

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

PETER IKAI VAN NOPPEN,
Individually
and On Behalf of All Others Similarly
Situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

INNERWORKINGS, INC., ERIC D.
BELCHER, and JOSEPH M. BUSKY,

Defendants.

Case No. 14 CV 1416

Judge John Robert Blakey

CLASS ACTION

FINAL APPROVAL ORDER AND JUDGMENT

WHEREAS:

A. As of May 11, 2016, Lead Plaintiff Plymouth County Retirement System (“Plymouth” or “Lead Plaintiff”), on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class, on the one hand, and InnerWorkings, Inc. (“InnerWorkings” or the “Company”), Eric D. Belcher and Joseph M. Busky (the “Individual Defendants” and, collectively with InnerWorkings, the “Defendants”), on the other, entered into a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the “Stipulation”) in the above-titled litigation (the “Action”);

B. Pursuant to the Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, Approving Form and Manner of Notice, and Setting Date for Hearing on Final Approval of Settlement, entered May 25, 2016 (the “Preliminary Approval

Order”), the Court scheduled a hearing for October 13, 2016, at 9:45 a.m. (the “Settlement Hearing”) to, among other things: (i) determine whether the proposed Settlement of the Action on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and should be approved by the Court; (ii) determine whether a judgment as provided for in the Stipulation should be entered; and (iii) rule on Lead Counsel’s Fee and Expense Application;

C. The Court ordered that the Notice of Pendency of Class Action, Proposed Settlement, and Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses (the “Notice”) and a Proof of Claim and Release form (“Proof of Claim”), substantially in the forms attached to the Preliminary Approval Order as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively, be mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on or before ten (10) business days after the date of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order (“Notice Date”) to all potential Settlement Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort, and that a Summary Notice of Pendency of Class Action, Proposed Settlement, and Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses (the “Summary Notice”), substantially in the form attached to the Preliminary Approval Order as Exhibit 3, be published in *Investor’s Business Daily* and transmitted over *PR Newswire* within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Notice Date;

D. The Notice and the Summary Notice advised potential Settlement Class Members of the date, time, place, and purpose of the Settlement Hearing. The Notice further advised that any objections to the Settlement were required to

be filed with the Court and served on counsel for the Parties such that they were received by September 21, 2016;

E. The provisions of the Preliminary Approval Order as to notice were complied with;

F. On September 6, 2016, Lead Plaintiff moved for final approval of the Settlement, as set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order. The Settlement Hearing was duly held before this Court on October 13, 2016, at which time all interested Persons were afforded the opportunity to be heard;

G. As directed by the Court, on October 14, 2016, Lead Plaintiff filed a supplemental submission reporting that to date approximately 6,200 Proofs of Claim in connection with the proposed Settlement have been submitted to the Claims Administrator, and additional claims are still being received. Based on a preliminary review, these Proofs of Claim have been submitted by claimants across the country and represent purchases of approximately 38 million shares of InnerWorkings' common stock during the Class Period. Further, as explained in connection with Lead Plaintiff's motion for preliminary approval (ECF Nos. 89-91), throughout the Class Period, InnerWorkings had more than 47 million shares of common stock outstanding that traded on the NASDAQ; and

H. This Court has duly considered Lead Plaintiff's motion, the affidavits, declarations, memoranda of law submitted in support thereof, the Stipulation, and all of the submissions and arguments presented with respect to the proposed Settlement;

NOW, THEREFORE, after due deliberation, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

1. This Judgment incorporates and makes a part hereof: (i) the Stipulation filed with the Court on May 11, 2016; and (ii) the Notice, which was filed with the Court on September 6, 2016. Capitalized terms not defined in this Judgment shall have the meaning set forth in the Stipulation.

2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action and over all parties to the Action, including all Settlement Class Members.

3. The Court hereby affirms its determinations in the Preliminary Approval Order and finally certifies, for purposes of the Settlement only, pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Settlement Class of: all persons and entities that purchased the publicly traded common stock and/or call options, and/or sold the put options, of InnerWorkings, Inc. during the period from February 15, 2012 through November 6, 2013, inclusive, and who were allegedly damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (i) the Defendants; (ii) the officers and directors of the Company during the Class Period; (iii) members of the immediate families of the Individual Defendants and the officers and directors of the Company during the Class Period; (iv) Productions Graphics and its officers and directors during the Class Period; (v) any entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest, including but not limited to Productions Graphics; and (vi) the legal representatives, heirs, successors, assigns, and affiliates of any such excluded party. Also excludable from the Settlement

Class are Persons who timely and validly sought exclusion from the Settlement Class, however no Settlement Class Members sought exclusion.

4. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, and for purposes of the Settlement only, the Court hereby re-affirms its determinations in the Preliminary Approval Order and finally certifies Plymouth County Retirement System as Class Representative for the Settlement Class; and finally appoints the law firm of Labaton Sucharow LLP as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class and the law firm of Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC is appointed as Local Counsel for the Settlement Class.

5. The Court finds that the mailing and publication of the Notice, Summary Notice, and Proof of Claim: (i) complied with the Preliminary Approval Order; (ii) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (iii) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated to apprise Settlement Class Members of the effect of the Settlement, of the proposed Plan of Allocation, of Lead Counsel's request for an award of attorney's fees and payment of litigation expenses incurred in connection with the prosecution of the Action, of Settlement Class Members' right to object or seek exclusion from the Settlement Class, and of their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing; (iv) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (v) satisfied the notice requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), and Section 21D(a)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "PSLRA").

6. There have been no objections to the Settlement.

7. In light of the benefits to the Settlement Class, the complexity, expense and possible duration of further litigation against Defendants, the risks of establishing liability and damages, and the costs of continued litigation, the Court hereby fully and finally approves the Settlement as set forth in the Stipulation in all respects, and finds that the Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best interests of Lead Plaintiff and the Settlement Class. This Court further finds the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation is the result of arm's-length negotiations between experienced counsel representing the interests of Lead Plaintiff, the Settlement Class, and Defendants. The Settlement shall be consummated in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Stipulation.

8. The Amended Class Action Complaint filed on July 28, 2014 is dismissed in its entirety, with prejudice, and without costs to any Party, except as otherwise provided in the Stipulation.

9. The Court finds that during the course of the Action, the Parties and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

10. Upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiff and each and every other Settlement Class Member, on behalf of themselves and each of their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, shall be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever waived, released, discharged, and dismissed each and every one of the Released Claims against each and every one of

the Released Defendant Parties and shall forever be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining any and all of the Released Claims against any and all of the Released Defendant Parties.

11. Upon the Effective Date, Defendants, on behalf of themselves and each of their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, shall be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever waived, released, discharged, and dismissed each and every one of the Released Defendants' Claims against each and every one of the Released Plaintiff Parties and shall forever be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, prosecuting, or maintaining any and all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any and all of the Released Plaintiff Parties.

12. Each Settlement Class Member, whether or not such Settlement Class Member executes and delivers a Proof of Claim, is bound by this Judgment, including, without limitation, the release of claims as set forth in the Stipulation.

13. This Judgment and the Stipulation, whether or not consummated, and any discussions, negotiations, proceedings or agreements relating to the Stipulation, the Settlement, and any matters arising in connection with settlement discussions or negotiations, proceedings, or agreements, shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of the Parties or their respective counsel, for any purpose other than in an action to enforce the terms hereof, and in particular:

(a) do not constitute, and shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of Defendants as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be

evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by Defendants with respect to the truth of any allegation by Lead Plaintiff and the Settlement Class, or the validity of any claim that has been or could have been asserted in the Action or in any litigation, including but not limited to the Released Claims, or of any liability, damages, negligence, fault or wrongdoing of Defendants or any person or entity whatsoever;

(b) do not constitute, and shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of Defendants as evidence of a presumption, concession, or admission of any fault, misrepresentation, or omission with respect to any statement or written document approved or made by Defendants, or against or to the prejudice of Lead Plaintiff, or any other member of the Settlement Class as evidence of any infirmity in the claims of Lead Plaintiff, or the other members of the Settlement Class;

(c) do not constitute, and shall not be offered or received against or to the prejudice of Defendants, Lead Plaintiff, any other member of the Settlement Class, or their respective counsel, as evidence of a presumption, concession, or admission with respect to any liability, damages, negligence, fault, infirmity, or wrongdoing, or in any way referred to for any other reason against or to the prejudice of any of the Defendants, Lead Plaintiff, other members of the Settlement Class, or their respective counsel, in any other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation;

(d) do not constitute, and shall not be construed against Defendants, Lead Plaintiff, or any other member of the Settlement Class, as an admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount that could be or would have been recovered after trial; and

(e) do not constitute, and shall not be construed as or received in evidence as an admission, concession, or presumption against Lead Plaintiff, or any other member of the Settlement Class that any of their claims are without merit or infirm or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount.

14. In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, then this Judgment shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation and shall be vacated, and in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation.

15. Without further order of the Court, the Parties may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Stipulation.

16. The Parties are hereby directed to consummate the Stipulation and to perform its terms, with the following modifications. Once this Judgment becomes Final, the Action will be dismissed with prejudice. Accordingly, Lead Counsel shall be charged with approving or disapproving the Claims Administrator's final determinations concerning the acceptance and rejection of Claim Forms and, if the Effective Date

has occurred, directing the payment of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants. During the administration process, the Claims Administrator, under supervision of Lead Counsel, shall notify, in a timely fashion and in writing, all claimants whose claims the Claims Administrator proposes to reject in whole or in part for curable deficiencies, setting forth the reasons therefor, and shall indicate in such notice that the claimant whose claim is to be rejected has the right to a review by Lead Counsel if the claimant so desires and complies with the requirements of the Stipulation. Lead Counsel's determination of the dispute shall be final and binding on the claimant.


17. A separate order shall be entered regarding Lead Counsel's application for attorneys' fees and payment of expenses as allowed by the Court. A separate order shall be entered regarding the proposed Plan of Allocation for the Net Settlement Fund. Such orders shall in no way disturb or affect this Judgment and shall be considered separate from this Judgment.

18. The Court will retain jurisdiction for purposes of enforcing this Judgment.

19. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Judgment and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed.

Date: November 2, 2016

ENTERED:



John Robert Blakey
United States District Judge