

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION**

SHELENE JEAN-LOUIS, JUDES PETIT-
FRERE, on behalf of themselves and others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 8:13-cv-3084-T-30AEP
Class Action

vs.

CLEAR SPRINGS FARMING, LLC, a
Foreign Limited Liability Company,
FLORIDA GOLD CITRUS, INC., a Florida
Profit Corporation, JACK GREEN JR.,
individually, and HOWARD LEASING,
INC. a Foreign Limited Liability company,

Defendants.

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**ORDER ON JOINT MOTION TO REOPEN THE ACTION FOR PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF CLASS SETTLEMENT AND FOR CERTIFICATION OF A
SETTLEMENT CLASS**

INTRODUCTION

THIS CAUSE comes before the Court upon the Joint Motion to Reopen the Action for Preliminary Approval of Class Settlement and for Certification of a Settlement Class (“the Motion”) (Dkt. 238). The Court, having considered the Motion, concludes that it should be granted.

The instant Settlement was accomplished after a formal all-day mediation with the assistance of mediator Edward O. Savitz. The Parties are in agreement that the Settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable and should be preliminarily approved.

For these reasons, and those stated in the Motion, it is hereby ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

(1) The parties' Joint Motion to Reopen the Action for Preliminary Approval of Class Settlement and for Certification of a Settlement Class ("the Motion") (Dkt. 238) is granted.

(2) The Clerk is directed to reopen this case.

(3) The Court grants preliminarily approval of the Settlement.

(4) The Court recertifies for settlement purposes the proposed Settlement Class and re-appoints Shelene Jean-Louis as Class Representative.

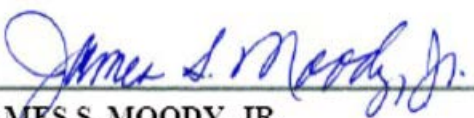
(5) The Court approves the Notice Program detailed in the Settlement Agreement and the form, contents, and the method of publication of the Notice attached to the Settlement Agreement.

(6) The Court approves the opt-out and objection procedures delineated in the Settlement Agreement.

(7) The Court appoints as Class Counsel the law firms identified in Section 1.5 of the Settlement Agreement.

(8) The Court will schedule a fairness hearing on final settlement approval to occur at the first available date.

DONE and ORDERED in Tampa, Florida on February 2, 2017.



JAMES S. MOODY, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Counsel/Parties of Record