

August 26, 2021

Danielle Norris, MPRA Director
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Re: *Arizona Bricklayers' Pension Trust Fund*
Application for Suspension of Benefits Under the Multiemployer
Pension Reform Act of 2014
Withdrawal of Application

Dear Ms. Norris:

On September 29, 2020, the Arizona Bricklayers Pension Trust Fund (the plan), filed its *Application for Approval of Suspension of Benefits* under the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014 (MPRA) with Treasury. Treasury acknowledged that the filing was complete as of that date and, with the exception of a stay period agreed by the parties, we understand that the application has been under review from that time. As part of the proposed suspension, the plan filed an application with PBGC for an order permitting partition.

The enactment on March 11, 2021 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), and the publication on July 12, 2021, of PBGC's Interim Final Rule (IFR) implementing Subtitle H of ARP, has required the Trustees of the plan to consider whether availability of special financial assistance under the IFR presented a prudent alternative to the proposed partition/suspension.

By way of formal action as authorized by the plan's *Agreement and Declaration of Trust* the Trustees have determined that withdrawing the *Application* to Treasury is in the best interest of all of the plan's participants and beneficiaries, and have authorized us to advise you of that decision. We have notified PBGC of the withdrawal of the plan's partition application. If there is any further information that you require, please let us know. On behalf of the Trustees, we thank Treasury for their attention to and assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

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