#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Commissioner of Labor (here in after referred to as "Commissioner") and the Biancofiori Masonry Inc, herein after referred to as "Employer") hereby agree as follows:

The Commissioner amends the Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty, IOSHA Inspection No. 315050930 issued to the Employer on November 07, 2011 in the following manner.

#### **SAFETY ORDER 01:**

Item 1, 2, SAFETY ORDER 02 Item 1 & 2: Upheld; group, repeats will reclassified to serious penalty reduced to \$ 1500.00, abatement has been modified until February 11, 2012.

Item 3: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$ 750.00.

Item 4: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$ 750.00.

Item 5: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$ 1500.00.

Item 6: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$1500.00.

Item 7: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$ 1500.00.

Item 8: Upheld; penalty reduced to \$ 1500.00.

### In exchange, The Employer agrees:

- 1. Provide 30 hour OSHA Construction safety course along with competent person training for two (2) Supervisors within ninety (90) days of the Settlement Agreement.
- 2. Refresh eight (8) employees in a limited scope Construction Safety Fall Protection, Scaffold and Electrical Safety course within thirty (30) days of the Settlement Agreement.

3. The Employer shall provided an agenda and the class sign in sheet to IDOL upon completion of the course.

4. Also, the Employer has agreed to a <u>PAYMENT PLAN</u>: twelve (12) payments at \$ 750.00, starting: 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 25, 11, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 25, 11, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 25, 12, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 25, 12, 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 25, 12, 6<sup>th</sup> Apr 25, 12, 7<sup>th</sup> May 25, 12, 8<sup>th</sup> June 25, 12, 9<sup>th</sup> July 25, 12, 10<sup>yh</sup> Aug 25, 12, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 25, 12, 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 25, 12.

Except for the above specified amendments all other provisions of Safety Order Number 315050930 are retained intact.

#### The TOTAL AGREED PENALTY is \$ 9,000.00

THE EMPLOYER IS SATISFIED WITH THE AMENDMENTS STATED ABOVE AND ACCORDINGLY WAIVES ITS RIGHT TO FILE A NOTICE OF CONTEST OF THE SAFETY ORDER(S) AND NOTIFICATION(S) OF PENALTY AS AMENDED AND AGREES TO WITHDRAW ANY PREVIOUSLY FILED NOTICES OF CONTEST IN THIS MATTER.

Upon full execution of this Settlement Agreement the Employer will post this Agreement for three (3) working days or until abatement is completed, whichever period is longer.

The total AGREED PENALTY is due and payable on within fifteen (15) working days from the Employer's execution of this Agreement. The Employer further agrees that if the AGREED PENALTY is not paid within fifteen working days from the Employer's execution of this Agreement, that the full amount of the penalty initially assessed against the Employer in the Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty which are the subject of this Agreement is due and payable immediately.

The Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty are, and shall be, herein a final and enforceable Order of the Board of Safety Review.

Except for this agreement, and matters arising out of this agreement and any other subsequent IOSHA proceedings between the parties, none of the foregoing agreements, statements, findings, and actions taken by Employer shall be deemed an admission by Employer of the allegations contained within the Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty. The agreements, statements, findings and actions taken herein are made in order to compromise and settle this matter economically and amicably, and they shall not be used for any other purpose, except as herein stated.

Biancofiori Masonry Inc

By:

Title: PRESIDENT

Date: 11 7 2011

Date: 12 7 2011

Indiana Department of Labor
Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration
402 West Washington Street
Room W195

Indianapolis, IN 46204-2751

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## Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

To:

Biancofiori Masonry Inc., and its successors

P.O.Box 2729

Attn: Rick Biancofiori

west Lafayette, IN 47996

**Inspection Site:** 

1004 State St. Haah Chimney Lafayette, IN 47906 **Inspection Number:** 

315050930

**Inspection Date(s):** 

07/06/2011 - 08/22/2011

**Issuance Date:** 

10/14/2011

The violation(s) described in this Safety Order and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

An inspection of your place of employment has revealed conditions which we believe do not comply with the provisions of the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act (Indiana Code Chapter 22-8-1.1) or the standards or rules adopted thereunder. Accordingly, enclosed please find safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty describing such violation(s) with references to applicable standards, rules, or provisions of the statute and stating the amount of any penalty(ies).

Informal Conference - Please be advised that it may be possible to informally settle any potential dispute without initiating the more elaborate proceedings brought on by a petition for review. Prior to filing a petition for review, you may request an informal conference concerning any of the results of the inspection (safety orders, penalties, abatement dates, etc.) by contacting the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA, preferably by telephone, in a prompt manner. Please be advised that a request for an informal conference cannot extend the fifteen working day period for filing a petition for review. Informal conferences frequently resolve any possible disputes, and therefore you are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. Because of the limited time period and in order to facilitate scheduling, any requests for an informal conference should be made promptly upon your receipt of the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty.

**Right to Contest** - You are hereby also notified that you are entitled to seek administrative review of the safety order(s), penalty(ies), or both by filing a written petition for review at the above address <u>postmarked</u> within

fifteen working days of your receipt of the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. ("Working days" means Mondays through Fridays, but does not include Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays under a state statute or days on which the Indiana Department of Labor's offices are closed during regular business hours). If you do not file such a petition for review (contest), the safety order(s) and penalty(ies) shall be deemed final orders of the Board of Safety Review and not subject to review by any court or agency. The issuance of a safety order does not constitute a finding that a violation has occurred unless no petition for review is filed, or if a petition for review (contest) is filed, it must contain a statement of its basis and should reference the above inspection number. Upon receipt of your petition for review, we will affirm, amend or dismiss the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. If we affirm, your petition for review will be granted (unless it was not timely) and the dispute will be certified by the Board of Safety Review for further proceedings. The Board of Safety Review is an independent agency appointed by the governor with authority to conduct hearings and to issue decisions concerning disputed safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. If we amend the safety order(s) or notification(s) of penalty, your petition for review shall be deemed moot. However, you will then be given an opportunity to file a petition for review concerning the amended safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty.

Please be advised that an employee or representative of employees may file a petition for review to contest the reasonableness of the time stated in the safety order(s) for the abatement of any violation.

**Posting** - Upon receipt of any safety order(s) you are required to post such safety order(s), or a copy thereof, unedited, at or near each place an alleged violation referred to in the safety order(s) occurred. However, if your operations are such that it is not practicable to post the safety order(s) at or near each place of alleged violation, such safety order(s) shall be posted, unedited, in a prominent place where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. For example, if you are engaged in activities which are physically dispersed, the safety order(s) may be posted at the location from which the employees operate to carry out their activities. You must take steps to ensure that the safety order is not altered, defaced, or covered by other material. Posting shall be until the violation is abated, or for three working days, whichever is longer.

**Penalties** - Penalties are due within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Abatement does not constitute payment of penalties.

**Abatement** - The conditions cited in the safety order(s) must be corrected (abated) on or before the date shown for each item on the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty unless:

- (1) You file a petition for review concerning the violation, in which case the full abatement period shall commence from the issuance of a final decision by the Board of Safety Review or the courts which requires compliance with the safety order; or
  - (2) The abatement period is extended by the granting of a petition for modification of abatement date.

**PMAs** - The petition for modification of abatement date is a manner in which you may seek additional time to correct (abate) a violation without having to file a petition for review concerning the safety order, or after the expiration of the time period to file such a petition for review when it becomes apparent that you need extra time to abate the violation. A petition for modification of abatement date shall be in writing and shall include the

### following information:

- (1) All steps you have taken, and the dates of such actions, in an effort to achieve compliance during the prescribed abatement period.
  - (2) The specific additional abatement time necessary in order to achieve compliance.
- (3) The reasons such additional time is necessary, including the unavailability of professional or technical personnel or of materials and equipment, or because necessary construction or alteration of facilities cannot be completed by the original abatement date.
- (4) All available interim steps being taken to safeguard employees against the cited hazard during the abatement period.
- (5) A certification that a copy of the petition has been posted, and if appropriate, served on the authorized representative of affected employees, and a certification of the date upon which such posting and service was made.

A petition for modification of abatement date shall be filed with the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA no later than the close of the next working day following the date on which abatement was originally required. A later-filed petition shall be accompanied by the employer's statement of exceptional circumstances explaining the delay. A copy of such petition shall be posted in a conspicuous place where all affected employees will have notice thereof or near such location where the violation occurred. The petition shall remain posted until the time period for the filing of a petition for review of the Commissioner's granting or denying the petition expires. Where affected employees are represented by an authorized representative, said representative shall be served a copy of such petition.

Notification of Corrective Action - Correction of the alleged violations which have an abatement period of thirty (30) days or less should be reported in writing to us promptly upon correction. A "Letter of Abatement" form and an "Abatement Photographs" worksheet are enclosed for your assistance in providing adequate documentation of abatement. Reports of corrections should show specific corrective action on each alleged violation and the date of such action. On alleged violations with abatement periods of more than thirty (30) days, a written progress report should be submitted, detailing what has been done, what remains to be done, and the time needed to fully abate each such violation. When the alleged violation is fully abated, we should be so advised. Timely correction of an alleged violation does not affect the initial proposed penalty.

**Followup Inspections** - Please be advised that a followup inspection may be made for the purpose of ascertaining that you have posted the safety order(s) and corrected the alleged violations. Failure to correct an alleged violation may result in additional penalties for each day that the violation has not been corrected.

**Employer Discrimination Unlawful** - The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA at the address shown above.

**Notice to Employees** - The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA at the address shown above within fifteen (15) working days (excluding weekends and State holidays) or receipt by the employer of this safety order and penalty.

If you wish additional information, you may direct such requests to us at the address or telephone number stated above.



# NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with IOSHA to discuss the safety order(s) issued
on 10/14/2011. The conference will be held at the IOSHA office located at 402 West
Washington Street, Room W195, Indianapolis, IN 46204 on at
Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend
an informal conference.

Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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### Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name:

Biancofiori Masonry Inc.

**Inspection Site:** 

1004 State St., Haah Chimney, Lafayette, IN 47906

### <u>Safety Order 1 Item 1</u> Type of Violation:

### Serious

29 CFR 1910.178(l)(4)(iii): An evaluation of each powered industrial truck operator's performance was not conducted at least once every three years:

Job site ---- On June 6, 2011 and before, the last evaluation for the operator of the Lull rough terrain forklift, model 844C42, S/N 39W20P22-1861, was conducted on 10/19/07 and an evaluation was not done once every three years.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

**Proposed Penalty:** 

12/02/2011 \$600.00

Safety Order 1 Item 2 Type of Violation:

#### **Serious**

29 CFR 1926.21(b)(2): The employer did not instruct each employee in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe condition(s) and the regulation(s) applicable to his work environment to control or eliminate any hazard(s) or other exposure to illness or injury:

Job site ---- On June 16, 2011 and before, the employer did not instruct each employee in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions applicable to their work environment such as, but not limited to the importance of, and how serious employees working without fall protection on the 10-12 pitch roof, working from scaffolding on a 10-12 pitch roof, using an extension cord without strain relief, standing on a skid that is being lowered to ground level with a LULL ruff terrain fork truck.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

**Proposed Penalty:** 

12/02/2011 \$2,000.00

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### Safety Order 1 Item 3 Type of Violation:

### Serious

29 CFR 1926.100(a): Employees were not protected by protective helmets while working in areas where there was a possible danger of head injury from impact, or from falling or flying objects, or from electrical shock and burns:

Front of house ---- On July 6, 2011 and before, one employee working below other employees performing chimney replacement work, where the danger of being struck by falling or flying objects existed, was not wearing a protective helmet.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

**Proposed Penalty:** 

11/09/2011 \$1,000.00

### Safety Order 1 Item 4 Type of Violation:

### **Serious**

29 CFR 1926.303(c)(3): Portable abrasive wheel(s) used for external grinding were not provided with safety guards (protection hoods):

Skid on Lull forks ---- On July 6, 2011 and before, no guard was installed on the Skil grinder, model 9295, that was equipped with a 4 inch diamond blade used to grind mortar joints.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

11/09/2011 \$1,400.00

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### Safety Order 1 Item 5 Type of Violation:

### **Serious**

29 CFR 1926.451(g)(1)(vii): Employees on scaffolds more than 10 feet above lower levels, not otherwise specified in paragraphs 1926.451(g)(1)(i) through (g)(1)(vi) of this section, were not protected from falling by the use of guardrails or personal fall arrest systems:

Roof scaffolding ---- On July 6, 2011 and before, one employee working from the approximately 30 foot high work platform spanning from the fabricated frame scaffold to the roof was not protected from falling from the platform by a guardrail system or personal fall arrest system.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

**Proposed Penalty:** 

11/09/2011 \$2,000.00

Safety Order 1 Item 6 Type of Violation:

Serious

29 CFR 1926.453(b)(2)(v): A body belt was not worn with a lanyard attached to the boom or basket while working from an aerial lift:

Front of house ---- On July 6, 2011 employees working at heights up to approximately 30 foot in the basket of the JLG model 600S aerial lift, serial number 030010265, were not wearing any fall protection.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

**Proposed Penalty:** 

11/09/2011 \$2,000.00

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### Safety Order 1 Item 7 Type of Violation:

Serious

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(1): Each employee on a walking/working surface with an unprotected side or edge which was 6 feet or more above a lower level was not protected from falling by the use of guardrails, safety nets, or a personal fall arrest system:

Roof ---- On July 6, 2011 and before, employees working from the 10:12 pitch roof at heights of approximately 7 feet above a lower roof and approximately 30 feet above the ground engaged in masonry activities on a chimney were not protected from falling by any means.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

**Proposed Penalty:** 

11/09/2011 \$2,000.00

Safety Order 1 Item 8 Type of Violation:

Serious

29 CFR 1926.451(c)(2)(iv): Front end loaders and similar pieces of equipment were used to support scaffold platforms and were not specifically designed by the manufacturer for such use:

Front of house ---- On July 6, 2011 and before, the Lull forklift, model 844C42, S/N 39W20P22-1861, equipped with a platform comprised of a pallet and four 8 foot long 2 inch by 10 inch planks on the forks of the lift, was used to elevate personnel and the fork lift was not designed for such use when using this type of platform.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

**Proposed Penalty:** 

11/09/2011 \$2,000.00

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### Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

**Company Name:** 

Biancofiori Masonry Inc.

**Inspection Site:** 

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### Safety Order 2 Item 1 Type of Violation:

### Repeat

29 CFR 1926.454(a): The employer did not have each employee who performs work while on a scaffold trained by a qualified person to recognize any hazard associated with the type of scaffold being used and to understand the procedures to control or minimize those hazards:

Roof scaffolding ---- On July 6, 2011 and before, employees working approximately 30 feet high on planks that spanned from a fabricated frame scaffold frame over to the roof without fall protection and with the scaffold frame supported on a 2 inch by 10 inch plank that spanned the roof had not been trained in the scaffold regulations and on recognizing hazards associated with such, in order to control and eliminate such hazards.

Biancofiori Masonry Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health Standard or its equivalent Standard 1926.454(a), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 314364167, citation number 1, item number 1, issued on 02/22/2011, with respect to a workplace located at 2340 E 10th St, Indianapolis, IN 46201.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

**Proposed Penalty:** 

12/02/2011 \$4,000.00

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### Safety Order 2 Item 2 Type of Violation:

### Repeat

29 CFR 1926.503(a)(2): The employer did not assure that each employee who might be exposed to falls had been trained as necessary by a competent person qualified in items listed in 503(a)(2)(i) thru 503(a)(2)(viii) of this section:

Job site ---- On July 6, 2011 and before, employees replacing a chimney on a 10:12 pitch roof with a fall distance from 7 to 30 feet and who were exposed to fall hazards, had not been trained on the nature of fall hazards in the area, the use and operation of fall protection systems and procedures, and on the fall protection regulations.

Biancofiori Masonry Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health Standard or its equivalent Standard 1926.503(a)(2), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 312094253, citation number 1, item number 4, issued on 11/21/2008, with respect to a workplace located at 3900 SR 26 E, Lafayette, IN 47905.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: **Proposed Penalty:** 

12/02/2011 \$4,000.00

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### <u>Safety Order 3 Item 1</u> Type of Violation:

### Nonserious

29 CFR 1926.405(g)(2)(iv): Flexible cords were not connected to devices and fittings so that strain relief is provided to prevent pull from being directly transmitted to joints or terminal screws:

Porch ---- On July 6, 2011 the insulation was pulled loose from the female attachment plug on the 25 foot blue extension cord and no strain relief was provided.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

**Proposed Penalty:** 

**Corrected During Inspection** 

\$0.00

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Director of Construction Safety Compliance

Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration 402 West Washington Street Room W195

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#### INVOICE/DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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**Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number** 

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Safety Order 01, Serious

Safety Order 02, Repeat

\$13,000.00 \$8,000.00

Safety Order 03, Nonserious

\$0.00

**Total Proposed Penalties** 

\$21,000.00

Penalties are due within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Make your check or money order payable to: "Indiana DOL/IOSHA". Please indicate IOSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance.

IOSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

Corrective action, taken by you for each alleged violation should be submitted to this office on or about the abatement dates indicated on the Safety Order and Notification of Penalty.

A work sheet has been provided to assist in providing the required abatement information. A completed copy of this work sheet should be posted at the worksite with the safety order(s).

Jerry Llahder

Date

Construction Safety Compliance Director