

MDL Judge Awards \$2.6 Million to Va. Homeowners for Drywall Damage

NEW ORLEANS — Seven families who claimed their Virginia homes were damaged as a result of defective Chinese drywall have been awarded more than \$2.6 million for losses caused by manufacturer Taishan Gypsum.

In a decision issued this morning, Judge Eldon E. Fallon of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana ruled that the homeowners have suffered property damage, personal property damage and other forms of compensable damages as a result of the Taishan drywall installed in their home.

Judge Fallon also held that extensive remediation should be undertaken to repair damage caused by the defective Chinese drywall.

“The Court finds that scientific, economic, and practicality concerns dictate that the proper remediation for the Plaintiff-intervenors is to remove all drywall in their homes, all items which have suffered corrosion as a result of the Chinese drywall, and all items which will be materially damaged in the process of removal,” the decision states.

The damages figure also includes a \$100,000 award to each of the seven homeowners for loss of use and enjoyment of their affected residences.