COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FAYETTE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH DIVISION

Civil Action No. 20-CI-00332

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HAYNES PROPERTIES, LLC, et al.

PLAINTIFFS

v.

BURLEY TOBACCO GROWERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, et al. **DEFENDANTS**

Settlement Class Counsel's Status Report

Settlement Class Counsel, Katherine K. Yunker and Jason R. Hollon, hereby provide the following status report detailing recent actions taken in the administration of the Settlement.

Class Counsel state as follows:

- 1. In November 2022, the Settlement Administrator mailed 2,598 checks in an amount of up to \$3,930 each as a second distribution to eligible Class members. Some of those being sent the second distribution owed outstanding Tobacco Administrative Grading Service (TAGS) fees, which were subtracted from the amount sent to each such person.
- 2. Further, checks were mailed in November and December 2022 to four other eligible Class members. Three of these checks included the initial distribution and second distribution, and the remaining check was for the second distribution only.
- 3. In all, 2,602 Class members have been issued distributions in a total amount of up to \$9,600.00 each. Class Counsel are working with the Settlement Administrator to secure updated addresses or other information about the eligible class member for checks that have been returned or which remain unnegotiated.

4. All deadlines to apply for eligible class membership have passed and it is too late to qualify for a share in the Co-op's dissolution.

5. In accordance with prior Orders, McBrayer PLLC was paid an attorney's fee proportional to the second distribution described in paragraph 1 herein.

6. Class Counsel directed the restructuring of the informational website maintained by the Settlement Administrator (homepage: btgcasettlement.com) to focus on news and timely information about settlement distributions and how to update one's W-9, rather than the prior focus on approval of the settlement and qualifying to share in the net dissolution proceeds of the Co-op.

7. Class Counsel is preparing a proposed mailing to be sent to Class members regarding the Burley and Dark Tobacco Producers Association as required by the Court's 7/28/21 Amended Opinion and Order Approving Partial Settlement. Class Counsel will submit the proposed mailing for Court review and approval once complete.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served this <u>16th</u> day of February 2023, electronically via the e-filing system and via electronic mail upon the following:

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