#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS PENSION FUND, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BRYN MAWR FLOORING, INC., a Pennsylvania corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. 15 CV 09386

Judge Der-Yeghiayan

Magistrate Judge Valdez

### PLAINTIFFS' PETITION TO PROVE UP DAMAGES AND FOR ENTRY OF FINAL JUDGMENT

This Court granted the plaintiffs Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund et al.'s ("Trust Funds") motion for a default order against defendant BRYN MAWR

FLOORING, INC. ("Bryn Mawr") on December 16, 2015. See Docket Entry, Dec. 16, 2015,

Docket No. 8. In order to obtain a final judgment, the Trust Funds hereby submit this Plaintiffs'

Petition to Prove Up Damages and for Entry of Final Judgment ("Petition"). In support of their Petition, Trust Funds state as follows:

#### I. SUMMARY OF DAMAGES.

For the reasons explained more fully below, this Court should award the Trust Funds \$8,465.61 in damages, which includes (A) unpaid fringe benefit contributions in the amount of \$3,665.60, (B) interest in the amount of \$116.99, (C) double liquidated damages in the amount of \$727.18, (D) auditors' fees in the amount of \$1,122.50, and (E) attorneys' fees and costs of \$2,833.34.

#### II. ARGUMENT.

#### A. Damages for Non-Union Subcontracting Liability.

Bryn Mawr is signatory to the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters ("Union"). *See* Declaration of J. Libby ¶3, Exhibit A. The Trust Funds conducted an audit of Bryn Mawr's books and records which revealed unpaid fringe benefit contributions in the amount of \$3,665.60. *See* Declaration of J. Libby ¶¶4-8, Exhibit A.

Under ERISA, Bryn Mawr is liable to the Trust Funds for any unpaid fringe benefit contributions. ERISA states as follows:

In any action under this subchapter by a fiduciary for or on behalf of a plan to enforce section 1145 of this title in which a judgment in favor of the plan is awarded, the court shall award the plan—(A) the unpaid contributions...

See 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(A).

The audit report reveals that Bryn Mawr owes \$3,665.60 in unpaid contributions for failing to accurately report contribution hours for two employees. *See* Declaration of J. Libby ¶8, Exhibit A. A detailed breakdown of the unpaid fringe benefit contributions is attached as Exhibit 1 to the declaration of J. Libby. Therefore, the amount due for unpaid fringe benefit contributions is \$3,665.60.

#### **B.** Interest.

Under ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132, Trust Funds are entitled to collect interest on the unpaid contributions. Section 1132(g)(2)(B) provides as follows:

- (2) In any action under this subchapter by a fiduciary for or on behalf of a plan to enforce section 1145 of this title in which a judgment in favor of the plan is awarded, the court shall award the plan—
  - (B) interest on the unpaid contributions,

. .

For purposes of this paragraph, interest on unpaid contributions shall be determined by using the rate provided under the plan, or, if none, the rate prescribed under section 6621 of title 26.

See 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2). And, section 6621 of title 26 provides as follows:

- (2) **Underpayment rate.** The underpayment rate established under this section shall be the sum of—
  - (A) the Federal short-term rate determined under subsection (b), plus
  - **(B)** 3 percentage points.

This is consistent with the trust agreements which also allow the Trust Funds to collect interest on the amount due. *See* Decl. of J. Libby ¶9, Exhibit A.

Therefore, the Trust Funds are entitled to recover interest based on the statute. The amount due as interest on the fringe benefit contributions is \$116.99. *See* Declaration of J. Libby ¶11, Exhibit A. Accordingly, this Court should award the Trust Funds interest in the amount of \$116.99 pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2).

#### C. Liquidated Damages.

Under ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132, the Trust Funds are entitled to collect liquidated damages on the unpaid contributions. Section 1132(g)(2)(C)(ii) provides as follows:

- (2) In any action under this subchapter by a fiduciary for or on behalf of a plan to enforce section 1145 of this title in which a judgment in favor of the plan is awarded, the court shall award the plan—
- (C) an amount equal to the greater of—

(ii) liquidated damages provided for under the plan in an amount not in excess of 20 percent (or such higher percentage as may be permitted under Federal or State law) of the amount determined by the court under subparagraph (A),

This is consistent with the trust agreements which also allow the Trust Funds to collect liquidated damages of 1.5% monthly on the amount due. *See* Decl. of J. Libby ¶9, Exhibit A.

The total liquidated damages calculated at 1.5% per month compounded and capped at 20% equal \$727.18. *See* Decl. of J. Libby ¶11, Exhibit A.

#### D. Auditor's Fees.

Under the terms of the Trust Agreements and the Area Agreement, a signatory employer is liable for reasonable fees of auditors retained by the Trust Funds used to establish the amount of delinquent contributions to the Trust Funds. *See* Declaration of J. Libby ¶12, Exhibit A.

Moreover, ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132, likewise provides that the Trust Funds are entitled to recover auditors' fees incurred to prove the amount of contributions owed:

ERISA itself grants the district court authority to award the plaintiffs their reasonable attorney's fees and costs in successful actions to collect unpaid fringe benefit contributions owed to multi-employer plans, 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2)(D), along with 'such other legal or equitable relief as the court deems appropriate,' id. § 1132(g)(2)(E). This court, among others, has construed the latter provision to include an award of audit costs. *Moriarty ex rel. Local Union No. 727, I.B.T. Pension Trust v. Svec*, 429 F.3d 710, 721 (7th Cir. 2005) (*citing Operating Eng'rs Pension Trust v. A-C Co.*, 859 F.2d 1336, 1343 (9th Cir. 1988)).

See Trustees of the Chicago Plastering Institute Pension Trust v. Cork Plastering Co., 570 F.3d 890, 902 (7th Cir. 2009).

The Trust Funds incurred \$1,122.50 in auditors' fees for the audit of Bryn Mawr's fringe benefit contributions to the Trust Funds during the Audit Period. *See* Declaration of J. Libby ¶12, Exhibit A.

Accordingly, this Court should award the Trust Funds \$1,122.50 in reasonable auditors' fees for the audit of Bryn Mawr's books and records to determine that Bryn Mawr owed unpaid fringe benefit contributions.

#### E. Attorneys' Fees and Costs.

Under the terms of the Trust Agreements and the Area Agreement, Bryn Mawr is liable for reasonable attorney fees incurred in collecting the delinquent contributions. *See* Declaration of J. Libby ¶10, Exhibit A.

In addition to Bryn Mawr's contractual obligation to pay legal fees, Bryn Mawr has a statutory obligation to pay attorneys' fees and costs. Under ERISA 29 U.S.C. §1132, Trust Funds are entitled to recover attorneys' fees and costs incurred to collect the unpaid contributions. Section 1132(g) provides as follows:

(g) Attorney's fees and costs; awards in actions involving delinquent contributions ... (2) In any action under this subchapter by a fiduciary for or on behalf of a plan to enforce section 1145 of this title in which a judgment in favor of the plan is awarded, the <u>court shall award the plan</u>—.... (D) reasonable attorney's fees and costs of the action, to be paid by the defendant ...

See 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2) (emphasis added). Bryn Mawr is also liable for attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the Trust Funds to enforce any judgment entered in this matter. See Free v. Briody, 793 F.2d 807, 808-09 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986).

Here the Trust Funds incurred \$2,833.34 in attorneys' fees and costs. As stated in the affidavit and detailed billing statements accompanying this petition, the total fees and costs are comprised of \$2,040.00 for attorney time, \$174.00 in paralegal time and \$619.34 in costs. *See* Declaration of K. McJessy ¶¶2,4, Exhibit B.

Billing statements are admissible to show the reasonableness of attorneys' fees and costs in ERISA cases. *See Trustees of the Chicago Plastering Inst. Pension Trust*, 570 F.3d at 903 (relying on attorneys "time records"); *Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund v. RCI Enterprises, Inc.*, 2011 U.S. Dist LEXIS \*6-7 (N.D. Ill., July 20, 2011) (Feinerman, J.) (relying on billing time records for award of attorneys' fees).

Moreover, the fees charged here of \$160/hour and \$220/hour for attorney time are not only incredibly reasonable but a great bargain and a below market rate compared to the rates charged by other attorneys handling similar ERISA matters in the Northern District of Illinois.

As a matter of law, the Northern District of Illinois has recognized that hourly rates of \$175 per

hour to \$250 per hour are reasonable rates for attorney time for ERISA litigation. *See Trustees of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund v. RCI Enterprises, Inc.*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS \*6 (N.D. Ill.) (holding that attorney rates of \$180/hr for a junior attorney to \$250/hr for a partner are reasonable hourly rates for ERISA lawsuit by the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters); *Board of Trustees of the Rockford Pipe Trades Indus. Pension Fund v. Fiorenza Enters.*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 28209, 21-22 (N.D. Ill. Mar. 18, 2011) ("the court finds that the hourly rates [of \$195, \$210 and \$235 per hour] . . . are reasonable" for fringe benefit trust funds lawsuit against employer to collect unpaid contributions); *Trustees of the Teamsters Union Local No. 142 Pension Trust Fund v. Actin, Inc.*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 103434, 20-21 (N.D. Ind. Sept. 28, 2010) (awarding attorneys fees based on an hourly rate of \$175.00 to \$200.00 per hour for attorneys' time and \$90 per hour for paralegal time); *Divane v. Mitchell Sec. Sys.*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 27825 (N.D. Ill. Apr. 7, 2008) ("The court finds that the billing rates [of \$220.00 to 240.00 for attorneys] are reasonable.").

#### III. CONCLUSION.

For the forgoing reasons, the Trust Funds respectfully request that this Court enter final judgment for the Trust Funds in the amount of \$8,465.61 as follows:

- A. \$3,665.60 in unpaid contributions pursuant to the audit;
- B. \$1,122.50 for auditor's fees incurred by the Trust Funds to complete the audit of Defendant's books and records;
- C. \$116.99 in interest pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2)(B);
- D. \$727.18 in liquidated damages pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2)(C); and
- E. \$2,833.34 in reasonable attorneys' fees and costs the Trust Funds incurred in this action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(1) and/or § 1132(g)(2)(D).

The Trust Funds shall also recover reasonable attorney' fees and costs incurred by the Trust Funds in enforcing this order and any such further relief as this Court deems appropriate. *See* 

*Free v. Briody*, 793 F.2d 807, 808-09 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986). A proposed order is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

### CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS PENSION FUND *et al.*

By: s/ Kevin P. McJessy
One of Their Attorneys

Kevin P. McJessy McJessy, Ching & Thompson, LLC 3759 North Ravenswood, Suite 231 Chicago, Illinois 60613 (773) 880-1260 (773) 880-1265 (facsimile) mcjessy@MCandT.com

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Kevin P. McJessy, an attorney, certify that I caused the foregoing **Plaintiffs' Petition to Prove Up Damages and for Entry of Final Judgment** to be served upon

John Delia, President Bryn Mawr Flooring, Inc. 113 W. Ridge Pike Conshohocken, PA 19428

via U.S. Mail by depositing the same in the U.S. Mail depository located at 3759 N. Ravenswood with postage prepaid on this  $11^{th}$  day of January 2016.

s/ Kevin P. McJessy Kevin P. McJessy

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# Exhibit A

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

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Magistrate Judge Valdez

#### **DECLARATION OF JOHN LIBBY**

I, John Libby, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the United States, that the following statements are true to the best of my knowledge information and belief:

- 1. I am the Manager, Audits & Collections for the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund, the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Welfare Fund, the Chicago and Northeast Illinois Regional Council of Carpenter Apprentice and Trainee Program and the Labor/Management Union Carpentry Cooperation Promotion Fund (collectively "the Trust Funds").
- 2. As part of my duties, I am responsible for managing the collection of contributions for medical, pension and other benefits due from numerous employers pursuant to collective bargaining agreements between the employers and the Chicago and Northeast Illinois Regional Council of Carpenters ("Union") and between employers and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.
- 3. BRYN MAWR FLOORING, INC., a Pennsylvania corporation ("Defendant") is an employer bound by a collective bargaining agreement with the Union ("Area Agreement"). A copy of the Agreement dated August 24, 2009 between Defendant and the Union by which

Defendant agreed to be bound by the Area Agreement is attached as Exhibit 1. The Agreement binds Defendant to the Area Agreement with the Union and the trust agreements establishing the Trust Funds. The Agreement, the Area Agreement and the trust agreements are collectively referred to herein as "Agreements."

- 4. Pursuant to the Agreements, Defendant is required to pay fringe benefit contributions to the Trust Funds for work performed by Defendant's employees and non-union subcontractors performing work falling within the jurisdiction of the Union.
- 5. Pursuant to the Agreements, Defendant also agreed to submit to a periodic audit of its books and records in order to verify the accuracy of the contributions reported and paid to the Trust Funds.
- 6. The Trust Funds engaged Legacy Professionals, LLP ("Legacy") to conduct an audit of Defendant's fringe benefit contributions to the Trust Funds for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.
- 7. Defendant produced records to Legacy. Legacy prepared a report of Defendant's fringe benefit contributions to the Trust Funds based on Legacy's review of the records produced by Defendant. Legacy delivered a copy of its Audit Report to the Trust Funds for Defendant's account. The Trust Funds made demand on Defendant to pay the amount due according the Audit Report.
- 8. Thereafter, Defendant produced additional documents to the Trust Funds in order to explain why it believed that it did not owe all of the contributions set forth in the original Audit Report prepared by Legacy. Based on the records produced by Defendant, the Trust Funds adjusted the original Audit Report. A copy of the adjusted Audit Report is attached as Exhibit 2. According to the adjusted Audit Report and based on the records produced by Defendant to

Legacy and to the Trust Funds, Defendant owes \$3,665.60 in unpaid fringe benefit contributions to the Trust Funds.

- 9. The Agreements provide that the Trust Funds collect liquidated damages on unpaid fringe benefit contributions at a rate of 1½ percent compounded monthly and capped at 20 percent. The Agreements also provide that the Trust Funds collect interest on unpaid fringe benefit contributions as allowed by law.
- 10. Because Defendant failed to comply with the terms of the Agreements, the Trust Funds have had to employ the services of attorney McJessy Ching & Thompson, LLC. As a result, the Trust Funds incurred attorneys' fees and costs.
- 11. A summary of the updated calculations of accrued interest and liquidated damages as of December 21, 2015 is attached hereto as Exhibit 3. Defendant owes \$116.99 in unpaid interest calculated pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §6621 and \$727.18 in unpaid liquidated damages calculated in accordance with the Agreements.
- 12. The Trust Funds paid Legacy \$1,027.50 as auditors' fees for Legacy to conduct its review of Defendant's books and records and to prepare the Audit Report.
- 13. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated in this affidavit and could testify competently to them.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on:

Date



### Memorandum of Agreement

	ess 113 W. Ridge Pikc
City Conshohocken State PA Zip	19428 Phone 610-828-3880
THIS AGREEMENT is entered into between ("Union") and the Employer, including its successors and the Union including the following counties in Illinois: B Grundy, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Jo Daviess, Kar Marshall, McHenry, Mercer, Ogle, Putnam, Rock Winnebago. The following counties in Iowa: Allamakee Buchanan, Butler, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Cla Dubuque, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Grundy, Hancock Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Kossuth, Lee, Linn, Louisa, Tama, Van Buren, Wapello, Washington, Wayne, W following counties in Wisconsin: Kenosha, Milwaukee, The Union and the Employer do hereby agree to the follows.	assigns covering the geographic jurisdiction of cone, Burcau, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, he, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, La Salle, Lee, Island, Stark, Stephenson, Whiteside, Will, e, Appanoose, Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, ayton, Clinton, Davis, Delaware, Des Moines, t., Henry, Howard, Iowa, Jackson, Jesserson, Mahaska, Mitchell, Monroe, Muscatine, Scott, Vin nebago, Winneshiek, Worth, Wright. The Ozaukee, Racine, Washington and Waukesha.
1. The Employer recognizes the Union as the s behalf of its employees who are working within the Union.	territorial and occupational invediction of the
<ol> <li>The Employer has reviewed sufficient evidence bargaining representative of a majority of its employer occupational jurisdiction of the Union.</li> </ol>	e and is satisfied that the Union is the exceptive es presently working thin, the territorial and
3. The Employer and the Union agree to incorpor bound by the Agreements negotiated between the Chica employers and employer associations, including all Arc execution of this Memorandum Agreement and endin successor Agreements which are incorporated herein (swritten notice by certified mail to the Chicago Regional Agreement at least three (3) calendar months prior to the shall continue in full force and effect through the full twhich are incorporated by reference.	go Regional Council of the period of the with the g on the expiration dates of any current and ce attached list). Unless the Employer provides Council of its desire to terminate or modify the expiration of such Agreements, the Agreement
4. The Employer agrees to be bound to the ter- contributions are required to be made under the Agreen rules and regulations adopted by the Trustees of each Fu	nents incorporated in Paragraph 3, including all
In Witness Whereof the parties have executed this Mem August 2009,	orandum of Agreement on this <u>24th</u> day of
EMPLOYER	CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS
Joanne De Lia, YP	Authorized Regional Council Representative
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#### Agreements

#### (Central Region)

Mid American Regional Bargaining Association, Cook, Lake and DuPage Mid American Regional Bargaining Association, Kane, Kendall and McHenry Mid American Regional Bargaining Association, Will Kankakee Contractors Association
Residential Construction Employers' Council, Cook, Lake and DuPage Residential Construction Employers' Council, Will Residential Construction Employers' Council, Grundy Woodworkers Association of Chicago (Mill-Cabinet)

(Western Region)

#### **Hinois**

Quad City Builders Association, Commercial, Rock Island Mercer, Henry and Henderson Floor Covering, Rock Island, Mercer, Honry and Henderson Illinois Valley Contractors' Association, Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam and Stark Window and Door, Boone, Bureau, Carroll, DeKalb, Henderson, Henry, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Marshall, Mercer, Ogle, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Commercial/Residential, DeKalb, Eastern Ogle and cities in Sandwhich and Somonauk Residential Construction Employers' Council, DeKalb, Eastern Ogle and cities in Sandwich and Somonauk Residential Construction Employers' Council, Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Northern Illinois Building Contractors Association Inc., Boone, Carroll, Jo Davies, Lee, Ogle. Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Ploor Covering, Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Millwright, Boone, Bureau, Carroll, DeKalb, Henderson, Jo Daviss, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Mercer, Ogle, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago Associated General Contractors of Illinois (Heavy and Highway) Highway Districts 2-7 and portions of 1 and 8

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Commercial, Muscatine, Scott, Louisa north of Iowa River
Floorcovering, Lousia north of Iowa River, Muscatine and Scott
Residential, Clinton, Louisa, Muscatine, Scott and Seven southern most townships of Jackson County
including Monmouth, South Fork, Maquoketa, Fairfield, Van Buren, Iowa and Union
Heavy and Highway Associated Contractors Agreement Scott County
Herberger Construction Heavy and Highway
Heavy and Highway Contractors' Association- entire State except Scott County
Commercial Benton, Jones, Linn and Tama
Residential Benton, Jones, Linn and Tama
Commercial, Des Moines, Henry, Lee and Louisa south of Iowa River
Residential, Des Moines, Henry, Lee and Louisa south of Iowa River

Commercial/Residential Dubuque, Delaware, Clayton, and Six Northern Townships in Jackson Commercial/Residential, Appanoosa, Davis, Jefferson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Monroe, Van Buren, Wapello, and Wayne

Commercial, Clinton, Seven Southern most townships of Jackson including Monmouth, South Fork, Maquoketa, Fairfield, Van Buren, Iowa, and Union

Floor Covering, Dubuque, Deleware, Clayton, and six Northern Townships in Jackson Window and Door, State

Commercial, Ceder, Iowa, Johnson, Poweshiek and Washington

Commercial Interior Systems, Ceder, Iowa, Johnson, Poweshiek and Washington

Residential, Ceder, Iowa, Johnson, Poweshiek and Washington

Commercial, Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, Kossuth, Winnebago, Worth and Wright, Buchanan, Independent Contractors of Waterloo (Commercial) Butler, Chicksaw, Fayette, Floyd, Grundy, Howard, Mitchell, Winneshiek

Millwright, Adair, Allmakee, Appanoosa, Benton, Black Hawk, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Cedar, Calhoun, Carroll, Cerro Gordo, Chicksaw, Clayton, Clarke, Clinton, Dallas, Davis, Decatur, Deleware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Emmet, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Howard, Humboldt, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Lee, Linn, Lucas, Louisa, Madison, Mahaska, Marlon, Marshall, Mitchell, Monroe, Muscatine, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Polk, Poweshiek, Ringhold, Scott, Story, Tama, Union, Van Buren, Warren, Wapello, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Winnebego, Winneshiek, Worth, Wright

(Northern Region)

Commercial Carpenters and Floor Coverers' Agreement (State of Wisconsin)
Commercial Capenters Agreement, Kenosha/Racine
Millwright Erectors' Agreement
Pile Drivers' Agreement
Insulators Agreement

Overhead Door Agreement

The Employers Acknowledges receipt of a current copy of each agreement under which the company will be performing work. Each of the agreements are available upon request

It is also understood and agreed that it is the Employers obligation to make a written request of additional Collective Bargaining Agreement(s) in the event that the Company performs work in areas for which it has not already obtained a copy of the applicable Agreement.

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## EXHIBIT 2

### Discrepancy Summary By Month

Account Number:

24924

Audit Period:

Jan 14 - Dec 14

Employer:

Bryn Mawr Flooring Inc

Contact: Title: Joanne Delia Vice President

Address: Phone:

113 W Ridge Pike Conshohocken, PA 19428

610-828-3880

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Reporting Period	Discrepancy Total Hours	Discrepancy Benefit Hours	Contribution Rate	Discrepancy Amount
February 2014	(8.00)	(8.00)	26.87	(\$214.9
July 2014	40.00	40.00	28.12	\$1,124.80
August 2014	25.00	25.00	28.12	\$703.00
September 2014	17.00	17.00	28.12	\$478.04
October 2014	8.00	8.00	28.12	\$224.96
December 2014	48.00	48.00	28.12	\$1,349.76

Tota	Benefit	Discrepancy Amount	\$3,665.60
Hou	Hours 130.00	Liquidated Damages	\$727.18
			\$4,392.78

### Discrepancy Summary By Error Type

Account Number:

24924

Audit Period:

Jan 14 - Dec 14

Employer:

Bryn Mawr Flooring Inc

Contact:

Joanne Delia

Address:

113 W Ridge Pike

Title:

Vice President

Phone:

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Code	Description	Dollar Amount
	SIGNATORY EMPLOYER: PAYROLL	
P1 P3	Clerical Error Omission	\$3,440.64 \$224.96

Sub-Total Discrepancies From All Listed Codes Liquidated Damages **Total Amount Due** 

\$3,665.60 \$727.18 \$4,392.78

## Liquidated Damages Schedule

Account Number:

24924

Audit Period:

Jan 14 - Dec 14

Employer: Address: Bryn Mawr Flooring Inc 113 W Ridge Pike

Contact: Title:

Joanne Delia Vice President

Phone:

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Reporting Period	Contributions	Compounding	Calculating	Total Liquidated
	Due	Periods	Percentage	Damages Owed
February 2014 July 2014 August 2014 September 2014 October 2014 December 2014	(\$214.96)	22.00	20.00%	(\$42.99)
	\$1,124.80	17.00	20.00%	\$224.96
	\$703.00	16.00	20.00%	\$140.60
	\$478.04	15.00	20.00%	\$95.61
	\$224.96	14.00	20.00%	\$44.99
	\$1,349.76	12.00	19.56%	\$264.01

Total Discrepancies

\$3,665.60

Total Damages this Schedule 20% of Discrepancies

\$727.18 \$733.12

**Assessed Damages** 

\$727.18

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Account Number: 24924	er: 24924	Audit Period:	Jan 14 - Dec 14
Employer:	Bryn Mawr Flooring Inc 113 W Bidne Dike	Month:	February 2014
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Benefit	Hour	Difference	(8.00)	(8.00)
Total				(8.00)
	Capped	Hours		
*	Total	Hours	8:00	8.00
* * * *	W/E	04-Mar	0.00	0.00
s Per Wee	W/E	25-Feb	4.00	4.00
* * * Actual Hours Per Week * * *	W/E	20-Feb	0.00	0.00
*	W/E	13-Feb	0.00	00.00
*	W/E	06-Feb	4.00	4.00
Benefit	Hours	Keported	16.00	Total
Total	Hours	Keported	16.00	
	Error	ge Code	<u> </u>	
	Employee / Payee	Name	Bussa, Steven	
	Reference	Number		

Total Items Listed in this Period: 1.00

	Monthly Detail Report	Report	
Account Number: 24924	4924	Audit Period:	Jan 14 - Dec 14
Employer: B	Bryn Mawr Flooring Inc 113 W Ridne Dike	Month:	July 2014
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Benefit	Hour		32.00 8.00	40.00
Total	Hour	Difference	32.00 8.00	40.00
	Capped	Hours		
*	Total	Hours	8.00 8.00	160.00
* * * * <b>*</b>				0.00
* * * * * Actual Hours Per Week *			0.00	40.00
Actual Hou			0.00	40.00
* * *	_		0.00	40.00
*	W/E	108-Jul	32.00 8.00	40.00
Benefit	Hours	Reported	0.00	Total
Total	Hours	Reported	0.00	
	Error	Code	<u>7</u> g	
	Employee / Payee	Name	Bussa, Steven Mueller, Anthony	
	Reference	Number		

Total Items Listed in this Period: 2.00

	Monthly Detail Report	Report	
Account Number: 24924	ar. 24924	Audit Period:	Jan 14 - Dec 14
Employer: Address:	Bryn Mawr Flooring Inc 113 W Ridde Dike	Month:	August 2014
Phone:	Conshohocken, PA 19428 610-828-3880	Page#:	6 of 9

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Benefit	Hour	_		25.00
Total	Hour	Difference	25.00	25.00
	Capped	Hours		
*				225.00
* * * * *	W/E	02-Sep	40.00	40.00
* * * * Actual Hours Per Week * * *	W/E	26-Aug	56.00	56.00
Actual Hou	W/E		49.00	49.00
* * *	W/E	12-Aug	40.00	40.00
*		05-Aug	·	40.00
Benefit	Hours	Reported	200.00	Total
Total	Hours		200.00	
	Error	Code	<u>7</u>	
	Employee / Payee	Name	Bussa, Steven	
	Reference	Number	A. Company of the Com	

Total Items Listed in this Period:

1.00

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Account Number: 24924	ar. 24924	Audit Period:	Jan 14 - Dec 14
Employer:	Bryn Mawr Flooring Inc	Month:	September 2014
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Benefit	Hour	Difference		16.00	17.00
Total	Hour	Difference	1.00	16.00	17.00
	Capped	Hours			
*		Hours	193.00	40.00	233.00
* * * *					0.00
* * * * * Actual Hours Per Week *	W/E	30-Sep	40.00	40.00	80.00
Actual Hou	W/E	23-Sep	49.00	0.00	49.00
* * *	W/E	16-Sep	56.00		26.00
*	W/E	09-Sep	48.00	0.00	48.00
Benefit	Hours	Reported	192.00	24.00	Total
Total	Hours	Reported	192.00	24.00	
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	- Employee / Payee	Name	Bussa, Steven	Magiera, Jeffrey	
	Reference	Number			

Total Items Listed in this Period: 2.00

	Monthly	Jonthly Detail Report	
Account Number: 24924	: 24924	Audit Period:	Jan 14 - Dec 14
Employer: Address:	Bryn Mawr Flooring Inc 113 W Ridge Pike	Month:	October 2014
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Benefit		Difference	1	8.00
Total	Hour	Difference	8.00	8.00
	Capped	Hours		
*	Total	Hours	88.00	88.00
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* * * * * Actual Hours Per Week *	W/E	14-Oct	40.00	40.00
*	W/E	07-Oct	48.00	46.00
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Total	Hours	Reported	80.00	
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	Employee / Payee	Name	Bussa, Steven	
	Reference	Number		

Total Items Listed in this Period:

	Jan 14 - Dec 14	December 2014	9 of 9
Monthly Detail Report	Audit Period:	Month:	Page #:
	er; 24924	Bryn Mawr Flooring Inc 113 W Ridge Pike	Conshohocken, PA 19428 610-828-3880
	Account Number: 24924	Employer: Address:	Phone:

Benefit			f I	48.00
Total		Diff		48.00
	Capped	Hours		
*	Total	Hours	144.00	144.00
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rs Per Wee	W/E			0.00
* Actual Hours Per Week * *	W/E	ı	1	48.00
* * *	W/E	16-Dec	40.00	40.00
*	W/E	09-Dec	26.00	26.00
Benefit	Hours	Keported	00.96 F	lotal
Total	Hours		00.00	_
	Error		0.	
	Employee / Payee	Name	Bussa, Steven	
	Reference	radifficer		

1.00 Total Items Listed in this Period:

## EXHIBIT 3

### Interest & Damages Summary

Account Number:

24924

Calculation Date: December 21, 2015

Employer: Address:

Bryn Mawr Flooring Inc 113 W Ridge Pike Conshohocken, PA 19428

	Delinquency	T	Liquidated	Tatal
Reporting Period	Amount	Interest	Damages	Total
		interest	Danlages	Due
February 2014	(\$214.96)	(\$11.20)	(\$42.99)	(\$269.15
July 2014	\$1,124.80	\$43.96	\$224.96	\$1,393.72
August 2014	\$703.00	\$25.62	\$140.60	\$869.22
September 2014	\$478.04	\$16.21	\$95.61	\$589.86
October 2014	\$224.96	\$7.04	\$44.99	\$276.99
December 2014	\$1,349.76	\$35.36	\$264.01	\$1,649.13
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Totals	\$3,665.60	\$116.99	\$727.18	\$4,509.7

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# Exhibit B

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS PENSION FUND, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BRYN MAWR FLOORING, INC., a Pennsylvania corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. 15 CV 09386

Judge Der-Yeghiayan

Magistrate Judge Valdez

#### **DECLARATION OF KEVIN P. MCJESSY**

- I, Kevin P. McJessy, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the United States, that the following statements are true:
- 1. I am one of the attorneys representing the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund, the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Welfare Fund, the Chicago and Northeast Illinois Regional Council of Carpenter Apprentice and Trainee Program, and the Labor/Management Union Carpentry Cooperation Promotion Fund (collectively "the Trust Funds") in the above-captioned lawsuit ("Lawsuit") against BRYN MAWR FLOORING, INC., a Pennsylvania corporation ("Defendant").
- 2. I have been licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois since 1995. I am an attorney with McJessy, Ching & Thompson, LLC ("MC&T").
- 3. As part of my practice, I handle claims under ERISA. I personally represented the Trust Funds in this Lawsuit. I have represented the Trust Funds in this Lawsuit since its inception.

- 4. The Trust Funds have incurred \$2,833.34 in fees and expenses to compel Defendant to comply with its obligations under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and applicable trust agreements. A redacted copy of the billing statement from MC&T from the inception of this Lawsuit to the present, redacted to protect privileged communications, is attached as Exhibit 1. The detailed billing statement describes in detail all work performed by MC&T in this matter.
  - a) The Trust Funds have collectively incurred fees totaling \$2,040.00 for 11.7 hours of attorney services. The Trust Funds incurred fees totaling \$1,408.00 for 8.8 hours of attorney services prior to December 31, 2015 at the substantially reduced hourly rate for attorneys at MC&T of \$160.00 per hour and fees totaling \$632.00 for 2.9 hours of attorney services after December 31, 2015 at the reduced hourly rate for attorneys at MC&T of \$220.00 per hour.
  - b) The Trust Funds have collectively incurred fees totaling \$174.00 for 2.9 hours of paralegal services. The Trust Funds incurred fees totaling \$174.00 for 2.9 hours of paralegal services prior to December 31, 2015 at the substantially reduced hourly rate for paralegals at MC&T of \$60.00 per hour.
  - c) The Trust Funds incurred \$619.34 in expenses for the filing fee, process server charges for service of summons, legal research charge, courier charge, photocopy charges and postage charges.
- 5. The attorneys' fees, paralegal fees and costs charged to the Trust Funds in this matter are consistent with MC&T's regular charges for services to the Trust Funds on similar matters and are substantially reduced from MC&T for other clients.

6. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated in this affidavit and could testify competently to them.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin P. McJessy

Date

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# Exhibit 1

McJessy, Ching & Thompson, LLC Client Ledger ALL DATES

				ALL DATES						
ate Entry #	Received From/Paid To Explanation	Chq# Rec#	G Ropts	eneral  Disbs	Fees	Bld Inv#		- Trust Ropts	Activity Disbs	Balance
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238-BRYN	Bryn Mawr Flooring, Inc Aud							Resp	Lawyer: KM	
ay 8/2015 90576		00313		5.44		9285				
ay 8/2015		00313		3.44		3203				
90753	Reviewed correspondence from B. Yackley regarding				80.00	9285				
	Reviewed									
	online information for company to which demand letter is to									
	be sent. Prepared audit									
	demand letter to Bryn Mawr Flooring.									
ay 14/2015	Lawyer: KM 0.10 Hrs X 160.00									
90773	Reviewed correspondence from B. Yackley				16.00	9285				
	rackley									
ay 19/2015	Billing on Invoice 9243									
90446	D1111119 011 111 101 0 2 3 2 4 3			0.00		9243				
ay 31/2015 90597	Expense Recovery Photocopy Recovery	00314		0.72		9285				
un 22/2015	Billing on Invoice 9285	00314				9203				
90927	FEES 96.00 DISBS 6.16			0.00		9285				
ul 13/2015	Chicago Regional Council of Carpe									
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91634				0.00		9366				
ug 20/2015 92247	Billing on Invoice 9445			0.00		9445				
ep 18/2015	Billing on Invoice 9520									
93088 ot 19/2015	Billing on Invoice 9587			0.00		9520				
93782	- 			0.00		9587				
ot 22/2015 94281	Lawyer: KM 1.80 Hrs X 160.00 Reviewed audit referral file as				288.00	9659				
	necessary to prepare complaint									
	against Bryn Mawr Flooring; prepared complaint against									
	Bryn Mawr Flooring. Reviewed									
	documents attendant to filing of complaint, i.e.,									
	appearance, cover and summons.									
ot 23/2015 93888	Seagull Legal Services Process Server recovery	4795		55.00		9659				
oct 23/2015	Lawyer: SK 1.50 Hrs X 60.00									
93889	Prepared attorney appearance, civil cover sheet and summons				90.00	9659				
	(including reviewing file									
	materials and internet searches for most accurate									
	address for defendant) (.4);									
	filed complaint, civil cover sheet and appearance with									
	court (.3); reviewed ECF court									
	notice regarding assignment of judges and completed summons									
	as appropriate (.2); prepared email correspondence to court									
	intake clerk forwarding									
	summons for issuance; prepared email correspondence to J.									
	Libby and J. Conklin									
	(.1); confer with									
	and prepared email									
	correspondence to Pennsylvania process server forwarding									
	summons and complaint for									
	service (.3); prepared correspondence to Judge									
	Der-Yeghiayan forwarding									
ot 30/2015	file-stamped complaint (.2). Lawyer: SK 0.30 Hrs X 60.00									
93931	Reviewed email from				18.00	9659				
	Pennsylvania process server regarding several unsuccessful									
	attempts made to serve summons									
	and complaint server believes service is being									
	evaded; reviewed Lexis report									
	for John Delia and confer with prepared email correspondence	,								
	to PA process server providing									
	home address for service on John or Joanne (both are									
	corporate officers).									
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				Client Ledger ALL DATES				
Date	Received From/Paid To	Chq#		General			Trust Activity -	•
Entry #		Rec#	Ropts		Fees	Inv#	Acc Repts Disbs	Balance
93966 Oct 31/2015		00330		2.76		9659		
93999	Courier Recovery	4807		14.55		9659		
Oct 31/2015 94006		4808		60.00		9659		
	Service at Home Address	4000		00,00		5005		
Nov 9/2015 94021					36.00	9749		
34021	affidavit of service upon				36.00	2143		
	corporate vice president							
	Joanne Delia at home address, reviewed email from process							
	server and confer with process							
	server regarding possible revision of affidavit to add							
	"vice president" (.2); filed							
	affidavit of service and summons with court (.2);							
	prepared correspondence to							
	Judge Der-Yeghiayan forwarding file-stamped courtesy copy of							
	same (.2).							
Nov 9/2015 94656		00333		0.49		9749		
Nov 9/2015		00333		0.49		3143		
94777	Reviewed ECF court order of Judge Der-Yeghiayan setting				112.00	9749		
	initial report dates. (.1)							
	Prepared correspondence to Bryn Mawr forwarding Court							
	order setting 12/16/15 status							
	hearing. (.2) Addressed							
	issues with regarding to affidavit of service for							
	service of complaint on vice							
	president of defendant and attempt to get affidavit							
	corrected to reflect that							
	person served was the vice president of defendant. (.2)							
	Reviewed correspondence from J.							
	Conklin regarding							
	(.1) Prepared correspondence							
	to J. Conklin							
	. (1)							
Nov 12/2015 94841					20.00	0740		
94041	Telephone call from Bryn Mawr Flooring regarding audit				32.00	9749		
	objections; should contact J.							
	Conklin directly. (.1) Telephone call to J. Conklin							
	(.1)							
Nov 20/2015 94373				0.00		9659		
	DISBS 185.81			0.00		5035		
Nov 25/2015 94550		4820		400.00		9749		
Nov 30/2015	Expense Recovery	4020		100.00		3143		
94669 Dec 4/2015		00334		1.80		9749		
95218	Reviewed and responded to				64.00			
	correspondence from J. Conklin							
	; reviewed							
Dec 10/2019	adjusted audit report. Lawyer: SK 0.50 Hrs X 60.00							
94742					30.00			
	with court; filed initial							
	status report with court; prepared correspondence to							
	Judge Der Yeghiayan forwarding							
	file-stamped courtesy copies of same.							
Dec 10/2013	Expense Recovery	0000		A == -				
95304 Dec 10/201		00336		0.71				
95329	Reviewed standing order of				160.00			
	Judge Der-Yeghiayan for jurisdictional statement and							
	status report; drafted							
	<pre>jurisdictional statement and standing order.</pre>							
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Jan/11/2016 McJessy, Ching & Thompson, LLC Page: 3 Client Ledger ALL DATES Received From/Paid To Date Chq# |---- General -----| Bld [------] Entry # Explanation Disbs Reci Ropts Fees Inv# Acc Repts Disbs Dec 14/2015 Chicago Regional Council of Carpe 94801 PMT -01696 581.81 Dec 15/2015 Billing on Invoice 9749 95033 FEES 180.00 0.00 9749 DISBS 402.29 Dec 16/2015 Lawyer: KM 1.50 Hrs X 160.00 95330 Appeared in court before Judge 240.00 Der-Yeghiayan for status hearing and hearing on oral motion for default, motion granted case continued to 1/12/15. Dec 17/2015 US Messenger & Logistics 95149 Courier Recovery 4840 14.55 Dec 18/2015 Lawyer: KM 1.60 Hrs X 160.00 95333 Prepared initial draft of 256.00 petition for prove up of damages; reviewed documents as necessary to prove up damages. Dec 22/2015 Expense Recovery 95298 Postage Recovery 00336 1.42 Dec 22/2015 Lawyer: KM 1.00 Hrs X 160.00 95332 Telephone call with J. Conklin 160.00 regarding . (.2) Prepared correspondence to Byrn Mawr Flooring making demand for amount due; payment due by 12/31/15 or Trust Funds will pursue final judgment; reviewed documents and audit documents as necessary to prepare final demand letter. Dec 31/2015 Expense Recovery 95317 Photocopy Recovery 00337 8.40 5/2016 Lawyer: KM 0.10 Hrs X 160.00 95278 Telephone call with\_J. Conklin 16.00 regarding 🗲 advised by J. Conklin Jan 7/2016 Lawyer: KM 1.50 Hrs X 220.00 95334 Telephone call with J. Conklin 330.00 (.2) Prepared declaration of J. Libby to support Trust Funds' claim for damages and to authenticate the audit report; reviewed file documents as necessary to produce the audit. (.8) Prepared correspondence to J. Libby (.1) Telephone call with J. Libby 🚛 (.1) Revised declaration per comments of J. Libby. (.1) Prepared correspondence to J. Libby  $\mathbf{P}$ . (.1) Revised motion for entry of judgment to fill in some of the damages calculations. (.1) Jan 11/2016 Lawyer: KM 1.30 Hrs X 220.00 95336 Prepared declaration of K. 286.00 McJessy in support of petition to prove up damages and reviewed billing records as necessary to prepare motion. (.8) Made final revisions to petition for prove up of damages including filling in attorneys' fees amounts. (.5)

			UNBIL	LED ———			BILLED			— BALANCES		
TOTALS	CHE	+	RECOV	+ FEES	= TOTAL	DISBS	+ FEES	+ TAX	- RECEIPTS	= A/R	TRUST	
PERIOD	14.55		10.53	1542.00	1567.08	594.26	672.00	0.00	683.97	582.29	0.00	
END DATE	14.55		10.53	1542.00	1567.08	594.26	672.00	0.00	683.97	582.29	0.00	
			UNBIL	LED —			BILLED			BALANCES		
FIRM TOTAL	CHE	+	UNBIL:	LED ———— + FEES	= TOTAL	DISBS	BILLED + FEES	+ TAX	- RECEIPTS	BALANCES = A/R	TRUST	
FIRM TOTAL PERIOD	CHE 14.55	+			= TOTAL 1567.08	DISBS 594.26		+ TAX 0.00	- RECEIPTS 683.97		TRUST	

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# Exhibit C

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

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Plaintiffs,

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BRYN MAWR FLOORING, INC., a Pennsylvania corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. 15 CV 09386

Judge Der-Yeghiayan

Magistrate Judge Valdez

#### **ORDER**

Plaintiffs Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund *et al.*'s ("Trust Funds") motion for entry of final judgment is granted and judgment is entered in favor of the Trust Funds and against defendant BRYN MAWR FLOORING, INC., a Pennsylvania corporation ("Defendant") in the amount of \$8,465.61 as follows:

- A. \$3,665.60 in unpaid contributions pursuant to the audit;
- B. \$1,122.50 for auditor's fees incurred by the Trust Funds to complete the audit of Defendant's books and records;
- C. \$116.99 in interest pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2)(B);
- D. \$727.18 in liquidated damages pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2)(C); and
- E. \$2,833.34 in reasonable attorneys' fees and costs the Trust Funds incurred in this action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(1) and/or § 1132(g)(2)(D).

The Trust Funds shall also recover reasonable attorney' fees and costs incurred by the Trust Funds in enforcing this order and any such further relief as this Court deems appropriate. *See Free v. Briody*, 793 F.2d 807, 808-09 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986).

Date	Judge Samuel Der-Yeghiayan