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Raydon Settles Class Suit Over \$60.5 Million Stock Plan Deal

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- Lawsuit received class treatment in March
- Employees say they overpaid for company stock

Florida defense contractor Raydon Corp. will settle a class action challenging a \$60.5 million transaction in which the company became employee-owned through an employee stock ownership plan.

The settlement notice, filed Monday in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, comes four months after Judge Wendy W. Berger certified the case as a class action covering at least 109 people.

Details of the settlement aren't yet public.

The lawsuit, led by Raydon stock plan participant Stephanie Woznicki, accuses Raydon, top executives, and plan trustee Lubbock National of orchestrating a 2015 transaction in which the plan paid \$60.5 million for Raydon stock that may have been worth less than \$5 million. In 2019, the case largely survived the defendants' motion to dismiss.

Woznicki is represented by Block & Leviton LLP; Feinberg, Jackson, Worthman & Wasow LLP; and Burr & Smith LLP. Raydon is represented by Jackson Lewis PC. Lubbock is represented by Holland & Knight LLP and McDermott, Will & Emery LLP.

The case is Woznicki v. Raydon Corp. , M.D. Fla., No. 6:18-cv-02090, notice of settlement 7/20/20 .

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