UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: CERTAINTEED CORPORATION : ROOFING SHINGLES PRODUCTS : LIABILITY LITIGATION :

MDL DOCKET NO. 1817

This Report relates to:

ALL CASES

<u>CERTAINTEED CORPORATION'S FOURTH REPORT TO THE COURT</u> <u>UNDER SECTION 4.33 OF THE AGREEMENT OF</u> <u>SETTLEMENT AND COMPROMISE AS AMENDED</u>

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CertainTeed Corporation ("CertainTeed") files this report pursuant to Section 4.33 of the

Agreement of Settlement and Compromise as Amended (the "Settlement Agreement") and

pursuant to the Court's Order entered November 3, 2011 (the "November 3, 2011, Order").

Section 4.33 of the Settlement Agreement provides:

On the first anniversary of the Effective Date, and annually thereafter until one year after the expiration of the last of the warranty periods [pertaining to the shingles at issue in the case] CertainTeed shall file with the Court and serve on a designee of Class Counsel a report identifying the Claimants whose claims have been resolved in the prior 12 months, the amount distributed to each Eligible Claimant, and the basis for denying any claims.

Because claims data for the full twelve month period is not available by the anniversary of the

Effective Date of the Settlement, this Court in its November 3, 2011, Order authorized the filing

on November 1 of a report containing detailed claims data for the full twelve month period

ending September 30 of the year of the report. Accordingly, CertainTeed now files this Fourth

Report covering claims data for the period from October 2013 through September 2014.

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Accompanying this report is a computer disc containing a list (Exhibit A), in electronic format, showing each claimant whose claim has been accepted and the amounts paid to the claimant, as well as a list (Exhibit B), also in electronic format, identifying each claimant whose claim has been denied and the reason for the denial. These exhibits, as well as Exhibit C discussed below, are being filed under seal in order to maintain the claimants' privacy in accordance with the November 3, 2011, Order.

Class members in this case are defined as follows:

All individuals and entities that own, as of [December 15, 2009], homes, residences, buildings, or other structures located in the United States or Canada whose roofs contain or contained roofing shingles made with a felt reinforcement base material that is saturated with asphalt, also known as organic roofing shingles, manufactured by CertainTeed after July 1, 1987; all individuals and entities who previously owned such a building and who, prior to [December 15, 2009] sold or transferred the building and at the time of the sale or transfer retained the right to make a claim for the shingles pursuant to a valid documented assignment; and all individuals and entities who owned such a building and who, between August 1, 2006, and [October 1, 2010], have settled . . . their warranty claims for such shingles.

During the period October 2013 through September 2014, CertainTeed reviewed, processed, and paid a total of \$9,981,926.99 to approximately 12,607 Class Members. These payments included a total of \$212,875.00 in payments of up to \$50 per claim to defray the cost of removing and shipping shingle samples to CertainTeed pursuant to Section 4.6 of the Settlement Agreement (coded as RSS in column F of Exhibit A, Payment Summary tab). The remaining amount, \$9,769,051.99, was paid to class members in accordance with the character of their claims under the Settlement Agreement. Specifically, there are three categories of claims that qualify for payment: warranty claims, transferee claims, and releaser claims.

Warranty claims are claims of class members whose organic shingles are covered by a CertainTeed warranty and who did not resolve their warranty claims prior to the Effective Date of the Settlement Agreement. Under the Settlement Agreement, these claims are being paid at

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the rate of \$74/square, with \$34/square prorated from date of installation, and \$40/square not prorated for the first ten years following installation and, thereafter, prorated in accordance with the regular proration schedules for each warranty. Where the SureStart provision of the warranty is still applicable, however, the full SureStart amount is being paid. During the period October 2013 through September 2014, 8,318 warranty claims (coded as RCW in column E of Exhibit A, Payment Summary tab) were paid under these provisions of the Settlement Agreement. Payments for these claims totaled \$9,755,153.02, or an average of approximately \$1,173 per claim.

Transferee claims are claims of class members whose organic shingles are not covered by CertainTeed's warranties because they purchased, on or before December 15, 2009, a previously occupied building and the applicable warranty did not provide warranty coverage to transferees. Under the Settlement Agreement, transferee claims are being paid \$34/square prorated from the date of installation, provided that the claims were postmarked or otherwise received by CertainTeed within 12 months of the Effective Date of the Settlement Agreement. During the period October 2013 through September 2014, 22 transferee claims (coded as RCT in column D of Exhibit A, Payment Summary tab) were paid under these provisions of the Settlement Agreement. Payments on transferee claims totaled \$12,880.67, or an average of approximately \$585 per claim.

Releaser claims are claims of class members who resolved their warranty claims between August 1, 2006, and the Effective Date of the Settlement Agreement, and who executed a release in favor of CertainTeed. Releaser claims are paid an amount equal to 20% of the difference between the amount received on the warranty claim and the amount that would have been received had the releaser made a warranty claim under the Settlement Agreement. During the

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period October 2013 through September 2014, four (4) releaser claims (coded as RCR in column C of Exhibit A, Payment Summary tab) were compensated under these provisions of the Settlement Agreement. Payments for releaser claims totaled \$1,018.30, or an average of approximately \$255 per claim.

During the period October 2012 through September 2013, CertainTeed has denied a total of 3,215 claims. Approximately 34% of these denied claims – a total of 1,103 – were filed by transferees who did not file their claims within one year of the Settlement Effective Date as required by Section 6.7 of the Settlement Agreement. An additional 13 were filed by releasers who did not file their claims within one year of the Settlement Effective Date as required by Section 6.8 of the Settlement Agreement.

Slightly more than 45% of the denied claims – a total of 1,449 – were denied because the claimant was not a class member: 881 of these claimants had fiberglass rather than organic shingles; 515 had shingles not manufactured by CertainTeed; 4 claimants had signed a release prior to August 1, 2006; 3 had shingles that were installed prior to July 1, 1987; and 46 claimants purchased the building on which the shingles were installed after the execution of the Settlement Agreement and they did not succeed to the rights of the class members from whom they purchased the buildings in accordance with Section 4.31(a) of the Settlement Agreement because they were not qualified to assert a warranty claim in accordance with the transferability provisions of the CertainTeed warranty applicable to their shingles.

As to the other denied claims, 540 denied claims were claims of releasers who had already received consideration at least equal to the value of the payment they were eligible to receive under the Settlement Agreement, either in cash or in replacement shingles, and who, therefore, were not eligible to receive additional consideration under the Settlement Agreement.

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Additionally, 30 claims were denied because the claims involved shingles with warranties that had previously expired. Moreover, 10 claims were denied, pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Settlement Agreement, because CertainTeed had paid the claims of previous owners of the same buildings for the same shingles on those buildings.

Only 70 claims were denied because the shingles did not exhibit "Damage" as defined in Section 3.6 of the Settlement Agreement. No claims were denied on the basis of the causation defenses set forth in Section 3.7 of the Settlement Agreement.

On June 19, 2012, this Court approved the parties' selection of Heffler Claims Administration to serve as the Independent Claims Administrator pursuant to Section 4.19 of the Settlement Agreement and BrightClaim, Inc. as the Independent Inspector pursuant to Section 4.20 of the Settlement Agreement. As of September 30, 2013, 42 claims files had been submitted to the Independent Claims Administrator for independent review of CertainTeed's denial of all or part of the claims, which remained unresolved as of the filing of the Third Report to the Court. In the subsequent year, CertainTeed has submitted 55 additional claims files to the Independent Claims Administrator for independent review of CertainTeed's denial of all or part of the claims.

As set forth in the report of Heffler Claims Administration, attached hereto as Exhibit C, as of September 30, 2014, the Independent Claims Administrator issued claims determinations with respect to 80 of these 97 appeals, denying 75 of the appeals and reversing CertainTeed's denials of the claims in connection with 5 appeals. As a result of the Independent Claims Administrator's claims determinations, CertainTeed has paid a total of \$6,059.18 to a total of 5 claimants; these totals are included in the total payments set forth on page 2 of this Report. As of

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that same date, Heffler Claims Administration was still in the process of reviewing the claims files for the remaining 17 appellants whose files had been submitted for appeal.

On October 28, 2013, this Court approved the parties' selection of the Honorable Louis C. Bechtle to serve as the Special Master pursuant to Section 5.1 of the Settlement Agreement. Only one issue has been submitted to Judge Bechtle: which of two competing claimants should be compensated for the organic roofing shingles located on a home in Omro, Wisconsin. CertainTeed had determined that one of the two claimants should be compensated under the Settlement Agreement, but did not know to whom the compensation should be paid – the current owner or the prior owner who had sold the house to the current owner. Judge Bechtle ruled in favor of the current owner and CertainTeed has paid the claim in accordance with that ruling.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 3, 2014

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Arlene Fickler, hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of CertainTeed Corporation's Fourth Report to the Court Under Section 4.33 of the Agreement of Settlement and Compromise as Amended to be filed and served today, November 3, 2014, via the Court's ECF system, where it is available for viewing and downloading. Copies of the accompanying exhibits, which are being filed under seal, were served upon Class Counsel Charles Schaffer, Esq. by hand delivery and upon Class Counsel Robert Shelquist, Esq. by UPS on November 3, 2014 in connection with the electronic filing.

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