## THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION CIVIL CASE NO. 1:16-cv-00384-MR-DLH

DON FRANK BROWN,	
Plaintiff,	
vs.	<u>ORDER</u>
GEORGIA-PACIFIC LLC f/k/a Georgia Pacific Corporation,	
Defendant.	

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Notice of Bankruptcy Filing and Stay of Proceedings filed by the Defendant Georgia-Pacific LLC (now known as Bestwall LLC). [Doc. 18].

The Defendant has filed a notice with the Court indicating that it filed a voluntary bankruptcy petition under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code on November 2, 2017. It is well-settled that "[w]hen litigation is pending against the debtor at the time a bankruptcy case is commenced, the litigation is stayed automatically." 3 Collier on Bankruptcy ¶ 362.03[3] (16<sup>th</sup> ed. 2014); see also 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)(1) (providing that a bankruptcy petition operates as an automatic stay of "the commencement or

continuation . . . of a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the debtor"). Accordingly, the Court will consider this action stayed.

Accordingly, **IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that this action is hereby **STAYED** until further Order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall file a status report with the Court every ninety (90) days until the bankruptcy proceeding is completed or the automatic stay is lifted, whichever comes first.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: November 14, 2017

Martin Reidinger

United States District Judge