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EXHIBIT A STIPULATION FOR DISMISSAL EEOC v. A. TEICHERT & SON **CIV. NO. S-03-2049 WBS KJM**

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION AND A. TEICHERT & SONS, INC.

The parties to this Agreement are the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and A. Teichert & Sons, Inc. The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is referred to hereinafter as "EEOC". A. Teichert & Sons, Inc., its agents, employees, officials, designees, and successors in interest, are referred to hereinafter as "Teichert." Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et seq., is referred to hereinafter as "Title VII."

The parties being aware of the risks, uncertainties and costs of continued litigation want to conclude fully and finally all claims arising out of the EEOC v. A. Teichert & Sons, Inc., Civ. No. S-03-2049 WBS KJM, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California without the expenditure of further resources and expenses in contested litigation. This Settlement Agreement is intended to and does fully and finally resolve any and all claims arising out of the Complaint filed by the EEOC.

The parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. This matter arises from a charge of discrimination filed by George Little with EEOC, charge number 375A00017, alleging race discrimination. The EEOC issued a determination letter finding reasonable cause to believe that Mr. Little was discriminated against on the basis of race. Conciliation failed and the EEOC filed this action pursuant to Section 706(f)(1) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(1).
- 2. Title VII applies to Teichert because it is an employer within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 2000e(b).
- 3. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has authority to file suit on EEOC charge number 375-A0-0017 under Title VII, 42 U.S.C. 2000e-5 (f) (1). The EEOC has authority to issue a determination on EEOC charge number 375A00017 under Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et seq.
- 4. Teichert has denied and continues to deny all allegations of wrongdoing in the charge of discrimination and the EEOC's lawsuit.
- 5. This Agreement is not an adjudication or finding on the merits of this case and shall not be construed as an admission of a violation of Title VII by Defendant.
- 6. George Little began work as a Gradesetter in Mark Cazares' grading crew in Teichert's Turlock, California Division in about April 2004. Teichert practice will allow Mr. Little to remain in that position as long as he is performing the duties of a Gradesetter satisfactorily, until Mr. Little determines that he no longer wishes to remain in that position, or until Cazares' grading crew ceases to exist.

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

- 7. The parties have determined that their respective interests can be met without engaging in protracted, costly and disruptive litigation to resolve this dispute, and have therefore voluntarily entered into this Agreement whereby the parties agree to the following:
 - In the event that Mr. Little cannot perform the functions of a Gradesetter, he shall a. return to work for Teichert as an Operating Engineer operating the heavy equipment that he is certified to operate;
 - Thirty (30) days, six months and 12 months from the effective date of this b. Agreement, Teichert will give Mr. Little an appraisal of his performance as a Gradesetter. The appraisal shall be conducted by his Foreman, utilizing the performance evaluation form that Teichert currently uses to appraise its Operating Engineer. See Exhibit A, attached hereto. The appraisal will provide written suggestions for improvement as appropriate. A copy of the appraisal will be forwarded to Doug Urbick, or his successor, and a copy shall be given to Mr. Little;
 - Any decision to remove Mr. Little from a Gradesetter position within one-year of c. the effective date of this Agreement for any reason shall be made in consultation with Doug Urbick, or his successor. A seasonal shutdown or other lack of work, if any, or a temporary assignment to operate heavy equipment (or other nongradesetting tasks), shall not be considered "removal" from a Gradesetter position as to require such consultation.
 - d. Mr. Little shall not be retaliated against or penalized in any future considerations for wage increases, promotions, transfers or other employment-related matters because of having filed EEOC charge number 375-A0-0017 or because of proceedings arising out of that charge.
 - Teichert will notify the undersigned counsel in writing in the event that within e. one-calendar year following execution of this Agreement Teichert determines that it must remove Mr. Little from his position as Grade Setter.
- 8. Teichert shall upon request provide the EEOC with copies of the written appraisals described in paragraph 6(c).

OTHER PROVISIONS

9. Consistent with Title VII, §2000e-3, Teichert its officers, agents, management (including supervisory employees), successors or assigns, and all those in active concert or participation with them, agree not to engage in, implement or permit any action, policy or practice with the purpose of retaliating against any current or former employee of

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Defendant or its successor corporation because he or she opposed any practice of racial discrimination made unlawful under Title VII; filed a Charge of Discrimination alleging any such practice; testified or participated in any manner in any investigation (including, without limitation, any internal investigation undertaken by Teichert) proceeding or hearing in connection with this case and/or relating to any claim of discrimination; or was identified as a possible witness in this action.

- 10. Teichert warrants that Mr. Little's personnel files do not contain any references to a charge of discrimination against Defendant and this lawsuit.
- 11. A signatory to this document in a representative capacity for either party represents that he or she is authorized to bind that party to this Agreement.
- This Settlement Agreement shall terminate within one year and sixty (60) days from the 12. date of execution of this Agreement, unless the EEOC petitions this court for an extension of the Agreement because of noncompliance by Teichert. If the EEOC determines that Teichert has not complied with the Settlement Agreement, the EEOC will provide written notification of the alleged breach to Teichert and will not petition the court for enforcement sooner than thirty (30) days after providing written notification. The thirty-day period following written notice shall be used by the parties for good faith efforts to resolve the issue. If the EEOC petitions the court and the court finds Teichert in substantial violation of the terms of the Agreement, the court may extend this Settlement Agreement.
- 13. U.S. District Judge William B. Shubb shall retain jurisdiction over this action for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of this Settlement Agreement pursuant to Kokkenen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am., 511 U.S. 375, 381-82 (1994) and Flanagan v. Arnaiz, 143 F.3d 540, 543-44 (9th Cir. 1998) as discussed in the Stipulation and Order of Dismissal.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

14. The effective date of this Agreement is the date of the last signature below. This agreement will expire on June 10, 2005.

Dated: 5/13/169

Dated: 5/13/04

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Supervisory Trial Attorney

MARCIA L. MITCHELL Senior Trial Attorney

Dated: 3/10/04

JOHN FOX

ALLEN M. KATO

Regional Attorney

FENWICK & WEST LLP Attorneys for Defendant

EXHIBIT A to SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT EEOC v. A.TEICHERT & SON

TEICHERT CONSTRUCTION ~ EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

EMPLOYEE:		BADGE #:	POSI	POSITION:	
DISTRICT:					
Succes		erformance requires			performance for each category
RATING	s: 1	EXCEEDS = EXPECTATIONS	MEETS 2 = EXPECTATIONS	NEEDS 3 = IMPROVEMENT	DOES NOT MEET 4 = EXPECTATIONS
	ATTEND Maintains dependab comments	good attendance and le.	is punctual; seldom ab	sent or tardy; reports abso	ence or tardiness in advance;
				redures as outlined in the	Company's <u>Employee Handbook</u> .
	SAFETY PRACTICES Knows and understands safety rules, performs tasks in a safe manner, enforces safety rules in the performance of duties, demonstrates awareness and cooperation with the Company safety program. comments:				
	Has demo	erials, practices and te		f present job, the duties in	volved, and the use of related
			tion to detail and quali	ty, maintains positive cust	omer service while working.
			uction goals; maintains	stamina and endurance	to finish jobs in timely manner.
				positive work environme	nt; is respectful of co-workers.
	COOPERATION WITH SUPERVISOR Accepts direction and evaluation from supervisor; willing to assist in all areas to accomplish Company goals. comments:				
	WORK R	ELATED GOALS &	ADDITIONAL COM	MENTS:	

I have reviewed this evaluation and have discussed the contents with my foreman. My signature means that I have been advised of my performance and does not necessarily imply that I agree with this evaluation.

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United States District Court for the Eastern District of California May 18, 2004

* * CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE * *

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Teichert and Son Inc

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California.

That on May 18, 2004, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office, or, pursuant to prior authorization by counsel, via facsimile.

Marcia L Mitchell

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