UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

R. ALEXANDER ACOSTA, Secretary of Labor,)
United States Department of Labor,)
Plaintiff,))
V.) Civil action no.: 18-cv-02968
GREAT LAKES LUMBER & PALLET, INC., an Illinois corporation, and DAVID RADZIETA,) District Judge: Manish S. Shah
individually,) Magistrate Judge: Maria Valdez
Defendants.)

CONSENT JUDGMENT

Plaintiff, R. ALEXANDER ACOSTA, Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor, having filed his Complaint and Defendants GREAT LAKES LUMBER & PALLET, INC., an Illinois corporation, and DAVID RADZIETA, an individual, (collectively, "Defendants"), having appeared by counsel, having answered, and having been duly advised in the premises, agree to the entry of this Consent Judgment without contest. Now, therefore, upon motion for the attorneys for Plaintiff and Defendants, and for cause shown:

JUDGMENT IS HEREBY ENTERED against Defendants pursuant to sections 16(c), 16(e)(2) and 17 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as Amended, 29 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq*. (the "Act"), as follows.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, pursuant to sections 16(c), 16(e)(2), and 17 of the Act, that Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees and all other persons in active concert or participation with them are hereby permanently enjoined and restrained from violating the provisions of the Act in any of the following manners.

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Defendants shall not, contrary to sections 7 and 15(a)(2) of the Act, employ any employees who in any workweek are engaged in commerce or the production of goods for commerce, or who are employed in an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, within the meaning of the Act, for workweeks longer than 40 hours, unless such employee receives compensation for his employment in excess of 40 hours at a rate not less than one and one-half times the regular rates at which he is employed. Specifically, Defendants shall not pay their employees their regular rates for hours worked in excess of 40 in a workweek without the overtime premium.

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Defendants shall not fail to make, keep, and preserve records of their employees and of the wages, hours, and other conditions and practices of employment maintained by them as prescribed by the regulations issued, and from time to time amended, pursuant to section 11(c) of the Act and found at 29 C.F.R. Part 516. This includes, but is not limited to, maintaining records of all hours worked by each employee on each workday and in each workweek, and records of all compensation paid to each employee in each workweek, whether payment is made by a payroll check, personal check, cash, or a combination thereof.

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The Defendants hereby acknowledge and the Court finds:

A. Defendant **GREAT LAKES LUMBER & PALLET, INC.**, is an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of sections 3(r) and 3(s)(1) of the Act.

B. Defendant **DAVID RADZIETA** acted directly or indirectly in the interest of the corporate Defendant **GREAT LAKES LUMBER & PALLET, INC.**, within the meaning of section 3(d) of the Act.

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FURTHER, JUDGMENT IS HEREBY ENTERED, pursuant to section 16(c) of the Act, in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants in the total amount of \$124,370.00.

- A. Defendants shall not withhold payment of \$124,370.00 in overtime compensation and liquidated damages hereby found to be due under the Act to the employees for the period from period covered by workweek ending dates January 1, 2016, through April 15, 2017, in the amounts listed in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- B. Defendants shall pay to the Plaintiff the sum of \$124,370.00, which represents the amount of back wages and liquidated damages due under the Act, less deductions for employees' share of social security and withholding taxes, plus post-judgment interest, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961, for those employees listed in Exhibit A hereof. These amounts will be paid in six installments as follows:

PAYMENT DUE DATE	GROSS AMOUNT DUE	TYPE OF PAYMENT
		DUE
November 23, 2018	\$20,728.35	Liquidated Damages
December 17, 2018	\$20,728.33	Liquidated Damages
January 14, 2019	\$20,728.33	Liquidated Damages
February 13, 2019	\$20,728.33	Back Wages
March 15, 2019	\$20,728.33	Back Wages
April 15, 2019	\$20,728.33	Back Wages
Total Amount Due	\$124,370.00	

1. The aforesaid installment payments shall be paid by Defendants to the Plaintiff, by Defendants delivering to Plaintiff the following not less than five days after each of the installment dates set forth above.

- a. Separate cashier's checks for each employee named in Exhibit A made payable to the order of the employee or "Wage and Hour Div., Labor," as alternative payees (e.g., "PAY TO THE ORDER OF JANE DOE or WAGE AND HOUR DIV., LABOR") for \$20,728.33¹ less legal deductions for employees' share of social security and withholding taxes, and a schedule showing the name, last-known-address, social security number, gross amount due, amounts deducted for social security, amount deducted for Federal income tax, amount deducted for State income tax, and the net amount of such payment for each person enumerated in Exhibit A hereof. The amounts deducted from the sums enumerated in Exhibit A hereof for social security, Federal income tax and State income tax shall be paid by Defendants to the appropriate Federal and State revenue authorities. Defendants shall be responsible for paying their share of FICA, Medicare and other required State and Federal tax obligations and any other statutory or regulatory obligations not otherwise named herein.
- b. The installments described in Paragraph IV(B) shall be made by mailing each such check by certified mail with the schedule described in Paragraph IV(B)(1)(a) to the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, Chicago District Office, 230 South Dearborn Street, Room 412, Chicago, IL 60604.
- c. Should the Defendants fail to pay any of the aforesaid installment payments later than five days after the dates set forth above in Paragraph IV(B), the entire amount of the balance of unpaid compensation remaining shall become due without further notice by plaintiff to Defendants. Any defaulted balance shall be subject to the assessment of interest and penalty interest at rates determined by the U.S. Treasury as required by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-134) published by the Secretary of the Treasury

¹ Due to rounding, the first installment payment is \$20,728.35 less the deductions identified in Paragraph (IV)(B)(1)(a).

in the Federal Register and other delinquent charges and administrative costs shall also be assessed. In the event of default, the Plaintiff may pursue enforcement of this agreement and/or any additional collection action that may include, but is not limited to, administrative offset, referral of the account to credit reporting agencies, private collection agencies, and/or the Department of Justice.

- d. Plaintiff shall distribute the proceeds of the checks referred to in subparagraph (a) hereof to the persons enumerated in Exhibit A hereof, or to their estates if that be necessary, and any money not so paid because of inability to locate the proper persons or because of their refusal to accept it, shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Court, who shall forthwith deposit such money with the Treasurer of the United States pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2041.
- e. Exhibit B sets forth the gross amounts due to each employee named in Exhibit A on each payment due date.

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FURTHER, JUDGMENT IS HEREBY ENTERED, pursuant to section 16(e)(2) of the Act, in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants in the total amount of \$15,120.00, which represents the civil money penalties hereby found to be due, for the period covered by workweek ending dates January 1, 2016, through April 15, 2017. The provisions of this paragraph shall be deemed satisfied by Defendants' delivery of a certified check or cashier's check to Plaintiff made payable to the order of the "Wage and Hour Div., Labor" on or before June 13, 2019.

VI

Defendants shall not request, solicit, suggest, or coerce, directly, or indirectly, any current or former employee to return or to offer to return to the Defendants or to someone else for the

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Defendants, any money in the form of cash, check, or any other form, for wages previously due

or to become due in the future to said employee under the provisions of this Consent Judgment

or the Act; nor shall Defendants accept, or receive from any employee, either directly or

indirectly, any money in the form of cash, check, or any other form, for wages heretofore or

hereafter paid to said employee under the provisions of this Consent Judgment or the Act; nor

shall Defendants discharge or in any other manner discriminate, nor solicit or encourage anyone

else to discriminate, against any such employee because such employee has received or retained

money due to him from the Defendants under the provisions of this Consent Judgment or the

Act.

VII

FURTHER, it is agreed by the parties herein and hereby **ORDERED** that each party

bears its own fees and other expenses incurred by such party in connection with any stage of this

proceeding to date with no costs, including, but not limited to, any and all costs referenced under

the Equal Access to Justice Act, as Amended.

DATED: December 17, 2018

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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The parties hereby consent to the entry of this Consent Judgment:				
FOR THE SECRETARY OF LAI	BOR:			
KATE O'SCANNLAIN Solicitor of Labor				
CHRISTINE Z. HERI Regional Solicitor				
s/ Kevin M. Wilemon KEVIN M. WILEMON Trial Attorney	DATED: 12/10/2018			
P.O. ADDRESS: Office of the Solicitor U.S. Department of Labor 230 S. Dearborn St., Room 844 Chicago, IL 60604				
FOR THE DEFENDANTS:				
FOR GREAT LAKES LUMBER &	PALLET, INC., AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:			
Dated: 12.05.18 , 2018	s/David Radzieta DAVID RADZIETA			
FOR DAVID RADZIETA:				
Dated: <u>12.05.18</u> , 2018	s/David Radzieta DAVID RADZIETA			
APPROVED AS TO FORM COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANTS:				
Dated: December 10, 2018	s/Sean F. Darke SEAN F. DARKE Litchfield Cavo, LLP			

EXHIBIT A

Last Name	First Name	Gross Back Wages	Liquidated Damages	Total
Cuevas	Eduardo	\$11,952.40	\$11,952.40	\$23,904.80
Echeverria	Manuel	\$145.06	\$145.06	\$290.12
Enciso	Javier	\$491.62	\$491.62	\$983.24
Enciso	Raziel	\$745.88	\$745.88	\$1,491.75
Franco	Reginaldo	\$7,729.68	\$7,729.68	\$15,459.36
Fuentes	Eulogio	\$396.63	\$396.63	\$793.26
Godinez	Ivan	\$1,838.14	\$1,838.14	\$3,676.29
Gonzalez	Jose	\$1,262.94	\$1,262.94	\$2,525.88
Hernandez	Agustin	\$2,089.33	\$2,089.33	\$4,178.66
Herrera	Nicholas	\$17.55	\$17.55	\$35.10
Lopez	Jose	\$1,039.84	\$1,039.84	\$2,079.68
Muniz	Victor	\$1,526.41	\$1,526.41	\$3,052.82
Munoz	Benito	\$272.76	\$272.76	\$545.52
Nieto	Antonio	\$3,290.41	\$2,290.41	\$6,580.81
Ocon	Alonso	\$471.66	\$471.66	\$943.31
Quinones	Mariano	\$4,570.06	\$4,570.06	\$9,140.11
Rendon	Giovanny	\$1,937.08	\$1,937.08	\$3,874.16
Rodriguez	Edgar	\$191.30	\$191.30	\$382.59
Santana	Eliel	\$15,661.62	\$15,661.62	\$31,323.24
Vega	Lazaro	\$6,554.65	\$6,554.65	\$13,109.31
Totals		\$62,185.00	\$62,185.00	\$124,370.00

EXHIBIT B

ast Name	First Name	Payment Due Date	Gross Amount Due	Type of Payment Due
Cuevas	Eduardo	November 23, 2018	\$3,984.13	Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018	\$3,984.13	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019 February 13, 2019	\$3,984.13	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$3,984.13	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$3,984.13	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$3,984.13	Back Wages
		Total	\$23,904.80	
cheverria	Manuel	November 23, 2018	\$48.35	Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018	\$48.35	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$48.35	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$48.35	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$48.35	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$48.35	Back Wages
		Total	\$290.12	
Enciso	Javier	November 23, 2018	\$163.87	Liquidated Damages
	1	December 17, 2018	\$163.87	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$163.87	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$163.87	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$163.87	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$163.87	Back Wages
		Total	\$983.24	
Enciso	Raziel	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
	•	December 17, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$248.63	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$248.63	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$248.63	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$248.63	Back Wages
		Total	\$1,491.75	
Franco	Reginaldo	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018	\$2,576.56	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$2,576.56	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$2,576.56	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$2,576.56	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$2,576.56	Back Wages
	1	Total	\$15,459.36	
Fuentes	Eulogio	November 23, 2018	\$132.21	Liquidated Damages
	1	December 17, 2018	\$132.21	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$132.21	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$132.21	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$132.21	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$132.21	Back Wages
	1	Total	\$793.26	
Godinez	Ivan			
GUUIIICZ	Ivan	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$612.72	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$612.72	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$612.72	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$612.72	Back Wages
		Total	\$3,676.29	

Last Name	First Name	Payment Due Date	Gross Amount Due	Type of Payment Due
Gonzalez	Jose	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
Guilzaicz	3080	December 17, 2018		Liquidated Damages Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$420.98	Liquidated Damages Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$420.98	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$420.98	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$420.98	Back Wages
		Total	\$2,525.88	Back Wages
Hernandez	Agustin	November 23, 2018	\$696.44	Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018	\$696.44	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$696.44	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$696.44	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$696.44	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$696.44	Back Wages
	T	Total	\$4,178.66	
Herrera	Nicolas	November 23, 2018	\$5.85	Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018	\$5.85	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$5.85	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$5.85	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$5.85	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$5.85	Back Wages
	1	Total	\$35.10	
Lopez	Jose	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$346.61	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$346.61	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$346.61	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$346.61	Back Wages
	1	Total	\$2,079.68	
Muniz	Victor	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$508.80	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$508.80	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$508.80	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$508.80	Back Wages
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Munoz	Benito	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$90.92	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019 March 15, 2019	\$90.92 \$90.92	Back Wages Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$90.92	Back Wages Back Wages
		Total	\$545.52	Buck Wages
Nieto	Antonio	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
	•	December 17, 2018	\$1,096.80	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019 February 13, 2019	\$1,096.80	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$1,096.80	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$1,096.80	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$1,096.80	Back Wages
0	I A1	Total	\$6,580.81	7: 11.15
Ocon	Alonso	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018	\$157.22	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$157.22 \$157.22	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$157.22 \$157.22	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019 April 15, 2019	\$157.22 \$157.22	Back Wages Back Wages
		Total	\$943.31	Dack wages
		Total	\$7 43.3 1	

Last Name	First Name	Payment Due Date	Gross Amount Due	Type of Payment Due
Quinones	Mariano	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
C		December 17, 2018	\$1,523.35	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$1,523.35	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$1,523.35	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$1,523.35	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$1,523.35	Back Wages
		Total	\$9,140.11	Buth Wages
Rendon	Giovanny	November 23, 2018	\$645.69	Liquidated Damages
	· · ·	December 17, 2018	\$645.69	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$645.69	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$645.69	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$645.69	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$645.69	Back Wages
		Total	\$3,874.16	
Rodriguez	Edgar	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018	\$63.77	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$63.77	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$63.77	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$63.77	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$63.77	Back Wages
		Total	\$382.59	
Santana	Eliel	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018	\$5,220.54	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$5,220.54	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$5,220.54	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$5,220.54	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$5,220.54	Back Wages
		Total	\$31,323.24	
Vega	Lazaro	November 23, 2018		Liquidated Damages
		December 17, 2018	\$2,184.89	Liquidated Damages
		January 14, 2019	\$2,184.89	Liquidated Damages
		February 13, 2019	\$2,184.89	Back Wages
		March 15, 2019	\$2,184.89	Back Wages
		April 15, 2019	\$2,184.89	Back Wages
		Total	\$13,109.31	