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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

**IN RE KITEC FITTING LITIGATION**

Case No.: A493302

Dept. No.: XVI  
(ELECTRONIC FILING CASE)

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT  
NOTICE OF FAIRNESS AND GOOD FAITH SETTLEMENT HEARING**

Hearing Date & Time: August 3, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

*A court of law authorized this Notice. It is not from a lawyer. You are not being sued.*

**TO: ALL OWNERS OF RECORD OF ASTORIA HOMES CONTAINING KITEC PLUMBING SYSTEMS – YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS ARE AFFECTED WHETHER OR NOT YOU ACT. PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE NOTICE CAREFULLY.**

**PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE:** This Notice is being mailed to all owners of record of homes constructed by Astoria Homes, LLC (“Builder”) that contain Kitec or PlumbBetter plumbing systems and are located in the subdivisions known as Summer Heights, Autumn Ridge, Silverado Heights, and Stonegate (“the Settlement Subclass”). The purpose of this notice is to notify the Settlement Subclass members that a Settlement has been reached with Builder and Sharp Plumbing, Inc. (“Plumber”), the plumber responsible for installing those plumbing systems, that will create a settlement fund for the benefit of the Settlement Subclass members to pay for the replumb of the Settlement Subclass homes (“the Settlement”). **DO NOT HIRE OR CONTACT AN INDEPENDENT PLUMBER TO PERFORM A REPLUMB. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR RIGHTS TO THE REPLUMB.**

**FAIRNESS & GOOD FAITH SETTLEMENT HEARING:** The Court has issued an Order of Preliminary Approval of the Subclass Settlement and set a Fairness and Good Faith Settlement Hearing (“Fairness Hearing”) to consider the fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness of the Subclass Settlement. **The hearing will be held on August 3, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Dept. 16, Courtroom 12D of the Regional Justice Center, located at 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.**

<b>YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND CHOICES</b>		<b>DUE DATE</b>
<b>WITHDRAW YOUR PRIOR REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION FROM THE CLASS (“OPT-OUT”) AND SUBMIT REQUEST TO REJOIN IN ORDER TO RECEIVE REPLUMB</b>	If you previously filed a request for exclusion from the class (“Opt-Out”) but wish to take part in this Settlement and receive the benefits it provides, you may withdraw your prior Opt-out by submitting a Request to Rejoin The Subclass Settlement. After your Request to Join The Subclass Settlement is received, you will be eligible to receive the benefit contemplated by the Settlement.	JULY 15, 2009
<b>ACCEPT SETTLEMENT &amp; SEND IN CLAIM FORM</b>	If you wish to receive the replumb as set forth in this Settlement, you must return the claim form that will be mailed to you after this Settlement receives final approval by the Court.	TO BE DETERMINED
<b>OBJECT TO SETTLEMENT</b>	You may write to the Court to raise concerns you have about this Settlement. Class Counsel will provide all objections to all parties and the Court.	JULY 15, 2009
<b>APPEAR AT FAIRNESS HEARING</b>	You can ask to speak to the Court about the fairness of this Settlement at the Fairness Hearing by submitting written Notice of Appearance by the Due Date.	JULY 15, 2009
<b>DO NOTHING</b>	If you do nothing, <b>you will be bound by this Settlement</b> and will be eligible to receive the benefits of the Settlement if you are a member of the Settlement Subclass.	N/A

Your rights and options under this Settlement – **and the Due Dates for each** – are explained in this Notice.

- The Court must still decide whether to approve this proposed Settlement. The replumbs and other benefits contemplated by this Settlement will be made after the Court approves the Settlement and after all appeals, if any, are ruled upon.
- This Notice is not an opinion of the Court about the merits of the claims or defenses of the parties in the lawsuit. Instead, this Notice is sent to you to inform you about legal rights you may have with respect to this Settlement.

## **BASIC INFORMATION**

### **1. Why did I get this Notice?**

This Notice is given to you pursuant to an Order by the Honorable Timothy C. Williams of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, preliminarily approving this Settlement on behalf of the Settlement Subclass under Rule 23 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. You received this Notice because our records indicate that you may be a member of the Settlement Subclass. **(If you are a tenant or occupant of a home at this address, please ensure that this Notice is provided to the landlord or owner of the home.)** You have legal rights and choices to make before the Court decides whether to finally approve this Settlement. This notice package explains:

- What this lawsuit is about.
- Your legal rights.
- The benefits and consequences of this settlement for eligible recipients.

### **2. What is this lawsuit about?**

This is a case arising from allegedly defective Kitec (“Kitec”) plumbing systems and/or components manufactured or distributed by or on behalf of Defendants Ipex Inc., and Ipex USA, LLC (collectively, “Ipex Defendants”), and installed at homes in Clark County, Nevada. Plaintiffs are homeowners in Clark County with residences that have or had Kitec plumbing system and/or components specified and/or installed by various Developers, General Contractors and/or Plumbers. Plaintiff Class Representatives have alleged that the Kitec plumbing systems or components in Clark County, Nevada, are defective because they fail or may fail when exposed to water. This Class Action seeks money damages together with attorneys' fees and costs of suit from the Defendants on behalf of all Class Members. **This Class Action does not seek any damages for personal injury.**

### **3. What will this Settlement provide Subclass homeowners if approved by the Court?**

If approved by the Court, this Settlement will create a Settlement Fund in the amount of \$3,697,942 to be used for the benefit of the Settlement Subclass to pay for the replumb of homes with Kitec plumbing systems. This Settlement resolves claims related to the Settlement Subclass homes. The funds paid by or on behalf of the Builder and Plumber will be combined with the Builder's negotiated share of settlement funds recovered from the pending \$90 million dollar settlement with the manufacturer of Kitec plumbing (discussed below). Accordingly, this Settlement completely resolves all claims in this class action on behalf of the Settlement Subclass members. The combined settlement funds will then be used on behalf of the Settlement Subclass to fund the replumb of the Settlement Subclass homes with a Court-approved repair.

### **4. Are additional funds anticipated from other parties?**

Class Counsel previously reached, and the Court approved, a ninety million dollar (\$90,000,000.00) settlement with the manufacturer of the Kitec plumbing system and related entities ("Ipex Settlement"). Though the Ipex Settlement was approved by the Court, several defendants in the underlying Class Action filed an appeal of the Court's order approving the Ipex Settlement. The Ipex Settlement funds are therefore currently segregated in various protected accounts pending the resolution of the appeal. This Settlement, however, is **not contingent** upon the outcome of the Ipex Settlement appeal. Therefore, regardless of the outcome of the Ipex Settlement appeal, this Settlement will remain in full force and effect for the benefit of the Settlement Subclass. In the event the appeal against the Ipex Settlement is successful, Class Counsel, on behalf of the Settlement Subclass, will make efforts to secure a new settlement with, or obtain a judgment against, IPEX in the Class Action. In the event Class Counsel secures a new settlement with, or obtains a judgment against, IPEX relating to this Settlement Subclass, Class Counsel will immediately fund the proportionate share (on a percentage basis of the recovery) of the funds recovered to the Qualified Settlement Fund up to the Settlement Amount for the benefit of the Settlement Subclass.

### **5. How will this Settlement be funded?**

The specific funding for this Settlement is as follows: \$2,615,942 from Builder and/or its insurance carriers; and \$1,082,000 from Plumber and/or its insurance carriers.

### **6. Why is this a class action, and what is a Subclass?**

In a class action lawsuit, one or more people called “Representative Plaintiffs” sue on behalf of other people who have similar claims. All of these people together are known as the “Class” or “Class Members.” One Court decides all the issues in the lawsuit for all Class Members, except for those that exclude themselves from the Class. The judge hearing this class action lawsuit is the Honorable Timothy C. Williams. The presently-named Representative Plaintiffs are Tracie L. Quinterro, Eric W. Quinterro, Stephen Inferrera, Sheila Inferrera, Anna Navarro, Susan Sheldon, Robert Dostler, Beverly Miller, Emma Norton, David Ober, Jennifer Ober, David Pursiano, Laurel Brady, Pamela T. Smith, Kari Brady, Paul Brady, Roderick Saup, Rhonda Saup, Laura Ishum, Nancy Drapeau, Yolanda Flores, Rebekah Ogle, Rick Guzman, Paul Messingschlager, Barry Sweet, Evan Levy, Mary Levy, Leslie Gunnels, John Berbirian, Doug Ellington, Melanie Littlefield, Harvey Smith, Mike House, Vincent Marino, and Larry Maier. A Subclass is a smaller subset of a larger Class. The Builder Settlement Subclass Representative is Larry Maier. The Settlement described in this Notice pertains only to the Settlement Subclass described in this Notice.

### **7. Why have the Subclass, Builder, and Plumber decided to settle?**

The Court has not decided in favor of the Subclass, Builder, or Plumber. Builder and Plumber vigorously deny any wrongdoing, violation of law, or breach of duty asserted by Plaintiffs in the class action. Builder contends that its homes were properly constructed, marketed, and sold in accordance with appropriate care, relevant standards, and “good practice,” that Class claims have no basis in law or fact, that Builder and Plumber have meritorious affirmative defenses to all claims, and that the class action should be dismissed. All sides, however, have agreed to a settlement in order to avoid the risks and costs associated with trial.

### **8. How do I know if I am part of this Settlement?**

You are part of this Settlement if: a) You own a home constructed by Builder that contains, or at any time contained, a Kitec plumbing system and is located in one of the following developments: Summer Heights, Autumn Ridge, Silverado Heights, or Stonegate; and b) You did not previously opt out of this class action. If you do not own one of the homes within the Settlement Subclass, you are not a part of this Settlement. If you own a home in the Settlement Subclass but previously opted out of this class action, you may still take part in this Settlement by timely submitting a Request to Rejoin the Class.

**9. What happens if this Settlement is approved by the Court?**

If this Settlement is approved by the Court, then you will be notified of the Court’s final approval and provided with a Claim Form to request a replumb. The notice of the Court’s final approval will explain how to obtain the replumb provided by the Settlement and will include the Claim Form that you will be required to return to the Claims Administrator to take part in this Settlement.

**10. What happens if this Settlement is not approved by the Court?**

If the Settlement is not approved by the Court at the Fairness Hearing, the Settlement will terminate and all the Settlement Subclass Members and parties will be restored to the position they were in before the Settlement was reached.

**11. How soon will the replumb be scheduled?**

As soon as the Court gives final approval to this settlement, and after all appeals or other challenges to the Settlement, if any, are resolved, the Claims Administrator will begin to schedule replumbs for those the Settlement Subclass Members who have returned their Claim Form, with priority given to homes, if any, that are at greater risk for Kitec failures.

**12. What if I already replumbed my home or have already suffered damages from a Kitec fitting leak?**

Under this settlement, **you are only entitled to a replumb, you are not entitled to a monetary payment.** If, however, you already replumbed your home or have suffered damage from a Kitec fitting failure, you **may** be entitled to monetary reimbursement, subject to approval by, and in an amount to be determined by, the Claims Administrator. In order to request reimbursement for a prior replumb or damages, you must submit a Claim Form and supporting documentation to the Claims Administrator, who will then review the merits of your claim and provide a response to you within 60 days of receipt of the Claim Form. **DO NOT HIRE OR CONTACT AN INDEPENDENT PLUMBER TO PERFORM A REPLUMB. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR RIGHTS TO THE REPLUMB.**

**YOUR RIGHTS – IF YOU PREVIOUSLY OPTED OUT OF THE CLASS ACTION**

**13. If you previously excluded yourself as a member from the Class Action, can you still accept the Settlement replumb?**

Yes, but you must first timely withdraw your prior “opt-out” and submit a Request to Rejoin the Settlement. A Request to Rejoin may be obtained from Class Counsel at the locations identified in Paragraph 18 below. **If you previously opted out of this class action and do not submit and postmark the Request to Rejoin on or before July 15, 2009, you will not be eligible to receive the replumb or any other benefits provided in this Settlement.**

**YOUR RIGHTS – IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO TAKE PART IN THIS SETTLEMENT**

**14. What if I don’t want to be part of this Settlement?**

If you do not wish to receive the replumb or benefits provided in this Settlement, then you may exclude yourself from the Settlement by not returning the Claim Form that will be provided to you upon final approval of this Settlement. **If you exclude yourself, then you will not receive a replumb or benefits and you will give up your right to sue Builder on these claims later.**

**15. If I exclude myself, may I pursue a claim against Builder independently?**

**If you exclude yourself from this Settlement, you will not be entitled to pursue an independent claim against Builder or the plumbing subcontractor responsible for installing the Kitec Plumbing system at your residence concerning Kitec Fittings.**

**YOUR RIGHTS – OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT**

**16. How do I tell the Court if I do not like the Settlement?**

If you are a member of the Settlement Subclass, then you can tell the Court that you do not like the Settlement or some part of it. This is called objecting to the Settlement. To object, you or your lawyer may send a letter to the Court or appear at the Fairness Hearing. **The Court, however, may approve the Settlement despite objections, and all members of the Settlement Subclass will be bound by the Settlement.**

To send a letter to the Court or appear at the Fairness Hearing, you or your lawyer must provide all of the following:

- Entitle the letter: NOTICE OF OBJECTION OR APPEARANCE- **The Astoria Subclass Settlement**
- The name and title of this lawsuit: IN RE KITEC FITTING LITIGATION, A493302.
- State that the letter is in regard to the Subclass Settlement.
- Your address to confirm that you are a member of Subclass.
- A statement of each objection you have and a summary of the basis for these objections.
- A description of any law or case supporting your objections.
- A statement of whether you or your attorney will ask to appear at the Fairness Hearing to speak on your objections, and if so, how long you will require to present your objections.
- Copies of any documents that you or your attorney wish to present at the Fairness Hearing.
- **Your objection letter must be mailed and postmarked before July 15, 2009, with copies sent to the following address:**

Kemp, Jones & Coulthard, LLP  
Wells Fargo Tower, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
3800 Howard Hughes Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89169  
*Attention: Subclass Settlement Objection*

## **IF YOU DO NOTHING**

### **17. What happens if I do nothing?**

If you do nothing, **you will be bound by this Settlement** and will be eligible to receive the benefits of the Settlement if you are a member of the Settlement Subclass. If this Settlement is finally approved by the Court, you will receive a Claim Form with further instructions for requesting and receiving the benefits of this Settlement. If you do not return your Claim Form, you will **not** receive a replumb or benefit of this Settlement and you will **give up your right to sue** Builder and/or its plumbing subcontractors on these claims later. Therefore, if the Court approves this Settlement and you choose not to accept it, or you do not timely take the steps required to claim the benefits of the Settlement, you will have **no** further rights against Builder or any of its plumbing subcontractors.

## **THE LAWYERS WHO REPRESENT THE SUBCLASS AND WHO NEGOTIATED THIS SETTLEMENT**

### **18. Do I have a lawyer in this lawsuit?**

When the Court first created a class action on October 16, 2006, it appointed the following attorneys to represent all members of the Class, which includes this Subclass. Together, these attorneys are called Class Counsel. **You will not be individually charged for these lawyers.** The names and addresses of Class Counsel are as follows:

J. Randall Jones & William L. Coulthard  
Kemp, Jones & Coulthard, LLP  
Wells Fargo Tower, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
3800 Howard Hughes Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89169

Francis Lynch, Charles Hopper, & Sergio Salzano  
Lynch, Hopper & Salzano, LLP  
231 South Third Street, #130  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

### **19. How will these attorneys be paid?**

Class Counsel negotiated with Builder and Plumber to be paid 25% of the Settlement Fund as their fee and cost reimbursement as part of this Settlement. This fee **will not** reduce the amount dedicated to fund the replumb of the Settlement Subclass homes. This fee does not include any fees previously awarded to Class Counsel by way of the IpeX Settlement or in conjunction with any other settlement or partial settlement in this action. These fees are contingent upon District Court approval during the Fairness Hearing.

## **The Court's Fairness Hearing**

### **20. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?**

The Court will hold a Final Fairness Hearing on August 3, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair and adequate. If there are objections, the Court will consider them at that time. The Court will also listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement. During this hearing, the Court will also consider any objection to the amount of attorney's fees and expenses.

The Fairness Hearing will be held at:

Regional Justice Center  
**Courtroom 12D** (12<sup>th</sup> Floor/Department 16)  
200 Lewis Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

### **21. Do I have to come to the Fairness Hearing?**

No, you are **not** required to come to the Fairness Hearing if you have no objection to the Settlement. But you are welcome to come if you wish to. If you send an objection, you are not required to attend the hearing to talk about it. As long as you mailed your written objection to the Court on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not required.

### **22. May I speak at the hearing?**

You will be allowed to speak at the hearing by sending a Notice of Appearance (described above within Question 16) to the Court that states you wish to appear at the Fairness Hearing and speak.

## **Getting More Information**

### **23. Where can I receive more information about this Settlement?**

This Notice summarizes the Settlement below. More details are in the Settlement Agreement or motion for approval, which you may obtain by contacting Class Counsel at the addresses listed above. You can also review and copy legal documents in this class action, during regular office hours at the office of the District Court Clerk's Office, Clark County Regional Justice Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV, 89155.

## **SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**Your Review of the Settlement Agreement.** The Settlement Agreement is described in general terms below. This is only a summary of the Settlement Agreement; it has no legal impact upon the terms as provided in the parties' actual agreement, which control. **YOU MAY ALSO REVIEW, IN CONSULTATION WITH SUCH ADVISORS, SUCH AS YOUR ATTORNEY, AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS FOR A FULL EXPLANATION OF THE SETTLEMENT IN ORDER TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE PRECISE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT AND TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT ON YOU OF THE SETTLEMENT. YOU MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENTS MEMORIALIZING THE AGREEMENT BY MAKING A WRITTEN REQUEST TO CLASS COUNSEL AT THE ADDRESSES PROVIDED IN QUESTION 18 ABOVE.**

**1. Claims Administrator.** A third-party administrator ("Claims Administrator") – Total Class Solutions, LLC – will be ordered by the Court to administer the relief provided by the Settlement Agreement by resolving claims in a rational, responsive, cost effective and timely manner.

**2. Replacement Plumbing.** As a result of the Settlement, a plumbing contractor approved by the Claims Administrator ("Approved Plumbing Contractors") will perform Replacement Plumbing, as described in Sections A and B below. **THIS SETTLEMENT CONTEMPLATES THAT THE ONLY AVAILABLE REMEDY TO THE SETTLEMENT SUBCLASS MEMBERS IS TO RECEIVE THE REPLACEMENT PLUMBING WITH APPLICABLE WARRANTIES – NOT A MONETARY PAYMENT,** except in those limited circumstances provided for in Section 3.A.1 and 3.A.2 below.

**A.** The Replacement Plumbing will consist of the following: (a) the Approved Plumbing Contractor will drain and remove (or abandon in place, in part or in whole, as permitted by each Subclass Member) the existing Kitec Plumbing Systems at the Subclass Residences; (b) the Approved Plumbing Contractor will furnish and install a complete, fully functional, and entirely new domestic water supply system at the Subclass Residence consisting of CPVC, PEX with C314 Fittings, or other Claims Administrator approved system; (c) the Approved Plumbing Contractor will repair or replace any loss, damage or injury to the Subclass Residence and other property in or on the Subclass Residence to include, by way of illustration and example only, gypsum wallboard, textures, paints, floor coverings, cabinetry, millwork and/or stucco, arising from or in any way related to their Replacement Plumbing; and (d) the Approved Plumbing Contractor will obtain all necessary permits and licenses for the completion of the Replacement Plumbing.

**B.** Should any Subclass Member refuse to allow the Approved Plumbing Contractor(s) to complete the Replacement Plumbing, that Subclass Member will **NOT** be entitled to any other or any further relief of any time or nature from Builder or from the Claims Administrator. However, it is the intent of the Parties that Builder and Plumber (including any and all of their employees, agents, principals, representatives, stockholders, heirs, partners, joint venturers, assigns, administrators, trusts, trustees, beneficiaries, parents, related entities, owners, officers, directors, insurers, predecessors, successors in interest, subsidiaries, and/or attorneys) will be entitled to a full and complete release of the Settled Claims, regardless of whether Replacement Plumbing at all of the Settlement Subclass Residences is completed.

**3. Qualified Settlement Fund.** A fund will be established in accordance with Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Regulations thereunder, as a vehicle for holding the funds to be paid by Builders, Plumbers, and/or their insurers in settlement of the Subclass Claims (the "Qualified Settlement Fund"). Subject to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Builder, Plumber and/or their insurers will pay a total sum of **\$3,697,942** to the Qualified Settlement Fund for the benefit of the Settlement Subclass within thirty days of notice of entry of the Court's Order granting preliminary approval of this Settlement. Class Counsel's court-approved fees and costs will be paid from the Settlement Fund. And after the final size of the Class is determined following trial and any appeals, this Fund will be combined with any additional monies recovered through settlement or trial from other defendants on behalf of the Subclass and divided into a Repair Fund, Contingency Fund, and Claim Administration Fund. The combined settlement funds will then be used on behalf of the Subclass to fund the Replacement Plumbing pursuant to Paragraph 2 above.

**A.1 Reimbursements.** In the limited circumstance where a Subclass Member or his agent or representative has, prior to the Formal Fairness Hearing, replaced their original Kitec Plumbing System with an alternative and approved system (to be administered and subject to the approval of the Claims Administrator), or has incurred monetary damages caused by a failure of the Kitec Plumbing System, then that Subclass Member will be entitled to either: a) Replacement Plumbing; or b) reimbursement of the amount equal to their pro rata share of the Settlement. **IN NO EVENT WILL A SUBCLASS MEMBER BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE REPLACEMENT PLUMBING AND A REIMBURSEMENT FOR A PRIOR REPLUMB.** If funds remain after all Subclass repairs are performed and all contingency costs are paid, then the Claims Administrator may further reimburse Subclass Members who has incurred and can demonstrate monetary damages that exceed the amount of the initial pro-rata distribution from the Settlement. To qualify for a reimbursement, the Subclass Member must submit a claim form ("Claim Form") to the Claims Administrator and the Claims Administrator will review the merits of the Claim Form and provide a response to the Subclass Member within 60 days of receipt of the Claim Form. The Claim Form will be mailed to each Subclass Member following the Final Fairness Hearing.

**A.2 Subclass Members Who Previously Accepted Funds from Builders and Executed a Release.** If a Subclass Member previously received funds from Builders to pay for a Kitec replumb and executed a release of all claims, then that Subclass Member will not be entitled to a replumb or initial pro-rata distribution from this Settlement, but **may** be eligible for reimbursement for additional out-of-pocket expenses because of a prior replumb or damages from a Kitec fitting leak that exceed the amount the Subclass Member accepted from Builders. To request reimbursement for reasonable costs above the amount previously accepted from Builders, Subclass Member must submit a Claim Form and any supporting documentation to the Claim Administrator, who will then review the merits of the Claim Form and supporting documentation and provide a response within 60 days of receipt of the Claim Form. If the request is approved, additional reimbursement for reasonable costs may be provided from the Contingency Fund if additional funds are available after the initial pro-rata distribution of the Settlement and the replumb of all non-repaired Subclass homes is completed.

**A.3. Contingency Fund.** After the final size of the Class is determined following trial and any appeals and all available settlement monies are combined, a portion of the Qualified Settlement Fund will be designated the "Contingency Fund," which will be equal to ten (10) percent of the Replumb Fund and will serve to cover: (a) the Parties' best estimate of the unforeseen costs arising from or in any way related to the Replacement Plumbing or any other Work by the Approved Plumbing Contractor(s), which include, by way of illustration and example only, costs of faux paint, wallpaper, ceramic tile, or other custom finishes not covered by the Replacement Plumbing; (b) any other design, engineering, construction, repairs, replacement, or inspection performed at the Subclass Residences under and/or pursuant to the Settlement Agreement ("Work") by the Approved Plumbing Contractor(s); (c) the Parties' best estimate of the costs incurred by Subclass Members for emergency repairs necessitated by leaks, breaks or failures within the Kitec plumbing fittings that may occur before the Replacement Plumbing has been, or can be, completed in the normal course of the Replacement Plumbing; and (d) the cost of any reimbursements to Subclass Members approved by the Claim Administrator.

**A.4 Claims Administration Fund.** After the final size of the Class is determined following trial and any appeals and all available settlement monies are combined, a portion of the Qualified Settlement Fund will be designated the "Claims Administration Fund" to pay for the cost of services provided by the Claims Administrator under the Settlement Agreement. The Claim Administration Fund shall be equal to \$200 dollars multiplied by the total number of homes eligible for Replacement Plumbing. Additionally, the Claim Administrator shall be entitled to \$200 for any other Subclass Member that is not eligible for Replacement Plumbing if that Subclass Member requests reimbursement from the Claim Administrator in order to compensate the Claim Administrator for his resolution of the claim. These services include, but are not limited to, the following: Payment from the designated Replumb Fund to Approved Plumbing Contractors; construction control; auditing of the Qualified Settlement Fund; dispute resolution between Approved Plumbing Contractors and Subclass Members; repair/Replacement Plumbing scheduling; quality control; and review and approval of requests for additional reimbursement.

**A.5 Class Counsel's Fees and Costs.** Upon the funding of the Qualified Settlement Fund, a portion of the Qualified Settlement Fund equal to 25% of the total Qualified Settlement Fund plus any costs approved by the Court shall be immediately designated "Class Counsel's Fees and Costs" and released for payment to Class Counsel.

**4. Warranty.** Replacement Plumbing and all other Work performed, including the issuance of a warranty for the Replacement Plumbing and Work, at a Subclass Residence under the Settlement Agreement will be accomplished at the direction of the Claims Administrator. Neither Builder, Class Counsel, nor the Claims Administrator guarantee nor warrant the workmanship and/or materials of any person, contractor (including the Approved Plumbing Contractor), supplier or manufacturer performing such Replacement Plumblings and/or Work. Each of the Settlement Subclass Members will look solely to the guarantees and warranties, if any, provided by the contractors (including the Approved Plumbing Contractors), suppliers and/or manufacturers as the sole and exclusive guarantors and/or warrantors for the Replacement Plumbing and/or other work provided under or as a result of the Settlement Agreement.

**5. Settled Claims.** Settled Claims are those claims from which you are releasing the Builder and its plumbing subcontractors, and include any and all claims, liabilities, rights, demands, suits, matters, obligations, losses, damages, injuries or costs, actions or causes of action, of every kind, whether known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, suspected or unsuspected, latent or patent, that have been, are now, could have been, or could be in the future asserted by the Settlement Subclass Members and their respective successors, assigns, agents, invitees, guests, attorneys and representatives and any person who has or may have in the future any interest in any of the Settlement Subclass homes (including by way of transfer or assignment) either in the Class Action or in any other action or proceeding in this Court or any other court or forum, regardless of legal theory, against Builder or Plumber, for relief, damages, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, or compensation of any kind arising from or in any way related to the claims set forth in the underlying Class Action Complaint for damages. Settled Claims specifically exclude any claim for personal injury.

**A.** Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Settled Claims include, with regard to the foregoing subject matter: (a) any claim based on strict product liability, negligence, breach of express or implied warranty, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and/or intentional misrepresentation relating to the Kitec plumbing system; (b) any claim for construction deficiencies relating to the Kitec plumbing system based on Nevada Revised Statutes Section 40.600, et seq; and (c) any claim for consequential property damages relating to or caused by the Kitec Plumbing systems including, but not limited to, claims relating to mold caused by the Kitec Plumbing systems.

**B.** This Settlement does not address or contemplate, and expressly excludes, any claims for personal injury.

**6. Dismissal of Subclass Claims.** Within five (5) days after notice of entry of a Final Order by the Court approving the Settlement as fair, adequate, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Settlement Subclass Members in accordance with Rule 23(e) of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, and only after full payment by Builder and Plumber of the Settlement Funds to the Qualified Settlement Fund, all of the Subclass Members' claims against Builder and Plumber will be dismissed with prejudice.

**7. Releases.** As a result of the Settlement, the Subclass Representatives and the Settlement Subclass Members, by and through the Subclass Representatives, on their own behalves, on behalf of their related individuals and entities, successors, assigns, agents, attorneys and representatives, and for each of them, and for any person or entity that could possibly assert any claims for relief or compensation through or under them, including, but not limited to, claims to receive damages, monies, payments, fees, costs, repair or replacement of the Kitec Plumbing Systems at the Subclass Residences and/or the Replacement Plumbing, and any and all claims to receive damages, costs, or remedies associated with the failure of the Kitec Plumbing Systems at any of the Subclass Residences, will be deemed to have – following approval of the Settlement by the Court under Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e) and payment by Builder and Plumber of their respective shares of the Settlement – fully, finally and generally released, acquitted, forever discharged, and absolved, except as specifically provided for herein, Builder and Plumber (including any and all of their employees, agents, principals, representatives, stockholders, heirs, partners, joint venturers, assigns, administrators, trusts, trustees, beneficiaries, parents, related entities, owners, officers, directors, insurers, predecessors, successors in interest, subsidiaries, and/or attorneys) from any and all conceivable losses, damages or injuries arising from or in any way related to the Settled Claims, including, without limitation, manner of action or actions, cause or causes of action, claims, demands, damages, losses, costs or expenses, whether known or unknown, fixed or contingent, asserted or unasserted, foreseeable or unforeseeable, liquidated or unliquidated, unanticipated or unsuspected, which claims were asserted, or may be asserted in the future, that the Subclass Members and the Subclass Representative has or may have against Builder and Plumber (and any and all of their employees, agents, principals, representatives, stockholders, heirs, partners, joint venturers, assigns, administrators, trusts, trustees, beneficiaries, parents, related entities, owners, officers, directors, insurers, predecessors, successors in interest, subsidiaries, and/or attorneys), arising from or in any way related to the use and/or installation of the Kitec Plumbing Systems at the Subclass Residences, including the claims alleged in the underlying and operative Amended Complaint filed in the Class Action.

**A.** Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Subclass Members reserve any claims, rights, or remedies against any Approved Plumbing Contractor, material supplier, or any other third-party arising from or in any way related to the Work for the Replacement Plumbing.

**B.** Subclass Representatives and the Settlement Subclass Members, by and through their Subclass Representatives, recognize that they may have some claim, demand, or cause of action against the Builder (including any and all of its employees, agents, principals, representatives, stockholders, heirs, partners, joint venturers, assigns, administrators, trusts, trustees, beneficiaries, parents, related entities, owners, officers, directors, insurers, predecessors, successors in interest, subsidiaries, and/or attorneys) of which they are totally unaware and unsuspecting, which they are giving up by execution of the Settlement Agreement. This Settlement Agreement will deprive the Settlement Subclass Members and their related individuals and entities of each such claim, demand or cause of action and prevent them from asserting it against the Builder (and any and all of its employees, agents, principals, representatives, stockholders, heirs, partners, joint venturers, assigns, administrators, trusts, trustees, beneficiaries, parents, related entities, owners, officers, directors, insurers, predecessors, successors in interest, subsidiaries, and/or attorneys).

**C.** The facts upon which the Settlement Agreement is made may turn out to be other than, or different from, the facts now believed by the Settlement Subclass to be true, and the Settlement Subclass Members and Subclass Representatives therefore expressly assume the risk of the facts turning out to be different than they believed them to be. Subclass Representatives and the Settlement Subclass also agree that the Settlement Agreement will in all respects be effective and not subject to termination or rescission because of any such mistaken belief by the Settlement Subclass Members.

**8. Potential Risk to the Settlement Subclass Members.** This Settlement is **NOT CONTINGENT** upon the outcome of the Ipex Settlement (\$90 Million settlement) appeal. Therefore, regardless of the outcome of the Ipex Settlement – and the related funding of the Ipex Settlement – this Settlement will remain in full force and effect. Therefore, the Settlement Subclass Members and Class Counsel bear the risk of failing to recover any funds from the manufacturer of the Kitec Plumbing systems. In the event the \$90 Million from the Ipex Settlement is not transferred to Class Counsel, then Class Counsel, on behalf of the Settlement Subclass, will make efforts to secure a re-newed settlement with, or obtain a judgment against, IPEX in the Class Action. In the event Class Counsel secures a settlement with, or obtains a judgment against, IPEX relating to this Settlement Subclass, Class Counsel will immediately fund the proportionate share (on a percentage basis of the recovery) of the funds recovered to the Qualified Settlement Fund for the benefit of the Settlement Subclass.