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CASE #: 24-2-08848-2 KNT

The Honorable Kristin Ballinger
Hearing Date: July 23, 2026
Without Oral Argument

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

EBONIE GARNICA, individually and on
behalf of those similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

TECTON CORPORATION and I.Q. DATA
INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Defendants.

No. 24-2-08848-2 KNT

ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of a Class Action Settlement. The Court has reviewed the papers filed in connection with the motion, including the declaration of Plaintiff's counsel, the parties' signed Settlement Agreement (Exhibit 1), the cost estimate for the parties' third-party settlement administrator (Atticus), and the parties' proposed notice (Exhibit 3) ("Notice").

The Court GRANTS the motion and preliminarily approves the parties' proposed Class Settlement. The Court further ORDERS as follows:

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1 1. The Court preliminarily finds that the parties' proposed settlement falls within
2 the range of a fair, reasonable, and adequate settlement and notice of the proposed Settlement
3 should be given to the Class Members.

4 2. The Court approves the appointment of Atticus Administration, LLC (Atticus)
5 as Settlement Administrator with the duties and responsibilities set forth by the parties in the
6 Settlement Agreement. The Court preliminarily approves Atticus' fee for these services,
7 capped at \$10,990.
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9 3. The Court approves the form and content of the parties' proposed Notice to the
10 Class that is attached as Exhibit 3 to the Declaration of Plaintiff's counsel.

11 4. The Court concludes that the manner of giving notice by U.S. mail satisfies CR
12 23 and the requirements of due process.
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14 5. Consistent with the terms of the parties' Settlement Agreement, the Court
15 directs Defendant Tecton to provide Atticus with current contact information for each Class
16 Member within five (5) days of the entry of this Order; and further directs Atticus to, in turn,
17 mail a copy of the Notice to each member of the Class within fifteen (15) days of receiving
18 such information from Tecton.

19 6. Members of the Class may submit a written objection to any of the terms of the
20 proposed Settlement by following the instructions set forth in the Notice. Only individuals who
21 file a timely, written objection to the Settlement will be permitted to appeal or seek review of
22 this Court's decision approving or rejecting the Settlement.
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24 7. The Court conditionally approves Class Counsel's request for an attorney fee
25 and cost award of 25% of the Gross Settlement Fund (or \$143,750.00). This approval is
26 preliminary and is subject to modification at the time of final settlement approval.

1 8. The Court preliminarily approves an incentive payment of \$15,000 to Class
2 Representative Ebonie Garnica in recognition of her efforts in this case and service to the Class.
3 This approval is preliminary and is subject to modification at the time of final settlement
4 approval.

5 9. On Friday, October 30, 2026, at 9 AM, the Court will conduct a hearing (“Final
6 Settlement Hearing”) to determine whether to approve the Settlement as fair, reasonable, and
7 adequate, which, if so approved, will result in a dismissal of the case with prejudice. The Final
8 Settlement Hearing may, without further notice to the Class, be continued or adjourned by
9 order of this Court. Persons may appear in person at the King County Courthouse, 516 3rd
10 Ave, Seattle, WA, Courtroom W864, or by remote means. To appear by remote means, use
11 <https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/89553799846> or phone (253) 215-8782 with Meeting ID: 895
12 5379 9846.
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14 10. Class Members are not required to attend the Final Settlement Hearing, but may
15 appear if they so choose.
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17 11. The Court directs Class Counsel to submit a motion for final approval of the
18 Settlement, along with a proposed order approving the Settlement and awarding Class
19 Counsel’s fees/costs and incentive payment for the Class Representative no later than six (6)
20 calendar days prior to the date of the Final Settlement Approval Hearing. Such papers shall
21 also inform the Court whether notice to the Class was completed in accordance with the
22 requirements of this Order and provide information concerning any objections received as a
23 result of such notice.
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12. In the event the parties' proposed Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement or is not finally approved by this Court, the Court shall vacate this order and reinstate all claims and defenses.

IT IS SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

The Honorable Kristin Ballinger

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