Ready-Mix Concrete — Settlement Summary

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Ready-Mix Concrete Antitrust Settlement (Pro Slab, Inc. et al. v. Argos USA LLC et al.)

Summary

This class action lawsuit alleges that ready-mix concrete suppliers in the greater Savannah, Georgia area engaged in anticompetitive conduct affecting direct purchasers from January 1, 2010 through July 31, 2016. Multiple partial settlements have been reached — with Lafarge, Thomas, Evans, Elite, and Argos — totaling over $19 million in combined relief. The case (No. 2:17-cv-03185-BHH) is pending in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, and litigation continues against any remaining non-settling defendants.

Announcements

Multiple Settlements at Different Stages: This case involves five separate partial settlements, each at a different procedural stage. Key updates are as follows:

- **Lafarge Settlement:** Final approval hearing was scheduled for September 16, 2025. Opt-out and objection deadlines (August 4, 2025) have passed. This settlement appears to be approved or near approval as of the article date.
- **Thomas & Evans Settlements:** Final approval hearing was scheduled for November 3, 2025. Opt-out and objection deadlines (September 19, 2025) have passed. These settlements also appear to be approved or near approval as of the article date.
- **Elite Settlement:** Final approval hearing was scheduled for June 10, 2026. Opt-out and objection deadlines (April 6, 2026) have passed. This settlement also appears to be approved or near approval as of the article date.
- **Argos Settlement:** The most recently announced settlement. Final approval hearing is scheduled for **November 4, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.** Opt-out and objection deadline is **September 22, 2026**. The Argos settlement website notes that settlements with Lafarge, Thomas, Evans, and Elite have already been announced and approved by the Court.
- **Claim Filing Deadline:** A single claim form covers all settlements. Claims must be submitted online or postmarked by **November 16, 2026**.

Settlement Amount

The combined total of all settlements (Lafarge, Thomas, Evans, Elite, and Argos) exceeds **$19 million**. Individual settlement amounts for each defendant are not broken out on the settlement websites. No per-claimant recovery estimate is published; individual recoveries will depend on each claimant's documented purchase volume and the number of valid claims submitted.

Class Period

January 1, 2010 through July 31, 2016. This period applies uniformly across all five settlements.

Filing Deadline

November 16, 2026. Claim forms must be submitted online or postmarked by this date. A single claim form covers all settlements in this case.

Who Qualifies

The Settlement Class for each settlement is defined identically and includes:

All persons or entities who purchased **ready-mixed concrete directly** from one or more of the "Subject Plants" operated by the defendants from **January 1, 2010 through July 31, 2016**.

Qualifying purchases must have been made directly (not through a reseller or intermediary) from any of the following plants:

- **Argos Plants:** Hilton Head/Ridgeland (SC); Hinesville/Midway (GA); Pooler (GA); Richmond Hill (GA); Rincon (GA); Savannah (GA); Statesboro (GA); Savannah Portable Plant (Various Locations)
- **Elite Plants:** Hardeeville (SC); Bloomingdale (GA); Hinesville (GA); Savannah (GA)
- **Evans Plants:** Claxton (GA); Garden City (GA); Statesboro (GA); Metter (GA); Hinesville/Midway (GA); Millen (GA); Black Creek Portable Plant (GA); Pooler Portable Plant (GA); Bloomingdale Portable Plant (GA); Port Wentworth Portable Plants (GA) (two locations); Jesup (GA); Swainsboro (GA); Sylvania (GA)
- **Lafarge Plants:** Hinesville/Midway (GA); Pooler (GA); Richmond Hill (GA); Rincon (GA); Black Creek (GA); Savannah (GA); Portable Plant 50347 (Various Locations)
- **Coastal and Thomas Plants:** Beaufort (SC); Bluffton (SC); East Savannah (GA); Pooler (GA)

If you did not receive a notice by mail but believe you are a class member, you may register your contact information at **www.SavannahConcreteCase.com** or by contacting the Settlement Administrator at **1-888-999-5317** or **info@savannahconcretecase.com**.

Who Is Excluded

The settlement websites do not publish an explicit exclusion list beyond the standard requirement that purchases must be *direct* purchases from the Subject Plants. Persons or entities who **opt out** of any individual settlement are excluded from receiving proceeds of that settlement. Specific categories of excluded parties (e.g., government entities, defendants and their affiliates, judicial officers) are not enumerated in the source pages reviewed; consult the full Notice documents available on the settlement websites for complete exclusion details.

How to File

- **Step 1 — Confirm eligibility:** Verify that your entity or business directly purchased ready-mix concrete from one of the Subject Plants listed above during the January 1, 2010 – July 31, 2016 class period.
- **Step 2 — Obtain a claim form:** Visit the main settlement website and click the "Submit a Claim Form" link, or contact the Settlement Administrator at 1-888-999-5317 or info@savannahconcretecase.com to request a form by mail.
- **Step 3 — Complete the claim form:** Fill out the claim form and any required audit request form. Gather documentation supporting your purchases (invoices, receipts, purchase records) as requested.
- **Step 4 — Submit the claim form:** Submit online through the settlement website *or* mail the completed form so that it is **postmarked no later than November 16, 2026**.
- **Step 5 — Retain confirmation:** Keep a copy of your submitted claim form and any confirmation number or postmarked mailing receipt for your records.

Note: One claim form covers all settlements in this case. You do not need to file separately for each defendant settlement.

Defendants

The lawsuit alleges anticompetitive conduct — including price-fixing and market allocation — among ready-mix concrete producers in the greater Savannah, Georgia area. Named defendants and their settlement status are:

- **Argos USA LLC and Argos Ready Mix LLC** — Argos Settlement (pending final approval; hearing November 4, 2026)
- **Lafarge North America, Inc.** — Lafarge Settlement (final approval hearing held September 16, 2025; appears approved)
- **Thomas Concrete, Inc. and Thomas Concrete of South Carolina, Inc.** — Thomas Settlement (final approval hearing held November 3, 2025; appears approved)
- **Evans Concrete, LLC** — Evans Settlement (final approval hearing held November 3, 2025; appears approved)
- **Elite Concrete, LLC** — Elite Settlement (final approval hearing held June 10, 2026; appears approved)
- **Coastal (Defendant)** — Referenced as a defendant throughout all notices; no separate Coastal settlement website is referenced. Litigation may be ongoing against Coastal and/or other unnamed defendants.

The settlement websites note that "other Defendants remain in the case" and that "Plaintiffs' lawsuit will continue against them," suggesting at least one additional defendant beyond those listed above has not yet settled.

Case History

- **January 1, 2010:** Start of the alleged anticompetitive conduct class period.
- **July 31, 2016:** End of the alleged anticompetitive conduct class period.
- **2017:** Lawsuit filed — *Pro Slab, Inc., et al. v. Argos USA LLC, et al.*, Case No. 2:17-cv-03185-BHH, in the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina.
- **By October 2025:** Case scheduled to be trial ready (as noted in the Thomas/Evans and Lafarge settlement notices).
- **August 4, 2025:** Opt-out and objection deadline for the Lafarge Settlement.
- **September 16, 2025:** Lafarge Settlement final approval hearing.
- **September 19, 2025:** Opt-out and objection deadline for the Thomas and Evans Settlements.
- **November 3, 2025:** Thomas and Evans Settlements final approval hearing.
- **April 6, 2026:** Opt-out and objection deadline for the Elite Settlement.
- **June 10, 2026:** Elite Settlement final approval hearing.
- **September 22, 2026:** Opt-out and objection deadline for the Argos Settlement.
- **November 4, 2026:** Argos Settlement final approval hearing (9:30 a.m.).
- **November 16, 2026:** Claim filing deadline for all settlements.

Source

- Main Settlement Website: *www.SavannahConcreteCase.com* (URL inferred from contact references; exact URLs for each sub-site not published in source content)
- Evans and Thomas Settlements sub-site (Verita-administered)
- Lafarge Settlement sub-site (Verita-administered)
- Elite Settlement sub-site (Verita-administered)
- Argos Settlement sub-site (Verita-administered)

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Reviewer Flags

- **First draft** — no previous version exists for this article.
- **Settlement amount:** The "$19 million" total figure comes from the main home page only. Individual per-defendant settlement amounts are not disclosed on any of the five pages. FRS staff should check case documents linked on each sub-site for individual settlement amounts.
- **Claim filing deadline vs. settlement approval status — potential contradiction:** The main home page and Argos sub-site prominently advertise a November 16, 2026 claim filing deadline and list all five defendants (including Lafarge, Thomas, Evans, and Elite) as if they are still pending. However, the Argos sub-site explicitly states that "settlements with the Lafarge, Thomas, Evans and Elite Defendants have already been announced and approved by the Court," and all four of those settlements had final approval hearings in 2025 or early 2026 (all before the article date of 2025-09-15). This is flagged for reviewer attention: the Lafarge final approval hearing date (September 16, 2025) is the same as today's article date, so its approval status should be verified. The Thomas and Evans hearings (November 3, 2025) and Elite hearing (June 10, 2026) are future dates relative to the article date but are noted by Argos as already approved — this suggests the Argos sub-site was written after those hearings occurred. Reviewer should confirm actual approval dates and update the Case History accordingly.
- **Coastal defendant:** Coastal is repeatedly listed as a defendant whose plants are subject plants, but no separate Coastal settlement has been announced and no Coastal settlement website is referenced. Whether Coastal remains an active, non-settling defendant should be verified.
- **Per-claimant recovery estimate:** Not available on any of the five source pages.
- **Individual settlement amounts per defendant:** Not disclosed on any source page; only a combined "$19 million+" total is referenced (main home page).
- **Specific exclusion categories:** Not enumerated on any source page; reviewer should pull from the full Notice PDFs on the settlement sub-sites.
- **Source URLs:** Exact URLs for each sub-site were not included in the scraped content. Only www.SavannahConcreteCase.com is identifiable from the contact references in the Elite and Argos pages. Reviewer should add precise URLs for each defendant's sub-site.
- **Key information sources by section:**
  - Summary, Settlement Amount, Class Period, Filing Deadline: Main Home Page
  - Thomas & Evans Settlement details, class definition, hearing dates: Thomas-Evans Home Page
  - Lafarge Settlement details, class definition, hearing dates: Lafarge Home Page
  - Elite Settlement details, class definition, hearing/opt-out dates: Elite Home Page
  - Argos Settlement details, prior settlements approved confirmation, hearing dates: Argos Home Page
  - Contact info (phone/email): Elite Home Page