## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

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IN RE: READY-MIXED CONCRETE ANTITRUST LITIGATION,
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: ALL ACTIONS

Master Docket No. 1:05-cv-00979-SEB-JMS

# FINAL APPROVAL ORDER

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs Kort Builders, Inc., Dan Grote, Cherokee Development, Inc., Wininger/Stolberg Group, Inc., Marmax Construction, LLC, Boyle Construction Management, Inc., and T&R Contractor, Inc. ("Plaintiffs"), by Co-Lead Counsel, and MA-RI-AL Corporation d/b/a Beaver Materials Corporation, Chris Beaver, and Ricky Beaver (collectively the "Beaver Defendants"), by counsel, entered into the "Settlement Agreement with MA-RI-AL Corporation d/b/a Beaver Materials Corporation, Chris Beaver, and Ricky Beaver" dated January 29, 2010 ("Settlement"); and

WHEREAS, the Plaintiffs and the Beaver Defendants applied pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("Rule 23") for an order certifying a Class for settlement purposes, for an order preliminarily approving the proposed Settlement and preliminarily approving the form and plan of notice as set forth in the Settlement;

WHEREAS, on or about February 9, 2010, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1715, the Beaver Defendants notified the United States Attorney General and the Attorney General of the State of Indiana of the proposed Settlement and more than 90 days have passed since that notice was given;

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WHEREAS, on February 11, 2010, the Court provisionally ordered that this Action may

be settled as a class action on behalf of the following class (the "Settlement Class"):

All Persons who purchased Ready-Mixed Concrete directly from any of the Defendants or any of their co-conspirators, which was delivered from a facility within the Counties of Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, or Shelby, in the State of Indiana, at any time during the period from and including July 1, 2000 through and including May 25, 2004, but excluding Defendants, their co-conspirators, their respective parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and federal, state, and local government entities and political subdivisions.

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2010, the Court entered an order certifying the Settlement

Class for purposes of settlement, preliminarily approving the Settlement, approving the forms of notice of the Settlement to Class Members, directing that appropriate notice of the Settlement be given to Class Members, and scheduling a hearing on final approval (the "Preliminary Approval Order");

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Settlement Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order: (1) on March 3, 2010, Class Counsel caused the Notice of Class Action Settlement and Hearing in the form attached to the Settlement as Exhibit "A" ("Mailed Notice") to be mailed by United States First Class Mail to all known members of the Settlement Class, and on February 18 and 21, 2010, caused the Published Notice in the form attached to the Settlement as Exhibit "B" to be published in the *Indianapolis Star*; and (2); the Affidavit of Notice filed with this Court by Class Counsel demonstrates compliance with the Preliminary Approval Order with respect to the Mailed Notice and the Published Notice and, further, that the best notice practicable under the circumstances was, in fact, given;

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., this Court held a hearing on whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class (the "Fairness Hearing"); and

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WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, having heard the statements of counsel for the Plaintiffs and the Beaver Defendants, and of such persons as chose to appear at the Fairness Hearing; having considered all of the files, records and proceedings in the Action, the benefits to the Settlement Class under the Settlement and the risks, complexity, expense and probable duration of further litigation; and being fully advised in the premises;

## THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Terms capitalized herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the "Settlement Agreement with MA-RI-AL Corporation d/b/a Beaver Materials Corporation, Chris Beaver, and Ricky Beaver."

2. This Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this Action and jurisdiction of the Plaintiffs and Defendants in the above-captioned case (the "Parties").

3. The Court hereby adopts and reaffirms the findings and conclusions set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order.

4. The Plaintiffs and Class Counsel fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Settlement Class in connection with the Settlement.

5. The Settlement is the product of good faith, arm's-length negotiations by the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel, and the Beaver Defendants and its counsel, and the Settlement Class and the Beaver Defendants were represented by capable and experienced counsel.

6. The form, content and method of dissemination of the notice given to members of the Settlement Class, including both published notice and individual notice to all members of the Settlement Class who could be identified through reasonable effort, were adequate and reasonable, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and satisfied the requirements of Rules 23(c) and (e) and due process.

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7. The Settlement Agreement with the Beaver Defendants is fair, reasonable and adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class, and is approved in all respects. The Court hereby directs the Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class, Class Counsel, the Beaver Defendants, the Beaver Defendants' counsel, Releasors and Releasees to effectuate the Settlement according to its terms. Pursuant to paragraph 23 of the Settlement, at an appropriate time following the Execution Date Class Counsel shall submit to the Court a Declaration and a Judgment Entry in the form attached thereto as Exhibit "E" or in the form attached to the thereto as Exhibit "F." The Court shall enter the Judgment Entry attached to the Settlement as Exhibit "E," dismissing the Released Claims against Beaver Defendants with prejudice, immediately upon the submission by Class Counsel of a verified Declaration stating that the Beaver Defendants have timely made all payment required under paragraph 22 of the Settlement. The Court shall enter the Judgment Entry attached to the Settlement as Exhibit "F," in favor of the Settlement Class and against MA-RI-AL Corp., in the amount of Ninety-Four Million, Six Hundred Fifty Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$94,650,281), immediately upon the submission by Class Counsel of a verified Declaration stating that the Beaver Defendants have failed to make any payment required under paragraph 22 of this Agreement, which Judgment Entry shall not be subject to appeal or reconsideration by the Beaver Defendants.

8. The Court shall have continuing jurisdiction over the Settlement Fund, including the investment, distribution and administration of the Settlement Fund, which shall at all times be maintained as a Qualified Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation 1.468B-1, as amended.

9. The certification of the Settlement Class, under Rules 23(a), (b)(3) and (e), for purposes of effectuating the Settlement, is hereby confirmed.

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10. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date of the Settlement, the Beaver Defendants and the other Releasees are hereby completely released, acquitted, and forever discharged from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits and causes of action, whether class, individual or otherwise in nature, that Releasors, or any of them, ever had, now has, or hereafter can, shall, or may have on account of or arising out of or resulting from conduct (including any conspiracy, combination or agreement) concerning the pricing, selling, discounting, marketing, manufacturing, or distributing of Ready-Mixed Concrete in the Central Indiana Area during the Class Period, including but not limited to any conduct alleged, and causes of action asserted, or that could have been alleged or asserted, in the Complaint filed in the Action or any amendment thereto, which arise under any federal or state antitrust statute, law, rule or regulation, including, without limitation, the Sherman Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C.§§ 1 et seq. ("Released Claims"), provided, however, that nothing herein shall release any claim not associated with anticompetitive conduct, including, but not limited to, personal injury, wrongful death, product defect or breach of contract claims between the parties. The Releasors shall not, after the Effective Date of this Agreement, seek to recover against any of the Releasees for any of the Released Claims. No other Defendant in the above-captioned Action is released from any claim of any kind whatsoever as a result of the Settlement, the Court's approval of the Settlement or the entry of this Order and Judgment.

11. As to the Beaver Defendants, but not as to any other Defendant, the abovecaptioned Action is hereby dismissed without assessment of costs or attorneys' fees against the Beaver Defendants.

12. Any claims against Releasors arising out of, relating to or in connection with the Action as against the Beaver Defendants are hereby released by the Releasees and their counsel,

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and they are permanently enjoined and barred from instituting, asserting or prosecuting any and all claims which the Releasees or their counsel or any of them, had, have or may in the future have against Releasors arising out of, relating to or in connection with the Action as against the Beaver Defendants.

13. The Court hereby reserves its exclusive, general, and continuing jurisdiction over the Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class, Class Counsel, the Beaver Defendants, the Beaver Defendants' counsel, Releasors, Releasees and the Settlement Fund established pursuant to the Court's Preliminary Approval Order as needed or appropriate in order to administer, supervise, implement, interpret, or enforce the Settlement in accordance with its terms, including the investment, conservation, protection of the Settlement Fund prior to distribution, and distribution of the Settlement Fund.

SO ORDERED.

05/17/2010 Date

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SARAH EVANS BARKER, JUDGE United States District Court Southern District of Indiana