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APPEAL FROM SOUTH CAROLINA
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WCC File No. 1414851

Court of Appeals Case No. 2016-001257

Michael Thompson, Employee, ClaimantAppellant,

v.

KMS, Inc., Employer, and Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company

c/o Summit Holdings, Inc., Carrier, Respondents.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONDENTS' INITIAL BRIEF
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER ON APPEAL**

Pursuant to Rules 208 and 240 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, Respondent KMS, Inc., and Bridgefield Casualty Insurance Company c/o Summit Holdings, Inc., moves this Court for an order granting an extension of time for Respondents to serve and file Respondents' Initial Brief and Designation of Matter in the above-captioned action. Currently Respondents' Initial Brief and Designation of Matter are due on or about Wednesday, November 23, 2016. The undersigned Respondents request an extension of time of one (1) month to file and serve Respondents' Initial Brief and Designation of Matter, as it needs additional time to respond to the arguments raised by the Appellant and due to other deadlines and work obligations. The new deadline for Respondents' Initial Brief and Designation of Matter will be December 23, 2016.

Counsel for the Respondent have consulted with the Appellant who graciously consented to this extension.

Additionally, the undersigned Respondents request that all filing/service deadlines be held in abeyance pending the Court's ruling on this motion.

WE SO MOVE:

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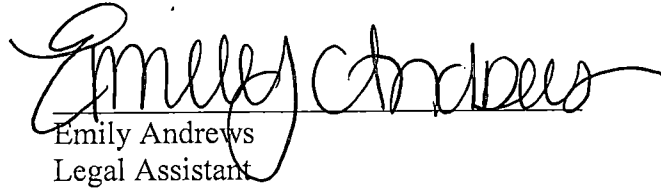
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the Motion for Extension of Time to File Respondents' Initial Brief and Designation of Matter on Appeal, on the following: Michael Thompson, Pro Se, 116 School Bus Road, West Columbia, SC 29172 (via Certified Mail and U.S. Mail) and Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Judicial Director, South Carolina Court of Appeals, 1015 Sumter Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (via hand-delivery) on November 15, 2016.



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Our File Number: 6288/8124
Appellate Case No. 2016-001257

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

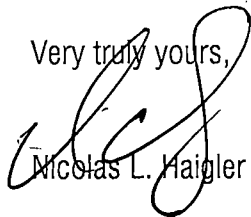
Please find enclosed an original and seven copies of a Motion for Extension of Time to File Respondents' Initial Brief and Designation of Matter on Appeal, and one (1) \$25.00 check representative of the motion filing fee for each request. We would appreciate your filing the original Motion for Extension of Time to File Respondents' Initial Brief and Designation of Matter and returning a clocked-in copy of each via our courier.

By copy of this letter and aforementioned documents, I am advising the Appellant of my communication with the Court and serving a copy of the same as evidenced by the Proof of Service.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



Nicolas L. Haigler

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Enclosures

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Ms. Kerri Dolan (via e-mail only)