at any time from July 1, 2000 through May 25, 2004.

#### **8. When will the Settlement be final?**

The Court will hold a hearing on **March 29, 2010**, to decide whether to give final approval to the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement and there are no appeals, the Settlement will become final thirty (30) days after the Court's approval.

### **PARTICIPATING IN THE SETTLEMENT**

#### **9. How do I participate in the Settlement?**

If you believe you are a member of the Settlement Class, you do not need to take any action at this time to participate in the Settlement. Once the Court approves a method of distributing the Settlement Fund, information about the proposed distribution of Settlement funds and instructions for submitting a claim will be provided to Class Members.

#### **10. Do I have to give anything up to participate?**

If you are a member of the Settlement Class and do not exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of the Settlement and any orders of the Court related to the Settlement, and you agree to and will release any right you may have to pursue the same legal claims brought, or which could have been brought, in this case against the IMI Defendants. However, if you are a member of the Settlement Class as defined by the Court you will not release any of the claims in the Lawsuit against Defendants other than the IMI Defendants whether or not you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class.

### **EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT**

#### **11. How do I get out of the Settlement Class?**

You may request to be excluded from, or to "opt-out" of, the Settlement Class. If you elect to be excluded from the Class, you will not be bound by any of the terms of the Settlement or any judgment entered pursuant to the Settlement, nor will you be eligible to receive any of the benefits of the Settlement. You will retain and be free to pursue any claims that you may have against the IMI Defendants on your own behalf and at your own cost.

If you wish to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you must mail a written request for exclusion, postmarked no later than February 8, 2010, to the following:

<b>Settlement Class Counsel:</b> Irwin B. Levin COHEN & MALAD, LLP One Indiana Square, Suite 1400 Indianapolis, IN 46204
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Requests for exclusion do not need to be in any particular format, except that the request must:

- State that you intend to "opt-out" or request "exclusion" from the Settlement Class against the IMI Defendants;
- Contain the full name and current address of the person or entity requesting exclusion;
- Contain the title and a statement of authority of any person requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class on behalf of an entity other than an individual;
- Contain the title of the Lawsuit: "In re Ready-Mixed Concrete Antitrust Litigation;"
- Be signed by you; and
- Be sent by U.S. mail, first class and postage prepaid, with a postmark on or before February 8, 2010.

You cannot exclude yourself by phone or email.

**12. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue the IMI Defendants later?**

Unless you exclude yourself, you cannot sue the IMI Defendants for the claims resolved by this Settlement. If you exclude yourself from the Settlement, you cannot participate in or object to the Settlement, and any claims you may have against the IMI Defendants will be subject to applicable statutes of limitation.

**COMMENTING ON THE SETTLEMENT**

**13. How do I tell the Court if I do not think the Settlement is fair?**

If you are a Settlement Class Member and have not excluded yourself, you can object to the Settlement or any part of the Settlement. The Court will consider your views. Your objection must be in writing, and must be mailed, no later than February 8, 2010, to the following:

<b>Class Counsel:</b> Irwin B. Levin COHEN & MALAD, LLP One Indiana Square, Suite 1400 Indianapolis, IN 46204	<b>Counsel for the IMI Defendants:</b> G. Daniel Kelley, Jr. ICE MILLER LLP One American Square, Suite 2900 P.O. Box 82001 Indianapolis, IN 46282
<b>The Court:</b> The Honorable Sarah Evans Barker, Judge United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana United States Courthouse, Room 210 46 East Ohio Street Indianapolis, IN 46204	

An objection does not need to be in any particular format, except that the objection must:

- Contain the full name and current address of the person objecting;
- Contain the title and a statement of authority of any person objecting on behalf of an entity other than an individual;
- Contain the title of the Lawsuit: "In re Ready-Mixed Concrete Antitrust Litigation;"
- State the reasons for your objection;
- Be accompanied by any evidence, briefs, motions or other materials you intend to offer in support of your objection;
- Be signed by you; and
- Be sent by U.S. mail, first class and postage prepaid, with a postmark on or before February 8, 2010.

You cannot object to the Settlement by phone or email.

**Intervention:** Any request for intervention must meet the requirements set forth above, including the deadline, for filing objections, must be accompanied by any evidence, briefs, motions or other materials you intend to offer in support of your request for intervention, and must meet the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

**14. What's the difference between excluding myself and objecting?**

If you exclude yourself, you are no longer a member of the Settlement Class and you keep your right to file your own lawsuit against the IMI Defendants at your own expense. If you exclude yourself, you may not object to the Settlement and you cannot receive any payments or credits from the Settlement. If you remain a Settlement Class Member, you may object.

**15. Can I have a lawyer represent me?**

The law firms of Cohen & Malad, LLP and Susman Godfrey LLP have been appointed by the Court and represent you and other Settlement Class Members. These lawyers are called Class Counsel. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense. However, any lawyer intending to appear at the Fairness Hearing must be duly admitted to practice law before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana and must file a written appearance no later than February 8, 2010. Copies of the appearance must be served on Class Counsel and counsel for the IMI Defendants at the addresses included in this Notice in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

## IF YOU DO NOTHING

### 16. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you will remain a Settlement Class Member and will remain eligible for any benefits available under the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, you will be bound by its terms as well as any Court orders related to the Settlement, and a release of any right you may have to pursue the same legal claims in this case against the IMI Defendants will be granted to the IMI Defendants.

## THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

### 17. How will the lawyers and costs be paid?

Class Counsel will file a petition with the Court no later than seven days prior to the Fairness Hearing asking for payment of attorneys' fees in the amount of 33 1/3 % of the Settlement Amount, and the reimbursement of reasonable expenses, to be paid from the Settlement Fund, which petition will be available on the Settlement website. The Court may consider whether to approve the payment of attorneys' fees and expenses in this amount during the Fairness Hearing, or at a later time determined by the Court.

The IMI Defendants have agreed not to oppose a request by Class Counsel for a payment of attorneys' fees in the amount of 33 1/3 % of the Settlement Amount, and the reimbursement of reasonable expenses, to be paid from the Settlement Fund. If the Court approves these fees and expenses, they will be paid from the Settlement Fund. These fees and expenses, however, will not be paid until time for appeal and/or any appeal of this Settlement has been exhausted. The costs of providing this Notice and published notice of the Settlement, and the costs of settlement administration, will be paid from the Settlement Fund.

## THE COURT'S FAIRNESS HEARING

### 18. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?

The Court will hold a hearing—which is called the Fairness Hearing—at the United States Courthouse, Room 216, 46 East Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, at 10:00a.m. on March 29, 2010. At the Fairness Hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court will consider any objections, and listen to people who have made written objections and timely asked to speak at the hearing. After the Fairness Hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement.

### 19. Do I have to come to the hearing?

You do not need to attend the Fairness Hearing, but you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you have sent a written objection, you do not need to be present for the Court to consider it.

### 20. May I show up and speak at the hearing?

If you have submitted a timely written objection to the Settlement and requested to be heard, the Court may allow you to speak at the Fairness Hearing. If you wish for your lawyer to speak for you, he or she must have submitted a timely appearance as provided above.

**Reminder:** If you have excluded yourself from the Settlement Class, you may not object to the Settlement and you may not speak at the Fairness Hearing.

## GETTING MORE INFORMATION

### 21. How can I get more information?

The description in this Notice is general and does not cover all of the issues and the proceedings thus far. More details about the Lawsuit and the Settlement, including a detailed definition of terms, are in the Settlement Agreement. You may review the Settlement Agreement and the court file during business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court, United States Courthouse, Room 105, 46 East Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. You may also direct questions concerning the Settlement to Class Counsel at the address above. **Please do not contact the Court directly with any questions.**

Additional information about the Lawsuit and the Settlement may be obtained from the following Internet website: [www.ConcreteAntitrustSettlement.com](http://www.ConcreteAntitrustSettlement.com).

*/s/ Sarah Evans Barker, Judge*  
United States District Court,  
Southern District of Indiana

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PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY, AS IT COULD AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS  
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