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Re: *In Re Kitec Fitting Litigation*, Clark County District Court Case No. A493302

**COURT EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR THOUSANDS OF CLARK COUNTY
HOMEOWNERS TO CLAIM FREE REPAIRS OF DEFECTIVE KITEC
PLUMBING SYSTEMS**

At a hearing held on February 26, 2014, the Honorable Timothy C. Williams reopened and extended the deadline **by three (3) years** for thousands of Clark County homeowners to claim free replumbs of the defective brass Kitec plumbing systems. The eligible homeowners now have until approximately **March 17, 2017**, or the exhaustion of all remaining class funds, whichever occurs first, to claim the free replumbs made possible through settlement funds recovered in the *In re Kitec Fitting Litigation* class action. The **homeowners must act now** or they will forfeit any right to claim relief from the class action settlements and will have no rights to pursue Kitec-related claims against the manufacturer, IpeX, or the respective Home Builders or Plumbers responsible for installing the Kitec plumbing systems.

Class Counsel, Michael Gayan of Kemp, Jones & Coulthard, LLP, explained that “Judge Williams has repeatedly recognized the importance of providing class homeowners with a full and fair opportunity to claim the available settlement relief. Today’s decision to reopen and extend the deadline is another positive ruling to protect the homeowners.”

The deadline extension impacts the owners of more than **6,000 Clark County homes** identified during the class action that were built by Del Webb, KB Homes, Woodside Homes, Richmond American Homes, Avante Homes, Signature Homes,



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Astoria Homes, Pulte, Rhodes Homes, Kimball Hill Homes, Nigro, D.R. Horton, LBM Development, Wexford Homes, American Premiere, Concordia, Desert Wind, H&H, Pageantry, Platis, RL Homes, SBA Development, Westmark Homes, John Laing Homes, and others. On March 28, 2014, notices will be mailed to the owners of these homes. A list of the developments known to be involved in the class action is found on the informational website for the class, www.PlumbingDefect.com/updates.

The Court's order also permits owners of all Kitec-containing homes in Clark County that were not discovered during the class action, including custom homes, to file a Proof of Claim at this time. A valid Proof of Claim must include adequate documentary evidence that the home contains a Kitec plumbing system. A sample Proof of Claim form is available at www.PlumbingDefect.com. Once the Court-appointed claim administrator, Total Class Solutions, LLC ("TCS") approves a Proof of Claim, the homeowner will be allowed to claim the available Kitec settlement relief.

The class action lawsuit, which involves more than 32,000 Clark County homes, alleges that as soon as Kitec fittings are exposed to water, the brass in the fittings begins to deteriorate and corrode, which inevitably leads to reduced water flow, leaks, and breaks. Hundreds of homeowners have reported leaks with resulting flood damage to homes. Kitec fittings not only cause substantial damage after they leak and burst, but also impair the ability of a home's plumbing system to effectively provide water to appliances and plumbing fixtures.

All of the homeowners are represented by the law firms of Kemp, Jones & Coulthard, LLP and Lynch, Hopper, Salzano & Smith, LLP. These firms were appointed as Class Counsel by Judge Williams on October 16, 2006, when the Court certified a class action lawsuit on behalf of all homeowners in Clark County, Nevada, who have brass Kitec plumbing fittings in their homes.

For information on how to claim the available Kitec settlement relief, visit the Court-appointed claim administrator's website, www.TotalClassSolutions.com/Settlements/Kitec. For more information about the class action itself, please go to www.PlumbingDefect.com, which has been established by Class Counsel to inform potential class members about this litigation.

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