# WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DAVID OLIVER (Deceased), Applicant

VS.

NORKOL, INC.; GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE administered by STRATEGIC COMP.; TGS PLASTIC COMP WEST INSURANCE COMPANY, Defendants

Adjudication Number: ADJ12979842 Santa Ana District Office

# OPINION AND DECISION AFTER RECONSIDERATION

It has come to the attention of the Appeals Board that, while this matter has been pending on reconsideration, <sup>1</sup> the parties have reached a proposed settlement.

Since the District Office is precluded from acting on a case while it is pending on reconsideration (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 10961), in order to permit review by the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) of the proposed settlement, we will rescind the decision from which reconsideration is sought and return this matter to the trial level for the WCJ to consider the proposed settlement. If the WCJ does not approve the settlement, the WCJ may issue an order reinstating the original decision and any aggrieved person may timely seek reconsideration from the reinstated decision. This is not a final decision on the merits of any of the issues pending on reconsideration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commissioner Lowe, who was on the panel that issued a prior decision in this matter, no longer serves on the Appeals Board. Another panelist has been assigned in her place.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the WCJ's decision of March 22, 2021 is **RESCINDED** and this matter is **RETURNED** to the trial level for further proceedings and decision by the WCJ.

#### WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

#### /s/ CRAIG SNELLINGS, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

# /s/ KATHERINE WILLIAMS DODD, COMMISSIONER



# /s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR

# DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

June 6, 2022

SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.

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I certify that I affixed the official seal of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to this original decision on this date. *abs*