

EXHIBIT 8

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHARLESTON DIVISION

PRO SLAB, INC., BREMER
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC.,
and FORREST CONCRETE, LLC,
on behalf of themselves and all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ARGOS USA, LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:17-cv-03185-BHH

**DECLARATION OF CHAD A. MCGOWAN
IN SUPPORT OF INTERIM LEAD COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN
AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES**

I, Chad A. McGowan, declare as follows:

1. I am a Partner with McGowan, Hood, Felder and Phillips, LLC, formerly known as McGowan, Hood and Felder, LLC. I submit this declaration in support of Interim Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses in connection with the services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, in the above-captioned litigation (the "Action").

2. My firm is one of the Class Counsel for the Plaintiffs in the Action.

3. The schedule attached as Exhibit A sets forth my firm's total hours and lodestar, computed at historical rates, for work performed on the Action from inception through June 30, 2025. The total number of hours spent by my firm during this period of time was 1000.6, with a corresponding lodestar of \$393,707.00. This schedule was prepared from contemporaneous, daily time records prepared and maintained by my firm.

4. In connection with representing the Plaintiffs in the Action my firm did the following, *inter alia*: confer regarding legal strategy and local rules; reviewing, editing and filing

all pleadings, motions, and responses to motions; researching various procedural issues; corresponding with counsel and chambers concerning proposed orders and scheduling; attendance at hearings and scheduling conferences; supervising document review for production and attorney-client privilege; reviewing documents to be filed under seal and providing courtesy copies to chambers.

5. The lodestar amount reflected in Exhibit A is for work that was assigned by Interim Lead Counsel and performed by attorneys and professional staff for the benefit of the Class. The hourly rates for the attorneys and professional staff reflected in Exhibit A are the usual and customary hourly rates historically charged by my firm in similar matters, except for time spent exclusively on document review, which Interim Lead Counsel capped at \$350 per hour.

6. My firm has expended a total of \$9,661.02 in unreimbursed costs and expenses in connection with the prosecution of the Action through June 30, 2025. These costs and expenses do not include my firm's assessment payments to the common cost litigation fund maintained by Interim Lead Counsel. These costs and expenses are set forth in the schedule attached as Exhibit B and are reflected on the books and records of my firm.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 15th day of August, 2025, in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

s/Chad A. McGowan

Chad McGowan

McGowan, Hood, Felder & Phillips, LLC

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EXHIBIT A*Pro Slab, Inc., et al. v. Argos USA, Inc., et al.*

McGowan, Hood & Felder, LLC

Reported Hours and Historical Lodestar

Inception through June 30, 2025

NAME	TOTAL HOURS	HISTORICAL HOURLY RATE	LODESTAR
Chad McGowan (P) [2017]	18.9	\$775.00	\$14,647.50
Russell Burke (P) [2018]	41.4	\$650.00	\$26,910.00
Russell Burke (P) [2019]	20.6	\$650.00	\$13,390.00
Taylor Steward (PL) [2019]	.5	\$120	\$60.00
Chad McGowan (P) [2020]	1.6	\$775.00	\$1,240.00
Russell Burke (P) [2020]	40.0	\$675.00	\$27,000.00
Stuart Burnette (OA) [2020]	406.5	\$350.00	\$142,275.00
John Riordan (OA) [2020]	377.6	\$350.00	\$132,160.00
Taylor Stewart (PL) [2020]	8.1	\$120.00	\$972.00
Russell Burke (P) [2021]	5.7	\$675.00	\$3847.50
Amy Starr (PL) [2021]	1.0	150.00	\$150.00
Russell Burke (P) [2022]	12.6	\$675.00	\$8,505.00
Amy Starr (PL) [2022]	1.4	\$150.00	\$210.00
Russell Burke (P) [2023]	9.8	\$700.00	\$6,860.00
Amy Starr (PL) [2023]	0.3	\$160.00	\$48.00
Russell Burke (P) [2024]	12.4	\$700.00	\$8,680.00
Amy Starr (PL) [2024]	9.4	\$160.00	\$1,504.00
Amy Starr (PL) [2025]	32.8	\$160.00	\$5,248.00
TOTAL	1000.6		\$393,707.00

(P) Partner; (OC) Of Counsel; (A) Associate; (OA) Other/Contract Attorney; (LC) Law Clerk; (PL) Paralegal

EXHIBIT B*Pro Slab, Inc., et al. v. Argos USA, Inc., et al.***McGowan, Hood, Felder and Phillips, LLC**

Reported Expenses Incurred on Behalf of Plaintiffs

Inception through June 30, 2025

EXPENSE REPORT

CATEGORY	AMOUNT INCURRED
Court Costs/Filing Fees	\$3,900.00
Transcripts/Court Reports	\$248.36
Internal Reproduction/Copies	\$124.71
Commercial Copies	\$560.83
Computer Research (Lexis/Westlaw)	\$0
Telephone/Fax	\$30.00
Postage/Express/Delivery/Messenger	\$107.75
Professional/Expert/Consultant Fees	\$3,931.56
Witness/Service Fees	\$446.60
Travel (air/ground transportation, meals, lodging, etc.)	\$311.21
TOTAL:	\$9,661.02