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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM DORCHESTER COUNTY
Franklin J. Smith, Jr., Special Referee

Appellate Case No.: 2024-000282
Civil Action No.: 2021-CP-18-02238

Virginia B. Crum, Elizabeth Crum-Huffman, Fred Crum, Sr.,
Mattie Middlebrooks, Lula Bryant, Wilhemenia King, Juanita Hill,
and Hazel Parson-Starks,Appellants,

v.

Dorchester County, Ashley River Lumber Company, Inc., and
Joe Henry Branton, Sr..... Respondents.

**RESPONDENTS DORCHESTER COUNTY,
ASHLEY RIVER LUMBER COMPANY, INC., AND
JOE HENRY BRANTON, SR.'S
JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to South Carolina Appellate Court Rules 240 and 263(b),
Respondents Dorchester County, Ashley River Lumber Company, Inc., and Joe Henry
Branton, Sr. move for an extension of thirty (30) days from the existing deadline of
July 1, 2024 to file their Joint Initial Brief and Joint Designation of Matter to be
Included in the Record on Appeal. Respondents' Joint Initial Brief and Joint
Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal will be due on or before

July 31, 2024 if the extension is granted. This is Respondents' second request for an extension of time to file their Joint Initial Brief and Joint Designation of Matter.

Respondents respectfully submit that a thirty (30) day extension to file their Joint Initial Brief and Joint Designation of Matter is appropriate as the Appellants and Respondents have reached a settlement in principle, but the parties are still working out the details of the settlement agreement. Appellants' counsel consents to this request.

For the reasons set forth herein, Respondents request an extension until July 31, 2024 to file and serve their Joint Initial Brief and Joint Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this day served counsel in the foregoing matter with a copy of *Respondents Dorchester County, Ashley River Lumber Company, Inc., and Joe Henry Branton, Sr.'s Joint Motion for Extension of Time*, via electronic mail only, addressed as follows:

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Re: Virginia B. Crum, Elizabeth Crum-Huffman, Fred Crum, Sr., Mattie Middlebrooks, Lula Bryant, Wilhemenia King, Juanita Hill, and Hazel Parson-Starks vs. Dorchester County, Ashley River Lumber Company, Inc., and Joe Henry Branton, Sr.
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

With regard to the above-referenced matter, please accept the enclosed **Respondents Dorchester County, Ashley River Lumber Company, Inc., and Joe Henry Branton, Sr.'s Joint Motion for Extension of Time and Proof of Service** for filing. The required filing fee in the amount of \$50.00 is being mailed to the Court under separate cover.

By copy of this letter, I am serving Appellant's attorneys with a copy of the Joint Motion for Extension of Time.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: As Stated.

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