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14	SANTIAGO MEDINA etc.,	) Case No. 30-2010-00395208-CU-0E-CXC	
15	Plaintiffs,	) Hon. William Claster	
16	VS.	) Department CX 104	
17	EQUILON ENTERPRISES, LLC, et al.,	) CLASS ACTION	
18	Defendants.	) PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED EX ) PARTE APPLICATION TO AMEND PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OPPER.	
19		<ul> <li>PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER;</li> <li>MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND</li> <li>AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION OF</li> </ul>	
20		) SAMUEL T. REES AND [PROPOSED] ) ORDER	
21		)   [Filed Concurrently with [Proposed]	
22		) Amended Preliminary Approval Order]	
23		) Date: September 24, 2020 ) Time: 8:30 a.m.	
24 25		) Dept: CX 104 ) Complaint Filed: August 2, 2010 ) Trial Date: None Set	
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### 1 TO THIS HONORABLE COURT:

Plaintiff Santiago Medina ("Medina") and Class Counsel Bleau Fox will 2 3 and do apply *ex parte* to amend this Court's Updated Second Revised Preliminary Approval Order, filed herein on September 16, 2020, to reinstate 4 Paragraph 8 thereof primarily so as to allow Class Counsel to perform its 5 obligations under Paragraph 60 of the Second Amended and Restated 6 Settlement Agreement to review the Class Information defined in Paragraph 5 7 8 of that agreement and determine whether the compensation representations provided in Paragraph 59 of the agreement are materially inaccurate and, if so, 9 10 to advise Medina whether he should exercise his right to terminate this Settlement. This application is made after consultation with counsel for 11 Defendant R&M Pacific Rim, Inc. ("R&M"). R&M does not oppose this 12 13 application and concurs that it should be brought.

This application will be presented to the Court on September 24, 2020, at
8:30 a.m. in Department CX 104.

16 This Ex Parte Application based upon this Ex Parte Application, the
17 attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declaration of Samuel T.
18 Rees and upon such evidence and oral argument as may be presented at the
19 time of the hearing.

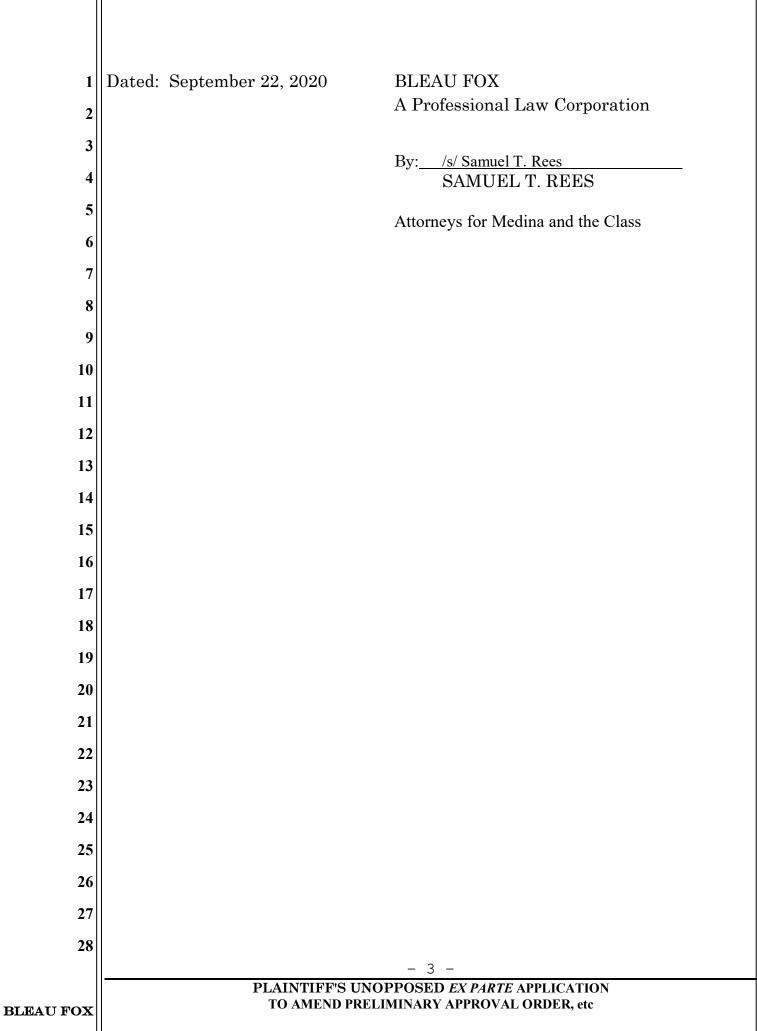
20 Notice of Application Given to Conico's and Shell's Counsel
21 In accordance with California Rules of Court Rule 3.1202(a), R&M is
22 represented by Allyson K. Thompson and Kerri N. Polizzi of Kring & Chung,
23 LLP whose address is 38 Corporate Park, Irvine, CA 92606.

In accordance with California Rules of Court Rule 3.1203, notice of the
date, time, place and nature of relief sought was provided to R&M and its
counsel by e-mail on September 21, 2020. See Exhibit B hereto.

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# MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES FACTUAL PREDICATE FOR THIS APPLICATION.

On February 7, 2020, Medina filed his motion for preliminary approval of
his class settlement with Medina. Paragraph 8 of the motion sought "a finding
that after balancing privacy interests of the Settlement Class it is necessary and
appropriate, without prior notice to the Settlement Class, that R&M be
authorized and directed to provide the Settlement Administrator and Class
Counsel with the Class Information to be used solely for settlement purposes."

9 As stated in Footnote 1 on page 3 of the parties' settlement agreement,
10 "Defense Counsel has raised, and continues to raise, R&M's concerns about
11 protecting the privacy rights of its employees. R&M agrees to release such
12 information to Class Counsel only after entry of an appropriate Court order
13 instructing and authorizing it to do so. This provision, and any provision related
14 to the Class Information, is expressly contingent upon entry of such an order."

Medina addressed this issue in Section IX of his Memorandum of Points
and Authorities in support of his motion at Pages 30 through 35. This section
provided this Court with the authorities on which Medina relied and the
argument supporting Paragraph 8 of his motion.

19 On March 13, 2020, this Court entered its Minute Order, which raised
20 certain concerns regarding the Settlement. This Minute Order did not discuss
21 the motion's request that R&M be directed and authorized to provide Class
22 Counsel with the Class Information. As a result of the Court's comments, the
23 parties amended their settlement agreement, class notice and proposed
24 preliminary approval order.

25 On July 21, 2020, Medina filed, among other documents, a supplemental
26 memorandum in support of the motion and a supplemental declaration by
27 Samuel T. Rees, responding to the Court's concerns raised in the March 13
28 Minute Order and showing the parties' resolution of those concerns.

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On July 31, 2020, this Court issued a further Minute Order raising 1 additional concerns with the settlement. Of particular importance is the Court's 2 3 fourth comment which reads, as follows: 4 The Court is concerned by counsel's apparent position that 4. it's appropriate to rely on individual class members to verify 5 R&M's factual recitals that serve as the basis for the settlement. For example, R&M represents that all break class members were 6 paid the applicable minimum wage or a number not materially higher, and that all misclassification class members were paid 7 \$12.70 an hour or a number not materially higher. These figures are the basis for counsel's valuation of the settlement. R&M 8 presumably has payroll records that substantiate these representations, but counsel argues review of the records is "unnecessary." (Supp. Br. at p. 9.) <u>It appears to the Court that it</u> would be far easier for class counsel to verify R&M's 9 10 representations on a classwide basis after reviewing R&M's own records than it would be for individual employees to search for 14-year-old pay stubs to confirm their applicable rates of pay. 11 Further, counsel has a fiduciary duty to the class it represents. How is this fiduciary duty fulfilled by pushing off verification to 12 class members? [Emp Added] 13 In response to the Court's July 31, 2020 comments, the parties again met 14 and conferred and further amended their settlement agreement and related 15 documents. Thereafter on August 26, 2020, Medina filed his second 16 supplemental memorandum of points and authorities and Rees' third 17 supplemental declaration which included the Second Amended and Restated 18 Settlement Agreement. 19 The Second Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement attempted to 2021 address and resolve the Court's July 31 Comment 4. The parties did so by amending Paragraphs 5, 59 and 60 to their settlement agreement. Paragraph 5, 22 23 which contains the definition of Class Information R&M was to provide was expended to include payroll information. Paragraph 59, which contains R&M's 24 factual representations, was amended to state that the payroll information it 25 **26** was providing was true and correct. Paragraph 60 was amended to allow Class Counsel ten days following receipt of the payroll information to determine 27 28 5

whether or not it was materially inaccurate and provide Medina with the right
 to terminate the settlement of those payroll representations were inaccurate.

Medina explained what was done to resolve comment 4 at pages 5 through 3 7 of his second supplemental memorandum. As Medina explained and as set 4 forth in Footnote 1 of each iteration of the settlement agreement, R&M was 5 unwilling to provide the Class Information, now expanded to include payroll 6 information, without being authorized and directed by this Court to do so as 7 8 each iteration of the preliminary approval order does in Paragraph 8 thereof. As a result, Medina and Class Counsel needed to have this Court make that 9 10 authorization in order to review the payroll information as this Court had suggested was necessary to satisfy Class Counsel's fiduciary duties. 11

On September 4, 2020, this Court granted Medina's motion for
preliminary approval of the settlement. Neither the Court's tentative ruling nor
the Court's oral ruling indicated that the Court was denying Medina's motion to
have this Court authorize and direct R&M to provide the expanded Class
Information to Class Counsel as consistently requested by Medina and as
consistently set forth in each of the proposed iterations of the preliminary
approval order.

19 On September 16, 2020, this Court signed and filed the Updated Second
20 Revised Preliminary Approval Order. In doing so, this Court modified
21 Paragraphs 11, 13, and 14 and struck entirely Paragraph 8.

II. THE COURT'S STRIKING OF PARAGRAPH 8 RESULTS IN R&M
 BEING UNABLE TO PROVIDE CLASS COUNSEL WITH THE
 CLASS INFORMATION AND THE INABILITY OF CLASS
 COUNSEL TO PERFORM ITS VERIFICATION OF PAYROLL
 INFORMATION AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH 60.
 Blue Fox, in order to perform its duties to the Settlement Class pursuant
 to the Second Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement, needs to be able to

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 COUNSEL TO PERFORM ITS VERIFICATION OF PAYROLL

timely review the Class Information. As a result of the last modification to that 1 2 agreement, Class Counsel is required to review the payroll information 3 submitted by R&M in order to determine whether or not R&M's representations concerning the pay of the Settlement Class Members is accurate or materially 4 inaccurate and then advise Medina as to whether or not to terminate the 5 Settlement. Additionally, Class Counsel requires the contact information to 6 assist the Settlement Administrator in locating any Settlement Class Members 7 8 whose Class Notices are returned undeliverable. Finally, Class Counsel requires the Class Information to verify that the Individual Settlement Payments are 9 10 correctly calculated.

Class Counsel has no idea why this Court struck Paragraph 8 from the
Updated Second Revised Preliminary Approval Order. Class Counsel hopes that
this was in error and will be corrected by amending that order.

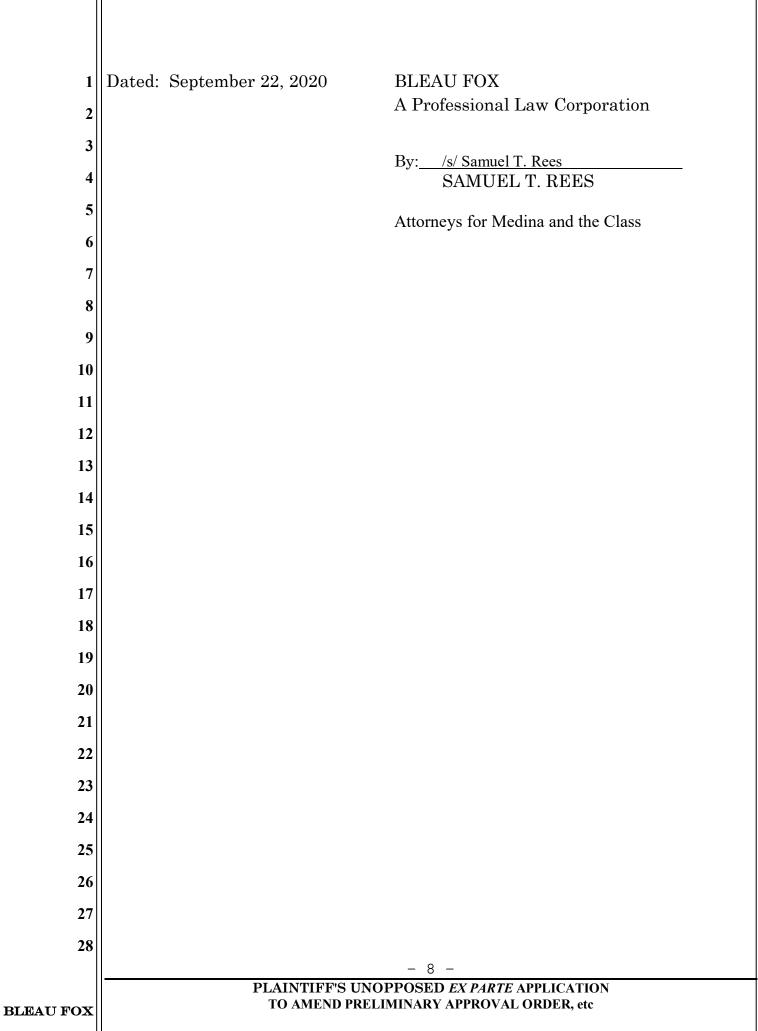
Because of the time schedule created by the Updated Second Revised
Preliminary Approval Order, there is insufficient time to seek this relief by
noticed motion.

Lodged herewith is an Amended Preliminary Approval Order. That
amended order reinserts Paragraph 8 and makes all of the other changes made
by the Court in the Updated Second Revised Preliminary Approval Order.
Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a redline showing the differences between the
signed order and the amended order.

### **22**||III. NOTICE OF APPLICATION.

On September 21, 2020, R&M was emailed a copy of this *Ex Parte*Application and [Proposed] Amended Preliminary Approval Order and had
previously stated that R&M had no objection/opposition to the relief sought. A
copy of this email and R&M's counsel's response is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

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### **DECLARATION OF SAMUEL T. REES**

2 I, SAMUEL T. REES, declare:

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I remain an attorney at law duly licensed to practice in California
 and Louisiana. I also remain "Of Counsel" to Bleau Fox, a PLC, counsel for
 Plaintiff and Plaintiff Class herein.

Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a redline copy showing the changes
 between the Updated Second Revised [Proposed] Preliminary Approval Order
 and the [Proposed] Amended Preliminary Approval Order submitted
 concurrently herewith. In drafting the [Proposed] Amended Preliminary
 Approval Order, I attempt to make all changes made by this Court on September
 16, 2020, in the signed and filed Updated Second Revised Preliminary Approval
 Order with the exception of deleting Paragraph 8.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of my email,
without attachment, which I sent to counsel for R&M on September 21, 2020,
setting forth the date, time, and place this application would be submitted and
the relief sought.

17 I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to California law that the18 foregoing is true and correct.

**19** Dated: September 22, 2020

/s/ Samuel T. Rees 20 SAMUEL T. REES 21 [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION 22 23 The Court having read and considered Plaintiff's Unopposed *Ex Parte* Application To Amend Preliminary Approval Order and good cause appearing, 24 the Application is granted. 25 Dated: September \_\_, 2020 26 William D. Claster 27 Judge of the Superior Court 28 PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED EX PARTE APPL TO AMEND PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER, etc

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21 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 BLEAU FOX	<ul> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>26</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>29</li> <li>20</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>29</li> <li>20</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>29</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> <li>29</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> &lt;</ul>	

Exhibits attached to the Second Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement,
 sets forth the terms and conditions for a proposed partial settlement of the Class
 Action; and the Court having read and considered the Second Amended and
 Restated Settlement Agreement and the Exhibits attached thereto;

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

This Preliminary Order incorporates by reference the definitions in
 the Second Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement, as filed with the
 Court, and all terms defined therein shall have the same meaning as set forth in
 the Second Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement.

Effective September 4, 2020, the Court hereby grants Medina's
 Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and finds the terms
 of the Second Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement to be within the
 range of reasonableness of a settlement that ultimately could be granted
 approval by the Court at a Final Approval Hearing.

15 3. The Court preliminarily approves the terms of the Second Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement and finds that they fall within the range of 16 approval as fair, adequate, and reasonable. The Court hereby preliminarily finds 17 that the Settlement Agreement is the product of informal, non-collusive 18 19 negotiations conducted at arms' length by the parties. The Court has considered 20 the estimate of the Class Members' total recovery, R&M's potential liability, the allocation of settlement proceeds among Class Members, including the two 21 22 subclasses, and the fact that a settlement represents a compromise of the parties' respective positions rather than the result of a finding of liability at 23 24 trial. The assistance of an experienced mediator in the settlement process 25 supports the Court's conclusion that the Settlement is non-collusive and reasonable. The Settlement is presumptively valid. 26

27 4. For purposes of the Settlement only, the Court finds that the
28 proposed Settlement Class is ascertainable and that there is a sufficiently well-

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defined community of interest among the members of the Settlement Class in 1 questions of law and fact. Therefore, the Court preliminarily certifies as the 2 Settlement Class, for settlement purposes only, all persons who were employed 3 by R&M and who worked at a Shell branded station operated by R&M and 4 5 owned by Equilon Enterprises, LLC at any time during the period from August 2, 2006 to September 1, 2008. The Settlement Class consists of the Settlement 6 7 Misclassification Subclass, consisting of all Settlement Class Members during 8 any portion of the Class Period that they were declared by R&M as exempt 9 employees and paid a salary. and the Settlement Break Subclass, consisting of 10 all Settlement Class Members during any portion of the Class Period that they were non-exempt hourly wage employees. 11

12 5. For purposes of the Settlement only, Medina is approved as the
13 Class Representative.

14 6. For purposes of the Settlement only, Bleau Fox, a Professional Law
15 Corporation, is appointed and approved as Class Counsel.

16 7. The Court hereby appoints and approves Phoenix Settlement
17 Administrators as the Settlement Administrator.

18 After balancing the privacy interests of the Settlement Class as 8. 19 asserted by R&M, the Court finds that in order for the Class Notice to be mailed 20 to the Settlement Class at their last known address based upon R&M's employment records, that the Settlement Administrator and Class Counsel have 21 22 sufficient information to locate Settlement Class members and that the Settlement Administrator and Class Counsel have sufficient information to 23 24 prorate Individual Settlement payments for each subclass, it is necessary and 25 appropriate, without prior notice to the Settlement Class, that R&M be authorized and directed to provide to the Settlement Administrator and Class 26 27 Counsel the Class Information to be used solely for the purposes of settlement of this Class Action. Having so determined, the Court hereby orders R&M to so 28

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provide to the Settlement Administrator and Class Counsel the Class
 Information to be so used on or before October 4, 2020.

9. A hearing ("Final Approval Hearing") shall be conducted before this
Court on February 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in Department CX104, to determine
whether the proposed settlement of the Class Action on the terms and conditions
provided for in the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and adequate,
whether said settlement should be finally approved by the Court, and whether a
Final Approval Order and Judgment should be entered herein.

9 10. The Court hereby approves, as to form and content, the Class Notice,
10 Information Sheet and Request for Exclusion Form attached as Exhibit 1 to the
11 Second Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement.

12 11. The Court approves the requirements for disputing the information upon which Settlement Class Members' share of the Settlement will be 13 14 calculated and sets December 8, 2020 as the deadline for doing so. The Court approves the requirements for objecting to the Settlement and excluding 15 Settlement Class Members who timely and properly request to be excluded from 16 17 the Settlement Class, all as provided in the Second Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement. The Court finds that the procedures and requirements 18 19 for submitting objections in connection with the Final Approval Hearing are 20 intended to ensure the efficient administration of justice and the orderly presentation of any Settlement Class Member's objection to the Settlement, in 21 22 accordance with the due process rights of all Settlement Class Members. The Court sets January 2, 2021, as the deadline for Settlement Class Members to 23 request to be excluded from the Settlement Class or object to the fairness, 24 25 reasonableness, or adequacy of the Second Amended and Restated Settlement Agreement or the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, the Class Counsel 26 Award and/or the Service Award and sets the same deadline for Settlement 27 28

<mark>`ED SECOND REVISED</mark> [PROPOSED] <u>AMENDED</u> PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER 1 Class Members to update their personal information contained in the Class 2 Notice.

12.The Court finds that the mailing of the Class Notice substantially in 3 the manner and form as set forth in the Second Amended and Restated 4 5 Settlement Agreement and this Preliminary Approval Order meets the requirements of *California Rules of Court* Rules 3.766(d) and 3.769(f), California 6 7 Code of Civil Procedure section 382, California Civil Code section 1781, other 8 applicable law, and due process, and is the best notice practicable under the 9 circumstances, and shall constitute valid, due and sufficient notice to all 10 Settlement Class Members.

11 13. The Court hereby authorizes and directs the Settlement Administrator to mail or cause to be mailed to Settlement Class Members the 12 Class Notice, completed Information Sheet and the Request for Exclusion Form. 13 Such documents shall be sent by First Class U.S. mail, postage prepaid. Mailing 14 of the Class Notice shall occur on November 3, 2020. The Class Notice, 15 completed Information Sheet and the Request for Exclusion Form shall be 16 mailed using the information provided by R&M in the Class Information, as 17 updated, to the extent that Class Notices are returned undeliverable, by the 18 Settlement Administrator as provided in the Second Amended and Restated 19 Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel may provide additional updated mailing 20 and/or emailing addresses to the Settlement Administrator. If these procedures 21 are followed, notice to Class Members shall be deemed to have been satisfied, 22 and if the intended recipient of the Class Notice does not receive the Class 23 Notice, the intended recipient shall nevertheless remain a Settlement Class 24 25 Member and shall be bound by all terms of the Settlement Agreement and this Preliminary Approval Order. The Settlement Administrator shall provide 26 periodic reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel. 27

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1	14. On or before <del>DecemberJanuary</del> 19, <del>20202021</del> , Class Counsel shall
- 4	serve and file its application for a Class Counsel Award and litigation costs and
3	expenses as well as any application for a Service Award.

4 15. Five days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel shall
5 serve and file the declaration of the Settlement Administrator containing the
6 information required by the Second Amended and Restated Settlement
7 Agreement.

8 16. The Court reserves the right to adjourn or continue the date of the
9 Final Approval Hearing without further notice to Class Members, and retains
10 jurisdiction to consider all further applications or motions arising out of or
11 connected with the proposed settlement.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13	Dated: September, 2020	
14		William D. Claster Judge of the Superior Court
15	APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONT	ů i
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17	Dated: September 8, 2020	BLEAU FOX A Professional Law Corporation
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19		By: /s/ Samuel T. Rees SAMUEL T. REES
20		Attorneys for Plaintiff and the Plaintiff Class
21	Dated: September 8, 2020	KRING & CHUNG LLP
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23		By: /s/ Allyson K. Thompson ALLYSON K. THOMPSON
24		Attorneys for R&M PACIFIC RIM, INC.
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# EXHIBIT B

#### Samuel T. Rees

From:	Kerri N. Polizzi [kpolizzi@kringandchung.com]
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То:	Samuel T. Rees
Cc:	Allyson K. Thompson; 'Nathan Childress'
Subject:	RE: [EXTERNAL]:Ex Parte (K&C file no. 6245.003)

Good morning Sam,

This will confirm that the Notice below has been received, that we do not intend to oppose your application, and do not have objections to the amended proposed order. We look forward to the Court's guidance on this matter so that we can proceed.

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## Kerri N. Polizzi

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]:Ex Parte

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Kerri/Allyson,

Please consider this my ex parte notice that on September 24, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. in Department CX 104, I shall present the attached application and seek to have the Court sign the attached [Proposed] Amended Preliminary Approval Order. This email will be Exhibit B to that application.

Note that pursuant to our earlier conversation, I am advising the Court that R&M does not oppose this application and concurs that it should be brought. Please also approve the amended PAO so it may be submitted.

Samuel T. Rees 2801 West Empire Avenue

Burbank, California 91504 STReesEsq@Earthlink.Net The preceding email message (including any attachments) contains information that may be confidential, protected by the attorney-client or other applicable privileges, or constitute non-public information. It is intended to be conveyed only to the designated recipient(s). If you are not an intended recipient of this message, please notify the sender by replying to this message and then delete it from your system. Use, dissemination, or reproduction of this message by unintended recipients is not authorized and may be unlawful.

1	PROOF OF SERVICE		
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3	I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 580 West Empire Avenue, Burbank, California 91504.		
4	On September 22, 2020, I served the foregoing document(s) described as <b>PLAINTIFF'S</b> <b>UNOPPOSED</b> EX PARTE APPLICATION TO AMEND PRELIMINARY		
5	APPROVAL ORDER; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION OF SAMUEL on the interested parties to this action who are listed on the attached		
6	Service List by electronically serving those persons at the electronic addresses noted therein.		
7	STATE: I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.		
8	<b>FEDERAL:</b> I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the		
9	foregoing is true and correct of my own personal knowledge, and that I am employed in the office of a member of the Bar of this Court at whose discretion this service was made.		
10	Executed on September 22, 2020, at Burbank, California.		
11	/s/ Nathan Childress		
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