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Mr. Richard Lanvon Executive Director OFFICE

Settlement of the Workers' Compensation Claim of Diane Heirman vs. MWRDGC, IWCC Nos. 04 WC 42926 and 04 WC 42927, Illinois Workers' Compensation

Commission, in the sum of \$5,341.60. Account 901-30000-601090.

Dear Sir:

Diane Heirman is a Maintenance Laborer A at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant. On September 24, 2001, she was loading branches into a truck. While stepping down off the truck, she fell into the lift gate. She went to Advocate Occupational Health and was diagnosed with a contusion of the right leg. Ms. Heirman underwent physical therapy and lost no time from work.

On June 8, 2004, Ms. Heirman complained of muscle spasms in her right thigh after climbing rungs to exit a manhole vault. She went to Swedish Covenant Hospital and was diagnosed with a right thigh muscle strain. She underwent physical therapy and lost two weeks from work.

Subject to the approval of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, these claims can be settled for the sum of \$5,341.60 which represents a 5% loss of use of the right leg for both cases.

The General Counsel believes this is an equitable settlement to conclude this matter and requests payment of that sum be approved and he be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick M. Feldman General Counsel

Submitted by:

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Claims & Investigations Administrator

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June 2, 2010

Mr. Richard Lanyon Executive Director O F F I C E

Re: Payment of the Award in the Workers' Compensation Claim of David Hanek vs. MWRDGC, IWCC No. 06 WC 049088, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, in the sum of \$7,203.54. Account 901-30000-601090.

Dear Sir:

David Hanek is a Treatment Plant Operator III at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant. On December 9, 2005, at the Little Calumet Tunnel Construction Office Parking Area, he slipped and fell onto his right arm while walking to a vehicle. The parking area was plowed but still snow covered. Mr. Hanek went to Pronger Smith Medical Clinic and was diagnosed with a ruptured biceps tendon. Mr. Hanek advised the clinic doctor that he initially injured his arm two weeks prior on November 24, 2005, while playing football. Medical records from Mr. Hanek's orthopedist noted that he hyperextended his arm playing football which resulted in a partial tear of the biceps tendon. The orthopedist later opined that the December 9, 2005, fall resulted in a major rupture of the biceps tendon. Mr. Hanek underwent extensive physical therapy. He lost 71 days of work.

Mr. Hanek filed an Application for Adjustment of Claim with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC) being Case No. 06 WC 049088. This case proceeded to arbitration on November 5, 2008. Based on the medical records and testimony presented at trial, the arbitrator awarded a 2.5% loss of use of the right arm (\$3,742.95) finding that Mr. Hanek suffered a strain of the right elbow after the fall at work on December 9, 2005, and not the extensive damage purported by Mr. Hanek and his orthopedist.

Mr. Hanek appealed the decision to the IWCC. The IWCC increased the award from 2.5% loss of the arm to 5% loss of the right arm (\$6,953.30). With interest (\$250.25), the total award due is \$7,203.54.

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The General Counsel believes this is still an excellent result and requests payment of the award be approved and he be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 15, 2010

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Mr. Richard Lanyon **Executive Director** OFFICE

> Re: Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim of Patricia McAllister vs. MWRDGC, Case No. 06 WC 48696, Illinois Workers' Compensation

Commission, in the sum of \$9,628.13. Account 901-30000-601090

Dear Sir:

Patricia McAllister is a Principal Storekeeper at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant. On July 21, 2006, while lifting a 50-pound sprocket using both of her hands, the sprocket slipped resulting in her left ring finger being trapped between the sprocket and the concrete floor. She went to Pronger Smith Medical Clinic and was diagnosed with a fracture of the distal phalanx of the left ring finger. Ms. McAllister's orthopaedic specialist opined that the July 21, 2006, injury also caused ligament damage to a pre-existing thumb condition and that she developed right shoulder tendonitis due to overuse while favoring the left hand. Ms. McAllister underwent therapy for the thumb and shoulder conditions.

Subject to the approval of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, this claim can be settled for the sum of \$9,628.13 which represents a 20% loss of the left ring finger (\$3,347.84), 10% of the left thumb (\$4,711.77), and 1% of the right arm (\$1,568.52).

The General Counsel believes this is an equitable settlement to conclude this matter and requests payment of that sum be approved and he be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

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July 19, 2010

Mr. Richard Lanyon **Executive Director** OFFICE

Increase in the Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim of Lucy Wilson vs. MWRDGC, Case No. 06 WC 25696, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission,

from \$6,968.40 to \$9,214.00. Account 901-30000-601090

Dear Sir:

Lucy Wilson is a Maintenance Laborer B at the North Side Water Reclamation Plant. On April 3, 2006, she was at the Deerfield Reservoir to clear debris when a co-worker fell into the creek and drowned. Ms. Wilson treated with a psychologist for post traumatic stress syndrome. On March 9, 2007, the Executive Director approved a settlement in the matter for \$6,968.40 or 3% of the person as a whole, but no agreement has been finalized. Ms. Wilson has recently notified us that she personally paid \$2,245.60 for treatment from the psychologist and requests that we reimburse her for this amount. Ms. Wilson was referred to the psychologist by the District's Employee Assistance Program. The Claims Section received the doctor's treatment records and verified that Ms. Wilson paid for the treatment.

Subject to the approval of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, this claim can now be settled for the sum of \$9,214.00, which represents a loss of 3% of the person as a whole and \$2,245.60 for medical expenses.

The General Counsel recommends that payment of the additional \$2,245.60 for medical expenses be approved, for a total settlement amount of \$9,214.00, and that he be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick M. Feldman

General Counsel

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Approved:

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July 13, 2010

Mr. Richard Lanyon Executive Director OFFICE

Re: Request for Approval of Installment Payment Plan and to Freeze Interest as to LBH Industries, Inc. d/b/a Scott Plating.

Dear Sir:

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago ("District") and LBH Industries, Inc. d/b/a Scott Plating. ("Scott Plating") have reached a tentative settlement agreement regarding unpaid User Charges for the years 2008 and 2009, NCE Charges for the years 2007 (1), 2008 (2), 2009 (1), 2010 (1) and a Late Filing Fee for 2010. Scott Plating will pay in full its entire User Charge and NCE Charge liability including all accrued interest to date. Scott Plating has requested that it be allowed to make its payments over a period of six (6) months. Acceptance of this proposal will eliminate the need to initiate costly court proceedings to collect delinquent User Charges and NCE Charges. Moreover, liens are in place and will not be released until all outstanding liabilities are paid in full.

Negotiations with Scott have resulted in a proposal whereby Scott Plating agrees to pay \$10,080.27, which represents full and final settlement of its User Charge liability for the years 2008 and 2009, five (5) NCE Charges for the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, and a Late Filing Fee (2010). This sum represents a recovery of the entire outstanding liability owed by Scott Plating, including interest accrued to date. Scott Plating has requested a payment plan whereby it pays \$420 in consecutive weekly payments until paid. User Charge interest will be frozen during the pendency of the payment plan, provided Scott Plating makes its weekly payments commencing upon execution of a settlement agreement.

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Based upon the foregoing, the General Counsel respectfully requests that the Executive Director approve the settlement of the outstanding User Charge, NCE and Late Filing Fee due and owing the District by entering into a payment plan and freezing additional accruing interest during the pendency of the payment period, and for authority to execute such documents as may be necessary to effectuate this agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick M. Feldman, General Counsel

Approved by:

Richard Lanyon (Executive Director

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