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#### NAME OF PLAN

The plan for which this Summary Plan Description is provided is known as the Southern & Central Illinois Laborers' & Employers' Vacation Fund.

#### Maintenance of Plan

The plan is maintained by a joint Board of Trustees and is located at: 5100 Ed Smith Way, Suite A, Marion, IL 62959.

A complete list of the employers and/or employee organizations sponsoring the plan may be obtained by you or your beneficiaries upon written request to the Plan Administrator, and is available for examination by you at the office of the Plan Administrator.

# **Employer Identification Number and Plan Number**

The employer identification number (EIN) assigned by the Internal Revenue Service to the plan sponsor is 37-1037101.

## Type of Welfare Plan

The vacation plan is administered by the Plan Administrator in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

#### **Plan Administrator**

Heather Laughland-Etherton, Administrator

The Board of Trustees of the Southern & Central Illinois Laborers' & Employers' Vacation Fund

Address:

5100 Ed Smith Way, Suite A Marion, IL 62959

Telephone Number:

618-998-1300

Fax Number:

618-997-9063

# **Agent for Services of Legal Process**

The person/entity designated as agent for service of legal process upon the plan is Britt Sowle, Attorney at Law, Cavanagh & O'Hara, 101 West Vandalia Street, Suite 245, Edwardsville, IL 62025, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees. In addition, service of process may be made upon any plan trustee

#### **Trustees**

The name and address of the principle place of business of each Trustee of the plan is:

### UNION TRUSTEES

Clint Taylor, Chairman

**SCILDC** 

5100 Ed Smith Way, Suite B

Marion, IL 62959

Eric Oller

Laborers' Local 459 100 N 17<sup>th</sup> Street Belleville, IL 62226

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McLeansboro, IL 62859

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Springfield, IL 62701

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Laborers' Local 773

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CONSULTANT TO THE TRUSTEES

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**EMPLOYER TRUSTEES** 

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Steve Starwalt

Howell Asphalt

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Mattoon, IL 61938

Brian Rehbein

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P.O. Box 2107

Carbondale, IL 62902

Laura Wilson

**ET Simonds Construction** 

P.O. Box 2107

Carbondale, IL 62902

Jerry Ross

504 West Jackson, P.O. Box 249

Marion, Illinois 62959

**FUND ATTORNEY** 

Britt W. Sowle, Cavanagh & O'Hara, LLP

## **Collective Bargaining Agreements**

The plan is maintained pursuant to collective bargaining agreements and participation agreements. A copy of such agreements may be obtained upon written request to the Plan Administrator, who may make a reasonable charge for the copies, and are available for examination by you or your beneficiaries at the Plan Administration Office.

### **Eligibility and Benefits**

The plan's requirements respecting eligibility for participation and a description or summary of the benefits are set forth in the description of coverage that follows.

## **Circumstances Which May Affect Benefits**

Circumstances which may result in disqualification or denial, loss, forfeiture or suspension of any benefits are set forth in this description.

#### Date of End of Plan's Fiscal Year

The date of the end of each year for purposes of maintaining the plan's fiscal records is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

As a participant in the Southern & Central Illinois Laborers' & Employers' Vacation Fund you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended. ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as work sites and union halls, all plan documents including insurance contractions, collective bargaining agreements and copes of all documents filed by the plan with the U.S. Department of Labor, such as detailed audit reports and plan descriptions.

Obtain copies of all plan documents and other plan information upon written request to the Plan Administrator. The Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your plan, called "fiduciaries" of the plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other plan participants and beneficiaries.

No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

If your claim for a benefit is denied in whole or in part, you must receive a written explanation of the reason for the denial. You have the right to have the plan review and reconsider your claim.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the plan in writing and do not receive them in 30 days, you may file a suit in federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay a fine until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay the costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

If you have any questions about your plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement, or about your rights under ERISA, you should contact the nearest Area Office of the U.S. Labor-Management Services Administration, Department of Labor.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

### **Trust Agreement**

The term "Trust Agreement" shall mean the Agreement and Declaration of Trust establishing the Southern & Central Illinois Laborers' Vacation Fund and any amendments thereto.

#### **Trust Fund**

The "Trust Fund" or "Fund" shall mean the Southern & Central Illinois Laborers' & Employers' Vacation Fund.

The term "Trustees" shall mean the Employer Trustees and the Union Trustees, collectively, as selected under the Trust Agreement, and as constituted from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Agreement.

#### **Administrator**

The term "Administrator" shall mean any person duly designated by the Trustee pursuant to the Trust Agreement to perform any and all necessary and proper duties incident to the administration of the Fund.

#### Union

The term "Union" shall mean those Unions which have executed an Agreement of Collective Bargaining with an employer who, in accordance with such Agreement of Collective Bargaining, participates in the Southern & Central Illinois Laborers' & Employers' Vacation Fund.

### **Employer**

The term "Employer" or "Employers" as used herein shall mean any association or individual

Employer who has duly executed a collective bargaining agreement with the Union who agrees therein to be bound by the Trust Agreement.

# **Eligible Employee**

The term "Eligible Employee" shall mean all persons eligible for benefits under the Trust.

#### **VACATION BENEFITS**

The Vacation Fund shall be a trust fund and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing vacation and related benefits for participants and beneficiaries as is more fully set forth—in the Agreement and Declaration of Trust establishing the Southern & Central Illinois Laborers' and Employers' Vacation Fund and any amendments thereto adopted by the Trustees and to pay and provide for—the payment of all reasonable and necessary expenses of the operation and administration of the Vacation Plan in accordance with this Agreement as more fully therein set forth. At all times the Vacation Fund shall be operated in accordance with any applicable statues, rules and regulations—which govern the operation of trust funds maintained and established for the purposes set forth—therein. The Trustees may allow you, as a participant to direct the Vacation Fund to pay monies—to a political action committee; however, in such an event, proper authorization forms must be executed by you and such authorization must be voluntary.

The Trustees shall hold and maintain all amounts heretofore remitted by Employers and not withdrawn or paid over to you, as a participant, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and Declaration of Trust.

Each Employer bound to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust shall be required to make prompt payment to the Trust of such amount per hour, as specified in the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement, for each hour worked by an Employee, or for each hour wages are required to be paid, as in the Collective Bargaining Agreement set forth. Amounts required to be remitted to the Trust, on behalf of an Employee, shall first be added to the gross wages of such Employee and payment made after payroll deductions required by Federal and State Income Tax laws and other applicable laws.

Upon receipt of amounts required to be remitted by the Employers, the Trustees shall cause the same to be deposited in a Bank or similar financial institution to the account of the Trustees, as the Trustee may elect, to be withdrawn and paid over to the Employees, only as in this Agreement and Declaration of Trust provides.

In the months of March and September, in each year, after due consideration of earnings on amounts deposited as in this Section and of the expense incurred and to be incurred in the administration of the Trust created hereby, the Trustees shall, for the then current period, declare the rate of interest participating Employees shall be entitled to receive on the remittances made on their behalf for such period.

After the close of a Vacation Period, at such time, as designated by the Trustees, all amounts deposited by the trustees up to and including the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March and 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, shall be withdrawn as directed by the Trustees, together with that portion of the earnings and increments realized thereon, up to and including the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March and the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, required to make payment of interest on remittances made on behalf of the Employees at the rate declared in accordance with the provisions of this Trust, to be paid over as follows:

- 1. To each Employee the amount remitted by his Employer from the date of last withdrawal to the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March or the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, aforesaid, and
- 2. To each Employee so much of the earnings and increments so withdrawn as will pay to such Employee interest on the remittances made on his behalf, withdrawn and required to be paid over to him, at the rate as declared by the Trustees, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust.

Upon the expiration of each six-month period described above, each Employee will be mailed a withdrawal election notice on April 1<sup>st</sup> or October 1<sup>st</sup> at the last address on file at the Fund Office. The following options will be available on the withdrawal election notice form:

- 1. Withdraw and receive a check for the amount of your balance in the Vacation Fund as of March 30<sup>th</sup> or September 30<sup>th</sup>; or
- 2. Do not withdraw my balance. (If this option is marked your money will continue to roll over)

An Employee must choose one of the options, sign the form, and return the form to the Fund Office postmarked by April 15<sup>th</sup> or October 15<sup>th</sup>. No withdrawal will be permitted unless said notice form is returned within the prescribed time. Irrespective of the election chosen by the Employee, the form must show the Employee's election, bear his signature, and be returned to the Fund Office. Checks are issued by the 7<sup>th</sup> business day of May and November.

If an Employee has a balance of \$10.00 or less, then he will not be permitted to withdraw that amount and said balance will remain in his account. In addition, dormant accounts – i.e., those accounts containing \$25 or less for twelve consecutive months – will be closed out and be deemed forfeited.

Withdrawal checks that are not negotiated (i.e., "cashed" by the Employee) within six months of issuance will result in cancellation of said checks and the sum therefore credited to the Employee's balance. Any such amount of so credited cannot be withdrawn by the executed withdrawal election form. During the time from issuance to cancellation as herein described, no interest will be earned or credited on said sum.

Each Vacation Fund balance account will be charged an administrative expense fee of 1% up to a maximum of \$2.00 for each six-month period.

Other than as set forth above, no withdrawals for or payments to an Employee shall be made, unless an Employee shall have died, at which time or as soon thereafter as is convenient, Trustees shall withdraw all amounts remitted by an Employer from date of last withdrawal, and pay the same to the designated beneficiary of such deceased Employee.

In the event an Employee shall have failed to designate a beneficiary or if the designated beneficiary or beneficiaries shall have predeceased such Employee, Trustees shall pay over the Employee's separate account, at the Employee's death, as follows:

- 1. To the Employee's spouse, if living.
- 2. If no spouse living, then to the Employee's estate.

That portion of the earnings not required to be paid over to the Employee as set forth above shall, on the withdrawal date, be withdrawn by the Trustees to be retained by the Trustees in a General Administration Expense Account to be used for the payment of costs and expenses incurred in the administration of the Trust created hereby.

The Plan may incur any reasonable expenses related to efforts to locate a Participant or Beneficiary, which shall include, but not be limited to, the use of third party service providers, database inquiries, and any other methodology approved by the Board of Trustees. Such expenses shall be considered a common expense of the Plan, however, the Trustees may assess the expense of utilizing a third party service provider to the account of a Participant or Beneficiary if such Participant or Beneficiary cannot be first be located through other methodology.

### **Appeals if Benefits Denied**

A federal law called the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) gives you the right to appeal any decision of the administrator or any employee of the Board of Trustees. Any dispute regarding eligibility shall be resolved by the Trustees pursuant to the Trust Agreement and claims and appeals procedures adopted by the Trustees. The Trustees' decision is final and binding. The Trustees must notify any person whose application for benefits that has been denied in whole or in part. Such notification must state the reasons for the denial. Participants may petition the Trustees for a review of the denial. Petitions must be in writing, must state in clear and concise terms the reasons for disputing the denial, and include any pertinent documents not already provided to the Trustees. Petitions must be received by the Trustees within sixty (60) days after the date on the Trustees' notice of the denial to the Petitioner. Failure to timely file a petition for review constitutes a waiver of a right to a review, however, it will not preclude the Participant from establishing eligibility for benefits at a later date based upon additional information or evidence not available at the time of the denial.

#### **Hardship Appeals**

In the event an Employee's account is not credited with an Employer remittance at the close of a Vacation Period and/or prior to the Plan's mailing of a withdrawal election notice due to (1) the Employer's failure to timely report and pay a remittance to the Plan on behalf of the Employee, or (2) a late transfer of a remittance from the Plan's designated collection agent, such Employee may submit a written hardship appeal to the Plan Office seeking an interim withdrawal. The written hardship appeal must include a full explanation of the basis for the hardship and include any supporting documents, records, or other information related to the hardship appeal. Thereafter, the hardship appeal will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for review and consideration at the next scheduled meeting.

Any Employee wishing to submit a hardship appeal an adverse benefit determination must place the appeal in writing and deliver it to the Plan Office via U.S. Mail at the following address:

Southern Illinois Laborers and Employers Health & Welfare Fund 5100 Ed Smith Way, Suite A Marion, Illinois 62959 (618) 997-9063 [Facsimile]

### **Non-Active Account Participants**

All amounts that are not claimed within eighteen (18) months from the date payment was required to be made to an Employer, including failure to submit withdrawal elections forms, shall be withdrawn by the Trustees and paid over to the General Administration Expense Account, subject to the rights of the Employee thereafter to make claim therefore, without interest accrued after said eighteen (18) months; provided, however, in the event of termination of the Trust, no claim for forfeited or suspended sums shall be made or paid.

#### **Active Account Participants**

All amounts that are not claimed within eighteen (18) months from the date payment was required to be made to an Employer, including failure to submit withdrawal election forms, shall remain as active accounts, so long as the participant remains active in the Fund. Once an active participant reaches non-active status, they shall become subject to the terms as stated above for "Non-Active Account Participants".

The Trustees, for the benefit of the Employee entitled to such payment, shall make due and diligent effort to ascertain the whereabouts of any such Employee in order to provide payment to such Employee of the Employee's separate account, as soon as is practical.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement and Declaration of Trust, no person other than the Employees shall have an interest in and to the amounts, including earnings and increments thereon, remitted by the Employers, for the benefit of the Employees.

# STATEMENT OF RIGHTS UNDER THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974 (ERISA)

As a Participant in the Southern and Central Illinois Laborers' and Employers' Vacation Fund, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that all Plan Participants shall be entitled to:

## **Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits**

Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's Office and at other specified locations, such as work sites and Union halls, all Plan documents, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration. Obtain upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated Summary Plan Description. The Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies. Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each Participant with a copy of the summary annual report.

#### **Prudent Actions By Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for Plan Participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the Employee Benefit Plan. The people who operate your Plan, called "Fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan Participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your Union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

### **Enforce Your Rights**

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored in whole or in part, you have the right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial all within certain time schedules. You have the right to have the Plan review and reconsider your claim. Under ERISA there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request certain materials required to be furnished by the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal Court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator. If you have a claim for benefits that is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a State or Federal Court. If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal Court. The Court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the Court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the Court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

### **Assistance With Your Questions**

If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest Area Office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

#### PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING ADDITIONAL PLAN DOCUMENTS

If you wish to inspect or receive copies of additional documents relating to this plan, contact the fund office.

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Telephone Number:
618-998-1300
Fax Number:
618-997-9063

#### NOTICE

It is the intent of the drafters of this Summary Plan Description that the Trustees possess the discretion to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe the terms of the trust and summary plan description. It is also the intent of the drafters of this Trust, by adopting the discretionary power specified above, that the decisions of the Trustees as to the granting or denial of benefits and the construing of terms of the Trust and summary plan description, are reviewed pursuant to an "arbitrary and capricious" standard by a reviewing court, as enunciated by the United States Court in *Firestone Tire and Rubber Company v. Richard Bruch, (1989)*.