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**LAWSUIT FILED BY BLUMENTHAL, NAPIER BRINGS HALT TO STANLEY WORKS'
REINCORPORATION PLANS**

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal and State Treasurer Denise Nappier announced that, in response to a lawsuit filed today by Blumenthal, Stanley Works has agreed not to proceed with its planned reincorporation to Bermuda. The lawsuit seeks to prevent the overseas move based on yesterday's shareholder vote, which was "rife with voting irregularities", according to Nappier and Blumenthal. The agreement to temporarily halt the move was signed today by New Britain Superior Court Judge Marshall Berger.

"The shareholder vote was more than slipshod and incompetent. Stanley purposely created confusion and deliberately misled shareholders – including its own employees, working men and women whose legal right to vote and life savings were at stake," said Attorney General Blumenthal. "These missteps potentially constitute serious violations of federal and state securities laws prohibiting deceptive and misleading statements to shareholders and the public. We are developing additional evidence of misconduct to present in our case and to the SEC. Stanley Works is trying to sell a hammer with two heads. It is abandoning America and betraying a proud tradition of excellence and fairness."

"Today's proceedings demonstrate clearly that Stanley Works shareholders are better protected under Connecticut law than they would be under Bermuda law, a central issue that I have stressed from day one," said State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier. "Because so many 401K plan participants were given erroneous and conflicting information, fairness now requires that shareholders have an opportunity to reconsider the question of re-incorporation."

Under the terms of the agreement, Stanley Works will not make any filings to implement the reincorporation without providing three business days' written notice to the Attorney General and Treasurer. If notice is given and the State goes back to court to ask for a temporary restraining order (TRO), Stanley further agrees that it will not make any filings for an additional two week period or until the Court rules on the State's application for a TRO, whichever is earlier.

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