

## LEGAL NOTICE

### OFFICIAL COURT NOTICE

#### **IF YOU OWN OR HAVE OWNED A HOME, MOBILE HOME OR OTHER STRUCTURE WITH ABTIBI-PRICE OR ABTco HARDBOARD SIDING**

#### **READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given, that a proposed settlement has been reached in the class action lawsuit entitled Foster, et al. v. ABTco, Inc., et al., Case No. 95-151-M (Circuit Court of Choctaw County, Alabama). This settlement will provide compensation to resolve failed siding claims on exterior hardboard lap and panel siding manufactured by Abitibi-Price or ABTco that is installed and incorporated into homes and other structures. The settlement will be considered for approval at a Fairness Hearing scheduled by the Court on September 21, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

**Are You A Class Member?** You are a member of the settlement class if you own or have owned property in the United States on which Abitibi-Price or ABTco Hardboard Siding has been incorporated and installed at any time between May 15, 1975 and May 15, 2000. The following persons are not included in the Class: (a) Persons who properly execute and file a timely request for exclusion from the Class in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; and (b) Persons who, while represented by counsel, previously resolved claims by virtue of full release or judicial action (with prejudice).

**Who Can Make A Claim?** Eligible claimants are those class members who (a) own property at the time the claim is made; (b) formerly owned property but have retained the right to pursue a claim; (c) formerly owned property and made un-reimbursed expenditures for the repair, removal or replacement of Abitibi-Price or ABTco Hardboard Siding; or (d) formerly owned property and previously filed a warranty claim.

**When Must I Make a Claim?** If you have previously made a warranty claim, or if you already have repaired or replaced your siding, you have until May 15, 2001 to file a claim. Class members who have claims for siding installed between May 15, 1975 and May 15, 1976 shall have at least nine (9) months following the date on which the settlement becomes final and nonappealable to file their claims. All other Class Members have twenty-five (25) years after the siding was installed to file a claim.

**This Notice Is Only A Summary** If you think you may be a member of the class and you did not receive the written settlement notice by mail, you should request one by writing to the Claims Administrator. You may obtain more information by writing or calling toll-free:

**Hardboard Siding Customer Support Office  
Post Office Box 16047  
Duluth, MN 55816**

**1-800-549-4465**

**[www.abtcoclaims.com/](http://www.abtcoclaims.com/)**

**THE LAST DAY TO OPT OUT OF THE  
SETTLEMENT IS JULY 31, 2000.**

**PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT**