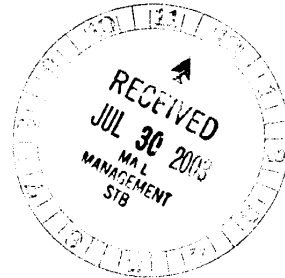


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Via First-Class Mail

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed please find the original verification of Ernest C. McLean, III. A facsimile copy of this verification was filed on with Boral Bricks Inc.'s Petition to Stay Pending Disposition of Petition to Reopen ("Petition") in the above-referenced proceeding. The Petition was filed on July 7, 2003. Please associate this verification with the original filing, and date stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and put in the attached self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Quirk, Jr.

Enclosure

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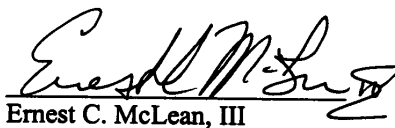
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VERIFICATION

I, Ernest C. McLean, III, verify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that I have read the foregoing Petition to Stay Pending Disposition of Petition to Reopen, and that its assertions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I further declare that I am qualified and authorized to submit this Verification on behalf of Boral Bricks Inc.

Executed on this 7th day of July, 2003

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ernest C. McLean, III".

Ernest C. McLean, III
Vice President
Boral Bricks Inc.