WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EDWARD LINDBERG, *Applicant*

vs.

WEST COAST QUARTZ CORPORATION;
SECURITY NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
administered by AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA, *Defendants*

Adjudication Number: ADJ15991395
Oakland District Office

OPINION AND DECISION AFTER RECONSIDERATION

We previously granted reconsideration in order to allow us time to further study the factual and legal issues in this case. We now issue our Opinion and Decision After Reconsideration.

Applicant sought reconsideration of the January 27, 2026 Findings, Award and Orders (F, A & O) issued by the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ). Therein, the WCJ found that applicant sustained injury arising out of and in the course of employment to his lumbar spine and sacroiliac (SI) joint, which resulted in 8% permanent disability and the need for further medical treatment. The WCJ further found that the current record is insufficient to determine whether applicant is entitled to a supplemental job displacement benefit (SJDB) voucher.

Applicant contends that the WCJ erred in finding 8% permanent disability arguing that there is no substantial medical evidence of apportionment and that the record supports additional impairment for the SI joint. Applicant further contends that the WCJ should have awarded a SJDB voucher.

We did not receive an answer from defendant. The WCJ issued a Report and Recommendation on Reconsideration recommending that we grant reconsideration for the limited purpose of adding an order deferring the issue of applicant's entitlement to a SJDB voucher and otherwise deny reconsideration.

On May 11, 2026, we issued an interim non-final order granting the petition and encouraged the parties to participate in the Appeals Board's voluntary mediation program.

Thereafter the parties successfully participated in the mediation process, resulting in a proposal to settle all issues by way of Stipulations with Request for Award (Stipulations). The parties filed fully executed Stipulations on September 24, 2026.

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 WCJ of the proposed settlement, we will rescind the F, A & O and return this matter to the trial level for the WCJ to consider the proposed settlement. We note that this is not a decision on the merits, and if the WCJ does not approve the Stipulations, he may issue an order reinstating his original decision or a new decision, and any aggrieved person may timely seek reconsideration of the decision.

We commend the parties for successfully resolving this matter by joint agreement, without the need for further action by the Appeals Board.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the WCJ's Findings, Award and Orders of January 27, 2026 is **RESCINDED** and this matter is **RETURNED** to the trial level for further proceedings consistent with this decision.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR

/s/ PAUL F. KELLY, COMMISSIONER

DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

EDWARD LINDBERG
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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.
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