

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
WEST PALM BEACH DIVISION

Case No. 01-9096-CIV-MIDDLEBROOKS  
Magistrate Judge Bandstra

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**CARMELINA MARTINEZ, et. al.,** )  
**individually and on behalf of** )  
**all others similarly situated,** )  
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**Plaintiffs,** )  
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**vs.** )  
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**MECCA FARMS, INC., et. al.,** )  
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**Defendants.** )  
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**FINAL ORDER**

This case came before the Court on April 1, 2003 at a hearing to determine the lawfulness, reasonableness, adequacy and fairness of the proposed class settlement in this action.

On March 11, 2003, the Court entered an order directing that notice be given to members of the certified class in this case, said notice advising the class members of the terms of the proposed settlement, of their right to object to it and of the time and place of this hearing. (Docket Entry 76). The Court has heard and considered the presentations of counsel regarding the publication of this notice. The Court is unaware of any persons objecting to this proposed settlement. The Court has also been advised that the parties have agreed to the entry of this Order.

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Based on the foregoing, the Court hereby FINDS that:

A. The terms and provisions of this Court's order of March 11, 2003 in this case have been carried out by the parties.

B. The terms of the settlement contemplated herein are found in the Stipulation of Proposed Joint Settlement Agreement and exhibits thereto previously filed with the Court, and the terms thereof are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

C. Said settlement is lawful, fair, just, reasonable and adequate after considering among other things that the settlement was reached after good faith, arms-length negotiations by experienced and capable counsel for the class and in the absence of collusion; the amount of the settlement; the likelihood of the Plaintiffs' success in obtaining the relief prayed for; the cost, complexity and duration of litigation if pursued; the disruption of business of Defendants and other matters bearing on the best interest of the parties, including the absence of objection by any class member or potential class member to the settlement contemplated by the Stipulation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

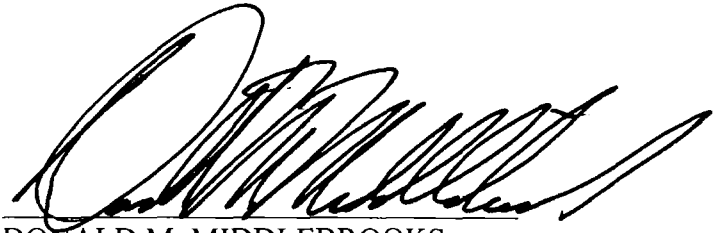
1. The settlement contemplated in the Stipulation of Proposed Joint Settlement Agreement is finally approved and the parties are directed to continue to perform in compliance with the terms, and subject to all conditions thereof;

2. The Defendants, their past and present officers, shareholders, directors, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, parent corporations, related entities and affiliates, if any, and their respective successors, heirs and assigns, whomever, are released from all damage and other

claims of the Plaintiffs, and all members of the classes certified by the Court's order of November 25, 2002 (Docket Entry 66), their heirs, representatives, agents, attorneys, successors, or assigns, or anyone claiming on their behalf, which have been raised or asserted in this action; and,

4. This action is hereby dismissed with prejudice, except to reserve jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the settlement.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in West Palm Beach, Florida, this 8 day of April 2003.

  
DONALD M. MIDDLEBROOKS  
United States District Judge

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