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January 8, 2026

**VIA E-MAIL ONLY**

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of Court  
South Carolina Supreme Court  
1231 Gervais Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Meswaet Abel v. Lack's Beach Service  
Appellate Case No. 2025-002122

Dear Ms. Howard:

This letter is to inform the Court that there has been a successful mediation and thus the Court need not deliberate on the pending Petition for Writ of Certiorari at this time. There are diligent efforts regarding finalizing written terms of a settlement to resolve this matter. The parties will notify the Court when those terms are finalized in accordance with appropriate provisions of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

Sincerely,

*s/ G. Murrell Smith, Jr.*  
G. Murrell Smith, Jr., Counsel for Respondent

I agree:

*s/ C. Mitchell Brown*  
C. Mitchell Brown, Counsel for Petitioner

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