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NOTICE OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL

THE APPELLANTS, Invesco Canada Ltd., Northwest & Ethical Investments
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Gestion Férique and Montrusco Bolton Investments Inc. (“Appellants”), seek leave to appeal to a Panel of three judges of the Court of Appeal from the order dated March 20, 2013 (“Settlement Approval Order”) of the Honourable Mr. Justice Morawetz approving the Ernst & Young LLP Settlement (“E&Y Settlement”) and third party release of Ernst & Young LLP (“E&Y Release”).

The Appellants also seek leave to appeal to a Panel of three judges of the Court of Appeal from the order dated March 20, 2013 (“Representation Dismissal Order”) of Justice Morawetz dismissing the Appellants’ motion for a representation order and dismissing their request for relief from the binding effect of the representation order appointing certain other persons (the Ontario Plaintiffs) as representatives, as part of the restructuring proceedings of Sino-Forest Corporation (“Sino-Forest” or the “applicant”).

THE APPELLANTS ASK:

- a) that leave be granted to appeal from the Settlement Approval Order;
- b) that leave be granted to appeal from the Representation Dismissal Order;
- c) if this Court permits proposed non-debtor third-party settlements and releases to be heard in the Sino-Forest CCAA proceedings, that the Appellants be appointed as representatives of all equity claimants and/or all objectors;
- d) for an order consolidating the present motions for leave to appeal, should leave be granted, with the pending motion for leave to appeal from the order dated December 10, 2012 of the Honourable Mr. Justice Morawetz, Court of Appeal File No.: M42068 (“Sanction Order”), and all related appeals;
- e) for an order directing that the hearings of the motions for leave to appeal and the appeals of the Sanction Order, Settlement Approval Order, and Representation

Dismissal Order be consolidated and heard together before a panel of three judges, orally; and

- f) for an order expediting the hearing of all such motions for leave to appeal and all such appeals of the Sanction Order, Settlement Approval Order, and Representation Dismissal Order.

PROPOSED METHOD OF HEARING:

The motion will be heard in writing, 36 days after service of the moving parties' motion record, factum and transcripts, if any, or on the filing of the moving parties' reply factum, if any, whichever is earlier, pursuant to Rule 61.03.1(1) of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, or if the Court so directs, orally together with the appeal.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE MOTION ARE:

1. Justice Morawetz erred in entering the Settlement Approval Order approving the E&Y Settlement and E&Y Release under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36 ("CCAA") in connection with the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization of Sino-Forest Corporation (the "Plan"), and the appeal is therefore meritorious, particularly in that:

(a) as a matter of law and fact, the E&Y Settlement and the E&Y Release were not and are not reasonably connected and necessary to the restructuring of the applicant, and do not meet the requirements for third-party non-debtor releases set forth in *ATB Financial v. Metcalfe and Mansfield Alternative Investments II Corp.*, 2008 ONCA 587;

(b) the CCAA does not provide jurisdiction for the court supervising a CCAA restructuring plan to release claims asserted against a person other than the applicant,

its subsidiaries, or its directors or officers, when the persons whose claims are being released are not creditors of the applicant who voted on the plan;

(c) the Ontario Plaintiffs did not appropriately and adequately represent the members of the class whose claims against E&Y are proposed to be settled and released;

(d) the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 6, provides an adequate and appropriate alternative framework for the proposed settlement of the class action claims asserted against E&Y;

(e) the terms of the E&Y Settlement do not provide any assurance that settlement consideration would flow to the parties whose claims are proposed to be settled and released;

(f) the terms of the E&Y Settlement were construed by the Court not to provide opt out rights to the members of the class whose claims against E&Y are proposed to be settled and released; and

(g) the Court did not address or decide whether the amount of consideration in the proposed E&Y Settlement was fair, reasonable, and adequate;

2. Justice Morawetz erred in entering the Representation Dismissal Order, particularly in that the Appellants would have appropriately and adequately represented the interests of the members of the class who are equity claimants and/or the members who objected to the proposed E&Y Settlement, without any conflict of interest, and the interests of justice would have been served thereby;

3. The point on the proposed appeal is of significance to the practice, in that the circumstances in which non-debtor third-party releases are properly available in

connection with CCAA restructuring plans, particularly concerning class action claims asserted against auditor and underwriter defendants in securities litigations, has the potential to affect many future cases if the releases are made available as a matter of routine practice, as was the case here;

4. The appropriateness of the E&Y Settlement and E&Y Release is of significance to the action, both as they affect the Appellants' ability to pursue separate claims after opting out, and as they affect claims against the 15 other defendants in the Ontario Class Action who are positioning themselves in the CCAA proceeding to enter into settlements and receive releases similar to the E&Y Release;

5. The Plan has been implemented and the CCAA litigation stay has expired. The proposed appeal will not unduly hinder the progress of the CCAA proceeding;

6. This motion and the motion for leave to appeal the Sanction Order, pending in Court of Appeal File No.: M42068, concern a common principal issue: under what circumstances are non-debtor third-party releases available in CCAA restructuring plans;

7. The present motions for leave, the motion for leave to appeal the Sanction Order, and the appeals of the Sanction Order, Settlement Approval Order, and Representation Dismissal Order should be heard together as soon as possible by this Court;

8. The CCAA, in particular, sections 6, 13, and 14 thereof;

9. Sections 6 and 134 of the *Courts of Justice Act*;

10. Sections 30(3) and 30(5) of the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*;

11. Rules 6.01, 10, and 61 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*; and

12. such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WILL BE USED AT THE HEARING OF THE MOTION:

1. The motion materials filed below on the hearing before Justice Morawetz and orders made and the Monitor's reports filed in the CCAA proceedings; and
2. such other documents as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

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B E T W E E N :

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FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED (successor by merger to Banc of America
Securities LLC)**

Defendants

Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*

AMENDED NOTICE OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL

**THE APPELLANTS, Invesco Canada Ltd., Northwest & Ethical Investments
L.P., Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc., Matrix Asset Management Inc.,**

Gestion Férique and Montrusco Bolton Investments Inc. (“Appellants”), seek leave to appeal to a Panel of three judges of the Court of Appeal from the order dated March 20, 2013 (“Settlement Approval Order”) of the Honourable Mr. Justice Morawetz approving the Ernst & Young LLP Settlement (“E&Y Settlement”) and third party release of Ernst & Young LLP (“E&Y Release”).

The Appellants also seek leave to appeal to a Panel of three judges of the Court of Appeal from the order dated March 20, 2013 (“Representation Dismissal Order”) of Justice Morawetz dismissing the Appellants’ motion for a representation order and dismissing their request for relief from the binding effect of the representation order appointing certain other persons (the Ontario Plaintiffs) as representatives, as part of the restructuring proceedings of Sino-Forest Corporation (“Sino-Forest” or the “applicant”).

THE APPELLANTS ASK:

- a) that leave be granted to appeal from the Settlement Approval Order;
- b) that leave be granted to appeal from the Representation Dismissal Order; and,
- c) if this Court permits proposed non-debtor third-party settlements and releases to be heard in the Sino-Forest CCAA proceedings, that the Appellants be appointed as representatives of all equity claimants and/or all objectors.;
- ~~d) for an order consolidating the present motions for leave to appeal, should leave be granted, with the pending motion for leave to appeal from the order dated December 10, 2012 of the Honourable Mr. Justice Morawetz, Court of Appeal File No.: M42068 (“Sanction Order”), and all related appeals;~~
- ~~e) for an order directing that the hearings of the motions for leave to appeal and the appeals of the Sanction Order, Settlement Approval Order, and Representation~~

~~Dismissal Order be consolidated and heard together before a panel of three judges, orally; and~~

~~f) for an order expediting the hearing of all such motions for leave to appeal and all such appeals of the Sanction Order, Settlement Approval Order, and Representation Dismissal Order.~~

PROPOSED METHOD OF HEARING:

The motion will be heard in writing, 36 days after service of the moving parties' motion record, factum and transcripts, if any, or on the filing of the moving parties' reply factum, if any, whichever is earlier, pursuant to Rule 61.03.1(1) of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, or if the Court so directs, orally together with the appeal.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE MOTION ARE:

1. Justice Morawetz erred in entering the Settlement Approval Order approving the E&Y Settlement and E&Y Release under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36 ("CCAA") in connection with the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization of Sino-Forest Corporation (the "Plan"), and the appeal is therefore meritorious, particularly in that:

(a) as a matter of law and fact, the E&Y Settlement and the E&Y Release were not and are not reasonably connected and necessary to the restructuring of the applicant, and do not meet the requirements for third-party non-debtor releases set forth in *ATB Financial v. Metcalfe and Mansfield Alternative Investments II Corp.*, 2008 ONCA 587;

(b) the CCAA does not provide jurisdiction for the court supervising a CCAA restructuring plan to release claims asserted against a person other than the applicant,

its subsidiaries, or its directors or officers, when the persons whose claims are being released are not creditors of the applicant who voted on the plan;

(c) the Ontario Plaintiffs did not appropriately and adequately represent the members of the class whose claims against E&Y are proposed to be settled and released;

(d) the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 6, provides an adequate and appropriate alternative framework for the proposed settlement of the class action claims asserted against E&Y;

(e) the terms of the E&Y Settlement do not provide any assurance that settlement consideration would flow to the parties whose claims are proposed to be settled and released;

(f) the terms of the E&Y Settlement were construed by the Court not to provide opt out rights to the members of the class whose claims against E&Y are proposed to be settled and released; and

(g) the Court did not address or decide whether the amount of consideration in the proposed E&Y Settlement was fair, reasonable, and adequate;

2. Justice Morawetz erred in entering the Representation Dismissal Order, particularly in that the Appellants would have appropriately and adequately represented the interests of the members of the class who are equity claimants and/or the members who objected to the proposed E&Y Settlement, without any conflict of interest, and the interests of justice would have been served thereby;

3. The point on the proposed appeal is of significance to the practice, in that the circumstances in which non-debtor third-party releases are properly available in

connection with *CCAA* restructuring plans, particularly concerning class action claims asserted against auditor and underwriter defendants in securities litigations, has the potential to affect many future cases if the releases are made available as a matter of routine practice, as was the case here;

4. The appropriateness of the E&Y Settlement and E&Y Release is of significance to the action, both as they affect the Appellants' ability to pursue separate claims after opting out, and as they affect claims against the 15 other defendants in the Ontario Class Action who are positioning themselves in the *CCAA* proceeding to enter into settlements and receive releases similar to the E&Y Release;

5. The Plan has been implemented and the *CCAA* litigation stay has expired. The proposed appeal will not unduly hinder the progress of the *CCAA* proceeding;

~~6. This motion and the motion for leave to appeal the Sanction Order, pending in Court of Appeal File No.: M42068, concern a common principal issue: under what circumstances are non-debtor third party releases available in *CCAA* restructuring plans;~~

~~7. The present motions for leave, the motion for leave to appeal the Sanction Order, and the appeals of the Sanction Order, Settlement Approval Order, and Representation Dismissal Order should be heard together as soon as possible by this Court;~~

~~6.8.~~ The *CCAA*, in particular, sections 6, 13, and 14 thereof;

~~7.9.~~ Sections 6 and 134 of the *Courts of Justice Act*;

~~8.10.~~ Sections 30(3) and 30(5) of the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*;

~~9.11.~~ Rules 6.01, 10, and 61 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*; and

~~10.12.~~ such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WILL BE USED AT THE HEARING OF THE MOTION:

1. The motion materials filed below on the hearing before Justice Morawetz and orders made and the Monitor's reports filed in the *CCAA* proceedings; and
2. such other documents as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

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20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2013

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Defendants

ORDER

THIS MOTION made by the Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant's Securities, including the plaintiffs in the action commenced against Sino-Forest Corporation ("Sino-Forest" or the "Applicant") in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, bearing (Toronto) Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP (the "Ontario Plaintiffs" and the "Ontario Class Action", respectively), in their own and proposed representative capacities, for an order giving effect to the Ernst & Young Release and the Ernst & Young Settlement (as defined in the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization of the Applicant under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* ("CCAA") dated December 3, 2012 (the "Plan") and as provided for in section 11.1 of the Plan, such Plan having been approved by this Honourable Court by Order dated December 10, 2012 (the "Sanction Order")), was heard on February 4, 2013 at the Court House, 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

WHEREAS the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young (as defined in the Plan) entered into Minutes of Settlement dated November 29, 2012.

AND WHEREAS this Honourable Court issued the Sanction Order approving the Plan containing the framework and providing for the implementation of the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release, upon further notice and approval;

AND WHEREAS the Supervising CCAA Judge in this proceeding, the Honourable Justice Morawetz, was designated on December 13, 2012 by Regional Senior Justice Then to hear this motion for settlement approval pursuant to both the CCAA and the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*;

AND WHEREAS this Honourable Court approved the form of notice and the plan for distribution of the notice to any Person with an Ernst & Young Claim, as defined in the Plan, of this settlement approval motion by Order dated December 21, 2012 (the "Notice Order");

AND ON READING the Ontario Plaintiffs' Motion Record, including the affidavit and supplemental affidavit of Charles Wright, counsel to the plaintiffs, and the exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Joe Redshaw and the exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Frank C. Torchio and the exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Serge Kalloghlian and the exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Adam

Pritchard and the exhibits thereto, and on reading the affidavit of Mike P. Dean and the exhibits thereto, and on reading the affidavit of Judson Martin and the exhibits thereto and on reading the Responding Motion Record of the Objectors to this motion (Invesco Canada Ltd., Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P., Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc., Matrix Asset Management Inc, Gestion Férique and Montrusco Bolton Investments) including the affidavits of Eric J. Adelson and the exhibits thereto, Daniel Simard and the exhibits thereto and Tanya J. Jemec, and the exhibits thereto, and on reading the Responding Motion Record of Poyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Limited including the affidavit of Christina Doria, and on reading the Fourteenth Report, the Supplement to the Fourteenth Report and the Fifteenth Report of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Monitor of the Applicant (in such capacity, the "Monitor") dated January 22 and 28, 2013 and February 1, 2013 including any notices of objection received, and on reading such other material, filed, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Ontario Plaintiffs, Ernst & Young LLP, the Ad Hoc Committee of Sino-Forest Noteholders, the Applicant, the Objectors to this motion, Derek Lam and Senith Vel Kanagaratnam, the Underwriters, (Credit Suisse Securities (Canada) Inc., TD Securities Inc., Dundee Securities Corporation, RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Scotia Capital Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch Canada Inc., Canaccord Financial Ltd., Maison Placements Canada Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (successor by merger to Banc of America Securities LLC)), BDO Limited, the Monitor and those other parties present, no one appearing for any other party although duly served and such other notice as required by the Notice Order,

Sufficiency of Service and Definitions

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service and manner of service of the Notice of Motion and the Motion Record and the Fourteenth Report, the Supplement to the Fourteenth Report and the Fifteenth Report of the Monitor on any Person are, respectively, hereby abridged and validated, and any further service thereof is hereby dispensed with so that this Motion was properly returnable February 4, 2013 in both proceedings set out in the styles of cause hereof.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this order shall have the meanings attributed to those terms in the Plan.
3. **THIS COURT FINDS** that all applicable parties have adhered to, and acted in accordance with, the Notice Order and that the procedures provided in the Notice Order have provided good and sufficient notice of the hearing of this Motion, and that all Persons shall be and are hereby forever barred from objecting to the Ernst & Young Settlement or the Ernst & Young Release.

Representation

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Ontario Plaintiffs are hereby recognized and appointed as representatives on behalf of those Persons described in **Appendix "A"** hereto (collectively, the "Securities Claimants") in these insolvency proceedings in respect of the Applicant (the "CCAA Proceedings") and in the Ontario Class Action, for the purposes of and as contemplated by section 11.1 of the Plan, and more particularly the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release.
5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Koskie Minsky LLP, Siskinds LLP and Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP are hereby recognized and appointed as counsel for the Securities Claimants for all purposes in these proceedings and as contemplated by section 11.1 of the Plan, and more particularly the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release ("CCAA Representative Counsel").
6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the steps taken by CCAA Representative Counsel pursuant to the Orders of this Court dated May 8, 2012 (the "Claims Procedure Order") and July 25, 2012 (the "Mediation Order") are hereby approved, authorized and validated as of the date thereof and that CCAA Representative Counsel is and was authorized to negotiate and support the Plan on behalf of the Securities Claimants, to negotiate the Ernst & Young Settlement, to bring this motion before this Honourable Court to approve the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release and to take any other necessary steps to effectuate and implement the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release,

including bringing any necessary motion before the court, and as contemplated by section 11.1 of the Plan.

Approval of the Settlement & Release

7. **THIS COURT DECLARES** that the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release are fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and for the purposes of both proceedings.
8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release be and hereby are approved for all purposes and as contemplated by s. 11.1 of the Plan and paragraph 40 of the Sanction Order and shall be implemented in accordance with their terms, this Order, the Plan and the Sanction Order.
9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order, the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release are binding upon each and every Person or entity having an Ernst & Young Claim, including those Persons who are under disability, and any requirements of rules 7.04(1) and 7.08(4) of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 194 are dispensed with in respect of the Ontario Class Action.

Payment, Release, Discharge and Channelling

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that upon satisfaction of all the conditions specified in section 11.1(a) of the Plan, Ernst & Young shall pay CDN \$117,000,000 (the "Settlement Fund") into the Settlement Trust (as defined in paragraph 16 below) less any amounts paid in advance as set out in paragraph 15 of this order or the Notice Order.
11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that upon receipt of a certificate from Ernst & Young confirming it has paid the Settlement Fund to the Settlement Trust in accordance with the Ernst & Young Settlement as contemplated by paragraph 10 of this Order and upon receipt of a certificate from the trustee of the Settlement Trust confirming receipt of such Settlement Fund, the Monitor shall deliver to Ernst & Young the Monitor's Ernst & Young Settlement Certificate (as defined in the Plan) substantially in the form attached hereto as **Appendix**

“B”. The Monitor shall thereafter file the Monitor’s Ernst & Young Settlement Certificate with the Court.

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that pursuant to the provisions of section 11.1(b) of the Plan,

- a. upon receipt by the Settlement Trust of the Settlement Fund, all Ernst & Young Claims, including but not limited to the claims of the Securities Claimants, shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled, barred and deemed satisfied and extinguished as against Ernst & Young in accordance with section 11.1(b) of the Plan;
- b. on the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, section 7.3 of the Plan shall apply to Ernst & Young and the Ernst & Young Claims *mutatis mutandis*;
- c. upon receipt by the Settlement Trust of the Settlement Fund, none of the plaintiffs in the Class Actions or any other actions in which the Ernst & Young Claims could have been asserted shall be permitted to claim from any of the other defendants that portion of any damages, restitutionary award or disgorgement of profits that corresponds with the liability of Ernst & Young, proven at trial or otherwise, that is the subject of the Ernst & Young Settlement (“Ernst & Young’s Proportionate Liability”);
- d. upon receipt by the Settlement Trust of the Settlement Fund, Ernst & Young shall have no obligation to participate in and shall not be compelled to participate in any disputes about the allocation of the Settlement Fund from the Settlement Trust and any and all Ernst & Young Claims shall be irrevocably channeled to the Settlement Fund held in the Settlement Trust in accordance with paragraphs 16 and 17 of this order and the Claims and Distribution Protocol defined below and forever discharged and released against Ernst & Young in accordance with paragraph 12(a) of this order, regardless of whether the Claims and Distribution Protocol is finalized as at the Ernst & Young Settlement Date;

- e. on the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, all Class Actions, as defined in the Plan, including the Ontario Class Action shall be permanently stayed as against Ernst & Young; and
- f. on the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, the Ontario Class Action shall be dismissed against Ernst & Young.

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that on the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, any and all claims which Ernst & Young may have had against any other current or former defendant, or any affiliate thereof, in the Ontario Class Action, or against any other current or former defendant, or any affiliate thereof, in any Class Actions in a jurisdiction in which this order has been recognized by a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction and not subject to further appeal, any other current or former defendant's insurers, or any affiliates thereof, or any other Persons who may claim over against the other current or former defendants, or any affiliate thereof, or the other current or former defendants' insurers, or any affiliate thereof, in respect of contribution, indemnity or other claims over which relate to the allegations made in the Class Actions, are hereby fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled, barred and deemed satisfied and extinguished.

14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing in this order shall fetter the discretion of any court to determine Ernst & Young's Proportionate Liability at the trial or other disposition of an action for the purposes of paragraph 12(c) above, whether or not Ernst & Young appears at the trial or other disposition (which, subject to further order of the Court, Ernst & Young has no obligation to do) and Ernst & Young's Proportionate Liability shall be determined as if Ernst & Young were a party to the action and any determination by the court in respect of Ernst & Young's Proportionate Liability shall only apply in that action to the proportionate liability of the remaining defendants in those proceedings and shall not be binding on Ernst & Young for any purpose whatsoever and shall not constitute a finding against Ernst & Young for any purpose in any other proceeding.

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Ontario Plaintiffs shall incur and pay notice and administration costs that are incurred in advance of the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, as a

result of an order of this Honourable Court, up to a maximum of the first \$200,000 thereof (the “Initial Plaintiffs’ Costs”), which costs are to be immediately reimbursed from the Settlement Fund after the Ernst & Young Settlement Date. Ernst & Young shall incur and pay such notice and administration costs which are incurred in advance of the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, as a result of an order of this Honourable Court, over and above the Initial Plaintiffs’ Costs up to a maximum of a further \$200,000 (the “Initial Ernst & Young Costs”). Should any costs in excess of the cumulative amount of the Initial Plaintiffs’ Costs and the Initial Ernst & Young Costs, being a total of \$400,000, in respect of notice and administration as ordered by this Honourable Court be incurred prior to the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, such amounts are to be borne equally between the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young. All amounts paid by the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young as provided herein are to be deducted from or reimbursed from the Settlement Fund after the Ernst & Young Settlement Date. Should the settlement not proceed, the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young shall each bear their respective costs paid to that time.

Establishment of the Settlement Trust

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that a trust (the “Settlement Trust”) shall be established under which a claims administrator, to be appointed by CCAA Representative Counsel with the consent of the Monitor or with approval of the court, shall be the trustee for the purpose of holding and distributing the Settlement Fund and administering the Settlement Trust.
17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that after payment of class counsel fees, disbursements and taxes (including, without limitation, notice and administration costs and payments to Claims Funding International) and upon the approval of a Claims and Distribution Protocol, defined below, the entire balance of the Settlement Fund shall, subject to paragraph 18 below, be distributed to or for the benefit of the Securities Claimants for their claims against Ernst & Young, in accordance with a process for allocation and distribution among Securities Claimants, such process to be established by CCAA Representative Counsel and approved by further order of this court (the “Claims and Distribution Protocol”).
18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that notwithstanding paragraph 17 above, the following Securities Claimants shall not be entitled to any allocation or distribution of the Settlement

Fund: any Person or entity that is as at the date of this order a named defendant to any of the Class Actions (as defined in the Plan) and their past and present subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, senior employees, partners, legal representatives, heirs, predecessors, successors and assigns, and any individual who is a member of the immediate family of the following Persons: Allen T.Y, Chan a.k.a. Tak Yuen Chan, W. Judson Martin, Kai Kit Poon, David J. Horsley, William E. Ardell, James P. Boland, James M.E. Hyde, Edmund Mak, Simon Murray, Peter Wang, Garry J. West, Albert Ip, Alfred C.T. Hung, George Ho and Simon Yeung. For greater certainty, the Ernst & Young Release shall apply to the Securities Claimants described above.

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the fees and costs of the claims administrator and CCAA Representative Counsel shall be paid out of the Settlement Trust, and for such purpose, the claims administrator and the CCAA Representative Counsel may apply to the court to fix such fees and costs in accordance with the laws of Ontario governing the payment of counsel's fees and costs in class proceedings.

Recognition, Enforcement and Further Assistance

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Court in the CCAA proceedings shall retain an ongoing supervisory role for the purposes of implementing, administering and enforcing the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release and matters related to the Settlement Trust including any disputes about the allocation of the Settlement Fund from the Settlement Trust. Any disputes arising with respect to the performance or effect of, or any other aspect of, the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release shall be determined by the court, and that, except with leave of the court first obtained, no Person or party shall commence or continue any proceeding or enforcement process in any other court or tribunal, with respect to the performance or effect of, or any other aspect of the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release.
21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young with the assistance of the Monitor, shall use all reasonable efforts to obtain all court approvals and orders necessary for the implementation of the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release and shall take such additional steps and execute such additional agreements and


documents as may be necessary or desirable for the completion of the transactions contemplated by the Ernst & Young Settlement, the Ernst & Young Release and this order.

22. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or the United States or elsewhere, to give effect to this order and to assist the Applicant, the Monitor, the CCAA Representative Counsel and Ernst & Young LLP and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Applicant, the Monitor as an officer of this Court, the CCAA Representative Counsel and Ernst & Young LLP, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this order, to grant representative status to the Monitor in any foreign proceeding, or to assist the Applicant, the Monitor, the CCAA Representative Counsel and Ernst & Young LLP and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this order.
23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Applicant, the Monitor, CCAA Representative Counsel and Ernst & Young LLP be at liberty and is hereby authorized and empowered to apply to any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body, wherever located, for the recognition of this order, or any further order as may be required, and for assistance in carrying out the terms of such orders.
24. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the running of time for the purposes of the Ernst & Young Claims asserted in the Ontario Class Action, including statutory claims for which the Ontario Plaintiffs have sought leave pursuant to Part XXIII.1 of the Ontario *Securities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. S-5 and the concordant provisions of the securities legislation in all other provinces and territories of Canada, shall be suspended as of the date of this order until further order of this CCAA Court.
25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that in the event that the Ernst & Young Settlement is not completed in accordance with its terms, the Ernst & Young Settlement and paragraphs 7-14 and 16-19 of this order shall become null and void and are without prejudice to the rights of the parties in the Ontario Class Action or in any proceedings and any agreement between the

parties incorporated into this order shall be deemed in the Ontario Class Action and in any proceedings to have been made without prejudice.

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**APPENDIX "A" TO SETTLEMENT APPROVAL ORDER
DEFINITION OF SECURITIES CLAIMANTS**

"Securities Claimants" are all Persons and entities, wherever they may reside, who acquired any securities of Sino-Forest Corporation including securities acquired in the primary, secondary and over-the-counter markets.

For the purpose of the foregoing,

"Securities" means common shares, notes or other securities defined in the *Securities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. S.5, as amended.

**APPENDIX “B” TO SETTLEMENT APPROVAL ORDER
MONITOR’S ERNST & YOUNG SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE**

Court File No. CV-12-9667-00CL

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES’ CREDITORS
ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED
AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND
ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION**

Court File No.: CV-11-431153-00CP

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

B E T W E E N :

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS’ PENSION FUND OF CENTRAL AND
EASTERN CANADA, THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 793 PENSION PLAN FOR OPERATING
ENGINEERS IN ONTARIO, SJUNDE AP-FONDEN, DAVID GRANT and ROBERT
WONG**

Plaintiffs

- and -

**SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ERNST & YOUNG LLP, BDO LIMITED (formerly
known as BDO MCCABE LO LIMITED), ALLEN T.Y. CHAN, W. JUDSON
MARTIN, KAI KIT POON, DAVID J. HORSLEY, WILLIAM E. ARDELL, JAMES
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LIMITED, CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (CANADA), INC., TD SECURITIES INC.,
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CANADA INC., CANACCORD FINANCIAL LTD., MAISON PLACEMENTS
CANADA INC., CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC and MERRILL LYNCH,
PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED (successor by merger to Banc of
America Securities LLC)**

Defendants

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Order of the Court dated March 20, 2013 (the “Ernst & Young Settlement Approval Order”) which, *inter alia*, approved the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release and established the Settlement Trust (as those terms are defined in the plan of compromise and reorganization dated December 3, 2012 (as the same may be amended, revised or supplemented in accordance with its terms, the “Plan”) of Sino-Forest Corporation (“SFC”), as approved by the Court pursuant to an Order dated December 10, 2012).

Pursuant to section 11.1 of the Plan and paragraph 11 of the Ernst & Young Settlement Approval Order, FTI Consulting Canada Inc. (the “Monitor”) in its capacity as Court-appointed Monitor of SFC delivers to Ernst & Young LLP this certificate and hereby certifies that:

1. Ernst & Young has confirmed that the settlement amount has been paid to the Settlement Trust in accordance with the Ernst & Young Settlement;
2. ■, being the trustee of the Settlement Trust has confirmed that such settlement amount has been received by the Settlement Trust; and
3. The Ernst & Young Release is in full force and effect in accordance with the Plan.

DATED at Toronto this ___ day of _____, 2013.

FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC. solely
in its capacity as Monitor of Sino-Forest
Corporation and not in its personal capacity

Name:

Title:

IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED
AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST
CORPORATION

Court File No: CV-12-9667-00CL

THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, et al.
CENTRAL AND EASTERN CANADA. et al.

Plaintiffs

Defendants

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**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
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THE HONOURABLE) WEDNESDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF
MR. JUSTICE MORAWETZ) MARCH, 2013

IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED, AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPRISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

Court File No.: CV-11-431153-00CP

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN:

THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN CANADA, THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 793 PENSION PLAN FOR OPERATING ENGINEERS IN ONTARIO, SJUNDE AP-FONDEN, DAVID GRANT and ROBERT WONG

Plaintiffs

- and -

SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ERNST & YOUNG LLP, BDO LIMITED (formerly known as BDO MCCABE LO LIMITED), ALLEN T.Y. CHAN, W. JUDSON MARTIN, KAI KIT POON, DAVID J. HORSLEY, WILLIAM E. ARDELL, JAMES P. BOWLAND, JAMES M.E. HYDE, EDMUND MAK, SIMON MURRY, PETER WANG, GARRY J. WEST, PÖYRY (BEIJING) CONSULTING COMPANY LIMITED, CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (CANADA), INC., TD SECURITIES INC., DUNDEE SECURITIES CORPORATION, RBC DOMINION SECURITIES INC., SCOTIA CAPITAL INC., CIBC WORLD MARKETS INC., MERRILL LYNCH CANADA INC., CANACCORD FINANCIAL LTD., MAISON PLACEMENTS CANADA INC., CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC and MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED (successor by merger to Banc of America Securities LLC)

Defendants

ORDER

THIS MOTION made by Invesco Canada Ltd., Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P., Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc., Matrix Asset Management Inc.,

Gestion Férique and Montrusco Bolton Investments (the "Objectors") for an order that the Objectors are not bound by the Order of the Honourable Justice Morawetz dated March 20, 2013 approving and giving effect to the Ernst & Young Release and the Ernst & Young Settlement (as defined in the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization of Sino-Forest Corporation ("Sino-Forest" and the "Applicant") under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* dated December 3, 2012 (the "Plan") and as provided for in section 11.1 of the Plan) and recognizing and appointing the Ad Hoc Committee of the Purchasers of the Applicant's Securities, including the plaintiffs in the action commenced against Sino-Forest in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice bearing (Toronto) Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP (the "Ontario Plaintiffs") as representatives in these proceedings.

AND ON READING the Ontario Plaintiffs' Motion Record, including the affidavit of and supplemental affidavit of Charles Wright, counsel to the plaintiffs, and the exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Joe Redshaw and exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Frank C. Torchio and the exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Serge Kalloghlian and exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Adam Pritchard and the exhibits thereto, and the affidavit of Mike P. Dean and exhibits thereto, and the affidavit of Judson Martin and the exhibits thereto and the Responding Motion Record of the Objectors including the affidavits of Eric J. Adelson and exhibits thereto, Daniel Simard and exhibits thereto and Tanya J. Jemec and the exhibits thereto, and on reading the Responding Motion Record of Pöyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Limited including the affidavit of Christina Doria, and on reading the Fourteenth Report, the supplement to the Fourteenth Report and the Fifteenth Report of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Monitor of the Applicant (in such capacity, the "Monitor") dated January 22 and 28, 2013 and February 1, 2013 including any notices of objection received, and on reading such other material, filed, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Ontario Plaintiffs, Ernst & Young LLP, the Ad Hoc Committee of Sino-Forest Noteholders, the Applicant, the Objectors to this motion, Derek Lam and Senith Vel Kanagaratnam, the Underwriters (Credit Suisse Securities (Canada) Inc., TD Securities Inc., Dundee Securities Corporation, RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Scotia Capital Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch Canada Inc., Canaccord Financial Ltd., Maison Placements Canada Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (successor by merger to Banc of America Securities LLC)), BDO Limited, the Monitor and those other parties present, no one appearing for any other party although duly served and such other notice as required by the Notice Order,


1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the motion of the Objectors is dismissed.



Morawetz, J. 

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Superior Court of Justice

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AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

Superior Court File No.: CV-10-414302CP

THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND
OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN CANADA, et al
Plaintiffs

- and -

SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, et al

Defendants

ONTARIO
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CITATION: Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada v. Sino-Forest Corporation, 2013 ONSC 1078
COURT FILE NO.: CV-12-9667-00CL
CV-11-431153-00CP
DATE: 20130320

**SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE – ONTARIO
(COMMERCIAL LIST)**

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, Applicant

AND RE: THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN CANADA, THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 793 PENSION PLAN FOR OPERATING ENGINEERS IN ONTARIO, SJUNDE AP-FONDEN, DAVID GRANT AND ROBERT WONG, Plaintiffs

AND:

SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ERNST & YOUNG LLP, BDO LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS BDO MCCABE LO LIMITED), ALLEN T.Y. CHAN, W. JUDSON MARTIN, KAI KIT POON, DAVID J. HORSLEY, WILLIAM E. ARDELL, JAMES P. BOWLAND, JAMES M.E. HYDE, EDMUND MAK, SIMON MURRAY, PETER WANG, GARRY J. WEST, PÓYRY (BEIJING) CONSULTING COMPANY LIMITED, CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (CANADA) IN., TD SECURITIES INC., DUNDEE SECURITIES CORPORATION, RBC DOMINION SECURITIES INC., SCOTIA CAPITAL INC., CIBC WORLD MARKETS INC., MERRILL LUNCH CANADA INC., CANACCORD FINANCIAL LTD., MAISON PLACEMENTS CANADA INC., CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC AND MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED (SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES LLC), Defendants

BEFORE: MORAWETZ J.

COUNSEL: Kenneth Rosenberg, Max Starnino, A. Dinitri Lascaris, Daniel Bach, Charles M. Wright, and Jonathan Ptak, for the Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers including the Class Action Plaintiffs

Peter Griffin, Peter Osborne, and Shara Roy, for Ernst & Young LLP

John Pirie and David Gadsden, for Pöyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Ltd.

Robert W. Staley, for Sino-Forest Corporation

Won J. Kim, Michael C. Spencer, and Megan B. McPhee, for the Objectors, Invesco Canada Ltd., Northwest & Ethical Investments LP and Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc.

John Fabello and Rebecca Wise for the Underwriters

Ken Dekker and Peter Greene, for BDO Limited

Emily Cole and Joseph Marin, for Allen Chan

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Brandon Barnes, for Kai Kit Poon

Robert Chadwick and Brendan O'Neill, for the Ad Hoc Committee of Noteholders

Derrick Tay and Cliff Prophet for the Monitor, FTI Consulting Canada Inc.

Simon Bieber, for David Horsley

James Grout, for the Ontario Securities Commission

Miles D. O'Reilly, Q.C., for the Junior Objectors, Daniel Lam and Senthilvel Kauagaratnam

HEARD: FEBRUARY 4, 2013

ENDORSEMENT

INTRODUCTION

[1] The Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant's Securities (the "Ad Hoc Securities Purchasers' Committee" or the "Applicant"), including the representative plaintiffs in the Ontario class action (collectively, the "Ontario Plaintiffs"), bring this motion for approval of a settlement and release of claims against Ernst & Young LLP [the "Ernst & Young Settlement", the "Ernst & Young Release", the "Ernst & Young Claims" and "Ernst & Young", as further defined in the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization of Sino-Forest Corporation ("SFC") dated December 3, 2012 (the "Plan")].

[2] Approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement is opposed by Invesco Canada Limited ("Invesco"), Northwest and Ethical Investments L.P. ("Northwest"), Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc. ("Bâtirente"), Matrix Asset Management Inc. ("Matrix"), Gestion

Férique and Montrusco Bolton Investments Inc. (“Montrusco”) (collectively, the “Objectors”). The Objectors particularly oppose the no-opt-out and full third-party release features of the Ernst & Young Settlement. The Objectors also oppose the motion for a representation order sought by the Ontario Plaintiffs, and move instead for appointment of the Objectors to represent the interests of all objectors to the Ernst & Young Settlement.

[3] For the following reasons, I have determined that the Ernst & Young Settlement, together with the Ernst & Young Release, should be approved.

FACTS

Class Action Proceedings

[4] SFC is an integrated forest plantation operator and forest productions company, with most of its assets and the majority of its business operations located in the southern and eastern regions of the People’s Republic of China. SFC’s registered office is in Toronto, and its principal business office is in Hong Kong.

[5] SFC’s shares were publicly traded over the Toronto Stock Exchange. During the period from March 19, 2007 through June 2, 2011, SFC made three prospectus offerings of common shares. SFC also issued and had various notes (debt instruments) outstanding, which were offered to investors, by way of offering memoranda, between March 19, 2007 and June 2, 2011.

[6] All of SFC’s debt or equity public offerings have been underwritten. A total of 11 firms (the “Underwriters”) acted as SFC’s underwriters, and are named as defendants in the Ontario class action.

[7] Since 2000, SFC has had two auditors: Ernst & Young, who acted as auditor from 2000 to 2004 and 2007 to 2012, and BDO Limited (“BDO”), who acted as auditor from 2005 to 2006. Ernst & Young and BDO are named as defendants in the Ontario class action.

[8] Following a June 2, 2011 report issued by short-seller Muddy Waters LLC (“Muddy Waters”), SFC, and others, became embroiled in investigations and regulatory proceedings (with the Ontario Securities Commission (the “OSC”), the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police) for allegedly engaging in a “complex fraudulent scheme”. SFC concurrently became embroiled in multiple class action proceedings across Canada, including Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan (collectively, the “Canadian Actions”), and in New York (collectively with the Canadian Actions, the “Class Action Proceedings”), facing allegations that SFC, and others, misstated its financial results, misrepresented its timber rights, overstated the value of its assets and concealed material information about its business operations from investors, causing the collapse of an artificially inflated share price.

[9] The Canadian Actions are comprised of two components: first, there is a shareholder claim, brought on behalf of SFC’s current and former shareholders, seeking damages in the amount of \$6.5 billion for general damages, \$174.8 million in connection with a prospectus issued in June 2007, \$330 million in relation to a prospectus issued in June 2009, and \$319.2 million in relation to a prospectus issued in December 2009; and second, there is a noteholder

claim, brought on behalf of former holders of SFC's notes (the "Noteholders"), in the amount of approximately \$1.8 billion. The noteholder claim asserts, among other things, damages for loss of value in the notes.

[10] Two other class proceedings relating to SFC were subsequently commenced in Ontario: *Smith et al. v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al.*, which commenced on June 8, 2011; and *Northwest and Ethical Investments L.P. et al. v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al.*, which commenced on September 26, 2011.

[11] In December 2011, there was a motion to determine which of the three actions in Ontario should be permitted to proceed and which should be stayed (the "Carriage Motion"). On January 6, 2012, Perell J. granted carriage to the Ontario Plaintiffs, appointed Siskinds LLP and Koskie Minsky LLP to prosecute the Ontario class action, and stayed the other class proceedings.

CCAA Proceedings

[12] SFC obtained an initial order under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36 ("CCAA") on March 30, 2012 (the "Initial Order"), pursuant to which a stay of proceedings was granted in respect of SFC and certain of its subsidiaries. Pursuant to an order on May 8, 2012, the stay was extended to all defendants in the class actions, including Ernst & Young. Due to the stay, the certification and leave motions have yet to be heard.

[13] Throughout the CCAA proceedings, SFC asserted that there could be no effective restructuring of SFC's business, and separation from the Canadian parent, if the claims asserted against SFC's subsidiaries arising out of, or connected to, claims against SFC remained outstanding.

[14] In addition, SFC and FTI Consulting Canada Inc. (the "Monitor") continually advised that timing and delay were critical elements that would impact on maximization of the value of SFC's assets and stakeholder recovery.

[15] On May 14, 2012, an order (the "Claims Procedure Order") was issued that approved a claims process developed by SFC, in consultation with the Monitor. In order to identify the nature and extent of the claims asserted against SFC's subsidiaries, the Claims Procedure Order required any claimant that had or intended to assert a right or claim against one or more of the subsidiaries, relating to a purported claim made against SFC, to so indicate on their proof of claim.

[16] The Ad Hoc Securities Purchasers' Committee filed a proof of claim (encapsulating the approximately \$7.3 billion shareholder claim and \$1.8 billion noteholder claim) in the CCAA proceedings on behalf of all putative class members in the Ontario class action. The plaintiffs in the New York class action filed a proof of claim, but did not specify quantum of damages. Ernst & Young filed a proof of claim for damages and indemnification. The plaintiffs in the Saskatchewan class action did not file a proof of claim. A few shareholders filed proofs of claim separately. No proof of claim was filed by Kim Orr Barristers P.C. ("Kim Orr"), who represent the Objectors.

[17] Prior to the commencement of the CCAA proceedings, the plaintiffs in the Canadian Actions settled with Pöyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Limited (“Pöyry”) (the “Pöyry Settlement”), a forestry valuator that provided services to SFC. The class was defined as all persons and entities who acquired SFC’s securities in Canada between March 19, 2007 to June 2, 2011, and all Canadian residents who acquired SFC securities outside of Canada during that same period (the “Pöyry Settlement Class”).

[18] The notice of hearing to approve the Pöyry Settlement advised the Pöyry Settlement Class that they may object to the proposed settlement. No objections were filed.

[19] Perell J. and Émond J. approved the settlement and certified the Pöyry Settlement Class for settlement purposes. January 15, 2013 was fixed as the date by which members of the Pöyry Settlement Class, who wished to opt-out of either of the Canadian Actions, would have to file an opt-out form for the claims administrator, and they approved the form by which the right to opt-out was required to be exercised.

[20] Notice of the certification and settlement was given in accordance with the certification orders of Perell J. and Émond J. The notice of certification states, in part, that:

IF YOU CHOOSE TO OPT OUT OF THE CLASS, YOU WILL BE OPTING OUT OF THE **ENTIRE** PROCEEDING. THIS MEANS THAT YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY FUTURE SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT REACHED WITH OR AGAINST THE REMAINING DEFENDANTS.

[21] The opt-out made no provision for an opt-out on a conditional basis.

[22] On June 26, 2012, SFC brought a motion for an order directing that claims against SFC that arose in connection with the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest in SFC, and related indemnity claims, were “equity claims” as defined in section 2 of the CCAA, including the claims by or on behalf of shareholders asserted in the Class Action Proceedings. The equity claims motion did not purport to deal with the component of the Class Action Proceedings relating to SFC’s notes.

[23] In reasons released July 27, 2012 [*Re Sino-Forest Corp.*, 2012 ONSC 4377], I granted the relief sought by SFC (the “Equity Claims Decision”), finding that “the claims advanced in the shareholder claims are clearly equity claims”. The Ad Hoc Securities Purchasers’ Committee did not oppose the motion, and no issue was taken by any party with the court’s determination that the shareholder claims against SFC were “equity claims”. The Equity Claims Decision was subsequently affirmed by the Court of Appeal for Ontario on November 23, 2012 [*Re Sino-Forest Corp.*, 2012 ONCA 816].

Ernst & Young Settlement

[24] The Ernst & Young Settlement, and third party releases, was not mentioned in the early versions of the Plan. The initial creditors’ meeting and vote on the Plan was scheduled to occur on November 29, 2012; when the Plan was amended on November 28, 2012, the creditors’ meeting was adjourned to November 30, 2012.

[25] On November 29, 2012, Ernst & Young's counsel and class counsel concluded the proposed Ernst & Young Settlement. The creditors' meeting was again adjourned, to December 3, 2012; on that date, a new Plan revision was released and the Ernst & Young Settlement was publicly announced. The Plan revision featured a new Article 11, reflecting the "framework" for the proposed Ernst & Young Settlement and for third-party releases for named third-party defendants as identified at that time as the Underwriters or in the future.

[26] On December 3, 2012, a large majority of creditors approved the Plan. The Objectors note, however, that proxy materials were distributed weeks earlier and proxies were required to be submitted three days prior to the meeting and it is evident that creditors submitting proxies only had a pre-Article 11 version of the Plan. Further, no equity claimants, such as the Objectors, were entitled to vote on the Plan. On December 6, 2012, the Plan was further amended, adding Ernst & Young and BDO to Schedule A, thereby defining them as named third-party defendants.

[27] Ultimately, the Ernst & Young Settlement provided for the payment by Ernst & Young of \$117 million as a settlement fund, being the full monetary contribution by Ernst & Young to settle the Ernst & Young Claims; however, it remains subject to court approval in Ontario, and recognition in Quebec and the United States, and conditional, pursuant to Article 11.1 of the Plan, upon the following steps:

- (a) the granting of the sanction order sanctioning the Plan including the terms of the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release (which preclude any right to contribution or indemnity against Ernst & Young);
- (b) the issuance of the Settlement Trust Order;
- (c) the issuance of any other orders necessary to give effect to the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release, including the Chapter 15 Recognition Order;
- (d) the fulfillment of all conditions precedent in the Ernst & Young Settlement; and
- (e) all orders being final orders not subject to further appeal or challenge.

[28] On December 6, 2012, Kim Orr filed a notice of appearance in the CCAA proceedings on behalf of three Objectors: Invesco, Northwest and Bâtirente. These Objectors opposed the sanctioning of the Plan, insofar as it included Article 11, during the Plan sanction hearing on December 7, 2012.

[29] At the Plan sanction hearing, SFC's counsel made it clear that the Plan itself did not embody the Ernst & Young Settlement, and that the parties' request that the Plan be sanctioned did not also cover approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement. Moreover, according to the Plan and minutes of settlement, the Ernst & Young Settlement would not be consummated (*i.e.* money paid and releases effective) unless and until several conditions had been satisfied in the future.

[30] The Plan was sanctioned on December 10, 2012 with Article 11. The Objectors take the position that the Funds' opposition was dismissed as premature and on the basis that nothing in the sanction order affected their rights.

[31] On December 13, 2012, the court directed that its hearing on the Ernst & Young Settlement would take place on January 4, 2013, under both the CCAA and the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 6 (“CPA”). Subsequently, the hearing was adjourned to February 4, 2013.

[32] On January 15, 2013, the last day of the opt-out period established by orders of Perell J. and Émond J., six institutional investors represented by Kim Orr filed opt-out forms. These institutional investors are Northwest and Bâtirente, who were two of the three institutions represented by Kim Orr in the Carriage Motion, as well as Invesco, Matrix, Montrusco and Gestion Ferique (all of which are members of the Pöyry Settlement Class).

[33] According to the opt-out forms, the Objectors held approximately 1.6% of SFC shares outstanding on June 30, 2011 (the day the Muddy Waters report was released). By way of contrast, Davis Selected Advisors and Paulson and Co., two of many institutional investors who support the Ernst & Young Settlement, controlled more than 25% of SFC’s shares at this time. In addition, the total number of outstanding objectors constitutes approximately 0.24% of the 34,177 SFC beneficial shareholders as of April 29, 2011.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Court’s Jurisdiction to Grant Requested Approval

[34] The Claims Procedure Order of May 14, 2012, at paragraph 17, provides that any person that does not file a proof of claim in accordance with the order is barred from making or enforcing such claim as against any other person who could claim contribution or indemnity from the Applicant. This includes claims by the Objectors against Ernst & Young for which Ernst & Young could claim indemnity from SFC.

[35] The Claims Procedure Order also provides that the Ontario Plaintiffs are authorized to file one proof of claim in respect of the substance of the matters set out in the Ontario class action, and that the Quebec Plaintiffs are similarly authorized to file one proof of claim in respect of the substance of the matters set out in the Quebec class action. The Objectors did not object to, or oppose, the Claims Procedure Order, either when it was sought or at any time thereafter. The Objectors did not file an independent proof of claim and, accordingly, the Canadian Claimants were authorized to and did file a proof of claim in the representative capacity in respect of the Objectors’ claims.

[36] The Ernst & Young Settlement is part of a CCAA plan process. Claims, including contingent claims, are regularly compromised and settled within CCAA proceedings. This includes outstanding litigation claims against the debtor and third parties. Such compromises fully and finally dispose of such claims, and it follows that there are no continuing procedural or other rights in such proceedings. Simply put, there are no “opt-outs” in the CCAA.

[37] It is well established that class proceedings can be settled in a CCAA proceeding. See *Robertson v. ProQuest Information and Learning Co.*, 2011 ONSC 1647 [*Robertson*].

[38] As noted by Pepall J. (as she then was) in *Robertson*, para. 8:

When dealing with the consensual resolution of a CCAA claim filed in a claims process that arises out of ongoing litigation, typically no court approval is required. In contrast, class proceedings settlements must be approved by the court. The notice and process for dissemination of the settlement agreement must also be approved by the court.

[39] In this case, the notice and process for dissemination have been approved.

[40] The Objectors take the position that approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement would render their opt-out rights illusory; the inherent flaw with this argument is that it is not possible to ignore the CCAA proceedings.

[41] In this case, claims arising out of the class proceedings are claims in the CCAA process. CCAA claims can be, by definition, subject to compromise. The Claims Procedure Order establishes that claims as against Ernst & Young fall within the CCAA proceedings. Thus, these claims can also be the subject of settlement and, if settled, the claims of all creditors in the class can also be settled.

[42] In my view, these proceedings are the appropriate time and place to consider approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement. This court has the jurisdiction in respect of both the CCAA and the CPA.

Should the Court Exercise Its Discretion to Approve the Settlement

[43] Having established the jurisdictional basis to consider the motion, the central inquiry is whether the court should exercise its discretion to approve the Ernst & Young Settlement.

CCAA Interpretation

[44] The CCAA is a “flexible statute”, and the court has “jurisdiction to approve major transactions, including settlement agreements, during the stay period defined in the Initial Order”. The CCAA affords courts broad jurisdiction to make orders and “fill in the gaps in legislation so as to give effect to the objects of the CCAA.” [*Re Nortel Networks Corp.*, 2010 ONSC 1708, paras. 66-70 (“*Re Nortel*”)]; *Re Canadian Red Cross Society* (1998), 5 C.B.R. (4th) 299, 72 O.T.C. 99, para. 43 (Ont. C.J.)]

[45] Further, as the Supreme Court of Canada explained in *Re Ted Leroy Trucking Ltd. [Century Services]*, 2010 SCC 60, para. 58:

CCAA decisions are often based on discretionary grants of jurisdiction. The incremental exercise of judicial discretion in commercial courts under conditions one practitioner aptly described as “the hothouse of real time litigation” has been the primary method by which the CCAA has been adapted and has evolved to meet contemporary business and social needs (internal citations omitted). ...When large companies encounter difficulty, reorganizations become increasingly complex. CCAA courts have been called upon to innovate accordingly in exercising their jurisdiction beyond merely staying proceedings against the

Debtor to allow breathing room for reorganization. They have been asked to sanction measures for which there is no explicit authority in the CCAA.

[46] It is also established that third-party releases are not an uncommon feature of complex restructurings under the CCAA [*ATB Financial v. Metcalf and Mansfield Alternative Investments II Corp.*, 2008 ONCA 587 (“*ATB Financial*”); *Re Nortel, supra*; *Robertson, supra*; *Re Muscle Tech Research and Development Inc.* (2007), 30 C.B.R. (5th) 59, 156 A.C.W.S. (3d) 22 (Ontario S.C.J.) (“*Muscle Tech*”); *Re Grace Canada Inc.* (2008), 50 C.B.R. (5th) 25 (Ont. S.C.J.); *Re Allen-Vanguard Corporation*, 2011 ONSC 5017].

[47] The Court of Appeal for Ontario has specifically confirmed that a third-party release is justified where the release forms part of a comprehensive compromise. As Blair J. A. stated in *ATB Financial, supra*:

69. In keeping with this scheme and purpose, I do not suggest that any and all releases between creditors of the debtor company seeking to restructure and third parties may be made the subject of a compromise or arrangement between the debtor and its creditors. Nor do I think the fact that the releases may be “necessary” in the sense that the third parties or the debtor may refuse to proceed without them, of itself, advances the argument in favour of finding jurisdiction (although it may well be relevant in terms of the fairness and reasonableness analysis).

70. The release of the claim in question must be justified as part of the compromise or arrangement between the debtor and its creditors. In short, there must be a reasonable connection between the third party claim being compromised in the plan and the restructuring achieved by the plan to warrant inclusion of the third party release in the plan ...

71. In the course of his reasons, the application judge made the following findings, all of which are amply supported on the record:

- a) The parties to be released are necessary and essential to the restructuring of the debtor;
- b) The claims to be released are rationally related to the purpose of the Plan and necessary for it;
- c) The Plan cannot succeed without the releases;
- d) The parties who are to have claims against them released are contributing in a tangible and realistic way to the Plan; and
- e) The Plan will benefit not only the debtor companies but creditor Noteholders generally.

72. Here, then – as was the case in T&N – there is a close connection between the claims being released and the restructuring proposal. The tort claims arise out of

the sale and distribution of the ABCP Notes and their collapse in value, just as do the contractual claims of the creditors against the debtor companies. The purpose of the restructuring is to stabilize and shore up the value of those notes in the long run. The third parties being released are making separate contributions to enable those results to materialize. Those contributions are identified earlier, at para. 31 of these reasons. The application judge found that the claims being released are not independent of or unrelated to the claims that the Noteholders have against the debtor companies; they are closely connected to the value of the ABCP Notes and are required for the Plan to succeed ...

73. I am satisfied that the wording of the CCAA – construed in light of the purpose, objects and scheme of the Act and in accordance with the modern principles of statutory interpretation – supports the court’s jurisdiction and authority to sanction the Plan proposed here, including the contested third-party releases contained in it.

...

78. ... I believe the open-ended CCAA permits third-party releases that are reasonably related to the restructuring at issue because they are encompassed in the comprehensive terms “compromise” and “arrangement” and because of the double-voting majority and court sanctioning statutory mechanism that makes them binding on unwilling creditors.

...

113. At para. 71 above I recited a number of factual findings the application judge made in concluding that approval of the Plan was within his jurisdiction under the CCAA and that it was fair and reasonable. For convenience, I reiterate them here – with two additional findings – because they provide an important foundation for his analysis concerning the fairness and reasonableness of the Plan. The application judge found that:

- a) The parties to be released are necessary and essential to the restructuring of the debtor;
- b) The claims to be released are rationally related to the purpose of the Plan and necessary for it;
- c) The Plan cannot succeed without the releases;
- d) The parties who are to have claims against them released are contributing in a tangible and realistic way to the Plan;
- e) The Plan will benefit not only the debtor companies but creditor Noteholders generally;

f) The voting creditors who have approved the Plan did so with knowledge of the nature and effect of the releases; and that,

g) The releases are fair and reasonable and not overly broad or offensive to public policy.

[48] Furthermore, in *ATB Financial, supra*, para. 111, the Court of Appeal confirmed that parties are entitled to settle allegations of fraud and to include releases of such claims as part of the settlement. It was noted that “there is no legal impediment to granting the release of an antecedent claim in fraud, provided the claim is in the contemplation of the parties to the release at the time it is given”.

Relevant CCAA Factors

[49] In assessing a settlement within the CCAA context, the court looks at the following three factors, as articulated in *Robertson, supra*:

- (a) whether the settlement is fair and reasonable;
- (b) whether it provides substantial benefits to other stakeholders; and
- (c) whether it is consistent with the purpose and spirit of the CCAA.

[50] Where a settlement also provides for a release, such as here, courts assess whether there is “a reasonable connection between the third party claim being compromised in the plan and the restructuring achieved by the plan to warrant inclusion of the third party release in the plan”. Applying this “nexus test” requires consideration of the following factors: [*ATB Financial, supra*, para. 70]

- (a) Are the claims to be released rationally related to the purpose of the plan?
- (b) Are the claims to be released necessary for the plan of arrangement?
- (c) Are the parties who have claims released against them contributing in a tangible and realistic way? and
- (d) Will the plan benefit the debtor and the creditors generally?

Counsel Submissions

[51] The Objectors argue that the proposed Ernst & Young Release is not integral or necessary to the success of Sino-Forest’s restructuring plan, and, therefore, the standards for granting third-party releases in the CCAA are not satisfied. No one has asserted that the parties require the Ernst & Young Settlement or Ernst & Young Release to allow the Plan to go forward; in fact, the Plan has been implemented prior to consideration of this issue. Further, the Objectors contend that the \$117 million settlement payment is not essential, or even related, to the restructuring, and that it is concerning, and telling, that varying the end of the Ernst & Young Settlement and Ernst & Young Release to accommodate opt-outs would extinguish the settlement.

[52] The Objectors also argue that the Ernst & Young Settlement should not be approved because it would vitiate opt-out rights of class members, as conferred as follows in section 9 of the CPA: “Any member of a class involved in a class proceeding may opt-out of the proceeding in the manner and within the time specified in the certification order.” This right is a fundamental element of procedural fairness in the Ontario class action regime [*Fischer v. IG Investment Management Ltd.*, 2012 ONCA 47, para. 69], and is not a mere technicality or illusory. It has been described as absolute [*Durling v. Sunrise Propane Energy Group Inc.*, 2011 ONSC 266]. The opt-out period allows persons to pursue their self-interest and to preserve their rights to pursue individual actions [*Mangan v. Inco Ltd.*, (1998) 16 C.P.C. (4th) 165 38 O.R. (3d) 703 (Ont. C.J.)].

[53] Based on the foregoing, the Objectors submit that a proposed class action settlement with Ernst & Young should be approved solely under the CPA, as the Pöyry Settlement was, and not through misuse of a third-party release procedure under the CCAA. Further, since the minutes of settlement make it clear that Ernst & Young retains discretion not to accept or recognize normal opt-outs if the CPA procedures are invoked, the Ernst & Young Settlement should not be approved in this respect either.

[54] Multiple parties made submissions favouring the Ernst & Young Settlement (with the accompanying Ernst & Young Release), arguing that it is fair and reasonable in the circumstances, benefits the CCAA stakeholders (as evidenced by the broad-based support for the Plan and this motion) and rationally connected to the Plan.

[55] Ontario Plaintiffs’ counsel submits that the form of the bar order is fair and properly balances the competing interests of class members, Ernst & Young and the non-settling defendants as:

- (a) class members are not releasing their claims to a greater extent than necessary;
- (b) Ernst & Young is ensured that its obligations in connection to the Settlement will conclude its liability in the class proceedings;
- (c) the non-settling defendants will not have to pay more following a judgment than they would be required to pay if Ernst & Young remained as a defendant in the action; and
- (d) the non-settling defendants are granted broad rights of discovery and an appropriate credit in the ongoing litigation, if it is ultimately determined by the court that there is a right of contribution and indemnity between the co-defendants.

[56] SFC argues that Ernst & Young’s support has simplified and accelerated the Plan process, including reducing the expense and management time otherwise to be incurred in litigating claims, and was a catalyst to encouraging many parties, including the Underwriters and BDO, to withdraw their objections to the Plan. Further, the result is precisely the type of compromise that the CCAA is designed to promote; namely, Ernst & Young has provided a tangible and significant contribution to the Plan (notwithstanding any pitfalls in the litigation claims against Ernst & Young) that has enabled SFC to emerge as Newco/NewcoII in a timely way and with potential viability.

[57] Ernst & Young's counsel submits that the Ernst & Young Settlement, as a whole, including the Ernst & Young Release, must be approved or rejected; the court cannot modify the terms of a proposed settlement. Further, in deciding whether to reject a settlement, the court should consider whether doing so would put the settlement in "jeopardy of being unravelled". In this case, counsel submits there is no obligation on the parties to resume discussions and it could be that the parties have reached their limits in negotiations and will backtrack from their positions or abandon the effort.

Analysis and Conclusions

[58] The Ernst & Young Release forms part of the Ernst & Young Settlement. In considering whether the Ernst & Young Settlement is fair and reasonable and ought to be approved, it is necessary to consider whether the Ernst & Young Release can be justified as part of the Ernst & Young Settlement. See *ATB Financial, supra*, para. 70, as quoted above.

[59] In considering the appropriateness of including the Ernst & Young Release, I have taken into account the following.

[60] Firstly, although the Plan has been sanctioned and implemented, a significant aspect of the Plan is a distribution to SFC's creditors. The significant and, in fact, only monetary contribution that can be directly identified, at this time, is the \$117 million from the Ernst & Young Settlement. Simply put, until such time as the Ernst & Young Settlement has been concluded and the settlement proceeds paid, there can be no distribution of the settlement proceeds to parties entitled to receive them. It seems to me that in order to effect any distribution, the Ernst & Young Release has to be approved as part of the Ernst & Young Settlement.

[61] Secondly, it is apparent that the claims to be released against Ernst & Young are rationally related to the purpose of the Plan and necessary for it. SFC put forward the Plan. As I outlined in the Equity Claims Decision, the claims of Ernst & Young as against SFC are intertwined to the extent that they cannot be separated. Similarly, the claims of the Objectors as against Ernst & Young are, in my view, intertwined and related to the claims against SFC and to the purpose of the Plan.

[62] Thirdly, although the Plan can, on its face, succeed, as evidenced by its implementation, the reality is that without the approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement, the objectives of the Plan remain unfulfilled due to the practical inability to distribute the settlement proceeds. Further, in the event that the Ernst & Young Release is not approved and the litigation continues, it becomes circular in nature as the position of Ernst & Young, as detailed in the Equity Claims Decision, involves Ernst & Young bringing an equity claim for contribution and indemnity as against SFC.

[63] Fourthly, it is clear that Ernst & Young is contributing in a tangible way to the Plan, by its significant contribution of \$117 million.

[64] Fifthly, the Plan benefits the claimants in the form of a tangible distribution. Blair J.A., at paragraph 113 of *ATB Financial, supra*, referenced two further facts as found by the application

judge in that case; namely, the voting creditors who approved the Plan did so with the knowledge of the nature and effect of the releases. That situation is also present in this case.

[65] Finally, the application judge in *ATB Financial, supra*, held that the releases were fair and reasonable and not overly broad or offensive to public policy. In this case, having considered the alternatives of lengthy and uncertain litigation, and the full knowledge of the Canadian plaintiffs, I conclude that the Ernst & Young Release is fair and reasonable and not overly broad or offensive to public policy.

[66] In my view, the Ernst & Young Settlement is fair and reasonable, provides substantial benefits to relevant stakeholders, and is consistent with the purpose and spirit of the CCAA. In addition, in my view, the factors associated with the *ATB Financial* nexus test favour approving the Ernst & Young Release.

[67] In *Re Nortel, supra*, para. 81, I noted that the releases benefited creditors generally because they “reduced the risk of litigation, protected Nortel against potential contribution claims and indemnity claims and reduced the risk of delay caused by potentially complex litigation and associated depletion of assets to fund potentially significant litigation costs”. In this case, there is a connection between the release of claims against Ernst & Young and a distribution to creditors. The plaintiffs in the litigation are shareholders and Noteholders of SFC. These plaintiffs have claims to assert against SFC that are being directly satisfied, in part, with the payment of \$117 million by Ernst & Young.

[68] In my view, it is clear that the claims Ernst & Young asserted against SFC, and SFC’s subsidiaries, had to be addressed as part of the restructuring. The interrelationship between the various entities is further demonstrated by Ernst & Young’s submission that the release of claims by Ernst & Young has allowed SFC and the SFC subsidiaries to contribute their assets to the restructuring, unencumbered by claims totalling billions of dollars. As SFC is a holding company with no material assets of its own, the unencumbered participation of the SFC subsidiaries is crucial to the restructuring.

[69] At the outset and during the CCAA proceedings, the Applicant and Monitor specifically and consistently identified timing and delay as critical elements that would impact on maximization of the value and preservation of SFC’s assets.

[70] Counsel submits that the claims against Ernst & Young and the indemnity claims asserted by Ernst & Young would, absent the Ernst & Young Settlement, have to be finally determined before the CCAA claims could be quantified. As such, these steps had the potential to significantly delay the CCAA proceedings. Where the claims being released may take years to resolve, are risky, expensive or otherwise uncertain of success, the benefit that accrues to creditors in having them settled must be considered. See *Re Nortel, supra*, paras. 73 and 81; and *Muscle Tech, supra*, paras. 19-21.

[71] Implicit in my findings is rejection of the Objectors’ arguments questioning the validity of the Ernst & Young Settlement and Ernst & Young Release. The relevant consideration is whether a proposed settlement and third-party release sufficiently benefits all stakeholders to justify court approval. I reject the position that the \$117 million settlement payment is not

essential, or even related, to the restructuring; it represents, at this point in time, the only real monetary consideration available to stakeholders. The potential to vary the Ernst & Young Settlement and Ernst & Young Release to accommodate opt-outs is futile, as the court is being asked to approve the Ernst & Young Settlement and Ernst & Young Release as proposed.

[72] I do not accept that the class action settlement should be approved solely under the CPA. The reality facing the parties is that SFC is insolvent; it is under CCAA protection, and stakeholder claims are to be considered in the context of the CCAA regime. The Objectors' claim against Ernst & Young cannot be considered in isolation from the CCAA proceedings. The claims against Ernst & Young are interrelated with claims as against SFC, as is made clear in the Equity Claims Decision and Claims Procedure Order.

[73] Even if one assumes that the opt-out argument of the Objectors can be sustained, and opt-out rights fully provided, to what does that lead? The Objectors are left with a claim against Ernst & Young, which it then has to put forward in the CCAA proceedings. Without taking into account any argument that the claim against Ernst & Young may be affected by the claims bar date, the claim is still capable of being addressed under the Claims Procedure Order. In this way, it is again subject to the CCAA fairness and reasonable test as set out in *ATB Financial, supra*.

[74] Moreover, CCAA proceedings take into account a class of creditors or stakeholders who possess the same legal interests. In this respect, the Objectors have the same legal interests as the Ontario Plaintiffs. Ultimately, this requires consideration of the totality of the class. In this case, it is clear that the parties supporting the Ernst & Young Settlement are vastly superior to the Objectors, both in number and dollar value.

[75] Although the right to opt-out of a class action is a fundamental element of procedural fairness in the Ontario class action regime, this argument cannot be taken in isolation. It must be considered in the context of the CCAA.

[76] The Objectors are, in fact, part of the group that will benefit from the Ernst & Young Settlement as they specifically seek to reserve their rights to "opt-in" and share in the spoils.

[77] It is also clear that the jurisprudence does not permit a dissenting stakeholder to opt-out of a restructuring. [*Re Sammi Atlas Inc.*, (1998) 3 C.B.R. (4th) 171 (Ont. Gen. Div. (Commercial List)).] If that were possible, no creditor would take part in any CCAA compromise where they were to receive less than the debt owed to them. There is no right to opt-out of any CCAA process, and the statute contemplates that a minority of creditors are bound by the plan which a majority have approved and the court has determined to be fair and reasonable.

[78] SFC is insolvent and all stakeholders, including the Objectors, will receive less than what they are owed. By virtue of deciding, on their own volition, not to participate in the CCAA process, the Objectors relinquished their right to file a claim and take steps, in a timely way, to assert their rights to vote in the CCAA proceeding.

[79] Further, even if the Objectors had filed a claim and voted, their minimal 1.6% stake in SFC's outstanding shares when the Muddy Waters report was released makes it highly unlikely that they could have altered the outcome.

[80] Finally, although the Objectors demand a right to conditionally opt-out of a settlement, that right does not exist under the CPA or CCAA. By virtue of the certification order, class members had the ability to opt-out of the class action. The Objectors did not opt-out in the true sense; they purported to create a conditional opt-out. Under the CPA, the right to opt-out is “in the manner and within the time specified in the certification order”. There is no provision for a conditional opt-out in the CPA, and Ontario’s single opt-out regime causes “no prejudice...to putative class members”. [CPA, section 9; *Osmun v. Cadbury Adams Canada Inc.* (2009), 85 C.P.C. (6th) 148, paras. 43-46 (Ont. S.C.J.); and *Eidoo v. Infineon Technologies AG*, 2012 ONSC 7299.]

Miscellaneous

[81] For greater certainty, it is my understanding that the issues raised by Mr. O’Reilly have been clarified such that the effect of this endorsement is that the Junior Objectors will be included with the same status as the Ontario Plaintiffs.

DISPOSITION

[82] In the result, for the foregoing reasons, the motion is granted. A declaration shall issue to the effect that the Ernst & Young Settlement is fair and reasonable in all the circumstances. The Ernst & Young Settlement, together with the Ernst & Young Release, is approved and an order shall issue substantially in the form requested.


MORAWETZ J.

Date: March 20, 2013

Tab 5

Court File No.: CV-12-9667-00CL

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMERCIAL LIST**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS
ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR
ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION**

Court File No.: CV-11-431153-00CP

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN:

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND OF CENTRAL AND
EASTERN CANADA, THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 793 PENSION PLAN FOR OPERATING
ENGINEERS IN ONTARIO, SJUNDE AP-FONDEN, DAVID GRANT and ROBERT
WONG**

Plaintiffs

- and -

**SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ERNST & YOUNG LLP, BDO LIMITED (formerly
known as BDO MCCABE LO LIMITED), ALLEN T.Y. CHAN, W. JUDSON MARTIN,
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CORPORATION, RBC DOMINION SECURITIES INC., SCOTIA CAPITAL INC., CIBC
WORLD MARKETS INC., MERRILL LYNCH CANADA INC., CANACCORD
FINANCIAL LTD., MAISON PLACEMENTS CANADA INC., CREDIT SUISSE
SECURITIES (USA) LLC and MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED (successor by merger to Banc of America Securities LLC)**

Defendants

Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*

AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES M. WRIGHT

I, CHARLES M. WRIGHT, of the City of London, in the Province of Ontario, AFFIRM:

1. I am a partner at Siskinds LLP, who, along with Koskie Minsky LLP (together, “Class Counsel”), are counsel to the plaintiffs (the “Representative Plaintiffs”) in the above-captioned class proceeding (the “Ontario Action”).
2. Class Counsel have retained Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP for purposes of the above-captioned proceeding (the “Insolvency Proceeding”) under the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act* (“CCAA”), who act for the Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant’s Securities (together with the Representative Plaintiffs, the “Ontario Plaintiffs”).
3. Siskinds Demeules is counsel to the plaintiffs in the class proceeding in the Province of Quebec Superior Court styled as *Guining Liu v. Sino-Forest Corporation, et al.*, File No. 200-06-000132-111.
4. I have knowledge of the matters deposed to below. Where I make statements in this affidavit that are not within my personal knowledge, I have indicated the source of my information, and I believe such information to be true.

NATURE OF THIS MOTION

5. On November 29, 2012, the Ontario Plaintiffs entered into Minutes of Settlement with the defendant, Ernst & Young LLP, in order to resolve all claims against Ernst & Young LLP, Ernst & Young Global Limited and any of its member firms, and any person or entity affiliated with or connected thereto (“Ernst & Young”, as more fully defined in the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization of the Applicant under the CCAA dated December 3, 2012 (the “Plan”)) including all claims that have been asserted or that could have been asserted against Ernst & Young in these class proceedings (the “Ernst & Young Claims”, as more fully defined in the as

defined in the Plan). Along with the Minutes of Settlement, the framework of the proposed settlement and release of Ernst & Young is contained in the Plan, and in particular at Article 11.1 and the corresponding definitions (the “Ernst & Young Release” and the “Ernst & Young Settlement”). A copy of the Minutes of Settlement is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A.”** Copies of the draft settlement approval orders are attached hereto as **Exhibits “B-1” and “B-2.”** A copy of the Plan is attached hereto as **Exhibit “C”** and a copy of the order sanctioning the Plan dated December 10, 2012 (the “Sanction Order”) is attached hereto as **Exhibit “D.”** The endorsement and reasons of the Honourable Justice Morawetz sanctioning the Plan are attached hereto as **Exhibits “E-1” and “E-2.”** Where I have used capitalized terms that I have not defined in this affidavit, those terms have the same meanings attributed to them in the draft settlement orders or the Plan.

6. I affirm this affidavit in support of the motion brought by the Ontario Plaintiffs for approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement.

OVERVIEW OF THE SETTLEMENT

7. Subject to the terms of the Ernst & Young Settlement, Ernst & Young has agreed to pay CAD\$117,000,000.00 (the “Settlement Amount”) to a Settlement Trust to be administered in accordance with orders of the court.

8. In consideration for the Settlement Amount, it is a condition of the Ernst & Young Settlement that Ernst & Young will receive a full and final release in respect of all claims relating to its relationship with Sino-Forest Corporation (“Sino”), its subsidiaries and affiliates, as more fully defined as the Ernst & Young Release in the Plan.

9. The Ernst & Young Settlement is also conditional on the approvals by courts in Ontario, Quebec and the United States and certain other conditions contained in the Minutes of Settlement, the Plan and the Sanction Order.

10. The draft settlement approval orders provide that the distribution of the net Settlement Amount¹ shall be made to the Securities Claimants.

BACKGROUND OF THE ACTION

11. Sino shares were publicly traded at all material times on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”), on the Berlin exchange, on the over-the-counter market in the United States and on the Tradedgate market. Sino shares also traded on alternative trading venues in Canada and elsewhere including, without limitation, AlphaToronto and PureTrading. During the period from March 19, 2007 through June 2, 2011, approximately 93.4% of the aggregate global volume of trade in Sino common shares took place in Canada (82.9% on the TSX and 10.5% on other trading venues in Canada).

12. Sino also issued and had various notes outstanding. These notes were offered to investors by way of offering memoranda, and were underwritten by various financial institutions who are defendants in the Ontario Action. In addition to those primary market offerings, these notes traded in the secondary market.

13. On June 2, 2011, Muddy Waters Research (“Muddy Waters”) released a research report alleging fraud against Sino and alleging that it “massively exaggerates its assets.” The release of this report was immediately followed by a dramatic decline in Sino’s share price.

¹ The net Settlement Amount is the amount remaining from the Settlement Amount after payment of administration and notice costs, class counsel fees and expenses as approved by the Court and payment to Claims Funding International in accordance with the funding order of Justice Perell dated May 17, 2012, attached hereto as **Exhibit “F.”**

14. On June 1, 2011, the day prior to the publication of the Muddy Waters report, Sino's common shares closed at \$18.21. After the Muddy Waters report became public, Sino shares fell to \$14.46 on the TSX (a decline of 20.6%), at which point trading was halted. When trading resumed the next day, Sino's shares fell to a close of \$5.23 (a decline of 71.3% from June 1).

15. A copy of the Muddy Waters report is attached hereto as **Exhibit "G."**

16. Sino's notes also fell in value following the Muddy Waters report. On May 9, 2012 an auction was held to settle the credit derivative trades for Sino-Forest credit default swaps ("CDS"). CDS are essentially an insurance contract for debt instruments, and the price set in that auction represents the market's view of the value of the notes as of May 9, 2012. The CDS auction price was 29% of the notes' face values.

17. On June 3, 2011, Sino issued and filed on SEDAR a press release titled "Sino-Forest Comments on Share Price Decline," which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "H."**

18. On June 6, 2011, Sino issued and filed on SEDAR a press release titled "Sino-Forest Releases Supporting Evidence against Allegations from Short Seller," and announced that a committee of its Board of Directors (the "Independent Committee") had been established and had retained Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP to conduct an investigation into Muddy Waters' allegations. Attached hereto as **Exhibit "I"** is a copy of that press release.

19. Also on June 6, 2011, Sino issued a press release titled "Sino-Forest Independent Committee Appoints PricewaterhouseCoopers," relating to the Independent Committee's investigation into Muddy Waters' allegations, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "J."**

20. On June 13, 2011, Muddy Waters issued a document titled "Reaction to TRE Q1 Earnings Call," which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "K."**

21. On June 18, 2011, the *Globe and Mail* published an article titled “Key partner casts doubt on Sino-Forest claim,” which is attached hereto as **Exhibit “L.”**
22. On June 19, 2011, the *Globe and Mail* published an article titled “On the trail of the truth behind Sino-Forest,” which is attached hereto as **Exhibit “M.”**
23. On June 20, 2011, Sino issued and filed on SEDAR a press release titled “Sino-Forest Responds to the Globe and Mail Article,” which is attached hereto as **Exhibit “N.”**
24. On June 20, 2011, Muddy Waters issued a document titled “The Ties that Blind, Part 1: Huaihua Yuda,” which is attached hereto as **Exhibit “O.”**
25. On August 10, 2011, November 15, 2011 and January 31, 2012, the Independent Committee released three reports, reporting its findings.
26. On August 26, 2011, the Ontario Securities Commission (“OSC”) issued a temporary cease-trade order in respect of Sino’s securities, attached hereto as **Exhibit “P.”** The recitals to the cease trade order reflect that Sino appeared to the OSC to have engaged in significant non-arm’s length transactions which may have been contrary to Ontario securities laws and the public interest, that Sino and certain of its officers and directors appeared to have misrepresented some of Sino’s revenue and exaggerated some of its timber holdings, and that Sino and certain of its officers and directors appeared to be engaging or participating in acts, practices or a course of conduct related to Sino’s securities which they (or any of them) knew or ought reasonably to know would perpetuate a fraud.
27. On January 10, 2012, Sino issued a press release stating, among other things, that its historical financial statements and related auditors reports should not be relied upon. Attached hereto as **Exhibit “Q”** is a copy of Sino’s press release dated January 10, 2012.

28. As discussed further below, on March 30, 2012, Sino filed for protection from its creditors under the *CCAA* and obtained a stay of proceedings against it, its subsidiaries and directors and officers, including the Ontario Action.

29. On May 9, 2012, Sino's shares were delisted from the TSX. The delisting was imposed due to Sino's failure to meet the continued listing requirements of the TSX as a result of the Insolvency Proceeding (discussed below), and for failure to file on a timely basis certain of its interim financial statements and the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011. Sino has not filed audited financial statements for any period subsequent to 2010. Ernst & Young resigned as Sino's auditors effective April 4, 2012. No new auditors have been appointed. Copies of Sino's press releases announcing the resignation of Ernst & Young and the delisting of Sino shares from the TSX are attached hereto as **Exhibits "R" and "S."**

ACTIONS AGAINST ERNST & YOUNG RELATING TO SINO

30. On July 20, 2011, the Ontario Action was commenced under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992* (the "*CPA*") against Sino, Ernst & Young LLP and other defendants on behalf of persons who had purchased Sino securities in the period from March 19, 2007 to June 2, 2011. In this action, the Ontario Plaintiffs allege that Sino misstated its financial statements, overstated the value of its assets, and concealed material information about its business and operations from investors in its public filings. As a result, Sino's securities allegedly traded at artificially inflated prices for many years.

31. Before commencing the Ontario Action, Class Counsel conducted an investigation into the Muddy Waters allegations with the assistance of the Dacheng law firm, one of China's largest law firms ("Dacheng"). This firm retained Dacheng on the day after the Muddy Waters report was issued. Class Counsel's investigation into the Muddy Waters allegations has

continued since that time, and has been aided not only by Dacheng, but also by Hong Kong-based investigators specializing in financial fraud; two separate Toronto-based firms that specialize in forensic accounting, generally accepted accounting principles and generally accepted auditing standards; a lawyer qualified to practice in the Republic of Suriname, where Sino purported to own, through an affiliate, certain timber assets; and a financial economist who specializes in the measurement of damages in securities class actions.

32. On June 9, 2011, Siskinds Desmeules, a Quebec City law firm affiliated with Siskinds, commenced a parallel proceeding against Sino, Ernst & Young LLP and certain other defendants in the Quebec Superior Court. Class Counsel in Ontario and Quebec have been working together in a coordinated manner in both of these proceedings.

33. There were also two other proposed class proceedings commenced in Ontario relating to Sino. *Smith et al. v. Sino Forest Corporation et al.*, commenced on June 8, 2011 (the "*Smith Action*") and *Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. et al. v. Sino-Forest Corporation et. al.*, commenced on September 26, 2011 (the "*Northwest Action*"). Rochon Genova LLP acted for the plaintiffs in the *Smith Action*, and Kim Orr LLP acted for the plaintiffs in the *Northwest Action*.

34. A copy of the Statement of Claim issued in the *Northwest Action* is attached hereto as **Exhibit "T."**

35. In the *Northwest Action*, the plaintiffs sought a declaration that the misrepresentations alleged were made by the defendants (including Ernst & Young) with knowledge, fraudulently, recklessly or negligently. The Statement of Claim made specific allegations of fraud against

each of the defendants (including Ernst & Young) at paragraphs 226-228 and allegations of knowing, reckless or willfully blind misrepresentations elsewhere.

36. In December 2011, there was a motion to determine which of the three actions in Ontario should be permitted to proceed and which should be stayed. By order dated January 6, 2012, attached hereto as **Exhibit “U,”** the Honourable Justice Perell granted carriage to the Ontario Plaintiffs. His Honour stayed the *Smith Action* and the *Northwest Action*, and appointed Siskinds LLP and Koskie Minsky LLP to prosecute the Ontario Action on behalf of the proposed class. Following that decision, and pursuant to the Court’s order, David Grant was added as a proposed representative plaintiff and the scope of the class was expanded to its current scope.

37. On January 27, 2012, the Washington, DC-based law firm of Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC (“US Plaintiffs’ Counsel”) commenced a proposed class action against Sino, Ernst & Young LLP, Ernst & Young Global Limited and other defendants in the New York Supreme Court (the “US Action”). The US Action was transferred from the New York state court to the federal District Court for the Southern District of New York in March 2012.

38. United States securities class actions procedure features a process by which the “lead plaintiff” is selected. On October 18, 2012, US Plaintiffs’ Counsel issued the press release required by that process. All parties that intended to seek lead plaintiff status were required to move the U.S. Court within 60 days (by December 17, 2012). A review of the electronic database indicates that David Leopard, IMF Finance SA and Myong Hyon Yoo, represented by US Plaintiffs’ Counsel, moved for appointment as lead plaintiffs on December 17, 2012. No other parties filed motions for appointment as lead plaintiffs by the December 17, 2012 deadline.

39. By way of Order of the United States District Court Southern District of New York dated January 4, 2013, David Leopard, IMF Finance SA and Myong Hyon Yoo were appointed as the lead plaintiffs and US Plaintiffs' Counsel as lead counsel to represent the interests of the proposed class. The US action is presently ongoing, and asserts claims on behalf of a class of:

i) all persons or entities who, from March 19, 2007 through August 26, 2011 (the "Class Period") purchased the common stock of Sino-Forest on the Over-the-Counter ("OTC") market and who were damaged thereby; and ii) all persons or entities who, during the Class Period, purchased debt securities issued by Sino-Forest other than in Canada and who were damaged thereby.

40. Class Counsel have had numerous interactions with US Plaintiffs' Counsel concerning developments in the Canadian and New York litigation.

41. On April 18, 2012, the plaintiffs filed a Fresh as Amended Statement of Claim, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "V."** A Proposed Fresh as Amended Statement of Claim was served on the defendants as part of the Ontario Plaintiffs' motion record in support of their motion seeking leave under Part XXIII.1 of the *Securities Act* (the "Leave Motion"). Attached and marked as **Exhibit "W"** is a copy of the Proposed Fresh as Amended Statement of Claim.

PLAINTIFFS' MOTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION AND LEAVE

42. In March and April 2012, the Ontario Plaintiffs brought (a) a motion for certification of the Ontario Action as a class action under the *CPA*; and (b) a motion for leave to proceed with statutory claims under Part XXIII.1 of the Ontario *Securities Act* (the "*OSA*").

43. The Ontario Plaintiffs filed voluminous motion records in support of their motions, comprising evidence from their investigations and expert reports. The motion records included:

(a) an affidavit of Steven Chandler, a former senior law enforcement official from Hong Kong who was involved in investigating Sino in China;

- (b) an affidavit of Alan Mak, an expert in forensic accounting;
- (c) an affidavit of Dennis Deng, a lawyer qualified to practice in the People's Republic of China, and a partner in Dacheng law firm; and
- (d) an affidavit of Carol-Ann Tjon-Pian-Gi, a lawyer qualified to practice in the Republic of Suriname.

44. Justice Perell set a schedule for the proceeding by way of Order dated March 26, 2012. The defendants entered into a tolling agreement with the Ontario Plaintiffs and a separate tolling agreement was entered into amongst the defendants to deal with any potential claims over or third party claims. The tolling agreement between the defendants and the Ontario Plaintiffs was made as of March 6, 2012, and suspended the running of time for the purpose of the proposed Part XXIII.1 claims of the Ontario Plaintiffs and members of the putative class until February 28, 2013. Following the *CCAA* stay of proceedings, a second tolling agreement between these parties was made as of May 8, 2012, wherein the parties agreed that the running of time for the purpose of the proposed Part XXIII.1 claims of the Ontario Plaintiffs and members of the putative class was to be suspended as of March 6, 2012 until the earlier of 12 months following the lifting of the *CCAA* stay or February 1, 2014. This tolling agreement was a result of the Ontario Plaintiffs agreeing to consent to the stay order.

45. The certification and leave motions were scheduled for November 21 to 30, 2012. Those motions were not heard in November 2012 as a result of Sino's insolvency.

SINO'S INSOLVENCY

46. On March 30, 2012, Sino commenced the Insolvency Proceeding and obtained an order for an interim stay of proceedings against the company, its subsidiaries and its directors and officers. Pursuant to an order on May 8, 2012, the stay of proceedings was extended to all other

defendants in the action, including Ernst & Young. The Ontario Plaintiffs agreed not to oppose this order on condition that (a) there was an order permitting a settlement approval hearing and certification hearing relating to a settlement with the defendant Pöyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Limited (described below); and (b) the defendants execute the second tolling agreement reflecting the delay caused by the Insolvency Proceeding. The stay of proceedings is currently extended through to February 1, 2013.

47. From the outset, it was apparent to counsel to the Ontario Plaintiffs that the Insolvency Proceeding presented a material risk to the Ontario Plaintiffs. Namely that in order to effect a restructuring that generated as much value as possible for Sino's creditors, there could be a plan of arrangement that had the effect of imposing an unfavourable settlement on the Ontario Plaintiffs.

48. Consequently, Class Counsel immediately entered into negotiations with other stakeholders in the Insolvency Proceeding, and took a number of steps to vigorously represent the interests of the purchasers of Sino's securities. The following were among Class Counsel's main objectives:

- (a) Reserving the Ontario Plaintiffs' rights to object to various features of the Insolvency Proceeding, so as to generate and/or preserve momentum for the Ontario Plaintiffs' claims and positions;
- (b) Ensuring that a Claims Process was established that identified the universe of stakeholders having an interest in the Insolvency Proceeding while ensuring the recognition of the totality of the representative claim advanced by the Ontario Plaintiffs;
- (c) Establishing a process for the mediation in the Insolvency Proceeding through which the positions of the various stakeholders would be defined; and

- (d) Obtaining access to information that would permit Class Counsel to make informed recommendations to the Ontario Plaintiffs and the court in connection with the terms of any Plan.

49. To further these objectives, Class Counsel took a number of steps in the Insolvency Proceeding, including the following:

- (a) Bringing or appearing in response to the following motions:
 - (i) March 30, 2012 – Attending at the initial application regarding *CCAA* protection and sales process for Sino and its subsidiaries, including a stay of proceedings against Sino, its subsidiaries and directors and officers;
 - (ii) April 13, 2012 – Attending at the Company’s motion regarding stay extension;
 - (iii) April 20, 2012 – Bringing a motion regarding advice and direction on the *CCAA* stay and its impact on the pending motions in the Ontario Action;
 - (iv) April 20, 2012 – Attending at the Company’s motion regarding expansion of the powers of the Monitor;
 - (v) May 8, 2012 – Attending and participating actively in the motion regarding a third party stay;
 - (vi) May 8, 2012 – Bringing a motion regarding Pöyry settlement leave;
 - (vii) May 14, 2012 – Attending and participating in a motion regarding Claims Procedure Order, including granting of leave to the Ontario Plaintiffs to file a Claim in respect of the substance of the matters set out in the Ontario Action on behalf of the proposed Class and the same leave to the Quebec Plaintiffs;
 - (viii) May 14, 2012 – Attending a motion brought by Contrarian, one of Sino’s noteholders;
 - (ix) May 17, 2012 – Bringing a motion in the Ontario Action regarding a third-party funding agreement;

- (x) May 17, 2012 – Bringing a motion in the Ontario Action regarding Pöyry settlement approval;
- (xi) May 31, 2012 – Attending at the Company’s motion regarding stay extension;
- (xii) June 26, 2012 – Attending at the Company’s motion regarding the status of Shareholder Claims and Related Indemnity Claims under the *CCAA*;
- (xiii) July 25, 2012 – Precipitating and attending at a motion regarding mediation in the *CCAA* proceedings, which included an order that the Ontario Plaintiffs were a party to the mediation;
- (xiv) July 27, 2012 – Attending at the Company’s motion regarding the status of Shareholder Claims and Related Indemnity Claims under the *CCAA*;
- (xv) July 30, 2012 – Bringing a motion regarding document production and a data room;
- (xvi) August 31, 2012 – Attending at the Company’s motion regarding plan filing and meeting Order;
- (xvii) August 31, 2012 – Attending at the Company’s motion regarding adjournment of Ad Hoc Committee’s motion (regarding appointment of Representative Plaintiff and leave to vote on Plan of Compromise);
- (xviii) September 28, 2012 – Attending at the Company’s motion regarding stay extension;
- (xix) October 9, 2012 – Attending and participating in the Company’s motion regarding adjournment of the Ad Hoc Committee’s motion (regarding lifting of the stay against the Third Parties);
- (xx) October 9, 2012 – Attending at the Company’s motion regarding stay extension;
- (xxi) October 28, 2012 – Bringing a motion to limit the scope of stay to exclude to the Third Party Defendants and others;
- (xxii) October 29, 2012 – Attending at the Company’s motion regarding revised noteholder noticing process;

- (xxiii) November 13, 2012 – Attending an appeal regarding Equity Claims decision; and
 - (xxiv) November 23, 2012 – Attending at the Company’s motion regarding stay extension;
 - (xxv) December 7, 2012 – Attending and participating in the motion to sanction the Plan;
- (b) almost from the inception of the Insolvency Proceeding, engaging in extensive and protracted negotiations with the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group and with Sino with respect to the terms of the Plan of Reorganization;
 - (c) bringing a motion early in the proceeding seeking various relief challenging the framework of the Insolvency Proceeding, such as the appointment of a receiver and providing for representation on behalf of the Class Members, and reserving all rights with respect to those issues throughout the Insolvency Proceeding;
 - (d) supporting a motion for an order increasing the powers of the Monitor to administer Sino which took away powers from entrenched management and the then-existing board, protecting the assets of the company for all stakeholders and ensuring greater transparency and balance in the proceeding;
 - (e) negotiating the claims procedure in the Insolvency Proceeding and obtaining the right to file a representative claim so as to protect the interests of the putative Class;
 - (f) obtaining a data room of confidential non-public documents from Sino, which related principally to the audits of Sino’s financial statements so as to permit the Ontario Plaintiffs to negotiate with other stakeholders at the Mediation and respond to any plan of arrangement in an informed manner;
 - (g) examining all applicable insurance policies and indemnity agreements and assessed the capacity to pay of various defendants, including Ernst & Young;
 - (h) compelling the attendance of Sino’s CEO at a cross-examination and testing his evidence in the Insolvency Proceeding;

- (i) engaging in multiple formal and informal, group and individual mediation and negotiation sessions with other stakeholders regarding the Class Members' claims, including a court-ordered, 2-day Mediation in September presided over by the Honourable Justice Newbould; and
- (j) bringing a motion, in response to the form of the restructuring plan initially filed with the court, which the Ontario Plaintiffs deemed to be contrary to their interests, challenging various features of the Plan, and seeking the right to vote on the Plan, and expressly reserving all of the Ontario Plaintiffs' rights in connection with that motion pending the presentation of the plan for sanction by the court, to ensure that the plan was in the best interests of the Class Members.

SETTLEMENT WITH PÖYRY (BEIJING)

50. The Ontario Plaintiffs engaged in settlement discussions with Pöyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Limited ("Pöyry (Beijing)"), a defendant in these proceedings, starting in January 2012. Following arm's-length negotiations, the Ontario Plaintiffs entered into a settlement with Pöyry (Beijing) in March 2012. In connection with the motion for court approval of the Pöyry settlement agreement, a notice was disseminated in the form marked and attached hereto as **Exhibit "X."** No one, including any potential Class Member, objected to the settlement with Pöyry (Beijing) at the motion to approve the settlement.

51. On September 25, 2012, this action was certified as a class proceeding as against Pöyry (Beijing) for the purposes of settlement and the Pöyry settlement was approved between the Class (as defined) and Pöyry (Beijing). A copy of the certification and settlement approval order is attached hereto as **Exhibit "Y."**

52. Notice of the certification and Pöyry settlement has been given in accordance with the order of the Honourable Justice Perell, dated September 25, 2012. A copy of this notice is marked and attached hereto as **Exhibit "Z."**

53. The notice states that “IF YOU CHOOSE TO OPT OUT OF THE CLASS, YOU WILL BE OPTING OUT OF THE **ENTIRE** PROCEEDING. THIS MEANS THAT YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY FUTURE SETTLEMENT OR JUDGEMENT REACHED WITH OR AGAINST THE REMAINING DEFENDANTS.” [emphasis and caps in original]. The opt-out deadline is January 15, 2013.

54. As of this date, I am advised by the administrators that only one retail investor who purchased Sino shares during the period of March 19, 2007 through June 2, 2011 has validly opted out. That person had purchased 700 Sino shares during that period and explained that he opted out because he has closed his LIRA accounts and gave up rights to Scotiabank, and does not wish to participate in the class action. There is one other retail investor (who did not submit information of the number of shares owned) that submitted invalid documentation, and it is possible that he or she purchased securities during the class period. This individual gave no reason for the decision to opt-out.

SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

Negotiation Process

55. The negotiations leading to the Ernst & Young Settlement were conducted on an adversarial, arm’s-length basis.

56. On July 25, 2012, this Court ordered the various constituencies in the Insolvency Proceeding to attend a mediation. A copy of that order is attached hereto as **Exhibit “AA.”**

57. On September 4 and 5, 2012, the Ontario Plaintiffs attended an all-parties mediation, which included Ernst & Young. The mediation was conducted with the assistance of the Honourable Justice Newbould, acting as mediator. Extensive mediation briefs were filed by all parties. The briefs and the mediation itself set forth the positions of the parties, including Ernst &

Young and the plaintiffs. The mediation did not result in a settlement with any of the parties, including Ernst & Young, at that time.

58. It is Class Counsel's opinion that, given the defendants' negotiating stance at the mediation, the Ontario Plaintiffs could not have negotiated a significant all-party settlement at that mediation.

59. Following the mediation, settlement discussions continued with the defendants. However, those settlement discussions did not come close to bridging the significant difference between the positions of the parties.

60. In mid-October 2012, the Ontario Plaintiffs began bilateral discussions with Ernst & Young. Several offers were exchanged between the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young over a number of weeks. Those discussions did not result in a settlement at that time.

61. On October 18, 2012, the Honourable Justice Morawetz issued an endorsement scheduling the Company's motion to sanction the Plan for December 7 and 10, 2012. Attached hereto as **Exhibit "BB"** is a copy of the Endorsement of the Honourable Justice Morawetz dated October 18, 2012.

62. The Ontario Plaintiffs brought a motion returnable October 28, 2012 to have the scope of stay limited to exclude the Third Party Defendants, including Ernst & Young, and certain other parties. By way of Endorsement dated November 6, 2012, the Honourable Justice Morawetz denied the relief sought by the Ontario Plaintiffs to allow the parties to focus on the Plan and the CCAA proceedings. Justice Morawetz held that the motion could and should be re-evaluated following the sanction hearing, and in any event no later than December 10, 2012. Attached

hereto as **Exhibit "CC"** is copy of the Endorsement of the Honourable Justice Morawetz dated November 6, 2012.

63. In late November Ernst & Young and the Ontario Plaintiffs agreed to further formal mediation.

64. On November 27, 2012, Clifford Lax, Q.C. conducted a mediation between Ernst & Young and the Ontario Plaintiffs. The parties exchanged mediation briefs in advance of the mediation which were, in the main, the briefs previously filed for the September mediation. At the conclusion of the day, the parties had made progress, but a resolution had not been reached. The parties reconvened the next day and did reach agreement on quantum, but continued to aggressively negotiate other terms of the Minutes of Settlement until the early morning of November 29. At 4 a.m. on November 29, the parties took a four-hour break, and then came back to discuss the terms of the Minutes of Settlement which were finalized in the evening of November 29. The discussions were protracted and challenging.

65. The mediation session resulted in the Ernst & Young Settlement, which conditions include court approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement, and the Ernst & Young Release. Following satisfaction of all conditions precedent as set out in the Minutes of Settlement, Ernst & Young agreed to pay CAD\$117,000,000.

66. The Minutes of Settlement reflect that Ernst & Young would not have entered into the settlement agreement with the Ontario Plaintiffs (and would not have offered the large Settlement Amount) but for the CCAA proceedings. Paragraph 10 and Schedule B of the Minutes of Settlement make it clear that the parties intend the settlement to be approved in the

Sino *CCAA* proceedings and that it is conditional upon the full and final release of Ernst & Young by order of the *CCAA* court.

67. Paragraph 11 and Schedule B of the Minutes of Settlement make it clear that the settlement is conditional upon obtaining orders in the *CCAA* proceedings and in the United States Bankruptcy Court resolving all claims against Ernst & Young in relation to Sino.

68. The framework of the Ernst & Young Settlement, as contemplated by the Minutes of Settlement, is contained in the Plan at Article 11.1, and includes the framework for the Ernst & Young Release.

69. A similar framework for Named Third Party Defendants, including the Underwriters and BDO, is contained at Article 11.2 of the Plan. The Ernst & Young Settlement was the template for the framework for the Named Third Party Defendant settlement provisions.

70. Article 11.2 in respect of Named Third Party Defendants provides the Ontario Plaintiffs (and the Underwriters and BDO) with the ability to complete further settlements within the context of the *CCAA* proceedings, subject to further court approval. Such settlements could have the benefit of a full release for the Underwriters or BDO, if ordered by the Court, and would likely result in those parties paying a premium for settlement to resolve all claims against them, to the benefit of the Class.

71. Ernst & Young and the Ontario Plaintiffs supported the Plan on the basis of the inclusion of the framework for the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release in the Plan. Ernst & Young, as a creditor of Sino, voted in favour of the Plan. Ernst & Young and the Ontario Plaintiffs supported the Plan at the sanction hearing.

THE ONTARIO PLAINTIFFS SUPPORT THE SETTLEMENT

72. The Ontario Plaintiffs are:

- (a) The trustees of the Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada ("Labourers Fund"). The Labourers Fund is a multi-employer pension plan providing benefits for employees working in the construction industry. The trustees of the Labourers Fund manage more than \$2.5 billion of assets. During the period from March 19, 2007 to June 2, 2011 the Labourers Fund purchased 360,700 Sino common shares. Most of those shares were purchased in the secondary market over the TSX. The Labourers Fund also purchased Sino common shares pursuant to a prospectus that Sino issued during the Class Period. As at the day before the issuance of the Muddy Waters report, the Labourers Fund held a total of 128,700 Sino shares. The Labourers Fund is a long-standing client of Koskie Minsky LLP;
- (b) The trustees of the International Union of Operating Engineers ("OE Fund"). The OE Fund is a multi-employer pension plan providing pension benefits for operating engineers in Ontario. The trustees of the OE Fund manage approximately \$1.5 billion of assets. The OE Fund purchased 465,130 Sino common shares over the TSX during the Class Period, and held 436,300 such shares at the day before the issuance of the Muddy Waters report. The OE Fund is a long-standing client of Koskie Minsky LLP;
- (c) Sjunde AP-Fonden ("AP7"), the Swedish National Pension Fund. AP7 manages billions of dollars in assets. AP7 purchased 139,398 common shares over the TSX during the Class Period, and held all of those shares as at the day before the issuance of the Muddy Waters report;
- (d) David Grant, an individual resident in Calgary, Alberta. During the Class Period, he purchased 100 of the Sino 6.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes due 2017 pursuant to an offering memorandum. Mr. Grant continued to hold these notes as at the day before the issuance of the Muddy Waters report; and

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- (e) Robert Wong, an individual residing in Kincardine, Ontario. Mr. Wong purchased hundreds of thousands Sino shares from 2002 (when he first became a Sino shareholder) through June 2011. During the Class Period, he purchased 896,400 Sino common shares in the secondary market over the TSX and 30,000 shares pursuant to a prospectus that Sino issued during the Class Period, for a total of 926,400 shares. Mr. Wong continued to hold 518,700 Sino common shares at the day before the issuance of the Muddy Waters report.

73. Collectively, the Ontario Plaintiffs owned 1,223,098 Sino common shares at the day before the issuance of the Muddy Waters report, and those shares had a market value immediately prior to the issuance of the Muddy Waters report of approximately \$23.3 million.

74. I am advised by Jonathan Ptak of Koskie Minsky that the trustees of the Labourers Fund and the OE Fund are extremely pleased with the settlement with Ernst & Young and have instructed Class Counsel to seek approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement. I am advised by Dimitri Lascaris that Robert Wong, David Grant and AP7 are also very pleased with the settlement and have instructed Class Counsel to seek approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement.

75. In addition, I am advised by Mr. Lascaris that the proposed settlement with Ernst & Young is supported by the institutions that were the two largest shareholders of Sino, namely, New York-based Paulson & Co. Inc. ("Paulson") and Arizona-based Davis Selected Advisers LP ("Davis"). Paulson and Davis, respectively, owned approximately 14.1 % and 12.6% of Sino's outstanding common shares prior to the issuance of the Muddy Waters report, representing in aggregate a market value of more than \$1.1 billion.

76. Class Counsel have been retained by Davis. Mr. Lascaris advises me that, since the commencement of the class action, he has had numerous and extensive discussions with responsible officials of both Davis and Paulson in regard to the progress generally of the class

action and the Insolvency Proceeding, and in regard in particular to negotiations with Ernst & Young and the terms of and rationale for the settlement.

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN ASSESSING THE FAIRNESS AND REASONABLENESS OF THE SETTLEMENT

Experience of Class Counsel

77. Siskinds LLP and Koskie Minsky LLP both have extensive experience litigating and resolving complex class action litigation similar to this case. In addition, Kessler Topaz Meltzer and Check LLP, counsel to AP7, are one of the leading U.S. class action firms with particular expertise in securities class actions.

78. Siskinds acted for the plaintiffs in the first action certified as a class proceeding under the *CPA, Bendall v McGhan Medical Corp* (1993), 14 OR (3d) 734 (Gen Div). Since that time, Siskinds has been lead or co-lead counsel to the plaintiffs in well over 100 class proceedings and has successfully resolved over 60 such proceedings, in areas such as securities, competition (price-fixing), product liability (particularly with respect to pharmaceuticals and medical products), the environment and consumer claims.

79. To the date of this affidavit, Siskinds has had approximately 20 securities class actions and 2 derivative proceeding settlements approved by courts, including most recently the *SunOpta, CV Technologies, Bear Lake Gold, PetroKazakhstan, Gildan Activewear, Canadian Superior Energy, Redline Communications, Gammon Gold, and Arctic Glacier* securities class action settlements.

80. Koskie Minsky has prosecuted class actions at all levels of court in Ontario as well as before the Supreme Court of Canada, and has been responsible for shaping class actions law through leading cases including *Cloud v The Attorney General of Canada, Pearson v Inco Ltd, Caputo v Imperial Tobacco, and Markson v MBNA Canada Bank*. Koskie Minsky has

prosecuted actions for securities fraud, pension fund and investment claims, intellectual property violations, environmental damage and residential school abuse, among others.

81. Koskie Minsky has acted for shareholders in securities class actions, including *Lawrence v Atlas Cold Storage Holdings Inc*, *Toevs v Yorkton*, and *Frohlinger v Nortel Networks Corp*.

82. Paliare Roland has appeared as counsel in many CCAA restructuring proceedings, and has acted for a variety of stakeholders in those proceedings, including stakeholders acting in representative capacities. Past engagements include, among others, advising and appearing on behalf of a number of institutional and other investors including various dissident noteholders in connection with the restructuring of Canada's non-bank asset backed commercial paper market, advising and appearing on behalf of the Superintendent of Financial Services in his capacity as administrator of Ontario's Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund in connection with the restructuring of Nortel Networks Corporation and its global subsidiaries, advising and appearing on behalf of the United Steelworkers in connection with the Stelco restructuring, as well as in connection with the restructuring of a variety of other steel mills, pulp mills, and manufacturing facilities across Ontario, and advising and appearing on behalf of the Air Line Pilots Association in connection with the restructuring of Air Canada. Paliare Roland also appeared as counsel to the committee of non-unionized Quebec employees in the restructuring of Fraser Papers, and, most recently, as counsel to a committee of former employees in the Cinram restructuring.

83. As of December 14, 2012, Class Counsel, together with Paliare Roland, in aggregate had more than \$5,701,546.50 in time and \$950,205.51 in disbursements for a total of \$6,651,752.01, exclusive of applicable taxes.

84. As a result of Class Counsel's involvement in other cases, we have gained considerable experience in the settlement mechanics and imperatives, damages methodologies, and risks associated with this type of litigation.

85. Class Counsel recommend the approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement. In our view, its terms, including the consideration available to the Class, are fair and reasonable in the circumstances. The Ernst & Young Settlement delivers a substantial, immediate benefit to Class Members on claims that faced significant risks.

86. I explain below our rationale for recommending to the Ontario Plaintiffs, and to this Court, the compromise of the claims advanced against Ernst & Young in this action.

Information supporting settlement

87. In assessing our clients' position and the proposed settlement, we had access to and considered the following sources of information:

- (a) all of Sino's public disclosure documents and other publicly available information with respect to Sino;
- (b) the available trading data for Sino's securities;
- (c) non-public documents uploaded by Sino into the data-room established in the Insolvency Proceeding for purposes of the global mediation, which included the documents listed at Schedule "A" to the July 30, 2012 Order of Justice Morawetz, which is marked and attached hereto as **Exhibit "DD"**;
- (d) Ernst & Young LLP's responsive insurance policies;
- (e) the input and opinions of our accounting experts, insolvency law experts, and insurance coverage experts;

- (f) the input and opinion of Frank C. Torchio, the President of Forensic Economics, Inc., who has consulted or given independent damage opinions in securities fraud lawsuits for over 20 years.
- (g) the Statement of Allegations issued against Sino and certain officers and directors by the OSC, dated May 22, 2012, marked and attached hereto as **Exhibit “EE”**;
- (h) the mediation briefs provided by the parties at the global mediation in September, 2012 and by Ernst & Young LLP at the mediation in November, 2012; and
- (i) input from experienced U.S. securities counsel, Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP, and discussions with US Plaintiffs’ Counsel.

88. On December 3, 2012, after the Ontario Plaintiffs had entered into the Ernst & Young Settlement and on the day of the creditors vote on the Plan, the OSC issued a Statement of Allegations against Ernst & Young relating to the matter of Sino, which is marked and attached hereto as **Exhibit “FF.”** Although Class Counsel’s recommendation and the Ontario Plaintiffs’ approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement were grounded on numerous factors, the OSC Statement of Allegations against Ernst & Young provided further insight about the risks associated with litigating the claims as against Ernst & Young going forward. As explained below, the OSC Statement of Allegation has since become a further factor, alongside the other documents listed above and the considerations explained below, for Class Counsel to now recommend the approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement.

89. In our view, Class Counsel had more than adequate information available from which to make an appropriate recommendation concerning the resolution of the claims as against Ernst & Young.

90. It has always been Class Counsel’s view that the claims against Ernst & Young have merit. However, a number of factors in this case presented a significant risk to the ultimate

success and recovery from Ernst & Young. These risks weighed in favour of settlement with Ernst & Young. It is Class Counsel's view that this Ernst & Young Settlement (and the Ernst & Young Release) are fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the Class. Class Counsel's assessment of the Ernst & Young Settlement and our recommendation of it rest primarily on the following factors, in addition to the general risks of proceeding with complex litigation.

Recoverable damages could be far lower than actual damages

91. The Class asserts the following causes of action as against Ernst & Young:

- (a) statutory liability in respect of primary market share purchaser claims pursuant to s 130 of the *OSA*;
- (b) statutory liability in respect of secondary market share purchaser and note purchaser claims pursuant to Part XXIII.1 of the *OSA*; and
- (c) common law claims for negligent misrepresentation, negligence *simpliciter* and knowing or willfully blind misrepresentation for all purchasers of Sino securities.

92. These claims, if entirely successful, could result in an award for significant damages against all defendants. I have reviewed various expert reports by Mr. Torchio regarding damages in this action. Mr. Torchio is the President of Forensic Economics, Inc., and has consulted or given independent opinions in securities fraud lawsuits for over 20 years.

93. We were guided by the advice Mr. Torchio, but were also cognizant that it is common for defendants to produce opinions which make different assumptions and put forth lower damages figures. Indeed, in the course of settlement discussions in this case, Ernst & Young and other defendants insisted that far more conservative damages figures would be appropriate.

94. It is also important to recognize that Mr. Torchio opines on the total estimated damages. His opinions are based in large part on trading models and various assumptions, the results of which could vary from the actual trading patterns of the Class Members.

95. The damages alleged are for all losses suffered, including those attributable to Sino and the defendant directors and officers. Following the *CCAA* Proceedings, only the assets of certain of the defendants (Chan, Poon and Horsley) and the Director and Officer insurance proceeds following major draw-downs and hold-backs, are available to the Ontario Plaintiffs in respect of those claims.

96. Further, as part of the Plan, the Ontario Plaintiffs negotiated a cap of CAD\$150,000,000 for claims by noteholders in the various class actions indemnifiable by the Company, including claims by the Third Party Defendants, including Ernst & Young, for indemnification in respect of any noteholder claims against them (the "Noteholder Class Action Cap"). The Company admitted all claims for indemnification of the Third Party Defendants, including Ernst & Young, for the purposes of the Noteholder Class Action Cap. Ernst & Young waived all distribution to it under the Plan in return for the inclusion of Article 11.1 in the Plan. Therefore, the maximum that may be recovered by all noteholders with regard to indemnifiable claims in all of the class actions against all defendants in the aggregate is CAD\$150,000,000.

97. Moreover, the actual damages to be paid may only be for claims filed. For a variety of reasons, less than 100% of the Class Members generally file claims. Although claim rates vary from case to case, it is never the case in a matter of this nature that all Class Members file claims. Therefore actual payable damages could be some portion Mr. Torchio's figures if the matter proceeded to trial and the defendants succeeded in establishing that damages should be based only on claims filed.

98. Finally, and most significantly, irrespective of the scale of actual damages, the legal impediments to recovery for the claims against Ernst & Young weigh strongly in our recommendation of the Ernst & Young Settlement. In essence, while the damages alleged are in the billions of dollars, recovery against Ernst & Young may be less than the Settlement Amount if certain of Ernst & Young's defences and arguments are successful at trial.

Statutory claims on behalf of primary market share and note purchasers

99. The Ontario Action advances claims against Ernst & Young under s 130 of the *OSA*. Although no Statements of Defence have been delivered in the Ontario Action, the Ontario Plaintiffs understand that Ernst & Young denies that: (i) its auditors' reports contain the misrepresentation alleged; (ii) Sino's financial statements on which Ernst & Young opined were not GAAP-compliant; and (iii) Ernst & Young's audit work was not GAAS-compliant.

100. The Ontario Plaintiffs would be put to the proof that the auditors' reports contained the misrepresentations alleged. The Ontario Plaintiffs also understand that Ernst & Young asserts a due diligence defence under ss130(3) and (4) of the *OSA*. The Ontario Plaintiffs also understand that Ernst & Young takes issue with the damages calculations by Mr. Torchio. The damages for these claims are limited in the aggregate to approximately \$77.8 million.

101. However, recovery from Ernst & Young could be smaller. It is very likely that if Ernst & Young is found liable, responsibility would also be borne by Sino, its officers and directors, BDO Limited, and, notably, the Underwriters. Although liability under section 138 of the *OSA* is joint and several, Ernst & Young would be able to claim contribution from the other co-defendants found responsible for the misconduct. Ernst & Young waives this right to contribution as part of the Ernst & Young Settlement. The Settlement Fund provides certainty of the amount to be paid by Ernst & Young to the Class.

102. It should be noted that the Ontario Action advances claims pursuant to s 130.1 of the *OSA* against Sino for misrepresentations in the offering memoranda that Sino issued during the Class Period. However, the *OSA* does not provide for a statutory right of action relating to the offering memoranda in respect of any other defendant, including Ernst & Young, a fact that Class Counsel have taken into account in recommending the Ernst & Young Settlement.

Common law claims: auditors' duty and standard of care

103. The Ontario Action has asserted common law claims on behalf of secondary market share purchasers against Ernst & Young for negligent misrepresentation, negligence *simpliciter* and knowing or willfully blind misrepresentation.

104. As stated above, the Ontario Plaintiffs understand that Ernst & Young denies these claims.

105. A significant hurdle faced by the Class in asserting these claims is establishing that Ernst & Young, as auditor of Sino's financial statements, owed a duty of care to the Class. The Supreme Court of Canada held in *Hercules*² that the auditor in that case owed no duty of care to the shareholders of a corporation that it had audited. While Class Counsel believe that *Hercules* is distinguishable, a significant risk exists that a court would rely on the reasoning in *Hercules* and find that Ernst & Young did not owe a duty of care to the Class, thereby defeating the common law claims based on negligence against Ernst & Young.

106. Moreover, even if the Class is able to establish that Ernst & Young owed a duty of care to shareholders, there remains the possibility that we will be unable to prove that Ernst & Young breached the standard of care. Within the settlement context and on a privileged basis, Ernst &

² *Hercules Managements Ltd v Ernst & Young*, [1997] 2 SCR 165 (“*Hercules*”).

Young has provided Class Counsel with the opinion of an auditing expert, who opines that Ernst & Young complied with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (“GAAS”) and was not negligent in the preparation of its 2010 audit report (Ernst & Young’s counsel have advised us that, as of the date hereof, it expects to receive similar opinions with respect to audit reports for prior years, if necessary).

107. We anticipate that Ernst & Young will argue that it was itself the victim of a fraud by Sino’s management, and appropriately relied on other experts during the conduct of its audits, including a major Chinese law firm, and the valuation reports of Pöyry (Beijing) and its affiliate entities. In its Statement of Allegations against Sino and certain of its former senior officers, staff of the OSC allege that Sino’s auditors, including Ernst & Young, were not made aware of Sino’s alleged falsified contracts.

108. Ernst & Young could also argue, and a court could find, that a negligence claim requires a showing of reliance by each individual class member. Depending on the process a court adopts, this may require active participation by Class Members in the litigation. The need to actively participate, and to prove reliance, is likely to reduce the total judgment ultimately rendered against Ernst & Young in this class proceeding and increase the length, complexity and cost of the proceedings.

109. Finally, to the extent proof of individual reliance is required as an element of these common law claims, it was by no means certain that a court would grant class certification in respect of these claims. Recent authority has been divided on this issue, and without doubt the certification order would be appealed by the losing party.

Part XXIII.1 liability limits

110. The Class asserts statutory secondary market misrepresentation claims against Ernst & Young under Part XXIII.1 of the *OSA*. The Ontario Plaintiffs understand that Ernst & Young denies these claims. The Ontario Plaintiffs understand that Ernst & Young asserts a reasonable investigation defence pursuant to s 138.4(6) of the *OSA*. The Ontario Plaintiffs also understand that Ernst & Young takes issue with the quantification of damages. Further, the Ontario Plaintiffs understand that it is Ernst & Young's position that s 138.7(1) of the *OSA* could limit recoverable damages to the fees that Ernst & Young earned while auditing Sino, being in the range of \$4-\$8.5 million. In other words, even though the damages of these secondary market purchasers is over \$3 billion, the *OSA* could restrict recovery for the Part XXIII.1 claims to a relatively tiny amount.

111. The only exception to this potentially paltry recovery would be for the Ontario Plaintiffs to prove that Ernst & Young knowingly made the alleged misrepresentations. This could be a challenging standard to meet, one which Ernst & Young denies and which Ernst & Young asserts requires proof of fraud.

112. Class Counsel's view that establishing knowledge will be challenging is bolstered by the recent Statement of Allegations against Ernst & Young released by the OSC, more than 15 months after the cease-trade order. The OSC's Statement of Allegations does not include any allegations that amount to knowledge of or recklessness with regards to a representation.

Claims on behalf of purchasers of notes

113. The Ontario Action also advances common law claims against Ernst & Young on behalf of note purchasers (debt securities purchased pursuant to an offering memorandum).³ Class Counsel are mindful that there are challenges to the prosecution of these claims in the circumstance of this case.

114. Recovery on behalf of noteholders in the class actions is limited, with respect to indemnifiable claims, by virtue of the Plan to a total of CAD\$150,000,000, for both primary and secondary market purchasers, and as against all defendants.

115. Certification of the common law claims relating to Sino notes remains subject to certain risks, including those described above in respect of common law claims on behalf of shareholders. These claims are also subject to a number of unique defenses. For example, the trust indentures governing Sino notes restrict the right of individual noteholders to assert claims in relation to their notes. As such, the Ontario Plaintiffs understand that Ernst & Young may assert that anyone who is not a current noteholder, even if they sold their notes only recently, has no right of action. The defendants assert that those former noteholders transferred all of their rights in the notes, including any right to sue for misrepresentations. Further, to allow the common law claims may violate the rule against double proof; the claimants cannot sue both for trading losses and under the note covenants.

116. Ernst & Young has also raised the argument that the current noteholders have chosen to recover from Sino's assets pursuant to the *CCAA* Plan of Arrangement, and that any other remedy would amount to double recovery.

³ As noted, the *OSA* does not provide for a statutory right of action against Ernst & Young in relation to the alleged misrepresentations in the offering memoranda by way of which the notes were distributed.

117. In assessing the noteholders' common law claims in the context of the settlement, Class Counsel have been cognizant of such risks and uncertainties.

Ernst & Young LLP's Insurance

118. Taking into account the available insurance and annual revenues of the firm, it is the view of plaintiffs' counsel that the amount of damages estimated by the plaintiffs' expert would not reasonably be recoverable against an organization such as Ernst & Young LLP.

Other Auditor Settlements in Securities Class Actions

119. Attached as **Exhibit "GG"** is a list titled "Top 50 Accounting Malpractice Settlements" prepared by Audit Analytics, an independent research provider focused on the accounting, insurance, regulatory, legal and investment communities.

120. Based on our assessment of the Audit Analytics document and other information available in the public domain, the Settlement Amount would represent the largest securities class action settlement paid by defendants involving a Canadian issuer, the shares of which were not listed on a U.S. stock exchange. Before this settlement, the largest such settlement was in the *YBM Magnex* case where the defendants collectively paid \$85 million to settle the action, which claimed \$875 million in damages, on a global basis.

121. Based on our assessment of the Audit Analytics document and other information available in the public domain, the Settlement Amount would also be the largest settlement paid by a Canadian auditing firm in a securities class action lawsuit. Previously, the largest recovery to shareholders by a Canadian auditing firm was a US\$50.5 million settlement paid by the Canadian branch of Deloitte & Touche in *In Re Philip Services Corp Securities Litigation*.

122. Based on our assessment of the Audit Analytics document and other information available in the public domain, the Settlement Amount ranks as the fifth largest settlement paid by an auditing firm worldwide in a securities class action.

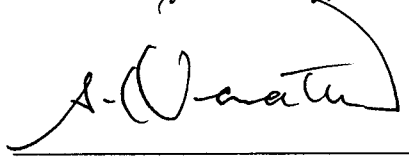
123. The other class action settlements were: i) the \$335 million payment to Cendant shareholders in December 1999; ii) the \$225 million payment to Tyco shareholders in November 2007; iii) the \$210 million payment to Adelphia shareholders in August 2007; and iv) the \$125 million payment to Rite Aid shareholders in March 2003.

124. The remaining settlements on the Audit Analytics list that rank above the Ernst & Young settlement relate to payments made by auditing firms to government regulators or the auditors' clients, or relate to non-securities litigation.

CONCLUSION

125. In light of all of the above considerations, it is Class Counsel's opinion that the Ernst & Young Settlement and Settlement Amount are fair and reasonable to the Class. Class Counsel have no hesitation in recommending to the Court that it approve this settlement.

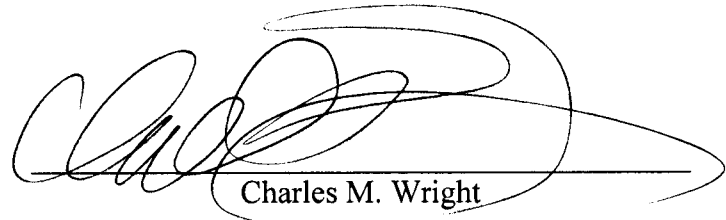
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Toronto, in the Province of Ontario,)
this 10th day of January, 2013.)



A Commissioner, etc.)

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The Trustees of the Labourers' Pension Fund
of Central and Eastern Canada, et al.

Plaintiffs

and

Sino-Forest Corporation, et al.

Defendants

Court File No: CV-11-431153-00CP

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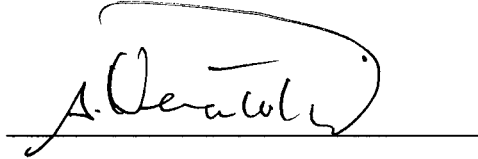
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Tab A

This is Exhibit "A" mentioned and referred to in the affidavit of Charles Wright, sworn before me in the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, this 10th day of January, 2013

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Venetis", is written over a horizontal line.

A Commissioner, etc.

**IN THE MATTER OF
SINO-FOREST CORPORATION**

B E T W E E N:

The Trustees of the Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada,
The Trustees of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 793 Pension Plan for
Operating Engineers in Ontario, Sjunde AP-Fonden, David Grant, Robert Wong, Guining Liu,
and any other proposed representative plaintiffs in Ontario Superior Court Action No. CV-11-
431153-00CP and in Quebec Superior Court No. 200-06-000132-111,

in their personal and proposed representative capacities (the "Plaintiffs")

-and-

Ernst & Young LLP, on behalf of itself and Ernst & Young Global Limited and all member firms
thereof ("EY", together with the Plaintiffs the "Parties")

MINUTES OF SETTLEMENT

1. These Minutes of Settlement represent the agreement between the Plaintiffs and EY reached on November 28, 2012 to resolve in accordance with the terms more particularly set out herein the actions, causes of action, claims and/or demands, on all counts howsoever arising and in all jurisdictions, made against EY or which could have been made concerning any claims related to Sino-Forest Corporation and its affiliates and subsidiaries, whether or not captured by the "Class" or the "Class Period", as variously defined, including the actions (the "Actions") listed on Schedule "A" hereto (the "Claims");
2. The terms of these Minutes of Settlement are binding on the Parties;
3. These Minutes of Settlement are and shall remain confidential, and neither party shall publicly disclose or include in a court filing the terms hereof without the prior written consent of the other;
4. EY makes no admissions of liability and waives no defences available to it with respect to the Claims or otherwise;
5. A settlement amount of CDN \$117,000,000 (the "Settlement Fund") shall be paid by EY in accordance with the applicable orders of the courts (Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Ontario Superior Court of Justice Commercial List (supervising CCAA judge), Province of Quebec Superior Court, United States District Court and the United States Bankruptcy Court) ("Courts") on the Effective Date (save for any amounts payable in advance of the Effective Date as set out in paragraph 7), being the date that all requisite approvals and orders are obtained from the Courts and are final and non-appealable;



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6. The Settlement Fund represents the full monetary contribution or payment of any kind to be made by EY in settlement of the Claims, inclusive of claims, costs, interest, legal fees, taxes (inclusive of any GST, HST, or any other taxes which may be payable in respect of this settlement), any payments to Claims Funding International, all costs associated with the distribution of benefits, all costs of any necessary notice, all costs associated with the administration of the settlement and any other monetary costs or amounts associated with the settlement or otherwise;
7. No payment of the Settlement Fund shall be made by EY until all conditions herein and set out in Schedule B hereto have been met. However, with respect to notice and administration costs which are incurred in advance of the Effective Date, as a result of an Order of the Court, the Plaintiffs will incur and pay such costs up to \$200,000 (the "Initial Plaintiffs Costs"), which costs are to be immediately reimbursed from the Settlement Fund after the Effective Date. EY will incur and pay such notice and administration costs which are incurred in advance of the Effective Date, as a result of an Order of the Court, over and above the Initial Plaintiffs Costs up to a further \$200,000 (the "Initial EY Costs"). The Initial EY Costs shall be deducted from the amount of the Settlement Fund payable to the Plaintiffs. Should any costs in excess of the cumulative amount of the Initial Plaintiffs Costs and the Initial EY Costs, being a total of \$400,000, in respect of notice and administration be incurred prior to the Effective Date, as a result of an Order of the Court, such amounts are to be borne equally between the Plaintiffs and EY, which amounts are to be reimbursed or deducted as the case may be from the Settlement Fund, on the terms set out above in this section. Should the settlement not proceed, the Parties shall bear their respective costs paid to that time;
8. No further proceedings shall be commenced or continued by the Plaintiffs or their counsel against EY in respect of any Claims, other than as necessary to complete the settlement herein;
9. The Plaintiffs agree not to claim from the non-settling defendants in the Actions, that portion of any damages that corresponds to the proportionate share of liability of EY, proven at trial or otherwise, such that EY is not further exposed to the Claims;
10. It is the intention of the Parties that this settlement shall be approved and implemented in the Sino-Forest Corporation CCAA proceedings. The settlement shall be conditional upon full and final releases and claims bar orders in favour of EY and which satisfy and extinguish all Claims against EY, and without opt-outs, and as contemplated by the additional terms attached hereto as Schedule B hereto and incorporated as part of these Minutes of Settlement;
11. This settlement is conditional upon obtaining appropriate orders from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice Commercial List (supervising CCAA judge) and the United States Bankruptcy Court that provide that the payment of the Settlement Fund is in full satisfaction of any and all claims that could be brought in connection with the claims of any security holder or creditor of Sino-Forest Corporation, including claims over for contribution and indemnity or otherwise, howsoever arising in Canada and the United States;

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12. The releases in the Sino-Forest Corporation CCAA proceedings shall include Ernst & Young LLP (Canada) and Ernst & Young Global Limited and all member firms thereof, and all present and former affiliates, partners, associates, employees, servants, agents, contractors, directors, officers, insurers and successors, administrators, heirs and assigns of each, but does not include any non-settling defendants in the Actions or their respective present or former affiliates, partners, associates, employees, servants, agents, contractors, directors, officers, insurers or successors, administrators, heirs and assigns of each in their capacity as officers or directors of Sino-Forest Corporation ("EY Global"). The releases to be provided to EY by the Plaintiffs shall include EY Global and will release all Claims of the Plaintiffs' counsels' clients in all jurisdictions;
13. It is the intention of the Parties that the Settlement Fund shall be distributed in a claims process satisfactory to the CCAA Court, with a prior claims bar order;
14. The Parties shall use all reasonable efforts to obtain all Court approvals and/or orders necessary for the implementation of these Minutes of Settlement, including an order in the CCAA proceedings granting the plaintiffs appropriate representative status to effect the terms herein;
15. If the settlement between the Parties or any terms hereof are not approved by order(s) of the applicable Courts fulfilling all conditions precedent in paragraph 10 hereto the settlement between the Parties and these Minutes of Settlement are null and void;
16. These terms shall be further reduced to a written agreement reflecting the terms of the agreement between the Parties hereto with such additional terms agreed to by the Parties consistent herewith or as agreed to give efficacy in Quebec and the United States. Should the Parties be unable to agree on the form of written agreement, the Parties agree to appoint Clifford Lax as mediator/arbitrator to assist the Parties and his decision as arbitrator shall be final and binding on the Parties, in accordance with the terms herein but subject to the terms of Schedule B hereof, and not subject to appeal;
17. The Parties will agree on a level of disclosure by EY for the purposes of reasonably assisting in the approval process of the applicable Courts, consistent with the Parties' obligations under the relevant class proceedings legislation. Should the Parties be unable to agree on the level of disclosure after good faith efforts to do so, the Parties agree to appoint Clifford Lax as mediator to assist the Parties. If the Parties after mediation are still unable to reach an agreement, then either Party may terminate the settlement;
18. Pending the implementation of this settlement, including the distribution of the Settlement Fund, EY shall advise the plaintiffs of any agreements reached by it with the Ad Hoc Committee of Noteholders, Sino-Forest, the Litigation Trustee, or counsel or representatives of any of these parties, to pay any monetary consideration to any of them.

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Lawyers for the Plaintiffs

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of Ernst & Young Global Limited and all
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SCHEDULE "A"

1. The Trustees of The Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada, et al. v. Sino-Forest Corporation, et al., Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP
2. Guining Liu v. Sino-Forest Corporation, et al., Province of Quebec Superior Court, File No. 200-06-000132-111
3. David Leopard, et al. v. Allen T.Y. Chan, et al., United States New York Southern District Court, Case Number 1:2012-cv-01726-VM



SCHEDULE "B"**Terms and Conditions of any Ernst & Young LLP (Settlement with Class Action Plaintiffs)**

A settlement unilaterally with E&Y will be conditional upon such settlement being made to a resolution that:

- a) is a settlement of all Claims, proceedings and potential claims against E&Y in all jurisdictions;
- b) reflects approval of appropriate Courts in relevant jurisdictions as described below; and
- c) accordingly must reflect the following elements in a form satisfactory to E&Y in its sole discretion, without which E&Y is at liberty to reject the settlement at any time:

I. Court Proceedings**(A) CCAA**

- (i) Plan of Arrangement (in form consented to);
- (ii) Final Sanction Order;
- (iii) Both Plan and Sanction Order to include:
 - (a) a release of E&Y, and all affiliate firms, partners, staff, agents and assigns for any and all Claims (including cross-claims and third-party claims), and
 - (b) a claims bar (must expressly exclude all claims against all Pöyry entities).

(B) Ontario Class Action

- (i) Final Order approving settlement containing satisfactory Pieringer terms and structure and dismissing action;
- (ii) i) above requires:
 - (a) certification for settlement purposes with i) class definition agreeable to E&Y; ii) notice in all relevant jurisdictions



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(including Canada, U.S., Hong Kong, Singapore and PRC);
and iii) opt-out threshold agreeable to E&Y;

- (b) fairness hearing having been held to result in (i).
- (C) Quebec Class Action
 - (i) Final order approving settlement containing satisfactory Pieringer terms and structure and dismissing action;
 - (ii) certification and settlement approval as in (B).
- (D) U.S. Proceedings including Class Action
 - (i) Final order approving settlement containing satisfactory Pieringer terms and structure and dismissing action;
 - (ii) certification and settlement approval as in (B).
 - (iii) Undertaking of Company (Applicant) to bring Chapter 15 proceeding to enforce Canadian *CCAA* order;
 - (iv) final U.S. order, in compliance with U.S. laws, recognizing *CCAA* order.

II. Releases and Undertakings

- (A) Full and Final Release and Claims Bar in both *CCAA* Plan and final Sanction Order;
- (B) Full and Final Release from Ontario Class Action Representative Plaintiffs on their own behalf and in their representative capacities, including an agreement not to consult or cooperate with any other party in advancing Claims against E&Y;
- (C) Full and Final Release from Company, directors and officers, noteholders and others on satisfactory Pieringer terms and language;
- (D) Agreement from Ontario class counsel and from noteholders' counsel to not act for or consult with or assist any plaintiff/representative plaintiff/claimant in respect of any Claim or potential Claim against E&Y in any jurisdiction;
- (E) Full and Final Release from Quebec Class Action Representative Plaintiffs on their own behalf and in their representative capacities, including an agreement not to consult or cooperate with any other party in advancing Claims against E&Y;



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- (F) Agreement from Quebec class counsel to not act for or consult with or assist any plaintiff/representative plaintiff in any jurisdiction;
- (G) Full and Final Release from U.S. Class Action Representative Plaintiffs on their own behalf and in their representative capacities including an agreement not to consult or cooperate with any other party advancing Claims against E&Y; and
- (H) Agreement from U.S. class counsel to not act for or consult with or assist any plaintiff/representative plaintiff/claimant in respect of any Claim or potential Claim against E&Y in any jurisdiction.



Tab 6

Court File No.: CV-12-9667-00CL

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMERCIAL LIST**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS
ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR
ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION**

Court File No.: CV-11-431153-00CP

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

B E T W E E N :

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND OF CENTRAL AND
EASTERN CANADA, THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 793 PENSION PLAN FOR OPERATING
ENGINEERS IN ONTARIO, SJUNDE AP-FONDEN, DAVID GRANT and
ROBERT WONG**

Plaintiffs

- and -

**SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ERNST & YOUNG LLP, BDO LIMITED
(formerly known as BDO MCCABE LO LIMITED), ALLEN T.Y. CHAN, W.
JUDSON MARTIN, KAI KIT POON, DAVID J. HORSLEY, WILLIAM E.
ARDELL, JAMES P. BOWLAND, JAMES M.E. HYDE, EDMUND MAK, SIMON
MURRAY, PETER WANG, GARRY J. WEST, PÖYRY (BEIJING)
CONSULTING COMPANY LIMITED, CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES
(CANADA), INC., TD SECURITIES INC., DUNDEE SECURITIES
CORPORATION, RBC DOMINION SECURITIES INC., SCOTIA CAPITAL
INC., CIBC WORLD MARKETS INC., MERRILL LYNCH CANADA INC.,
CANACCORD FINANCIAL LTD., MAISON PLACEMENTS CANADA INC.,
CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC and MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE,
FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED (successor by merger to Banc of America
Securities LLC)**

Defendants

Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*

**NOTICE OF MOTION
(returnable February 4, 2013)**

TAKE NOTICE that the Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant's Securities, including the plaintiffs in the action commenced against Sino-Forest Corporation ("Sino-Forest") in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, bearing (Toronto) Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP (the "Ontario Plaintiffs" and the "Ontario Class Action", respectively), will make a motion to a Judge of the Commercial List on February 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., 330 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, or at such other time and place as the Court may direct.

PROPOSED METHOD OF HEARING: The motion is to be heard orally.

THE MOTION IS FOR:

- (a) an order, in the form attached as Schedule "A" to this notice of motion,
 - (i) if necessary, validating and abridging the time for service and filing of this motion and motion record, and dispensing with any further service thereof;
 - (ii) appointing the Ontario Plaintiffs as representatives on behalf of the Securities Claimants as defined in the draft order;
 - (iii) declaring that the Ernst & Young Settlement (as defined in the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization of the Applicant under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* dated December 3, 2012 (the "Plan") and as provided for in section 11.1 of the Plan, such Plan having been approved by this Honourable Court by Order dated December 10, 2012) is fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and for the purposes of both proceedings;
 - (iv) approving the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release (as defined in the Plan) for all purposes and implementing them in accordance with their terms;

- (v) establishing a settlement trust for the purposes of the Ernst & Young Settlement and irrevocably channeling all Ernst & Young Claims (as defined in the Plan) to the settlement trust in accordance with the terms of the order;
 - (vi) directing that the entire Settlement Amount (net of class counsel fees, disbursements and taxes, including, without limitation, notice and administration costs and payments to Claims Funding International) shall be distributed to and for the benefit of the Securities Claimants for their claims against Ernst & Young; and
 - (vii) requesting the recognition of the courts and other bodies in Canada or the United States to give effect to the order;
- (b) an order for the preservation and production of certain documents in the power, possession or control of Ernst & Young LLP; and
 - (c) Such further and other relief as this Honourable Court deems just.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE MOTION ARE:

- (a) On July 20, 2012, the Ontario Plaintiffs commenced the Ontario Action against Sino-Forest, Ernst & Young LLP and other defendants;
- (b) Guining Liu (the “Quebec Plaintiff”) brought a similar class proceeding against Sino-Forest, Ernst & Young LLP and other defendants in Quebec;
- (c) David Leopard and others (the “New York Plaintiffs”) have brought a proceeding in the United States New York Southern District Court against Sino-Forest, Ernst & Young LLP and other defendants;
- (d) the Ontario Plaintiffs allege that the defendants made misrepresentations in Sino-Forest’s public filings, including its financial statements and offering documents;

- (e) the Ontario Plaintiffs allege that Ernst & Young LLP misrepresented that
 - (a) Sino-Forest's 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 annual financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; and
 - (b) Ernst & Young LLP had conducted its 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 audits of Sino-Forest in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards;
- (f) Ernst & Young LLP denies these allegations;
- (g) On March 30, 2012, Sino-Forest filed for protection from its creditors pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (the "CCAA");
- (h) On May 8, 2012, the CCAA Court stayed the class actions against the third party defendants, including Ernst & Young LLP, to allow all stakeholders to focus on Sino-Forest's restructuring;
- (i) On May 14, 2012, the CCAA Court issued a claims procedure order, which required any person with a claim against Sino-Forest Corporation, its directors or officers, or its subsidiaries to file proofs of claim and permitted the Ontario Plaintiffs to file a proof of claim on behalf of the entire class;
- (j) Ernst & Young LLP filed two proofs of claim on June 20, 2012. Its proofs of claims stated that Ernst & Young LLP had claims against Sino-Forest, its directors and officers and 136 subsidiaries. These claims included contractual indemnities from the subsidiaries;
- (k) On July 25, 2012, the CCAA Court ordered that the Parties (as defined in that order) participate in mediation, including the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young LLP;
- (l) An early draft of the Plan was first filed with the CCAA court on August 14, 2012. There have been amendments to the Plan since then, but the Plan has always provided for releases for Sino-Forest subsidiaries and

certain of Sino-Forest directors and officers, who are third parties to the Plan. The releases of these subsidiaries was considered necessary to the restructuring of Sino-Forest;

- (m) The court-ordered mediation amongst all Parties proceeded in September, but did not result in a settlement at that time;
- (n) The Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young continued settlement discussions, including bi-lateral mediation in late November , 2012;
- (o) Continued discussions to resolve the issues of the various stakeholders was encouraged by the CCAA Court;
- (p) Until late November 2012, Ernst & Young LLP maintained its opposition to releases for the subsidiaries as the subsidiaries were neither debtors in the CCAA proceedings nor resident in Canada. Ernst & Young LLP had claims against the subsidiaries and it would challenge the fairness or legal basis of any Plan that provided for such releases;
- (q) On November 29, 2012, the Ontario Plaintiffs, the Quebec Plaintiff and Ernst & Young LLP, on behalf of itself, Ernst & Young Global Limited and all member firms thereof (collectively “Ernst & Young”), entered into Minutes of Settlement in order to resolve claims against Ernst & Young relating to Sino-Forest, its affiliates and subsidiaries;
- (r) Following the execution of the Minutes of Settlement, Ernst & Young negotiated the inclusion of the mechanics for and framework of the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release in the Plan;
- (s) In return, Ernst & Young agreed to abandon all objections to and support the Plan and the CCAA restructuring including the release of the subsidiaries, and agreed to forego any distributions under the Plan;

- (t) The Ernst & Young Settlement provided the framework for settlements with other defendant (as set out in Article 11.2 of the Plan), which in part led other stakeholders of Sino-Forest to support the Plan;
- (u) This support meant that the Plan was unopposed by stakeholders who had participated to December 2012 in the CCAA Proceedings and materially contributed to Sino-Forest being able to meet its intended January 15, 2013 Plan Implementation Date (as defined in the Plan);
- (v) On December 3, 2012, the creditors of Sino-Forest, including Ernst & Young, overwhelmingly voted in favour of the Plan, which incorporated a framework for the implementation of the Ernst & Young Settlement;
- (w) On December 10, 2012, the court approved the Plan;
- (x) The Ernst & Young Settlement provides that Ernst & Young shall pay CDN \$117 million (the “Settlement Amount”) in exchange, among other things, for a comprehensive release of claims against Ernst & Young in respect of Sino-Forest;
- (y) The settlement is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of Securities Claimants, particularly in light of the inherent risks, costs and delay associated with continued litigation;
- (z) The settlement is fair and reasonable in all of the circumstances of these CCAA Proceedings;
- (aa) The Ontario Plaintiffs and the Quebec Plaintiffs support the approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement;
- (bb) Counsel for the Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant’s Securities support the approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement and do so on the basis of
 - (i) extensive investigations in Canada, Hong Kong and China;

- (ii) input from accounting experts and legal experts in China;
 - (iii) reviews of public documents;
 - (iv) the Ontario Securities Commission proceedings against Sino-Forest and Ernst & Young LLP including the allegations in those proceedings;
 - (v) reviews of non-public documents provided by Sino-Forest relating to Ernst & Young LLP's audits;
 - (vi) Ernst & Young LLP's responsive insurance policies;
 - (vii) the risks relating to recovery in the class actions from Ernst & Young LLP, including risks in establishing liability and the severe limits on recoverable damages for statutory claims. In essence, while damages may be in the billions of dollars, recovery against Ernst & Young may be less than the Settlement Amount if certain of Ernst & Young's defences and arguments are successful at trial; and
 - (viii) the practical likelihood of recovery from Ernst & Young LLP even if a large judgment were made.
- (cc) Based on information available in the public domain, the Settlement Amount would be the largest settlement paid by a Canadian auditing firm in a securities class action lawsuit;
 - (dd) the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 6;
 - (ee) the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*;
 - (ff) the *Rules of Civil Procedure*; and
 - (gg) such further grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may consider.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE will be used at the hearing of the motion:

- (a) Affidavit of Charles Wright sworn January 10, 2013;
- (b) Affidavit of Joseph Redshaw sworn January 10, 2013;
- (c) Affidavit of Serge Kolloghlian sworn January 10, 2013;
- (d) Affidavit of Adam Pritchard sworn January 9, 2013;
- (e) Affidavit of Frank Torchio sworn January 11, 2013; and
- (f) such further or other material as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

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TO: SERVICE LIST

IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985,
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ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

Court File No: CV-11-431153-00CP

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**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMERCIAL LIST**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS
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**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN:

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND OF CENTRAL AND
EASTERN CANADA, THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 793 PENSION PLAN FOR OPERATING
ENGINEERS IN ONTARIO, SJUNDE AP-FONDEN, DAVID GRANT and ROBERT
WONG**

Plaintiffs

- and -

**SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ERNST & YOUNG LLP, BDO LIMITED (formerly
known as BDO MCCABE LO LIMITED), ALLEN T.Y. CHAN, W. JUDSON MARTIN,
KAI KIT POON, DAVID J. HORSLEY, WILLIAM E. ARDELL, JAMES P. BOWLAND,
JAMES M.E. HYDE, EDMUND MAK, SIMON MURRAY, PETER WANG, GARRY J.
WEST, PÖYRY (BEIJING) CONSULTING COMPANY LIMITED, CREDIT SUISSE
SECURITIES (CANADA), INC., TD SECURITIES INC., DUNDEE SECURITIES
CORPORATION, RBC DOMINION SECURITIES INC., SCOTIA CAPITAL INC., CIBC
WORLD MARKETS INC., MERRILL LYNCH CANADA INC., CANACCORD
FINANCIAL LTD., MAISON PLACEMENTS CANADA INC., CREDIT SUISSE
SECURITIES (USA) LLC and MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED (successor by merger to Banc of America Securities LLC)**

Defendants

Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*

SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES M. WRIGHT

I, **CHARLES M. WRIGHT**, of the City of London, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. On January 10, 2013, I swore an affidavit (the “January 10 Affidavit”) in the above-captioned matter in support of the motion of the Ontario Plaintiffs for an order approving of the Ernst & Young Settlement. I swear this supplemental affidavit in support of that same motion.

2. Unless otherwise stated herein or the context otherwise requires, capitalized terms in this affidavit have the same meaning as they have in my January 10 Affidavit.

3. I have knowledge of the matters deposed to below. Where I make statements in this affidavit that are not within my personal knowledge, I have indicated the source of my information, and I believe such information to be true.

THE OBJECTORS’ STATEMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THE E&Y SETTLEMENT

4. The Objectors’ opposition to the Ernst & Young Settlement has been widely publicized, including through numerous articles published in major Canadian newspapers following the announcement of the proposed Ernst & Young Settlement. Attached hereto as, respectively, **Exhibits “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, “E” and “F”**, are the following:

- a. a December 7, 2012 *Globe and Mail* article, titled “Big Shareholders Challenge Sino-Forest Deal”;
- b. a December 7, 2012 *Globe and Mail* article, titled “Ruling on Sino-Forest Restructuring Coming Monday”;
- c. a December 7, 2012 *National Post* article, titled “Sino-Forest Investors Oppose Plan That Would Prevent Individual Claims”;

- d. a December 11, 2012 *Globe and Mail* article, titled “Judge Okays Sino-Forest Restructuring”;
- e. a December 11, 2012 *National Post* article, titled “Judge Approved Sino-Forest Restructuring Despite Opposition from Funds”; and
- f. a January 9, 2013 *Globe and Mail* article, titled “Burned Sino-Forest Investors Squabble Among Themselves”.

THE OBJECTORS’ HOLDINGS OF SINO SHARES ON JUNE 2, 2011

5. On January 15, 2013, the six Objectors each submitted Opt-Out Forms, whereby three of them purported to opt-out of the Ontario Action and three of them purported to opt-out of the parallel class proceeding in the Quebec Superior Court (the “Quebec Action”), in each case on a conditional basis. Attached to each of the Opt-Out Forms were particulars of each Objector’s trades in Sino shares. Copies of the Opt-Out Forms of the Objectors, including trading particulars, are attached as **Exhibits “G” to “L”**.

6. I am advised by Serge Kalloghlian, an associate at Siskinds LLP, that he reviewed the trading records of the Objectors and calculated their holdings of Sino shares as of the time of the issuance of the Muddy Water Report on June 2, 2011, as follows:

- a. Gestion Férique: 192,150;
- b. Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc. (“Bâtirente”): 11,875;
- c. Matrix Asset Management Inc.: 35,931;
- d. Montrusco Bolton Investments Inc.: 163,715;

- e. Invesco Canada Ltd.: 3,011,472; and
- f. Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. (“NEI”): 506,475.

7. According to these calculations, the Objectors collectively held a total of 3,921,618 Sino shares¹ at the time the Muddy Waters Report was released on June 2, 2011.

8. Attached hereto as **Exhibit “M”** are Sino’s financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011. According to Note 7 of these financial statements, Sino had outstanding approximately 246 million shares on June 30, 2011.

FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE CARRIAGE MOTION BEFORE JUSTICE PERELL

9. Attached as Exhibit “B” to the affidavit of Daniel Simard, sworn January 18, 2013, are certain excerpts from the reasons of Perell J. on the carriage motion. For the sake of completeness, I have attached hereto as **Exhibit “N”** the complete reasons of Perell J.

10. Further, at the time that the carriage motion was heard, the competing plaintiff groups were concerned that Sino’s insolvency was imminent. As a result, counsel for the competing plaintiff groups made submissions to Perell J. at the hearing of the carriage motion in regard to their qualifications to represent the class’s interests in an eventual CCAA proceeding. In particular, Jim Orr, counsel to NEI and Bâtirente, argued in essence that its lawyers had sufficient experience in and knowledge of CCAA proceedings in order to represent the class’ interests adequately in such a proceeding.

¹ This number conflicts with the number at paragraph 6 of the affidavit of Tanya T. Jemec, sworn January 18, 2013, which states that the Objectors held a total of 3,995,932 shares as of June 2, 2011.

OPT OUTS IN THE ONTARIO ACTION AND OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED ERNST & YOUNG SETTLEMENT

11. This Court fixed January 18, 2013 as the date by which eligible persons had to file objections to the proposed Ernst & Young Settlement. By that deadline, 86 persons or entities submitted valid Notices of Objection to the proposed Ernst & Young Settlement, including the six Objectors. Excluding the six Objectors, five of the valid objections were filed by institutional investors and corporate entities.

12. I am advised by Michael G. Robb, Serge Kalloghlian and Sajjad Nematollahi of Siskinds LLP and Jonathan Bida and Garth Myers of Koskie Minsky LLP, that they have had discussions regarding the proposed settlement with 26 of the persons and entities who filed objections to the settlement for the purpose of inquiring into their reasons for objecting and explaining to them the basis of the settlement.

13. I am further advised by Messrs. Robb, Kalloghlian, Nematollahi, Bida and Myers that 23 of such objectors have since withdrawn their objections, including all five of the institutional investors and corporate entities referenced in the last sentence of paragraph 11 above. Certain of those objectors indicated that they misunderstood the Notice of Objection and did not in fact intend to object. Others withdrew their objections after the basis of the proposed Ernst & Young Settlement was explained to them. In any event, no institutions other than the Objectors continue to object to the Ernst & Young Settlement.

14. Attached hereto as **Exhibit "O"** is a chart (a) identifying each objector who filed an objection and who has not withdrawn his, her or its objection as of the time I have sworn this affidavit, and (b) setting forth a short summary of the reasons he, she or it provided for objecting to the settlement. As appears from the attached chart, 10 of those objectors have given no reason for their objection.

15. If more of those objectors withdraw their objections before the hearing of the within motion, Class Counsel will file with the Court a further affidavit identifying those objectors.

16. The courts in the Ontario and Quebec Actions fixed January 15, 2013 as the date by which persons wishing to opt out of the actions had to file Opt-Out Forms. By that deadline, 7 individuals and 8 institutional investors had submitted Opt-Out Forms deemed valid by the administrator. Six of the institutions who filed Opt-Out Forms on or before the deadline were the Objectors.

17. I am advised by Kurt Elgie, of NPT RicePoint that 3 of the persons and entities who timely filed valid Opt-Out Forms have since withdrawn their Opt-Out Forms.

18. Attached hereto as **Exhibit “P”** is a chart (a) identifying each person and entity who filed on or before the applicable deadline an Opt-Out Form deemed valid by the administrator, and who has not withdrawn that Opt-Out Form as of the time I have sworn this affidavit, and (b) setting forth a short summary of the reasons he, she or it provided for opting out of the Ontario Action or Quebec Action.

19. If additional persons or entities withdraw their Opt-Out Forms before the hearing of the within motion, Class Counsel will file a further affidavit identifying those persons and entities.

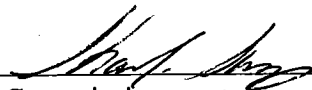
20. On April 18, 2012, the current CEO of Sino, Judson Martin, swore an affidavit in the above-captioned CCAA proceeding in which he stated, at para. 22 that, as of April 29, 2011, Sino had 34,177 beneficial shareholders. A copy of that affidavit is attached as **Exhibit “Q”**.

INITIAL VERSION OF SINO’S PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT (THE “PLAN”)

21. Attached hereto as **Exhibit “R”** is the initial, August 14, 2012 version of the Plan, as filed with the Court by Sino. Prior to August 14, 2012, we were provided earlier versions of the

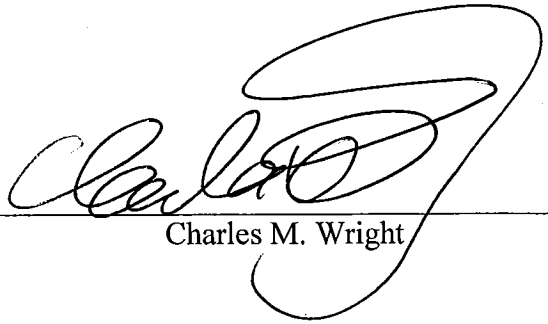
Plan on a without prejudice and confidential basis and sought to negotiate various revisions to those versions of the Plan in order to protect the class' interests.

SWORN before me at the City of)
London, in the Province of Ontario,)
this 23rd day of January, 2013.)



A Commissioner, etc.)

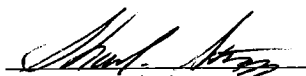
SHARLA JOAN STROOP, a Commissioner, etc.,
Province of Ontario. for Siskinds^{LLP}
Barristers and Solicitors. Expires: October 6, 2015



Charles M. Wright

Tab A

This is Exhibit "O" mentioned and referred to in the Affidavit of Charles M. Wright, sworn before me at the City of London, in the Province of Ontario, this 23rd day of January, 2013.



A Commissioner, etc.

SHARLA JOAN STROOP, a Commissioner, etc.,
Province of Ontario, for Siskinds^{LLP}
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<u>OBJECTOR</u>	<u>REASON FOR OBJECTION</u>
George Harrison	No reason given
Mario Guay	No reason given
Helmuth Slisarenko	No reason given
Iлона Hayden	No reason given
Robin Singh	No reason given
Ted Szamecz	No reason given
Brian H. Gore	No reason given
Chi Fax Chan Bi Faug Lei	No reason given
Nina Bode	No reason given
Suzanne Theberge	No reason given
Darlene Y. Murray	Not enough money
Reginald G. Garnett	Not enough money
Reginald MacDonald	Not enough money
Revi Plante	Not enough money
Andrea Sullivan	Not enough money
Archie Sullivan	Not enough money
Jeffrey Boivin	Not enough money
Oliver Schaeffer	Various reasons given
Arde Bont	Various reasons given
Colleen Wittig	Various reasons given
David Pike	Various reasons given
Dean Wittig	Various reasons given
Ilan Toledano	Various reasons given
Mervyn A. Kroeker	Various reasons given

<u>OBJECTOR</u>	<u>REASON FOR OBJECTION</u>
Michael Bailey	Various reasons given
Qing Yu	Various reasons given
Remi Gaudreault	Various reasons given
Pierre Drolet	Various reasons given
Gary S. Brookes	Various reasons given
Jason Evdoxiadis	Various reasons given
Samir Aljawhiri	Various reasons given
David Gander	Various reasons given
Zhong He Yu	Various reasons given
Hubert Hicks	Various reasons given
John J. McAteer	Various reasons given
Sadiq Bin Huda	Various reasons given
Sonja Chong	Various reasons given
Yicheng Bao	Various reasons given
Alain Vallée	Various reasons given
Chun-Kim Lim	Various reasons given
Daniel Liu	Various reasons given
Michael Poon	Various reasons given
Suzanne Rochon	Various reasons given
Annie Kwok	Various reasons given
Charles Roussel	Various reasons given
Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc.	Various reasons given
Daniel Lam	Various reasons given
Dr. Benjamin Lin	Various reasons given

<u>OBJECTOR</u>	<u>REASON FOR OBJECTION</u>
Dr. Clara Chow	Various reasons given
Erik Chong	Various reasons given
Gestion Férique	Various reasons given
Invesco Canada Ltd.	Various reasons given
Joseph Campbell	Various reasons given
Lao Fan	Various reasons given
Matrix Asset Management Inc.	Various reasons given
Meng Try	Various reasons given
Montrusco Bolton Investments Inc.	Various reasons given
Muhammed and Sajedah Dato	Various reasons given
Northwest and Ethical Investments L.P.	Various reasons given
Paul Lechtzier	Various reasons given
Senthilvel Kanagaratnam	Various reasons given
Timothy G. Martin	Various reasons given
Cindy Mai	Various reasons given
Gene Manion	Various reasons given
Jeanne Mai	Various reasons given
Layne Boivin	Various reasons given
Siu Hung Mai	Various reasons given

Tab 8

Court File No. CV-12-9667-00-CL

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMERCIAL LIST**

IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES CREDITORS'*
ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, C.c-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR
ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

Applicant

APPLICATION UNDER THE *COMPANIES CREDITORS'*
ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c.C-36, AS AMENDED

**AFFIDAVIT OF W. JUDSON MARTIN
(Sworn January 11, 2013)**

I, **W. JUDSON MARTIN**, of the City of Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region, People's Republic of China, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. I am the Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sino-Forest Corporation ("Sino-Forest" or the "Applicant"). I therefore have personal knowledge of the matters set out below, except where otherwise stated. Where I do not possess personal knowledge, I have stated the source of my information and I believe such information to be true.
2. This affidavit is made in support of a motion brought by the Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant's Securities, including the representative plaintiffs in the Ontario Class Action (collectively, the "Ontario Plaintiffs"), for approval of a settlement (the "Ernst & Young Settlement"), as further defined in the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization of Sino-Forest dated December 3, 2012 (the "Plan"), with Ernst & Young LLP and the release of claims

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against Ernst & Young LLP (the "Ernst & Young Release", the "Ernst & Young Claims" and "Ernst & Young", all as those terms are defined in the Plan).

3. Terms not defined in this affidavit are as defined in my affidavit sworn March 30, 2012 in support of the application for the initial order made in this proceeding, my affidavit sworn August 14, 2012 in support of the filing of a draft plan of compromise and arrangement, and/or my affidavit sworn November 29, 2012 in support of a motion for sanction of the Plan. I adopt and repeat for the purposes of this motion the statements I made in my earlier affidavits. Copies of these three affidavits are attached hereto (without exhibits) as Exhibits "A," "B," and "C" respectively.

4. I have sworn numerous affidavits in this CCAA Proceeding, in my capacity as Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant including those referred to above. In addition to my responsibility for the operational and financial affairs of the Applicant, I have been intimately involved in this restructuring, instructing Applicant's counsel (Bennett Jones LLP) and have worked with FTI Consulting Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor as well as with the Ad Hoc Committee of Sino-Forest Noteholders (the "Noteholders"), and their respective counsel.

5. In addition, I was involved in the formulation and finalization of the Plan ultimately sanctioned by this Court on December 10, 2012 (the "Sanction Order").

6. As I have explained previously, Sino-Forest itself has no operating assets, and its business in standing timber is conducted through its direct and indirect subsidiaries (collectively the "Sino-Forest Subsidiaries"). All of the standing timber assets of the Sino-Forest companies (of which there are many) are held through the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, as a result of which

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(and notwithstanding that Sino-Forest is the sole CCAA Applicant), the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries and the business they conduct have been central to this restructuring.

7. As I described in my affidavit sworn November 29, 2012, the Plan provides (for the reasons expressed) that substantially all of Sino-Forest's assets, including the shares in the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, will be transferred (according to the terms of the Plan) to Newco for the benefit of Affected Creditors.

8. This necessarily required that the claims filed pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order made in this CCAA Proceeding be identified and addressed. That is one reason why Sino-Forest requested, and this Court granted, the term of the Claims Procedure Order requiring claimants to identify potential claims against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, notwithstanding that Sino-Forest itself was the sole Applicant.

9. I am generally familiar with the most significant claims filed against the Applicant and the directors and officers of Sino-Forest, and in particular the claims of Ernst & Young, the syndicate of underwriters involved in the various debt and equity offerings of Sino-Forest (the "Underwriters") and BDO Limited ("BDO"). Those claims, advanced against Sino-Forest and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, individually and in the aggregate, total in the billions of dollars. Those claims had to be addressed as part of this restructuring.

10. As I stated at paragraph 124 of my affidavit sworn November 29, 2012, there could be no effective restructuring of Sino-Forest's business and separation from the Canadian parent (which Sino-Forest has said from the outset was the objective at the commencement of these proceedings) if the claims asserted against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries arising out of, or

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connected to, claims against Sino-Forest remained outstanding. The Plan provides for the release of claims against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries.

11. In addition, and as counsel for Sino-Forest has previously submitted to this Court and as has been observed by the court-appointed Monitor, timing and delay were critical factors in this restructuring. I believe that delays and the passage of time negatively impact on the value of Sino-Forest assets and the recovery by stakeholders, and I certainly understand this to be the view of the Noteholders, as has been expressed to me and to Sino-Forest by the Noteholders and their counsel on numerous occasions.

12. Accordingly, it was and remains critical to the success of this restructuring, to the maximization of value and to the preservation of assets that:

- (a) the claims against Sino-Forest and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries be determined or resolved such that the assets held by the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries were not subject to these contingent claims; and
- (b) that this be achieved as quickly as possible.

13. It was for these reasons, among others, that Sino-Forest, supported by the Noteholders, has continued its efforts to advance this restructuring as soon as possible. Sino-Forest welcomed the initiative by the supervising CCAA Judge, Justice Morawetz, to urge and encourage the principal stakeholders to engage in a constructive dialogue with a view to attempting to resolve disputes on a consensual basis, including the claims against Sino-Forest and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries.

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14. For these reasons, Sino-Forest welcomed the Mediation Order made in these proceedings and the ensuing mediation, described in my earlier affidavits. As stated above, the Court-ordered mediation involving the parties to the Ontario Class Action, the Noteholders and the Monitor was consistent with the direction and encouragement from the supervising CCAA Judge that the principal stakeholders should focus their efforts on the resolution of claims. As I understand it, this was a continuing theme in these proceedings.

15. While the global mediation conducted by Justice Newbould did not resolve all litigation claims at that time, it did represent the genesis of a substantive dialogue among the key stakeholders and was, I believe, the catalyst for discussions that continued after the conclusion of the formal mediation. Both the global mediation and the subsequent settlement discussions were consistent with the objectives of the Applicant in this restructuring.

16. I understand that Ernst & Young continued discussions with the Ontario Plaintiffs, ultimately resulting in the Minutes of Settlement which define the terms of the Ernst & Young Settlement.

17. Sino-Forest was and remains of the view that the Ernst & Young Settlement is a positive development in this restructuring for the reasons expressed below. As a result, the Applicant was amenable to amending the draft Plan to provide for the mechanics and framework for the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release in order that it could be voted on at the meeting of creditors and sanctioned by this Court.

18. In my affidavit sworn November 29, 2012, I discussed the Equity Claims Decision (as defined in that affidavit). Notwithstanding the Equity Claims Decision, I am advised by my counsel, Bennett Jones LLP, and believe that, absent a resolution on terms acceptable to Ernst &

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Young, it could and likely would have continued to assert all appeal and other rights in respect of the Equity Claims Decision and in respect of the Sanction Order.

19. The Ernst & Young Settlement provides significant benefit to these CCAA Proceedings:
- (a) Ernst & Young agreed to support the Plan, including the Plan provisions that deal with the Ernst & Young Settlement;
 - (b) Ernst & Young's support simplified and accelerated the Plan process:
 - (i) Ernst & Young agreed that its claims against Sino-Forest and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries are released, which claims were significant as stated above;
 - (ii) The proofs of claim filed by Ernst & Young in these proceedings set out extensive claims that could be asserted directly against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries. Components of those claims were not expressly addressed in the Equity Claims Decision made by this Court;
 - (iii) Ernst & Young agreed not to seek leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada in respect of the dismissal by the Court of Appeal for Ontario of Ernst & Young's appeal of the Equity Claims Decision;
 - (iv) By agreeing to release all of its claims, Ernst & Young has eliminated:
 - a. The expense and management time otherwise to be incurred in litigating its claims;
 - b. Dilution of the recovery by other creditors if Ernst & Young's

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claims were ultimately resolved in its favour and not subordinated;
and

- c. Potentially extending the timelines to complete the restructuring of Sino-Forest;
- (c) Ernst & Young has agreed not to receive any distributions of any kind under the Plan in respect of Noteholder Class Action Claims, as have the other Third Party Defendants. Without that agreement, the Unresolved Claims Reserve would have materially increased, with the potential for a corresponding dilution of consideration paid to the Affected Creditors; and
- (d) Although the allocation of the settlement funds has yet to be determined, any portion allocated to the equity holders of Sino-Forest will significantly increase the recovery to a class of stakeholders that would not otherwise receive any amount under the Plan.

20. Sino-Forest, the only Applicant in the CCAA Proceeding, is a holding company and its only material assets are the shares of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries. The release of claims by Ernst & Young assisted in allowing the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries to contribute, unencumbered by claims totalling billions of dollars, their assets to the overall restructuring.

21. For these reasons among others, I believe that the Ernst & Young Settlement contributed in a significant and positive way to the timeliness of the Sanction Order, and ultimately to the implementation of the Plan.

22. I understand that the terms of the Ernst & Young Settlement include the provision of a release in favour of Ernst & Young in respect of all claims related to Sino-Forest. The Plan (as

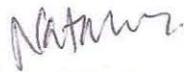
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sanctioned) already includes third party releases in respect of other non-Applicant entities and individuals who have made material contributions to the success of the restructuring, including present and former directors and officers, and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries.

23. The Plan provides for the mechanics and framework for other third party settlements, should those occur in the future. The inclusion of these provisions in the Plan facilitated the support of the Plan by the Underwriters and withdrawal of objections to the Plan by BDO. From the course of the negotiations over the relevant period I believe that the Ernst & Young Settlement was a catalyst to those other parties withdrawing their objections to the Plan. Ultimately, except for the group of securities holders now opposing the Ernst & Young Settlement, the Plan was approved without opposition.

24. In conclusion, for the reasons described above, the Applicant believes that the Ernst & Young Settlement represented a significant contribution to the Plan and to a successful restructuring, and the Applicant supports the motion for approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region, People's Republic of China this day of January, 2013



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Tab 9

Court File No. CV-12-9667-00-CL

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMERCIAL LIST**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS
ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR
ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION**

Court File No.: CV-11-431153-00CP

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN:

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND OF CENTRAL AND
EASTERN CANADA, THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 793 PENSION PLAN FOR OPERATING
ENGINEERS IN ONTARIO, SJUNDE AP-FONDEN, DAVID GRANT
and ROBERT WONG**

Plaintiffs

- and -

**SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ERNST & YOUNG LLP, BDO LIMITED (formerly
known as BDO MCCABE LO LIMITED), ALLEN T.Y. CHAN, W. JUDSON MARTIN,
KAI KIT POON, DAVID J. HORSLEY, WILLIAM E. ARDELL, JAMES P. BOWLAND,
JAMES M.E. HYDE, EDMUND MAK, SIMON MURRAY, PETER WANG, GARRY J.
WEST, PÖYRY (BEIJING) CONSULTING COMPANY LIMITED, CREDIT SUISSE
SECURITIES (CANADA), INC., TD SECURITIES INC., DUNDEE SECURITIES
CORPORATION, RBC DOMINION SECURITIES INC., SCOTIA CAPITAL INC., CIBC
WORLD MARKETS INC., MERRILL LYNCH CANADA INC., CANACCORD
FINANCIAL LTD., MAISON PLACEMENTS CANADA INC., CREDIT SUISSE
SECURITIES (USA) LLC and MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED (successor by merger to Banc of America Securities LLC)**

Defendants

Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*

AFFIDAVIT OF MIKE P. DEAN

I, Mike P. Dean, of City of Markham, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. I am a Senior Vice-President of Ernst & Young, Inc., which entity is licensed as a corporate trustee in bankruptcy. By virtue of that position, I am also a partner in Ernst & Young LLP. I am a Chartered Accountant, a licenced Trustee in Bankruptcy and a chartered insolvency and restructuring professional.
2. In my more than 15 years of professional restructuring and insolvency experience, I have had carriage of numerous engagements in which Ernst & Young Inc. acted as court-appointed monitor in CCAA proceedings supervised by this Honourable Court (among others), or was appointed under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (“BIA”) as a trustee, and I have advised debtors, creditors and other stakeholders with respect to Canadian and cross-border restructuring and financing issues as well as in respect of investigations of offences under the *BIA* and other federal and provincial statutes, all in a variety of industries. Past engagements have included the Royal Crest Group, the asset-backed commercial paper (ABCP) restructuring (involving liabilities with a combined face value of approximately \$32 billion), JTI-MacDonald, Bell Canada International, Slater Steel, Oxford Automotive and Laidlaw, among others. In my capacity as an insolvency and restructuring specialist, I have been involved in this matter on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP as a creditor of Sino-Forest Corporation (“Sino-Forest”).
3. I am not an audit partner of Ernst & Young LLP. I do not practise as an auditor.
4. Where my statements are based upon my information and belief, I believe such statements to be true and I have stated below the source for my information and belief.

5. I have read the affidavit of Charles Wright sworn in these proceedings on January 10, 2013 in support of this motion to approve the Ernst & Young Settlement (the “Wright Affidavit”).

Nature of the Motion

6. The Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant’s Securities, including the plaintiffs in the action commenced against Sino-Forest in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice bearing (Toronto) Court File No. CV-11-431153-CP (the “Ontario Plaintiffs” and the “Ontario Class Action”, respectively) bring this motion to approve the Ernst & Young Settlement. The Ernst & Young Settlement is defined in the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization of the Applicant under the CCAA dated December 3, 2012 (the “Plan”), which was approved by order of this Honourable Court dated December 10, 2012 (the “Sanction Order”).

7. The Ernst & Young Settlement includes the provisions at Article 11.1 of the Plan and contemplates the release sought on this motion of all claims against Ernst & Young LLP, Ernst & Young Global Limited and any of its member firms, and any person or entity affiliated with or connected thereto (“Ernst & Young”, as more fully defined in the Plan), including all claims that have been asserted or that could have been asserted against Ernst & Young in these class proceedings (the “Ernst & Young Claims” and the “Ernst & Young Release”, as more fully defined in the Plan).

Ernst & Young

8. Ernst & Young LLP is a firm of chartered accountants carrying on business in Canada as a limited liability partnership. Ernst & Young LLP delivered auditors’ reports with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Sino-Forest Corporation (“Sino-Forest”, the “Applicant” or the “Company”) for fiscal years ended December 31, 2007 through 2010 inclusive, and with

respect to the consolidated financial statements of two of Sino-Forest's subsidiaries (Sino-Wood Partners, Limited and Sino-Panel (Asia) Inc.) for fiscal years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008.

9. From time to time, Ernst & Young LLP consented to the incorporation by reference of its auditors' reports with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Sino-Forest in certain prospectuses and debt offering memoranda of the Company. In addition to audit services, Ernst & Young LLP also provided other professional services to Sino-Forest and its direct and indirect subsidiaries (the "Sino-Forest Subsidiaries"). Ernst & Young LLP resigned as Sino-Forest's auditor effective April 4, 2012.

The Class Actions

10. I am familiar with various class actions involving Sino-Forest where Ernst & Young is also a defendant and the allegations made by the proposed representative plaintiffs (the "Class Actions"). I adopt the statements in the Wright Affidavit in paragraphs 30, 32-37 and 41, describing the Class Actions and to the best of my information and belief believe them to be true.

Sino-Forest Insolvency Proceedings

11. On March 30, 2012, in part due to the Class Actions, Sino-Forest sought and obtained protection from its creditors pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* ("CCAA") (the "Initial Order") and currently remains in CCAA insolvency proceedings in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the "CCAA Proceeding"). The Initial Order made in the CCAA Proceeding dated March 30, 2012, stayed the Class Actions against the company, its subsidiaries and its directors and officers.

12. On May 8, 2012, this Honourable Court made a further order, unopposed, that the stay extends to all third party defendants to the Class Actions, including Ernst & Young (the "Third

Party Stay Order”), so that all stakeholders could focus on Sino-Forest’s restructuring. The stay as against all parties has been extended from time to time. As a result, the Ontario Class Action and the Quebec Class Action are stayed as against all defendants, with one narrow exception being that the May 8, 2012 order permitted the proposed representative plaintiffs in Ontario and Quebec to proceed with certain motions relating to Pöyry (Beijing) Consulting Company and a proposed settlement with that party and related entities. Attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”** and **Exhibit “B”** are copies of the Initial Order and the Third Party Stay Order.

13. On May 14, 2012, this Honourable Court granted a claims procedure order (the “Claims Procedure Order”) in the CCAA Proceeding. The motion for the Claims Procedure Order proceeded on an unopposed basis following extensive discussions amongst the stakeholders including the Company, Ernst & Young, the Ontario Plaintiffs and the other third party defendants including the syndicate of underwriters for Sino-Forest’s various debt and equity offerings (the “Underwriters”) and Sino-Forest’s previous auditors, BDO Limited (“BDO”).

14. I am informed by counsel to Ernst & Young that Ernst & Young agreed, following extensive negotiations with the Applicant, the Monitor, the Ad Hoc Committee of Noteholders of Sino-Forest (the “Noteholders”) and other stakeholders, not to oppose the Claims Procedure Order on the basis that it provided for a full claims process in the CCAA Proceedings. The Claims Procedure Order provided for a claims bar date pursuant to which any party wishing to file a proof of claim was required to do so. The Claims Procedure Order called for claims against Sino-Forest and (although they were not Applicants) the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries (“Sino-Forest Proof of Claim”) and separately for claims against the directors and officers of Sino-Forest (“D&O Proof of Claim”, together with the Sino-Forest Proof of Claim, the “Proofs of Claim”).

Ernst & Young Proofs of Claim and Other Claims

15. Ernst & Young filed Proofs of Claim pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order and claimed as against each of Sino-Forest, the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, and the directors and officers of each for:

- (a) Damages for:
 - (i) Breach of contract;
 - (ii) Negligent misrepresentation;
 - (iii) Fraudulent misrepresentation;
 - (iv) Inducing breach of contract (as against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries only);
 - (v) Injury to Reputation; and
 - (vi) Vicarious Liability (as against Sino-Forest and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries);
- (b) Contractual indemnity, pursuant to Ernst & Young's engagement letters; and
- (c) Contribution and indemnity under the *Negligence Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. N-1 and other applicable legislation outside of Ontario (the "*Negligence Act*").

16. Attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"** and **Exhibit "D"** are the Sino-Forest Proof of Claim and the D&O Proof of Claim of Ernst & Young LLP filed pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order. The Ernst & Young Proofs of Claim fully set out the basis for the claims advanced by Ernst & Young against Sino-Forest, the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries and the directors and officers and accordingly I will not repeat those grounds here, but adopt them as true.

17. As a result of the Ernst & Young Settlement, these claims have been resolved on consent, as more particularly described below.

18. Numerous other parties also filed Proofs of Claim in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order. Significantly, the other third party defendants, being the syndicate of underwriters (the

“Underwriters”) who conducted the various Sino-Forest debt and equity offerings at the heart of the plaintiffs’ claims, as well as Sino-Forest’s former auditors, BDO Limited (formerly known as BDO McCabe Lo Limited) (“BDO”) also filed proofs of claim.

19. As I have understood the position of the Underwriters throughout the CCAA Proceedings, one component of the claim they asserted was based upon direct contractual indemnities provided to the Underwriters by certain of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries as well as Sino-Forest, such that the Underwriters asserted unsecured creditor claims directly as against each of these entities on a contractual basis.

CCAA Process and Mediation

20. I have reviewed the Monitor’s Reports filed in this CCAA Proceeding, as well as the various affidavits of W. Judson Martin, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sino-Forest, filed in support of the various motions sought. Those materials, together with the submissions made in Court on numerous occasions by counsel to the Applicant, counsel to the Monitor and counsel to the Noteholders, have been consistent and clear to the effect that the timing and urgency of these CCAA Proceedings was critical to those principal stakeholders, and in their view critical to the maximization of assets for the stakeholders and the chances of a viable outcome.

21. In addition, those materials and submissions have been clear and consistent that the resolution of the claims arising out of the allegations made against Sino-Forest and its senior management, among others, have been throughout the process the gating issue in all material respects. To the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no significant operational restructuring challenges other than those arising from the uncertainty caused by the litigation, investigations, and the subsequent CCAA proceedings.

22. This Honourable Court granted an order on July 25, 2012 that the Parties (as defined in the order and as described below) participate in a mediation process (the “Mediation Order”). A copy of the Mediation Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit “E”**. It is in the context of this CCAA Proceeding, and being advised by the Applicant, Noteholders and Monitor of the urgency of these proceedings, that the Supervising Judge, the Honourable Justice Morawetz, ordered the parties to participate in a global mediation. The Mediation Order was unopposed. Ernst & Young readily agreed to participate as Justice Morawetz requested, as did the other parties.

23. In the Mediation Order, the court ordered that the parties eligible to participate in the mediation were the Applicant, the Ontario Plaintiffs, the Third Party Defendants, the Monitor, the Noteholders and any insurers providing coverage. At paragraph 5, the Mediation Order provides that the Mediation Parties shall participate in the Mediation in person and with representatives present “with full authority to settle the Subject Claims”. The Ontario Plaintiffs were granted thereby full authority to settle and resolve the claims. This authority was critical to Ernst & Young’s support of the mediation. Put simply, Ernst & Young, and the other parties, needed to have the certainty that the counterparties with whom they were negotiating had the ability to consummate and complete a settlement in the CCAA context if terms could be reached.

24. The Mediation Order (along with all other orders and endorsements in the CCAA Proceedings) is available on the Monitor’s website.

25. By further order of the Court dated July 30, 2012, Justice Morawetz ordered that the parties participating in the mediation have access to a data room established by the Company in furtherance of its previous sales process, to which data room would be added additional materials and information by the Company (the “Data Room Order”). The Court specifically required the

parties to enter into a confidentiality agreement with the Applicant on terms acceptable to the Applicant and the Monitor, and all of the parties did so. A copy of the Data Room Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit “F”**. The Applicant, with the assistance of the court-appointed Monitor, established the data room.

26. For the purposes of the mediation, significant efforts of all the principal stakeholders were put into: voluminous mediation materials, review of the relevant materials, and preparation for and attendance at the mediation. The supervising CCAA Judge, Justice Morawetz, directed that Justice Newbould conduct the mediation, and he did so. I did not participate directly in the mediation, but am advised by counsel to Ernst & Young that all of the Parties participated.

27. While the global mediation did not result in an all-party settlement, in my opinion it was a catalyst for continued discussions and dialogue amongst the stakeholders, including negotiations between the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young, ultimately resulting in the Ernst & Young Settlement, approval of which is sought on this motion.

28. As those discussions continued, the Ontario Plaintiffs brought a motion in the CCAA Proceedings on October 28, 2012 for an order, among other things, restricting the scope of the stay of proceedings imposed by the Initial Order so that it would not apply to the third party defendants, including Ernst & Young, and certain officers and directors. The Court dismissed that motion, by way of Endorsement dated November 6, 2012 (the “Lift Stay Endorsement”), a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit “G”**. In the Lift Stay Endorsement, the Court observed that the relevant stakeholders should focus on the Plan and Sino-Forest’s restructuring, including issues related to a then pending appeal of the Equity Claims Order. At that time, and notwithstanding the absence of a global settlement, the Court was not prepared to lift the stay to allow the Class Actions to move

ahead separately from the CCAA Proceedings. This decision allowed, and in many respects encouraged, the Parties to continue their negotiations, which they did.

29. The Ernst & Young Settlement was the direct result of the mediation and discussions as had been ordered and directed by the Supervising CCAA Judge, and central to the terms of the Ernst & Young Settlement was its inclusion in the proposed Plan being put forward by the Applicant and the Noteholders.

30. Although I was not directly involved in the mediation and negotiations described in the paragraph, I am advised by counsel to Ernst & Young that, as described in the Wright Affidavit, Ernst & Young and the Ontario Plaintiffs worked literally around the clock, to achieve the terms of an agreement as between them as reflected in the Minutes of Settlement. Clifford Lax, Q.C., an experienced senior counsel and mediator, was engaged to facilitate this bilateral mediation. The mediation was conducted over the course of two lengthy days and nights, continuing into the early hours of the morning.

31. Given the complexity of the claims, the nature of the resolution of the claims and the terms of the Minutes of Settlement, significant amendments to the (then draft) Plan were required to give effect to the Ernst & Young Settlement. Those amendments were ultimately negotiated, agreed upon, approved by the creditors of Sino-Forest and sanctioned by the Court. The Applicant, the Monitor, and the Noteholders were strongly of the view that such amendments must be made urgently, if they were to be included in the Plan, in view of the importance (discussed above) of an expedited restructuring to preserve asset value. A second stage of negotiations, principally with the Noteholders and with the involvement of the Applicant and overseen by the Monitor, was

therefore required to articulate and implement the required amendments to the proposed Plan. I was directly involved in these negotiations, which were intense and complicated..

The Ernst & Young Settlement

32. The Minutes of Settlement have been filed in this proceeding and have been publicly available since shortly after the terms were agreed.

33. The Ernst & Young Settlement provides for the payment of CAD\$117,000,000.00 as a Settlement Fund, being the full monetary contribution by Ernst & Young to settlement of the Ernst & Young Claims.

34. The Ernst & Young Settlement is conditional upon the terms set out in the Minutes of Settlement and Schedule "B" thereto, including a global release in these CCAA Proceeding and a Chapter 15 proceeding to be brought in the United States Bankruptcy Court. The Ernst & Young Settlement is also conditional upon the following steps, as set out at Article 11.1 of the Plan:

- (a) the granting of the Sanction Order, sanctioning the Plan including the terms of the Ernst & Young Settlement;
- (b) the issuance of the Settlement Trust Order;
- (c) any other orders necessary to give effect to the Ernst & Young Settlement;
- (d) the fulfillment of all conditions precedent in the Ernst & Young Settlement;
and
- (e) all orders being final orders and not subject to further appeal or challenge.

35. The condition in the Minutes of Settlement that the Plan include the framework for the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release, and that the Plan with those elements be approved by Sino-Forest's creditors and the Court, was critical to Ernst & Young.

36. Attached hereto as **Exhibits “H”, “I” and “J”** are copies of the Thirteenth Report of the Monitor, the Supplement to the Thirteenth Report of the Monitor and the Second Supplement to the Thirteenth Report of the Monitor without attachments, setting out the result of the vote of the meeting of creditors of Sino-Forest held December 3, 2012.

37. The Plan, as ultimately approved by 99% in number and greater than 99% in value of those Affected Creditors (as defined in the Plan) voting, voted in favour of the Plan, (as reported by the Monitor in the Supplement to its Thirteen Report as Exhibit “I”) provides as follows:

- Plan Releases – pursuant to section 7.1 of the Plan, all claims against Sino-Forest, the Subsidiaries and the named directors and officers are fully, finally irrevocably released, discharged and barred on the Plan Implementation Date. This includes, but is not limited to, all of the claims referred to above asserted by Ernst & Young in its Proofs of Claims against Sino-Forest, the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, and the directors and officers of each of them;
- Also pursuant to section 7.1, the Plan extinguishes and bars any entitlements of Ernst & Young to receive distributions of any kind (including Newco shares, notes and litigation trust interests) under the Plan;
- The Plan in effect transfers to Newco, a new corporation to be incorporated and owned and/or controlled by the Sino-Forest Noteholders, all of the assets of Sino-Forest free and clear from any and all claims. These assets specifically included the shares of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, against which entities Ernst & Young had its outstanding claims;
- In section 11.1, the Plan provides (that upon the various conditions precedent being satisfied), including receipt by the Monitor of a certificate from Ernst & Young confirming that it has paid the settlement amount to the Settlement Trust in accordance with the Ernst & Young Settlement, the Ernst & Young Release is in full force and effect in accordance with the Plan.

38. It is important to note the scope of releases in the Plan referred to above. The only Applicant in the CCAA Proceedings is Sino-Forest itself. The Plan, as sanctioned by this Honourable Court, includes numerous other third party releases – specifically in favour of the Sino-Forest subsidiaries (who are non-applicants) and the directors and officers of Sino-Forest and its subsidiaries. To the

best of my information and belief, no party is challenging or has challenged those third party releases.

39. The fact and terms of the Ernst & Young Settlement were disclosed prior to the finalization of the Plan voted on at the creditors' meeting to other stakeholders including (in addition to the Applicant and the Monitor) the Underwriters and BDO, Sino-Forest's former auditors. The Plan as voted also included the framework for future potential settlements with third party defendants including the underwriters at Article 11.2, using the same mechanics that apply to the Ernst & Young Settlement. Following the meeting of creditors, the Plan was amended to include BDO in Article 11.2.

40. I believe that the Ernst & Young Settlement was very much the catalyst for the inclusion in the Plan of these additional provisions, which in turn led to the withdrawal of objections by the Underwriters and BDO to the terms of the Plan and indeed their support for the Plan ultimately sanctioned.

41. The Plan was sanctioned by this Honourable Court by way of the Plan Sanction Order. The Plan Sanction Order implements the Plan and expressly provides (at paragraph 40) for the Ernst & Young Settlement to become effective upon the satisfaction of various enumerated conditions precedent, including the approval sought by way of this motion. In like form, the Plan Sanction Order provides for the implementation of other third party settlements (i.e. the underwriters and BDO) on analogous terms if negotiated and approved by the court.

42. The Ernst & Young Settlement provides significant benefit to these CCAA Proceedings:

- (a) Ernst & Young agreed to support the Plan;

- (b) Ernst & Young's support has materially simplified and accelerated the Plan approval and implementation process:
- (i) Ernst & Young has agreed that its claims against Sino-Forest and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries are released, which claims were significant and material as stated above. In particular, the Proofs of Claim filed by Ernst & Young set out extensive claims that were asserted directly against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries. None of these claims were addressed in the Equity Claims Order;
 - (ii) Ernst & Young has agreed to waive any leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada in respect of the dismissal of its appeal by the Court of Appeal for Ontario of the Equity Claims Order;
 - (iii) By agreeing to release all these claims, Ernst & Young has eliminated:
 - (1) Dilution of the Noteholders' recovery if Ernst & Young were ultimately to obtain judgments or settlements in respect of those claims;
 - (2) The expense and management time otherwise to be incurred by Newco and the Subsidiaries in litigating these claims; and
 - (3) What might otherwise have been a significant extension of the timelines to complete the restructuring of Sino-Forest;
- (c) Ernst & Young has agreed not to receive any distributions of any kind under the Plan, as have the other Third Party Defendants. Without that agreement, the Unresolved Claims Reserve would have materially increased, with the potential for a corresponding dilution of consideration paid to the Affected Creditors. In addition, I expect that it would have taken a considerable period of time for the resolution of claims related to the Unresolved Claims Reserve. Considerable time and resources would have been engaged to determine the appropriate level of the significant holdbacks. Those in turn would have needed to be structured and, given their size, carefully funded to a level which might have impaired the ongoing

operations of the business in the hands of the Noteholders, including at the Sino-Forest Subsidiary level where the timber rights assets are held;

- (d) Although the allocation of the settlement funds has yet to be determined, any portion allocated to the equity holders of Sino-Forest will significantly increase the recovery to a class of stakeholders that would not otherwise receive any amount under the Plan; and
- (e) Ernst & Young agreed to not pursue its objections generally to the Plan and its sanction, and agreed to not pursue all of its appeal rights in that regard.

43. Ernst & Young's claims against Sino-Forest and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries are discussed above. The consensual release of those claims by Ernst & Young, as confirmed on the Plan Sanction hearing, allowed and permitted the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries to be in a position to contribute their assets to the overall restructuring, unencumbered by pending claims totalling billions of dollars. As noted in the Monitor's Thirteenth Report and the supplements thereto, this structure was a centrepiece of the entire Plan. Sino-Forest itself is merely a holding company and its only assets are the shares of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries. Sino-Forest itself has no other assets. The ability of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries to be in a position to contribute their assets was therefore very important.

44. The transactional aspects of the Plan are in many ways quite straightforward. Simply put, the Plan extinguishes all claims against the Company and transfers its assets to the Noteholders. What made a very straightforward circumstance more complicated was the existence of all of the intertwining claims. It follows that the resolution of those claims, allowing for the transfer of the Sino-Forest assets to the Company's new holding company without protracted litigation involving the determination of all of those claims (and the risks associated therewith), immensely simplified and accelerated the restructuring process ultimately leading to the sanction referred to above.

45. I have been present in Court during argument in respect of many of the motions and steps that have been brought in the CCAA Proceedings. On numerous occasions, counsel for each of the Applicant, the Noteholders and the Monitor have urged upon this Honorable Court the imperative of speed and the urgency with which the restructuring must be completed if a going-concern outcome was to be achieved in order that asset value could be maximized for the stakeholders of Sino-Forest. In my view, it is beyond question that the consensual resolution of all of the claims, as are facilitated by the terms of the Ernst & Young Settlement, and the corresponding withdrawal for the purposes of Plan approval and implementation of the opposition of the other third party defendants, being the Underwriters and BDO, have contributed materially to the speed with which the Plan has already been sanctioned and with which the restructuring can now be completed.

46. The Ernst & Young Settlement is the direct result of the mediation efforts directed and ordered by the supervising CCAA Judge, Mr. Justice Morawetz, on the urging of the Applicant and supported by the Monitor, to unlock the impasse and advance the restructuring efforts generally. The fact of the settlement is, as I understand it, precisely the objective the supervising judge observed to be imperative to a successful restructuring and that is undoubtedly one of the reasons why this Honourable Court made the Mediation Order and other related orders.

Possible Opposition to the Ernst & Young Settlement

47. I am aware that this motion may be opposed by certain parties, including Invesco Canada Ltd., Northwest & Ethical Investments LP and Comité Syndicale Nationale de Retraite Batirente Inc. (collectively, the “Funds”), (all of whom opposed the sanction order made in this CCAA Proceeding).

48. I am advised by counsel to Ernst & Young LLP that the Funds (other than Invesco, who was not a named plaintiff), represented by the same counsel who act for them on this motion, commenced their own Ontario proposed class action as against Ernst & Young, Sino-Forest and others, and that the proposed class action was one of the competing actions that was the subject of the carriage motion before the Honourable Justice Perell. Carriage was ultimately granted to counsel for the Ontario Plaintiffs. Accordingly, the Funds have not only been aware of, but indeed were active participants in, the Ontario Class Action from the outset.

49. In addition, the Funds are no strangers to the CCAA Proceedings. I was present in court on December 7, 2012 for the Plan sanction hearing, when counsel for the Funds advised the Court that they had been monitoring the CCAA Proceedings throughout, but had seen no need to participate, make submissions or file materials until they learned of the Ernst & Young Settlement. At that time, the Funds filed a Notice of Appearance in the CCAA Proceedings. Attached hereto as **Exhibit "K"** is a copy of the Funds' Notice of Appearance.

50. This statement by Fund counsel was made in response to a question from the CCAA Judge as to why, notwithstanding the implementation of various steps in the CCAA Proceedings that affected them, the Funds had not appeared or participated in the CCAA Proceedings, let alone objected, if they saw fit to do so.

51. The Funds had the opportunity to participate, but did not participate, in steps and orders including those listed below, which may have affected their interests. I am advised by counsel to Ernst & Young and believe that these steps and orders may affect the ability of the Funds to maintain standing to oppose the Ernst & Young Settlement at this time. These steps and orders include:

- (a) **Third Party Stay Order dated May 8, 2012** – In addition to staying the various Class Actions, at paragraph 3, the Third Party Stay Order provides that the Applicant is authorized to enter into agreements with the plaintiffs and defendants in the Ontario Class Action and in the Quebec Class Action providing for, among other things, the tolling of certain limitation periods. Pursuant to paragraph 4, the Third Party Stay Order is without prejudice to the right of the parties in the Ontario Class Action to move or vary the Third Party Stay Order on or after September 1, 2012;
- (b) **Claims Procedure Order dated May 14, 2012** – The Claims Procedure Order established a claims bar date and a procedure for the determination and/or resolution of claims against the Applicant and others. At paragraph 17, the Claims Procedure Order provides that any person that does not file a proof of claim in accordance with the order is barred from making or enforcing such claim as against any other person who could claim contribution or indemnity from the Applicant. This would include claims by the Funds against Ernst & Young for which Ernst & Young could claim indemnity from Sino-Forest. The Claims Procedure Order provides at paragraphs 27 and 28 that the Ontario Plaintiffs (as defined therein) are authorized to file one Proof of Claim in respect of the substance of the matters set out in the Ontario Class Action and that the Quebec Plaintiffs are similarly authorized to file one Proof of Claim in respect of the substance of the matters set out in the Quebec Class Action. The proposed class in each of the Ontario and Quebec Class Actions includes the Funds. I am advised by counsel to Ernst & Young that the Funds did not object to or oppose the Claims Procedure Order,

either when it was sought or at any time thereafter. Accordingly, the Ontario Plaintiffs were authorized to (and did) file a Proof of Claim in a representative capacity in respect of the claims of the Funds;

- (c) **Mediation Order dated July 25, 2012** – As stated above, at paragraph 3, the court ordered that the parties eligible to participate in the mediation were the Applicant, the Ontario Plaintiffs, the Third Party Defendants, the Monitor, the Noteholders and any insurers providing coverage. I am advised by counsel to Ernst & Young that the Funds did not seek to be named as a Party to the mediation. The Mediation Order provides that the Mediation Parties shall participate in the Mediation in person and with representatives present “with full authority to settle the Subject Claims”. The Ontario Plaintiffs were granted thereby full authority to settle and resolve the claims, including the claims of the Funds;
- (d) **Data Room Order dated July 30, 2012** – The Data Room Order provided for the production, via a data room protected by confidentiality agreements, of certain documents for the purposes of the Mediation. The Data Room Order provided at paragraph 2 that the documents would be made available to the Mediation Parties, as defined above, but no other parties.

52. The Funds did not object, oppose or indeed take any position in respect of any of these steps or orders.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

53. The Ernst & Young Settlement was the product of a process that began early on in the CCAA Proceedings, in recognition of the substantial impact that the Class Actions had on Sino-Forest.

The process:

- (a) began with the almost immediate participation of the Ontario Plaintiffs (augmented by Siskinds' representation as well of the Quebec Class Action Plaintiffs);
- (b) was augmented early on in these proceedings through recognition by the stakeholders that a resolution of the Class Action litigation, if achievable, would be very much in the best interests of the restructuring process;
- (c) led to the Third Party Stay Order;
- (d) necessarily involved a representative status on the part of the Ontario Plaintiffs, reflected in the orders of this Honourable Court;
- (e) involved from there a closely integrated series of steps by which the Ontario Action Plaintiffs:
 - (i) filed a Proof of Claim in the proceedings on behalf of the entire proposed class;
 - (ii) participated in the claims process;
 - (iii) made the strategic decision on behalf of the class not to oppose the Applicant's motion seeking an order specifying that the shareholder claims were equity claims, as that term is defined in the CCAA;
 - (iv) negotiated certain protections and structure within the Plan in relation to the Noteholder claims advanced in the Class Action litigation;

- (v) sought from time to time to lift the stay with a view to advancing the Ontario Class Action, which steps were ultimately unsuccessful in light of the central role the litigation played in the restructuring of Sino-Forest;
- (f) led to a court-mandated mediation process, in which the Ontario Plaintiffs participated as representatives of the Class with authority to settle claims, directed towards resolving the Class Actions in the context of the CCAA Proceedings;
- (g) resulted in the Parties continuing to attempt, after the unsuccessful formal mediation, to achieve a global resolution;
- (h) involved Ernst & Young and the Ontario Plaintiffs continuing, on a bilateral basis but otherwise consistent with the processes put in place by the CCAA Court, to pursue a settlement that could facilitate the CCAA restructuring, and ultimately succeeding in doing so in late November of 2012;
- (i) led to an important negotiation to incorporate the framework of the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release within the Plan so as to:
 - (i) eliminate indemnification claims by Ernst & Young into the Sino-Forest estate, including at the subsidiary level;
 - (ii) facilitate a reduced or eliminated claims process so as to permit prompt Plan implementation;
 - (iii) create a template for further settlements of the Class Actions in a context in which other defendants, notably the Underwriters and BDO gave up their indemnification claims and facilitated a similar, and important, contribution to bringing the restructuring to a conclusion;
- (j) involved, as a result, a significant concession on the part of Ernst & Young by which it:
 - (i) gave up the indemnification claims;

- (ii) gave up its further leave to appeal rights from the Equity Claims Order;
 - (iii) in order to facilitate the expedited restructuring of the Applicant, took the step of permitting the balance of the Plan to be implemented without completion of the settlement approval process;
 - (iv) voted in favour of the Plan;
 - (v) supported the Plan Sanction Order; and
- (k) in the result a fund of CAD\$117,000,000 is available in respect of Ernst & Young Claims, all for the benefit of certain Sino-Forest stakeholders and in such a way as to reduce down substantially the scope of the Class Actions.


54. The Ernst & Young Settlement is one where:

- (a) the claims to be released are rationally related to the purpose of the Plan;
- (b) the release of those claims is necessary for the success of the Plan;
- (c) Ernst & Young is contributing in a tangible and realistic way; and
- (d) the Plan benefits both Sino-Forest and its creditors generally.

55. If the approval order sought is granted, this Honourable Court will retain continuing supervisory jurisdiction over the implementation of the settlement and specifically the allocation and distribution of the amounts in the Settlement Trust.

56. It is as against all of these factors that I believe that the Ernst & Young Settlement is fair and reasonable and Ernst & Young asks that it be approved by this Honourable Court pursuant to both the CCAA and the *Class Proceedings Act*.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of
Toronto, in the Province of Ontario on this
11th day of January, 2013

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Commissioner for Taking Affidavits
Shara N. Roy

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MIKE P. DEAN

Tab 10

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- a. an Order, if necessary, validating and abridging the time for service and filing of this motion and motion record, and dispensing with any further notice thereof;
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- c. an Order declaring that the Objectors are not bound by the Settlement Approval Order, in the event that this Court appoints the Ontario Plaintiffs as representatives of all Securities Claimants and grants the proposed Settlement Approval Order; and,
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AFFIDAVIT OF ERIC J. ADELSON
(Sworn January 18, 2013)

I, ERIC J. ADELSON, of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. I am the Senior Vice President, Secretary, and Head of Legal of Invesco Canada Ltd. (“Invesco”) and as such I have personal knowledge of the matters to which I depose in this affidavit.

2. Invesco was established in 1981 and is one of Canada’s leading investment management companies, with approximately \$24 billion in assets under management. Invesco’s parent company, Invesco Ltd., is a leading independent global investment manager with approximately \$680 billion in assets under management.

3. I respectfully submit this affidavit in support of Invesco’s and the other Objectors¹ objections to the proposed settlement between the plaintiffs (“Ontario Plaintiffs”) in the *Labourers’ Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada v. Sino-Forest Corporation*, Court file No. 11-CV-431153CP (“Class Action”) and Ernst & Young LLP and its related entities (“E&Y”) (the “E&Y Settlement”).

4. I also respectfully submit this affidavit in support of the motion by Invesco under Rule 10.03 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* for relief from the binding effect of a Representation Order and a Settlement Approval Order in the event this Court appoints the Ontario Plaintiffs as representatives of all Securities Claimants and grants the proposed Settlement Approval Order.

Objections to the E&Y Settlement

5. Invesco objects to the E&Y Settlement as follows:

¹ Invesco Canada Ltd., Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P., Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc., Matrix Asset Management Inc., Gestion Férique and Montrusco Bolton Investments Inc.

- a) It was improper for the Ontario Plaintiffs to have traded away the opt out rights of class members in this Class Action, or to have rendered such opt out rights illusory, by agreeing to provide a full and final release under Article 11.1 (“Release”) of the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization (“Plan”) of the claims of Securities Claimants (as defined in Schedule A of the proposed order) against E&Y in this *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act* (“CCAA”) proceeding, in return for what the Ontario Plaintiffs’ counsel believe to be a “substantial premium” amount to be paid by E&Y into the proposed Settlement Trust;
- b) it is improper for the Ontario Plaintiffs to seek, and it would be improper for the Court to approve, any settlement and any release of Securities Claimants’ claims against E&Y, in this CCAA proceeding, under the present circumstances;
- c) it is improper for the Ontario Plaintiffs to seek, and it would be improper for the Court to approve, any settlement of class members’ claims against E&Y in this Class Action without either (a) excluding the persons who opted out in response to the Pöyry notice if the Pöyry opt out procedure is found to have been proper, or (b) providing for certification, notice, and opt out rights to Securities Claimants in connection with this settlement – and in either case assuring that any such opt outs are not illusory by virtue of any Releases as described above;

- d) it is improper and belated for the Ontario Plaintiffs to seek, and it would be improper for the Court to approve, the requested representation order in connection with the Release and settlement described above;
- e) it is improper for the Ontario Plaintiffs to present, and it would be improper for the Court to consider and approve, the E&Y Settlement in instalments, particularly in the absence of any plan for distributing any funds deposited in the proposed Settlement Trust. In the absence of a distribution plan, the Objectors cannot evaluate the sufficiency of the E&Y settlement consideration; and
- f) the Objectors reserve the right to supplement these grounds in response to further information emerging in these proceedings.

Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" is the Notice of Objection of Invesco dated January 17, 2013.

6. Invesco caused mutual funds managed by it ("Funds") to purchase a large amount of Sino-Forest shares during the class period. Those Funds held those shares on June 2, 2011, and suffered substantial losses. I and others at Invesco were aware of the ensuing class litigation and knew Invesco was an absent class member in the Class Action. We were also aware that Sino-Forest sought *CCAA* protection, but we did not anticipate that the apparently routine activity in the *CCAA* proceedings would affect Invesco's rights as against E&Y and other defendants in the Class Action, other than as against Sino-Forest and its subsidiaries and perhaps against the company's directors and officers to some extent.

7. Invesco retained Kim Orr Barristers P.C. (“Kim Orr”) in mid-November 2012 when it appeared that upcoming events in the Sino-Forest *CCAA* proceedings might affect investors’ rights. However, I did not see anything in the *CCAA* proceedings that could or would imperil Invesco’s right to proceed separately against E&Y or any other “third-party defendants” if Invesco determined that such a course of action would be prudent once a class was certified or a settlement was proposed, because I believed that opt out rights would be provided as a matter of normal procedure in the Class Action.

8. I believe that there was nothing in the pre-December 3, 2012 versions of the Plan which raised concern at Invesco. In fact, the November 28, 2012 version of the Plan preserved under Article 7.5 the equity Class Action claims against third-party defendants. Attached as Exhibit “B” is a true copy of the November 28, 2012 Plan.

9. On December 3, 2012, Class Counsel announced that a settlement had been entered into with E&Y, whereby E&Y would pay \$117 million into a Settlement Trust formed as part of the *CCAA* proceedings, in return for release of all claims that could be advanced against E&Y by any person in connection with Sino-Forest. Also on December 3, 2012, an amended Plan was filed. For the first time in the *CCAA* proceedings, Article 11 of this Plan contained a so called “framework” for settlement of claims against third-party defendants, including specific provisions concerning the settlement by and Releases for E&Y, and also allowing Named Third Party Defendants to avail themselves of similar provisions for unspecified settlements and Releases in the future.

10. The disclosures of the proposed E&Y Settlement and the Plan “framework” in early December 2012 caused me to have grave concerns about the direction of these proceedings, about the preservation of investors’ opt out rights as against E&Y and other

third-party defendants, and ultimately about investors' ability to obtain a fair adjudication of the merits of their claims against E&Y and other third-party defendants.

11. I previously submitted my affidavit in this *CCAA* proceeding, sworn on December 6, 2012, requesting an adjournment of the application before the Court at that time and offering preliminary reasons for objecting to the Plan's Release provisions. As I stated at paragraph 10 of my December 6, 2012 affidavit, the Ontario Securities Commissions ("OSC") issued a Statement of Allegations against E&Y on December 3, 2012, alleging that E&Y had failed to comply with Generally Acceptable Auditing Standards in connection with its audits of Sino-Forest's financial statements.² Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "C" is a real and true copy of my affidavit sworn December 6, 2012.

12. Since that time, the events that have unfolded have deepened my objections to the Plan, which this Court subsequently sanctioned in the Order of Justice Morawetz dated December 10, 2012, and to the E&Y Settlement, which is now before this Court for review in both the *CCAA* and *Class Proceedings Act, 1992* ("*CPA*") contexts.

13. The statements I made in my December 6, 2012 affidavit remain valid, and I respectfully adopt them in support of Invesco's objections.

14. I expressed concerns, in paragraph 15 of my December 6, 2012 affidavit, that the Plan "framework" might have been devised to allow E&Y to "bind investors to [a] settlement without giving them the opportunity to opt out and pursue their claims on the merits outside the Class Action."

² Statement of Allegations against Ernst & Young by the Ontario Securities Commission dated December 3, 2012, Plaintiffs Motion Record (Returnable February 4, 2013), Tab FF, at p. 825.

15. This Court, in its Endorsement denying Invesco's request to adjourn the Sanction Hearing dated December 10, 2012, determined that such concerns were premature and should be addressed in connection with a later motion for approval of the settlement with E&Y.³ That time has now arrived. It appears to me that my previously expressed concerns were and are wholly valid. Invesco accordingly renews its strenuous objection and opposition to approval of this settlement.

16. I have not seen anything to indicate that either the "framework" or the Minutes of Settlement between the Ontario Plaintiffs and E&Y was or is necessary for the remainder of the Plan to be implemented.

17. Invesco was also mindful that Class Counsel had reached a proposed settlement with Pöyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Ltd ("Pöyry"), one of the defendants in the Class Action, on March 20, 2012, and that January 15, 2013, was the opt out deadline established by the class action court in connection with that settlement. Invesco determined to opt out, inasmuch as we were not satisfied with Class Counsel's representation of our interests as a class member. A true copy of Invesco's opt out form without Invesco's trading records is attached as Exhibit "D".

18. It appeared to us that the Pöyry opt out procedure might involve a "Catch 22" provision -- if we opted out to pursue our remedies individually, we might be giving up our ability to share in any settlement proceeds, but the proposed full Release of E&Y might prevent us from seeking remedies on our own, thus making the opt out right illusory. Accordingly, in an effort to avoid such a trap, our opt out form states that:

³ Plan Sanction Endorsement dated December 10, 2012, Plaintiffs Motion Record (Returnable February 4, 2013), Tab E1, at p. 215-216 at paras. 20, 22-25.

This opt-out is submitted on condition that, and is intended to be effective only to the extent that, any defendant in this proceeding does not receive an order in this proceeding, which order becomes final, releasing any claim against such defendant, which includes a claim asserted on an opt-out basis by Invesco Canada Ltd. Otherwise this opt out right would be wholly illusory.

19. I believe that following the sanction hearing, Class Counsel disseminated a memorandum in which they openly stated they “believe that E&Y paid a substantial premium in order to be released from all claims through the Insolvency Proceeding.” Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit “E” is a true copy of the Memorandum by Siskinds LLP to institutional investors dated December 31, 2012. That Memorandum incorrectly stated that Invesco “ignored” an invitation to discuss the E&Y Settlement with Class Counsel; in fact, I had gone out of town for the holidays by the time that invitation was extended. Furthermore, on January 11, 2013, Invesco participated in a teleconference with Class Counsel on a without prejudice basis.

20. As stated at paragraph 16 of my December 6, 2012 affidavit, Invesco does not view the Ontario Plaintiffs and Class Counsel, with whom it has no direct relationship, as authorized to represent its interests in connection with Sino-Forest and/or E&Y. Invesco never instructed Class Counsel to bargain away Invesco’s right to opt out of the Class Action.

21. Invesco views the grant of no-opt-out Releases to third-party defendants to constitute a misuse of the *CCAA* process.

22. On January 11, 2013, Invesco’s concerns about the misuse of the *CCAA* to grant third-party defendants no-opt-out Releases were reinforced when it was announced that

Allen Chan, alleged by the OSC to have committed fraud in connection with Sino-Forest⁴, was added as a Named Third Party Defendant and thus became eligible to receive a Release under Article 11.2 of the Plan without opt outs. Attached as Exhibits “F”, “G” and “H” are the letters from Jennifer Stam to the Service List dated January 11, 2013, the response from Kim Orr, dated January 11, 2013, and the reply dated January 12, 2013, respectively.

23. Under the present circumstances, Invesco is unable to assess the adequacy and fairness of the proposed settlement amount offered by E&Y:

- a) Invesco and its counsel have not been provided access to any documents relating to E&Y’s audit work at Sino-Forest. I believe that Class Counsel has not had full access to such documents either;
- b) investigations by the OSC and the RCMP into E&Y’s audit work at Sino-Forest have not been completed and the results have not been reported to the public;
- c) the amount of insurance coverage available to E&Y with respect to its audit work for Sino-Forest has not been publicly disclosed; and,
- d) it is not yet established whether E&Y or its agents had knowledge that Sino-Forest’s public representations (including its financial statements) concerning the company’s assets and business operations were materially false, or whether those parties were reckless in not recognizing those facts.

⁴ Statement of Allegations issued against Sino and certain officers and directors issued by the Ontario Securities Commission dated May 22, 2012, Plaintiffs Motion Record (Returnable February 4, 2013), Tab EE, at p. 786.

24. Approval of the E&Y Settlement in these circumstances would send a signal to publicly listed companies, professional service firms, and other third parties that may be accused of securities fraud, that the *CCAA* process can be used by them to procure settlements and Releases of the claims against them without providing opt out rights to injured investors.

Ontario Plaintiffs Should Not Be Appointed as Representatives

25. The Ontario Plaintiffs and Class Counsel should not be appointed under Rule 10 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* to represent Invesco and the other Objectors represented by Kim Orr. Kim Orr already represents our interests.

26. The Ontario Plaintiffs and Class Counsel previously sought to represent class members in the *CCAA* proceeding, but that motion was never granted.

27. I do not believe that the Ontario Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have properly represented Invesco's interests in this matter, and in fact they have acted contrary to our interests, as described above.

28. The fact that Class Counsel believe that the proposed settlement consideration includes a "substantial premium" attributable to the negation of opt out rights also leads me to conclude that Class Counsel are in a conflict position with investors who seek to opt out, in that Class Counsel will seek an award of class counsel fees based on a percentage of the overall settlement consideration, which reportedly includes a premium reflecting loss of our opt out rights. Attached as Exhibit "I" is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, an excerpt from a true copy of Contingency Fee Joint Retainer

Agreement between the Ontario Plaintiffs and Class Counsel signed in July and August 2012.

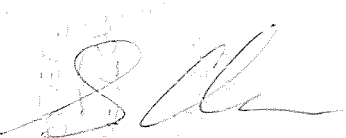
29. The Ontario Plaintiffs' representation request is particularly misguided in that it seeks to vest authority in Class Counsel retroactively, to provide a veneer of regularity over a previously negotiated settlement to which Invesco in fact objects.

Order Requested

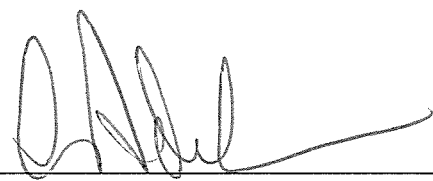
30. Invesco respectfully requests that this Court dismiss the motion to approve the E&Y Settlement.

31. In the alternative, Invesco respectfully requests that relief from the binding effect of the Representation Order and Settlement Approval Order be granted to Invesco and the other Objectors represented by Kim Orr.

SWORN before me at the City of)
Toronto, in the Province of Ontario,)
this 18th day of January, 2013.)



A Commissioner for taking affidavits.)



ERIC J. ADELSON

Commercial Court File No.: CV-12-9667-00CL

IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

Superior Court File No.: CV-10-414302CP

THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND
OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN CANADA, et al.

- and -

SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, et al.

Plaintiffs

Defendants

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMERCIAL LIST**

Proceeding commenced at Toronto

AFFIDAVIT OF ERIC J. ADELSON
(Motion returnable February 4, 2013)

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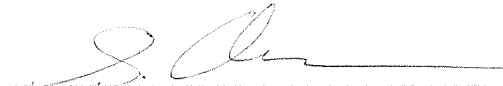
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Montrusco Bolton Investments Inc.

Tab A

This is Exhibit "A" to the affidavit of Eric J. Adelson,
sworn before me at the City of Toronto, in the Province
of Ontario, this 18th day of January, 2013.



A Commissioner for taking affidavits.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION

TO: FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC.
 acting in its capacity as Monitor of Sino-Forest Corporation
 TD Waterhouse Tower
 79 Wellington Street West
 Suite 2010, P.O. Box 104
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Attention: Jodi Porepa

Email: Jodi.porepa@fticonsulting.com

RE: SINO-FOREST CORPORATION—PROPOSED SETTLEMENT WITH ERNST & YOUNG LLP (the “ERNST & YOUNG SETTLEMENT”)

I, Invesco Canada Ltd. (please check all boxes that apply):
 (insert name)

- am a current shareholder of Sino –Forest Corporation
- am a former shareholder of Sino –Forest Corporation
- am a current noteholder of Sino –Forest Corporation
- am a former noteholder of Sino –Forest Corporation
- other (please explain)

I acknowledge that pursuant to the order of Mr. Justice Morawetz dated December 21, 2012 (the “Order”), persons wishing to object to the Ernst & Young Settlement are required to complete and deliver this Notice of Objection to FTI Consulting Canada Inc., acting in its capacity as Monitor of Sino-Forest Corporation, by mail, courier or email to be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on January 18, 2013, and comply with the litigation timetable appended as Schedule C to the Order.

I hereby give notice that I object to the Ernst & Young Settlement, for the following reasons:

1. It is improper for the Ontario Plaintiffs to seek, and it would be improper for the Court to approve, any settlement and any release under Article 11.1 of the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization of Securities Claimants’ claims against E&Y in this *Companies Creditors Arrangement Act* proceeding, under the present circumstances;

2. It is improper for the Ontario Plaintiffs to seek, and it would be improper for the Court to approve, any settlement of securities claimants' claims against E&Y in this Class Proceeding without either (a) excluding the persons who opted out in response to the Pöyry notice if the Pöyry opt out procedure is found to have been proper, or (b) providing for certification, notice, and opt out rights to securities claimants in connection with this settlement – and in either case assuring that any such opt outs are not illusory by virtue of any releases as described above;
3. It is improper and belated for the Ontario Plaintiffs to seek, and it would be improper for the Court to approve, the requested representation order in connection with the releases and settlements described above;
4. It is improper for the Ontario Plaintiffs to present, and it would be improper for the Court to consider and approve, the E&Y settlement in installments, particularly in the absence of any plan for distributing any funds deposited in the proposed Settlement Trust. In the absence of a distribution plan, the Objectors cannot evaluate the sufficiency of the E&Y settlement consideration;
5. It was improper for the Ontario Plaintiffs to have traded away class members' opt out rights by providing a full and final release to E&Y, in return for what the Ontario Plaintiffs' counsel believe to be a "substantial premium" amount for the proposed Settlement Trust;
6. Objectors reserve the right to supplement these grounds in response to further information emerging in these proceedings.

I DO NOT intend to appear at the hearing of the motion to approve the Ernst & Young Settlement, and I understand that my objection will be filed with the court prior to the hearing of the motion at 10:00 a.m. on February 4, 2013, at 330 University Ave., 8th Floor Toronto, Ontario.

I DO intend to appear, in person or by counsel, and to make submissions at the hearing of the motion to approve the Ernst & Young Settlement at 10:00 a.m. on February 4, 2013, at 330 University Ave., 8th Floor Toronto, Ontario.

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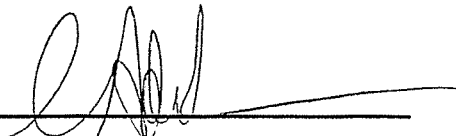
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January 17, 2013

Signature:



Tab 12

Court File No. CV-12-9667-00CL

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMERCIAL LIST**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*,
R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED, AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF
COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION**

Court File No.: CV-11-431153-00CP

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN:

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND OF CENTRAL AND
EASTERN CANADA, THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 793 PENSION PLAN FOR OPERATING
ENGINEERS IN ONTARIO, SJUNDE AP-FONDEN, DAVID GRANT and
ROBERT WONG**

Plaintiffs

- and -

**SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ERNST & YOUNG LLP, BDO LIMITED
(formerly known as BDO MCCABE LO LIMITED), ALLEN T.Y. CHAN, W.
JUDSON MARTIN, KAI KIT POON, DAVID J. HORSLEY, WILLIAM E.
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MURRAY, PETER WANG, GARRY J. WEST, PÖYRY (BEIJING)
CONSULTING COMPANY LIMITED, CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES
(CANADA), INC., TD SECURITIES INC., DUNDEE SECURITIES
CORPORATION, RBC DOMINION SECURITIES INC., SCOTIA CAPITAL
INC., CIBC WORLD MARKETS INC., MERRILL LYNCH CANADA INC.,
CANACCORD FINANCIAL LTD., MAISON PLACEMENTS CANADA INC.,
CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC and MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE,
FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED (successor by merger to Banc of America
Securities LLC)**

Defendants

Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*

**AFFIDAVIT OF DANIEL SIMARD
(Sworn January 18, 2013)**

I, Daniel Simard, of the City of Montréal, in the Province of Québec, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer and serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and Committees of Comité syndical national de retraite Bâtirente Inc. (“Bâtirente”) and as such I have personal knowledge of the matters to which I depose in this affidavit.

2. I respectfully submit this affidavit in support of Bâtirente’s and the other Objectors’¹ objections to the proposed settlement between the plaintiffs (“Ontario Plaintiffs”) in the *Labourers’ Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada v. Sino-Forest Corporation*, Court file No. 11-CV-431153CP (“Class Action”) and Ernst & Young LLP and its related entities (“E&Y”) (the “E&Y Settlement”).

3. I also respectfully submit this affidavit in support of the motion by Bâtirente under Rule 10.03 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* for relief from the binding effect of a Representation Order and a Settlement Approval Order in the event this Court appoints the Ontario Plaintiffs as representatives of all Securities Claimants and grants the proposed Settlement Approval Order.

Grounds for Objection to the E&Y Settlement

4. The grounds for Bâtirente’s objections are as follows:
- a) it was improper for the Ontario Plaintiffs to have traded away the opt out rights of class members in this Class Action, or to have rendered such opt out rights illusory, by agreeing to provide a full and final release under

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Article 11.1 (“Release”) of the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization (“Plan”) of the claims of Securities Claimants (as defined in Schedule A of the proposed order) against E&Y in this *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act* (“CCAA”) proceeding, in return for what the Ontario Plaintiffs’ counsel believe to be a “substantial premium” amount to be paid by E&Y into the proposed Settlement Trust;

- b) it is improper for the Ontario Plaintiffs to seek, and it would be improper for the Court to approve, any settlement and any release of Securities Claimants’ claims against E&Y, in this *CCAA* proceeding, under the present circumstances;
- c) it is improper for the Ontario Plaintiffs to seek, and it would be improper for the Court to approve, any settlement of class members’ claims against E&Y in this Class Action without either (a) excluding the persons who opted out in response to the Pöyry notice if the Pöyry opt out procedure is found to have been proper, or (b) providing for certification, notice, and opt out rights to Securities Claimants in connection with this settlement – and in either case assuring that any such opt outs are not illusory by virtue of any Releases as described above;
- d) it is improper and belated for the Ontario Plaintiffs to seek, and it would be improper for the Court to approve, the requested representation order in connection with the Release and settlement described above;
- e) it is improper for the Ontario Plaintiffs to present, and it would be improper for the Court to consider and approve, the E&Y Settlement in

instalments, particularly in the absence of any plan for distributing any funds deposited in the proposed Settlement Trust. In the absence of a distribution plan, the Objectors cannot evaluate the sufficiency of the E&Y settlement consideration; and

- f) the Objectors reserve the right to supplement these grounds in response to further information emerging in these proceedings.

Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit “A” is the Notice of Objection of Bâtirente dated January 17, 2013.

5. Bâtirente is a non-profit organization, created in 1987. Bâtirente was initiated by the Confederation of National Trade Unions (“CSN”) to establish and promote a workplace retirement system for CSN-affiliated unions and other organizations. Most of Bâtirente’s board members are elected from representatives of participating groups or appointed by the CSN executive committee.

6. More than 26,000 workers participate in a Bâtirente retirement plan and Bâtirente funds have total assets of approximately \$1.1 billion (non-audited) as at December 31, 2012.

7. Bâtirente, through the funds it manages, owned 11,875 common shares of Sino-Forest Corporation (“Sino-Forest”) on June 2, 2011, and accordingly suffered substantial losses after the market in Sino-Forest shares collapsed after public issuance on that day of a securities analyst’s report alleging that the company’s assets and operations were permeated by fraud.

8. On September 26, 2011, Bâtirente, together with Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. (“NEI”), issued a proposed class proceeding against Sino-Forest, certain officers and directors, the underwriters, the auditors, and other experts (No. CV-11-43582600-CP, the “NEI Action”). Kim Orr Barristers P.C. (“Kim Orr”) was Bâtirente’s counsel in the NEI Action and continues to be its outside counsel in these proceedings.

9. A number of other class proceedings were commenced against Sino-Forest. The plaintiffs in the various Ontario actions moved for carriage. On January 6, 2012, Justice Perell granted carriage to the plaintiffs in the *Labourers’ Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada v. Sino-Forest Corporation*, No. 11-CV-431153CP (the “Class Action”) and stayed the competing actions, including the NEI Action. In his reasons, Justice Perell explicitly noted that Bâtirente, NEI, and other institutional investors were “prime candidates to opt out of the class proceeding” if they were not selected as representative plaintiffs to pursue compensation, if they did not wish to proceed under the Class Action. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit “B” are excerpts of the decision of Justice Perell granting carriage to the Class Action.

10. NEI’s and Bâtirente’s decisions not to seek leave to appeal the carriage decision was based in part on our understanding that we would be given the opportunity to opt out of the Class Action at an appropriate time, if we deemed it appropriate to do so.

11. Bâtirente has previously served as a representative plaintiff in a class action, and I am well aware that representative plaintiffs have a fundamental duty to represent the class and absent class members fairly and adequately and to act in their best interests. I also noted that the Ontario Plaintiffs in the Class Action confirmed that they had the same understanding of their duties during the carriage motion.

12. In my view, the Ontario Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have violated their duties to class members by acceding to a settlement with E&Y in which class members' opt out rights will be negated and/or rendered illusory.

13. Bâtirente remained interested in the Class Action after losing the carriage motion, and communicated occasionally with Kim Orr about the status of the litigation, while understanding that as an absent class member its interests were being represented by the Ontario Plaintiffs and Class Counsel in the Class Action.

14. On March 20, 2012, Class Counsel announced that they had reached a settlement with Pöyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Limited ("Pöyry"). Pöyry would provide certain cooperation to Class Counsel in the action but would not provide any monetary consideration to the class. The Pöyry settlement contemplated a normal procedure for certification of a settlement class, a settlement approval hearing, and opt out rights for class members that wished to exclude themselves.

15. Ten days later, Sino-Forest entered into *CCAA* proceedings, on March 30, 2012. The Class Action was stayed. In due course, the Ontario Plaintiffs applied for, and the *CCAA* court ordered, a partial lifting of the stay of proceedings to allow the Pöyry settlement to proceed in the Class Action under the *Class Proceedings Act*. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "C" is the Order of Justice Morawetz, dated May 8, 2012 and entered May 11, 2012, lifting the stay as to Pöyry.

16. In the meantime, and apparently in view of the fact that a class had not been certified yet in the Class Action, the Ontario Plaintiffs filed a motion in the *CCAA* proceedings on April 13, 2012, seeking a representation order under Rule 10 of the Ontario *Rules of Civil Procedure*. The proposed representation order specifically

provided that class members could opt out of the representation, and included a form of opt out letter that class members could submit for that purpose. However, for reasons that are unclear, the motion was adjourned *sine die* without being decided. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibits “D” and “E” are the Draft Representation Order of the Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant’s Securities dated April 13, 2012 and the Endorsement of the Honourable Mr. Justice Morawetz dated August 31, 2012 and October 9, 2012, respectively.

17. The proposed Pöyry settlement continued to move forward, however. After notice was sent out to the class, and after a hearing on September 21, 2012, Justice Perell entered an order certifying the proceeding “as a class proceeding, for purposes of settlement only,” allowing opt outs, providing that opt outs “may no longer participate in any continuation or settlement of the within action,” approving the settlement, entering a bar order, and setting an opt out deadline (later defined as January 15, 2013). Attached hereto and marked as Exhibits “F” and “G” are, respectively, a true copy of the Reasons for Decision of Justice Perell in the Class Action, dated September 25, 2012, and a copy of his Order, entered October 30, 2012.

18. We became aware that Class Counsel, acting for the Ontario Plaintiffs and other investors named the “Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant’s Securities,” were participating in mediations among parties in the *CCAA* proceeding, including defendants in the Class Action. Bâtirente did not see any reason to participate in or object to those discussions.

19. I am informed by counsel that the version of the Plan distributed on November 28, 2012 – i.e., immediately before the E&Y Settlement was announced – explicitly

provided that claims against third-party defendants, including E&Y, were not affected by the Plan:

7.5 Equity Class Action Claims Against the Third Party Defendants

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, any Class Action Claim against the Third Party Defendants that relates to the purchase, sale or ownership of Existing Shares or Equity Interests: (a) is unaffected by this Plan; (b) is not discharged, released, cancelled or barred pursuant to this Plan; (c) shall be permitted to continue as against the Third Party Defendants; (d) shall not be limited or restricted by this Plan in any manner as to quantum or otherwise (including any collection or recovery for any such Class Action Claim that relates to any liability of the Third Party Defendants for any alleged liability of SFC); and (e) does not constitute an Equity Claim or an Affected Claim under this Plan.²

There was no indication prior to December 3, 2012, that any parties had any different intention.

20. Class Counsel and E&Y announced on December 3, 2012, that they had reached a proposed settlement, one of the terms of which apparently envisioned entry of full and final releases in favour of E&Y in the *CCAA* proceedings and/or settlement proceedings in the Class Action, the effect of which would be to negate the opt out rights of class members. This was a complete surprise to us at Bâtirente, in that nothing in the *CCAA* or Class Action proceedings portended such an attempt, and it was and is our understanding that opt out rights cannot be abrogated under these circumstances.

21. Bâtirente is especially concerned that E&Y, which should have acted as a gatekeeper guarding against abuse and fraud by participants in Canada's capital markets, allowed the Sino-Forest fraud to develop under its watch, and is now misusing a *CCAA*

² Amended Plan of Compromise and Reorganization dated November 28, 2012, Responding Motion Record of the Objectors, Tab ____.

proceeding in which it is only a third-party defendant in order to obtain a global Release from civil liability without providing injured investors the right to litigate their claims individually against E&Y after opting out of class litigation.

22. I respectfully refer and subscribe to the Affidavit of Eric J. Adelson, of Invesco, Ltd., another Objector represented by Kim Orr, with respect to our view of the E&Y Settlement.

23. I understand there is a risk that a class member's failure to opt out of the Pöyry settlement might be interpreted as depriving the class member of any opt out right with respect to the action or any additional settlements in the future. In view of that risk, and in order to preserve our rights as against Pöyry and the other parties in the *CCAA* proceeding and the Class Action, Bâtirente submitted an opt out form on January 15, 2013.

24. In order to avoid the possibility that Bâtirente might be excluded both from participating in the E&Y and/or other third-party defendant settlements, and from being able to prosecute claims against those defendants outside the Class Action, Bâtirente included a condition on the opt-out form:

This opt-out is submitted on condition that, and is intended to be effective only to the extent that, any defendant in this proceeding does not receive an order in this proceeding, which order becomes final, releasing any claim against such defendant, which includes a claim asserted on an opt-out basis by Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc. Otherwise, this opt out right would be wholly illusory.

Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "H" is a real and true copy of Bâtirente's opt out form (without trading records).


25. My understanding of opt out rights is that Bâtirente, by opting out, would not be able to participate in the Class Action, but that we were preserving our rights to pursue our own claims against the defendants in the Class Action, including Pöyry and E&Y (among others). The E&Y Settlement, and the framework that may allow other defendants to avail themselves of this procedure, would deprive Bâtirente of those rights.

Order Requested

26. Bâtirente respectfully requests that this Court dismiss the motion to approve the E&Y Settlement.

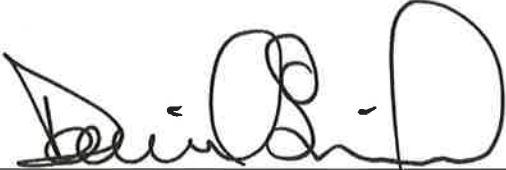
27. In the alternative, Bâtirente respectfully requests that relief from the binding effect of the Settlement Approval Order be granted to Bâtirente and the other Objectors represented by Kim Orr.

SWORN before me at the City of)
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 this 18th day of January, 2013.)
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 DANIEL SIMARD

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AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

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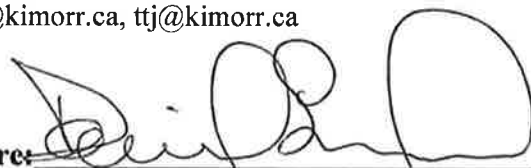
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BETWEEN:

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EASTERN CANADA, THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
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ENGINEERS IN ONTARIO, SJUNDE AP-FONDEN, DAVID GRANT and
ROBERT WONG**

Plaintiffs

- and -

**SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ERNST & YOUNG LLP, BDO LIMITED
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CANACCORD FINANCIAL LTD., MAISON PLACEMENTS CANADA INC.,
CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC and MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE,
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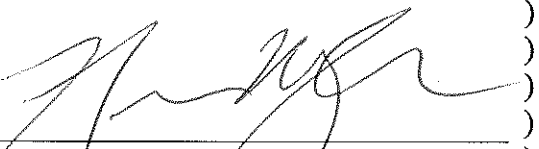
AFFIDAVIT OF TANYA T. JEMEC
(Sworn January 18, 2013)

I, Tanya T. Jemec, of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. I am an Associate at Kim Orr Barristers P.C. (“Kim Orr”) and as such have personal knowledge of the matters to which I depose in this affidavit.
2. Kim Orr represents a group of six Securities Claimants as that term is defined in Appendix A to the draft Settlement Approval Order: Invesco Canada Ltd., Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P., Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc., Matrix Asset Management Inc., Gestion Férique and Montrusco Bolton Investments Inc., which purchased shares of Sino-Forest Corporation (“Sino-Forest”) (together, the “Objectors”).
3. The Objectors have submitted notices of objection to the proposed settlement between the plaintiffs (“Ontario Plaintiffs”) in the *Labourers’ Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada v. Sino-Forest Corporation*, Court file No. 11-CV-431153CP (“Class Action”) and Ernst & Young LLP and its related entities (“E&Y”) (the “E&Y Settlement”).
4. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibits “A” to “D” are true copies of the Notices of Objection for Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P., Matrix Asset Management Inc., Gestion Férique and Montrusco Bolton Investments Inc.
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6. It is my belief from reviewing the trading records that the Objectors have purchased a total of 6,275,422 shares of Sino-Forest during the Class Period and that as of June 2, 2011 the Objectors held a total of 3,995,932 shares.

7. On December 17, 2012 Counsel in the New York Class Action (*Leopard et al. v. Chan et al.*, 1:12-cv-01726-VM) wrote a letter to the Ontario Plaintiffs' Counsel raising concerns about the E&Y Settlement. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "T" is a letter from Mr. Richard Spiers to Mr. A. Dimitri Lascaris dated December 17, 2012.

SWORN before me at the City of)
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this 18th day of January, 2013.)



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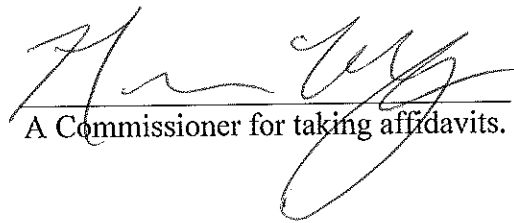
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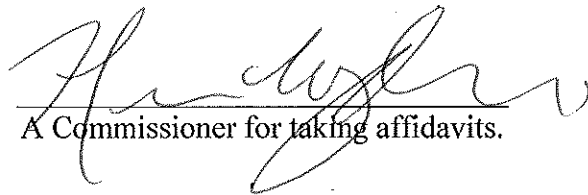
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Tab B

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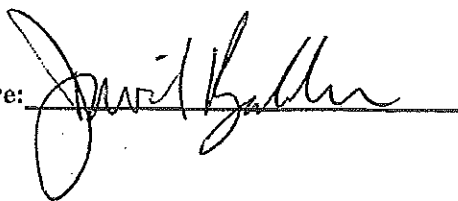
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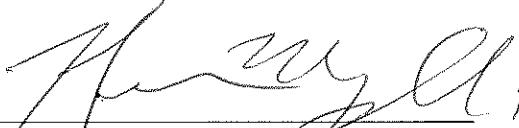
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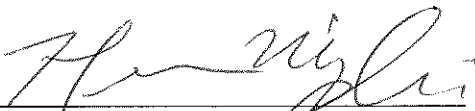
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Tab D

This is Exhibit "D" to the affidavit of Tanya T. Jemec,
sworn before me at the City of Toronto, in the Province
of Ontario, this 18th day of January, 2013.


A Commissioner for taking affidavits.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION

TO: FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC.
 acting in its capacity as Monitor of Sino-Forest Corporation
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RE: SINO-FOREST CORPORATION—PROPOSED SETTLEMENT WITH ERNST & YOUNG LLP (the “ERNST & YOUNG SETTLEMENT”)

I, Montrusco Bolton Investments Inc. (please check all boxes that apply):
 (insert name)

- am a current shareholder of Sino –Forest Corporation
- am a former shareholder of Sino –Forest Corporation
- am a current noteholder of Sino –Forest Corporation
- am a former noteholder of Sino –Forest Corporation
- other (please explain)

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VIA FACSIMILE AND E-MAIL

March 26, 2013

The Honourable Mr. Justice Morawetz
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Your Honour:

Re: *Sino-Forest Corporation (Re) – CCAA Proceeding, Court File No. CV-12-9667-00CL*

The Trustees of the Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada v. Sino-Forest Corp., Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP

This letter is respectfully submitted on behalf of Invesco Canada Ltd., Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P., Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc., Matrix Asset Management Inc., Gestion Férique and Montrusco Bolton Investments Inc. (the "Objectors" in the above proceedings) with respect to the proposed settlement with Ernst & Young LLP and related matters. This letter responds to the Court's request at this morning's conference for a specification in writing of our objections and alternative proposals for settling the Order with respect to the Court's Endorsement, dated March 20, 2013.

The Objectors maintain their opposition to the substance of the proposed settlement and related matters as previously argued to the Court. As stated at the conference, the Objectors respectfully raise three issues in connection with the form of order proposed by Class Counsel and E&Y (the "Proposed Order").

First, we note that the Endorsement states in numerous places that distribution of the Settlement Fund is an integral part of the CCAA Plan of Compromise of Sino-Forest ("Plan"). See, e.g., Endorsement paragraph 63 ("it is clear that Ernst & Young is contributing in a tangible way to the Plan, by its significant contribution of \$117 million."); see also paragraphs 36, 50, 54, 62, and 71. We also note that section 6(8) of the CCAA requires a plan of compromise or arrangement to provide "that all claims that are not equity claims are to be paid in full before [any] equity claim is to be paid." Similarly, Plan section 4.5 provides that, in light of the fact that non-equity creditors are not being paid in full, "Equity Claimants shall not receive any



consideration or distributions under the Plan” In the case of Sino-Forest, the non-equity creditors are the company’s noteholders as of the Distribution Record Date.

Paragraph 17 of the Proposed Order contemplates distribution of the Settlement Fund “to or for the benefit of the Securities Claimants for their claims against Ernst & Young.” Securities Claimants are defined in Appendix A of the Proposed Order as persons who acquired Sino-Forest securities, including shares and notes, at any time. This includes members of the class in the Class Action, i.e. Sino-Forest share purchasers and note purchasers during the class period, even if those persons subsequently have sold their shares or notes. “Securities Claimants” as a group thus include noteholders, but also note purchasers who no longer hold their notes, and also any share purchasers (who may or may not still be shareholders as well).

Some counsel at today’s conference indicated that the net Settlement Fund is intended to be paid to plaintiffs and class members in the Class Action – i.e., share and note purchasers during the class period. In our view, distribution of any settlement proceeds from E&Y to class members would be appropriate. However, since as currently configured the distribution of Settlement Fund amounts will occur as part of the Plan, as the Court found in its Endorsement, we are concerned that payments to share and note purchasers cannot be squared with *CCAA* section 6(8) and Plan section 4.5, as described above.

Although we acknowledge that the actual allocation of Settlement Fund amounts will be decided later, in our view the tension described above represents a fundamental problem stemming from using the *CCAA* to effectuate a third-party non-debtor settlement and releases in this situation, and we do not see any way to resolve that issue in the wording of the order. We understood Class Counsel to say that the Settlement Fund was intended to be “separate” from the Plan and thus not subject to section 6(8), and they may wish to clarify this in their proposed language for the order, although in our view that would not resolve the underlying problem.

Second, paragraph 4 of the Proposed Order appoints the Ontario Plaintiffs as “representatives on behalf of ... the ‘Securities Claimants’ ... in the Ontario Class Action, including for the purposes of and as contemplated by section 11.1 of the Plan, and more particularly the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release.” The Objectors continue to assert that their interests cannot be represented by the Ontario Plaintiffs for the reasons previously argued. In addition it seems clear that a conflict has developed between non-equity creditor noteholders and other securities claimants, as described in the section above, such that they cannot all be properly represented by the Ontario Plaintiffs and their counsel. Finally it is unclear whether the appointment is intended to cover representation of a certified class as against all remaining defendants in the class action; if the intent is more limited, as counsel seemed to indicate at the conference, in our view the word “including” could be removed in paragraph 4, so that the representation is expressly limited to section 11.1 of the Plan and more particularly the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release. While our clients object to that representation, at least the intended scope will be made clear.

Third, the Proposed Order does not deal with the status of the Objectors’ opt outs (mentioned at paragraph 80 of the Endorsement). The Objectors wish to opt out and believe they have, but we understand our friends’ position to be that the Releases are effective regardless. This could be clarified by inserting, in Paragraph 9 of the Proposed Order (describing the binding effect of the



Release) after the word “disability,” the phrase: “... notwithstanding any purported Class Action opt-outs submitted by the Objectors or any other Person,...”. Again, while our clients object to that outcome, at least the intended scope will be made clear.

Respectfully,

Michael C. Spencer

cc: The Service List, as attached
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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: Sino-Forest Corporation
 Court File No. CV-12-9667-00CL**

We write on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant's Securities (the "Ad Hoc Purchasers") in connection with the referenced matter. Yesterday, we attended before Justice Morawetz to settle the terms of his order in this matter dated March 20, 2013. At that time and for the first time, Michael Spencer, on behalf of the Objectors to the Ernst & Young Settlement, expressed concerns with respect to the terms of the draft order. In response, His Honour asked the Objectors to provide detailed drafting comments in the form of a marked-up order and directed that we schedule any further attendance to settle the form of the order through your office.

Yesterday evening, Mr. Spencer sent a letter to His Honour detailing his concerns. Accordingly, we write to respond to those concerns, and to ask that you bring this letter to Justice Morawetz's attention and let us know whether he would like us to re-attend before him for the purpose of settling the order (and, if so, the first available date on which he is available), or if he prefers to deal with this matter on the basis of the correspondence, without any further attendance.

Response to the Objectors' Concerns

Mr. Spencer's letter purports to raise "concerns" regarding paragraphs 4, 9 and 17 of the draft settlement approval order and provides drafting comments for paragraphs 4 and 9. Mr. Spencer's other comments are argument and should have been raised on the motion before Justice Morawetz, upon which he has now rendered his decision. They were not.

HONORARY COUNSEL

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The Ad Hoc Purchasers do not oppose the suggested change to paragraph 4 to remove the word "including", on the terms set out below. Otherwise, it is respectfully submitted that the order, which was circulated in advance of the February 4, 2013 hearing and the form of which was unopposed by any party at the motion, should not change.

Paragraph 4

Paragraph 4 of the settlement approval order provides as follows:

THIS COURT ORDERS that Ontario Plaintiffs are hereby recognized and appointed as representatives on behalf of those Persons described in Appendix "A" hereto (collectively, the "Securities Claimants") in these insolvency proceedings in respect of the Applicant (the "CCAA Proceedings") and in the Ontario Class Action, including for the purposes of and as contemplated by section 11.1 of the Plan, and more particularly the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release.

The Ad Hoc Purchasers do not oppose changing paragraph 4 by deleting the word "including" as proposed by Mr. Spencer, so that it reads as follows:

THIS COURT ORDERS that Ontario Plaintiffs are hereby recognized and appointed as representatives on behalf of those Persons described in Appendix "A" hereto (collectively, the "Securities Claimants") in these insolvency proceedings in respect of the Applicant (the "CCAA Proceedings") and in the Ontario Class Action, for the purposes of and as contemplated by section 11.1 of the Plan, and more particularly the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release.

In agreeing to this change, the Ad Hoc Purchasers do not concede that any conflict has developed among the Securities Claimants, as defined, or that the order does any more or any less than as drafted.

Paragraph 9

Paragraph 9 of the settlement approval order provides as follows:

THIS COURT ORDERS that this Order, the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release are binding upon each and every Person or entity having an Ernst & Young Claim, including those Persons who are under disability, and any requirements of rules 7.04(1) and 7.08(4) of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 194 are dispensed with in respect of the Ontario Class Action.

In Mr. Spencer's letter, the Objectors propose amending this paragraph to add after the word "disability" the phrase "... notwithstanding any purported Class Action opt-outs submitted by the Objectors or any other Person,..."

This addition is unnecessary and might be taken to suggest that opt out rights would otherwise apply and that this Court's order eliminated opt out rights.

There is no ambiguity in paragraph 9 that requires clarification.

Paragraph 17

Paragraph 17 of the settlement approval order provides as follows:

THIS COURT ORDERS that after payment of class counsel fees, disbursements and taxes (including, without limitation, notice and administration costs and payments to Claims Funding International) and upon the approval of a Claims and Distribution Protocol, defined below, the entire balance of the Settlement Fund shall, subject to paragraph 18 below, be distributed to or for the benefit of the Securities Claimants for their claims against Ernst & Young, in accordance with a process for allocation and distribution among Securities Claimants, such process to be established by CCAA Representative Counsel and approved by further order of this court (the "Claims and Distribution Protocol").

The Objectors seek no drafting amendments to this paragraph. Instead, their "concerns" are properly argument which should have been made at the motion, but were not.

The process of allocation is to be determined, and court approval will be sought. Engaging in argument subsequent to the settlement approval motion and prior to the allocation motion should not be encouraged.

However, should His Honour be inclined to engage on the merits, we have set out our position as follows.

The Objectors argue that payments to share and note purchasers "cannot be squared" with subsection 6(8) of the CCAA and article 4.5 of the Plan.

The Objectors are incorrect and their submissions do not accord with the explicit language of the Plan or the purpose of subsection 6(8) of the CCAA. Paragraph 17 of the order provides for payment by Ernst & Young for claims against Ernst & Young. Such claims are not Equity Claims and thus article 4.5 of the Plan and subsection 6(8) of the CCAA do not apply.

Article 4.5 of the Plan provides for the release of "All Equity Claims" and indicates that Equity Claimants shall not receive consideration or distributions under the Plan. Its operation is limited to affecting Equity Claims. In contrast, the Plan provides that claims against non-debtors, such as Ernst & Young, are not Equity Claims:

1. Equity Claim is defined as a Claim, which itself is defined as "any right or claim ... that may be asserted or made against SFC";

2. Further, article 7.5 of the Plan expressly provides that the claims against Ernst & Young are not Equity Claims: "any Class Action Claim against the Third Party Defendants that relates to the purchase, sale or ownership of Existing Shares or Equity Interests... (e) does not constitute an Equity Claim or an Affected Claim under this Plan." [Emphasis added].

Article 4.5 of the Plan thus does not apply to payments pursuant to the Ernst & Young Settlement in satisfaction of claims against Ernst & Young.

More generally, sub-section 6(8) of the CCAA also does not apply. The Court of Appeal, in the course of upholding this Court's Equity Claims Decision (*Re Sino-Forest Corp.*, 2012 ONCA 816), recently explained the purpose of subsection 6(8) of the CCAA:

In our view, in enacting s. 6(8) of the CCAA, Parliament intended that a monetary loss suffered by a shareholder (or other holder of an equity interest) in respect of his or her equity interest *not* diminish the assets of the debtor available to general creditors in a restructuring. If a shareholder sues auditors and underwriters in respect of his or her loss, in addition to the debtor, and the auditors or underwriters assert claims of contribution or indemnity against the debtor, the assets of the debtor available to general creditors would be diminished by the amount of the claims for contribution and indemnity. (2012 ONCA 816 at para. 56)

Accordingly, subsection 6(8) of the CCAA is concerned with ensuring that the proceeds or value of the assets of the debtor corporation are used first to pay creditors' claims in priority to equity claims against the debtor. It is not concerned with distributions from non-debtors for non-equity claims. The claims against Ernst & Young are not equity claims under the CCAA and thus subsection 6(8) of the CCAA does not apply. This is reflected in the Plan itself and in particular through the definition of Equity Claim and article 7.5 of the Plan, as explained above.

The Objectors' submissions also continue to blur the principle governing treatment of third party releases in a CCAA plan as set forth in the *ATB Financial* case, and fail to address the solid, and unchallenged, evidentiary record before the court, including the affidavits and their exhibits of Mike Dean and Judson Martin, cataloguing the extensive contributions to the Plan and the CCAA process that the Ernst & Young Settlement provided in addition to the monetary contribution, including:

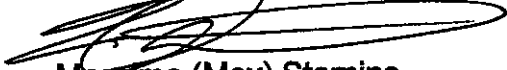
- (a) Ernst & Young agreed to support the Plan;
- (b) The Ernst & Young Settlement was a catalyst to other parties, including the Underwriters and BDO Limited, supporting the Plan;

- (c) Ernst & Young's support materially simplified and accelerated the Plan approval and implementation process;
- (d) Ernst & Young agreed that its claims against Sino-Forest and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries are released, which claims were significant and material as stated above. In particular, the Proofs of Claim filed by Ernst & Young set out extensive claims that were asserted directly against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries. None of these claims were addressed in the Equity Claims Order;
- (e) Ernst & Young has agreed to waive any leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada in respect of the dismissal of its appeal by the Court of Appeal for Ontario of the Equity Claims Order;
- (f) By agreeing to release all these claims, Ernst & Young eliminated:
 - (i) Dilution of the Noteholders' recovery if Ernst & Young were ultimately to obtain judgments or settlements in respect of those claims;
 - (ii) The expense and management time otherwise to be incurred by Newco and the Subsidiaries in litigating these claims; and
 - (iii) What might otherwise have been a significant extension of the timelines to complete the restructuring of Sino-Forest;
- (g) Ernst & Young agreed not to receive any distributions of any kind under the Plan, as have the other Third Party Defendants. Without that agreement, the Unresolved Claims Reserve would have materially increased, with the potential for a corresponding dilution of consideration paid to the Affected Creditors;
- (h) Ernst & Young agreed not to pursue its objections generally to the Plan and its sanction, and agreed to not pursue all of its appeal rights in that regard.

The Ad Hoc Purchasers respectfully request the issuance of the settlement approval order, substantially in the form approved in this Court's reasons dated March 20, 2013, subject only to the additional change to paragraph 4 referenced above. Clean copies of the revised order are enclosed in the event that His Honour prefers to deal with this matter in writing.

We thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,
PALIARE ROLAND ROSENBERG ROTHSTEIN LLP



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**ONTARIO
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THE HONOURABLE) WEDNESDAY, THE
MR. JUSTICE MORAWETZ)
20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2013

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS
ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED
AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND
ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION**

Court File No.: CV-11-431153-00CP

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN:

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND OF CENTRAL AND
EASTERN CANADA, THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 793 PENSION PLAN FOR OPERATING
ENGINEERS IN ONTARIO, SJUNDE AP-FONDEN, DAVID GRANT and ROBERT
WONG**

Plaintiffs

- and -

**SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ERNST & YOUNG LLP, BDO LIMITED (formerly
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PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED (successor by merger to Banc of
America Securities LLC)**

Defendants

ORDER

THIS MOTION made by the Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant's Securities, including the plaintiffs in the action commenced against Sino-Forest Corporation ("Sino-Forest" or the "Applicant") in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, bearing (Toronto) Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP (the "Ontario Plaintiffs" and the "Ontario Class Action", respectively), in their own and proposed representative capacities, for an order giving effect to the Ernst & Young Release and the Ernst & Young Settlement (as defined in the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization of the Applicant under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* ("CCAA") dated December 3, 2012 (the "Plan") and as provided for in section 11.1 of the Plan, such Plan having been approved by this Honourable Court by Order dated December 10, 2012 (the "Sanction Order")), was heard on February 4, 2013 at the Court House, 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

WHEREAS the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young (as defined in the Plan) entered into Minutes of Settlement dated November 29, 2012.

AND WHEREAS this Honourable Court issued the Sanction Order approving the Plan containing the framework and providing for the implementation of the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release, upon further notice and approval;

AND WHEREAS the Supervising CCAA Judge in this proceeding, the Honourable Justice Morawetz, was designated on December 13, 2012 by Regional Senior Justice Then to hear this motion for settlement approval pursuant to both the CCAA and the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*;

AND WHEREAS this Honourable Court approved the form of notice and the plan for distribution of the notice to any Person with an Ernst & Young Claim, as defined in the Plan, of this settlement approval motion by Order dated December 21, 2012 (the "Notice Order");

AND ON READING the Ontario Plaintiffs' Motion Record, including the affidavit and supplemental affidavit of Charles Wright, counsel to the plaintiffs, and the exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Joe Redshaw and the exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Frank C. Torchio and the exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Serge Kalloghlian and the exhibits thereto, the affidavit of Adam

Pritchard and the exhibits thereto, and on reading the affidavit of Mike P. Dean and the exhibits thereto, and on reading the affidavit of Judson Martin and the exhibits thereto and on reading the Responding Motion Record of the Objectors to this motion (Invesco Canada Ltd., Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P., Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc., Matrix Asset Management Inc, Gestion Férique and Montrusco Bolton Investments) including the affidavits of Eric J. Adelson and the exhibits thereto, Daniel Simard and the exhibits thereto and Tanya J. Jemec, and the exhibits thereto, and on reading the Responding Motion Record of Poyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Limited including the affidavit of Christina Doria, and on reading the Fourteenth Report, the Supplement to the Fourteenth Report and the Fifteenth Report of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Monitor of the Applicant (in such capacity, the "Monitor") dated January 22 and 28, 2013 and February 1, 2013 including any notices of objection received, and on reading such other material, filed, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Ontario Plaintiffs, Ernst & Young LLP, the Ad Hoc Committee of Sino-Forest Noteholders, the Applicant, the Objectors to this motion, Derek Lam and Senith Vel Kanagaratnam, the Underwriters, (Credit Suisse Securities (Canada) Inc., TD Securities Inc., Dundee Securities Corporation, RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Scotia Capital Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch Canada Inc., Canaccord Financial Ltd., Maison Placements Canada Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (successor by merger to Banc of America Securities LLC)), BDO Limited, the Monitor and those other parties present, no one appearing for any other party although duly served and such other notice as required by the Notice Order,

Sufficiency of Service and Definitions

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service and manner of service of the Notice of Motion and the Motion Record and the Fourteenth Report, the Supplement to the Fourteenth Report and the Fifteenth Report of the Monitor on any Person are, respectively, hereby abridged and validated, and any further service thereof is hereby dispensed with so that this Motion was properly returnable February 4, 2013 in both proceedings set out in the styles of cause hereof.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this order shall have the meanings attributed to those terms in the Plan.
3. **THIS COURT FINDS** that all applicable parties have adhered to, and acted in accordance with, the Notice Order and that the procedures provided in the Notice Order have provided good and sufficient notice of the hearing of this Motion, and that all Persons shall be and are hereby forever barred from objecting to the Ernst & Young Settlement or the Ernst & Young Release.

Representation

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Ontario Plaintiffs are hereby recognized and appointed as representatives on behalf of those Persons described in **Appendix “A”** hereto (collectively, the “Securities Claimants”) in these insolvency proceedings in respect of the Applicant (the “CCAA Proceedings”) and in the Ontario Class Action, for the purposes of and as contemplated by section 11.1 of the Plan, and more particularly the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release.
5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Koskie Minsky LLP, Siskinds LLP and Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP are hereby recognized and appointed as counsel for the Securities Claimants for all purposes in these proceedings and as contemplated by section 11.1 of the Plan, and more particularly the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release (“CCAA Representative Counsel”).
6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the steps taken by CCAA Representative Counsel pursuant to the Orders of this Court dated May 8, 2012 (the “Claims Procedure Order”) and July 25, 2012 (the “Mediation Order”) are hereby approved, authorized and validated as of the date thereof and that CCAA Representative Counsel is and was authorized to negotiate and support the Plan on behalf of the Securities Claimants, to negotiate the Ernst & Young Settlement, to bring this motion before this Honourable Court to approve the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release and to take any other necessary steps to effectuate and implement the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release,

including bringing any necessary motion before the court, and as contemplated by section 11.1 of the Plan.

Approval of the Settlement & Release

7. **THIS COURT DECLARES** that the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release are fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and for the purposes of both proceedings.
8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release be and hereby are approved for all purposes and as contemplated by s. 11.1 of the Plan and paragraph 40 of the Sanction Order and shall be implemented in accordance with their terms, this Order, the Plan and the Sanction Order.
9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order, the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release are binding upon each and every Person or entity having an Ernst & Young Claim, including those Persons who are under disability, and any requirements of rules 7.04(1) and 7.08(4) of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 194 are dispensed with in respect of the Ontario Class Action.

Payment, Release, Discharge and Channelling

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that upon satisfaction of all the conditions specified in section 11.1(a) of the Plan, Ernst & Young shall pay CDN \$117,000,000 (the "Settlement Fund") into the Settlement Trust (as defined in paragraph 16 below) less any amounts paid in advance as set out in paragraph 15 of this order or the Notice Order.
11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that upon receipt of a certificate from Ernst & Young confirming it has paid the Settlement Fund to the Settlement Trust in accordance with the Ernst & Young Settlement as contemplated by paragraph 10 of this Order and upon receipt of a certificate from the trustee of the Settlement Trust confirming receipt of such Settlement Fund, the Monitor shall deliver to Ernst & Young the Monitor's Ernst & Young Settlement Certificate (as defined in the Plan) substantially in the form attached hereto as **Appendix**

“B”. The Monitor shall thereafter file the Monitor’s Ernst & Young Settlement Certificate with the Court.

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that pursuant to the provisions of section 11.1(b) of the Plan,

- a. upon receipt by the Settlement Trust of the Settlement Fund, all Ernst & Young Claims, including but not limited to the claims of the Securities Claimants, shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled, barred and deemed satisfied and extinguished as against Ernst & Young in accordance with section 11.1(b) of the Plan;
- b. on the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, section 7.3 of the Plan shall apply to Ernst & Young and the Ernst & Young Claims *mutatis mutandis*;
- c. upon receipt by the Settlement Trust of the Settlement Fund, none of the plaintiffs in the Class Actions or any other actions in which the Ernst & Young Claims could have been asserted shall be permitted to claim from any of the other defendants that portion of any damages, restitutionary award or disgorgement of profits that corresponds with the liability of Ernst & Young, proven at trial or otherwise, that is the subject of the Ernst & Young Settlement (“Ernst & Young’s Proportionate Liability”);
- d. upon receipt by the Settlement Trust of the Settlement Fund, Ernst & Young shall have no obligation to participate in and shall not be compelled to participate in any disputes about the allocation of the Settlement Fund from the Settlement Trust and any and all Ernst & Young Claims shall be irrevocably channeled to the Settlement Fund held in the Settlement Trust in accordance with paragraphs 16 and 17 of this order and the Claims and Distribution Protocol defined below and forever discharged and released against Ernst & Young in accordance with paragraph 12(a) of this order, regardless of whether the Claims and Distribution Protocol is finalized as at the Ernst & Young Settlement Date;

- e. on the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, all Class Actions, as defined in the Plan, including the Ontario Class Action shall be permanently stayed as against Ernst & Young; and
- f. on the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, the Ontario Class Action shall be dismissed against Ernst & Young.

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that on the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, any and all claims which Ernst & Young may have had against any other current or former defendant, or any affiliate thereof, in the Ontario Class Action, or against any other current or former defendant, or any affiliate thereof, in any Class Actions in a jurisdiction in which this order has been recognized by a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction and not subject to further appeal, any other current or former defendant's insurers, or any affiliates thereof, or any other Persons who may claim over against the other current or former defendants, or any affiliate thereof, or the other current or former defendants' insurers, or any affiliate thereof, in respect of contribution, indemnity or other claims over which relate to the allegations made in the Class Actions, are hereby fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled, barred and deemed satisfied and extinguished.

14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing in this order shall fetter the discretion of any court to determine Ernst & Young's Proportionate Liability at the trial or other disposition of an action for the purposes of paragraph 12(c) above, whether or not Ernst & Young appears at the trial or other disposition (which, subject to further order of the Court, Ernst & Young has no obligation to do) and Ernst & Young's Proportionate Liability shall be determined as if Ernst & Young were a party to the action and any determination by the court in respect of Ernst & Young's Proportionate Liability shall only apply in that action to the proportionate liability of the remaining defendants in those proceedings and shall not be binding on Ernst & Young for any purpose whatsoever and shall not constitute a finding against Ernst & Young for any purpose in any other proceeding.

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Ontario Plaintiffs shall incur and pay notice and administration costs that are incurred in advance of the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, as a

result of an order of this Honourable Court, up to a maximum of the first \$200,000 thereof (the “Initial Plaintiffs’ Costs”), which costs are to be immediately reimbursed from the Settlement Fund after the Ernst & Young Settlement Date. Ernst & Young shall incur and pay such notice and administration costs which are incurred in advance of the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, as a result of an order of this Honourable Court, over and above the Initial Plaintiffs’ Costs up to a maximum of a further \$200,000 (the “Initial Ernst & Young Costs”). Should any costs in excess of the cumulative amount of the Initial Plaintiffs’ Costs and the Initial Ernst & Young Costs, being a total of \$400,000, in respect of notice and administration as ordered by this Honourable Court be incurred prior to the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, such amounts are to be borne equally between the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young. All amounts paid by the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young as provided herein are to be deducted from or reimbursed from the Settlement Fund after the Ernst & Young Settlement Date. Should the settlement not proceed, the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young shall each bear their respective costs paid to that time.

Establishment of the Settlement Trust

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that a trust (the “Settlement Trust”) shall be established under which a claims administrator, to be appointed by CCAA Representative Counsel with the consent of the Monitor or with approval of the court, shall be the trustee for the purpose of holding and distributing the Settlement Fund and administering the Settlement Trust.
17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that after payment of class counsel fees, disbursements and taxes (including, without limitation, notice and administration costs and payments to Claims Funding International) and upon the approval of a Claims and Distribution Protocol, defined below, the entire balance of the Settlement Fund shall, subject to paragraph 18 below, be distributed to or for the benefit of the Securities Claimants for their claims against Ernst & Young, in accordance with a process for allocation and distribution among Securities Claimants, such process to be established by CCAA Representative Counsel and approved by further order of this court (the “Claims and Distribution Protocol”).
18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that notwithstanding paragraph 17 above, the following Securities Claimants shall not be entitled to any allocation or distribution of the Settlement

Fund: any Person or entity that is as at the date of this order a named defendant to any of the Class Actions (as defined in the Plan) and their past and present subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, senior employees, partners, legal representatives, heirs, predecessors, successors and assigns, and any individual who is a member of the immediate family of the following Persons: Allen T.Y, Chan a.k.a. Tak Yuen Chan, W. Judson Martin, Kai Kit Poon, David J. Horsley, William E. Ardell, James P. Boland, James M.E. Hyde, Edmund Mak, Simon Murray, Peter Wang, Garry J. West, Albert Ip, Alfred C.T. Hung, George Ho and Simon Yeung. For greater certainty, the Ernst & Young Release shall apply to the Securities Claimants described above.

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the fees and costs of the claims administrator and CCAA Representative Counsel shall be paid out of the Settlement Trust, and for such purpose, the claims administrator and the CCAA Representative Counsel may apply to the court to fix such fees and costs in accordance with the laws of Ontario governing the payment of counsel's fees and costs in class proceedings.

Recognition, Enforcement and Further Assistance

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Court in the CCAA proceedings shall retain an ongoing supervisory role for the purposes of implementing, administering and enforcing the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release and matters related to the Settlement Trust including any disputes about the allocation of the Settlement Fund from the Settlement Trust. Any disputes arising with respect to the performance or effect of, or any other aspect of, the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release shall be determined by the court, and that, except with leave of the court first obtained, no Person or party shall commence or continue any proceeding or enforcement process in any other court or tribunal, with respect to the performance or effect of, or any other aspect of the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release.
21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Ontario Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young with the assistance of the Monitor, shall use all reasonable efforts to obtain all court approvals and orders necessary for the implementation of the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release and shall take such additional steps and execute such additional agreements and

documents as may be necessary or desirable for the completion of the transactions contemplated by the Ernst & Young Settlement, the Ernst & Young Release and this order.

22. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or the United States or elsewhere, to give effect to this order and to assist the Applicant, the Monitor, the CCAA Representative Counsel and Ernst & Young LLP and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Applicant, the Monitor as an officer of this Court, the CCAA Representative Counsel and Ernst & Young LLP, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this order, to grant representative status to the Monitor in any foreign proceeding, or to assist the Applicant, the Monitor, the CCAA Representative Counsel and Ernst & Young LLP and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this order.
23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Applicant, the Monitor, CCAA Representative Counsel and Ernst & Young LLP be at liberty and is hereby authorized and empowered to apply to any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body, wherever located, for the recognition of this order, or any further order as may be required, and for assistance in carrying out the terms of such orders.
24. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the running of time for the purposes of the Ernst & Young Claims asserted in the Ontario Class Action, including statutory claims for which the Ontario Plaintiffs have sought leave pursuant to Part XXIII.1 of the Ontario *Securities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. S-5 and the concordant provisions of the securities legislation in all other provinces and territories of Canada, shall be suspended as of the date of this order until further order of this CCAA Court.
25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that in the event that the Ernst & Young Settlement is not completed in accordance with its terms, the Ernst & Young Settlement and paragraphs 7-14 and 16-19 of this order shall become null and void and are without prejudice to the rights of the parties in the Ontario Class Action or in any proceedings and any agreement between the

parties incorporated into this order shall be deemed in the Ontario Class Action and in any proceedings to have been made without prejudice.

Morawetz, J.

**APPENDIX "A" TO SETTLEMENT APPROVAL ORDER
DEFINITION OF SECURITIES CLAIMANTS**

"Securities Claimants" are all Persons and entities, wherever they may reside, who acquired any securities of Sino-Forest Corporation including securities acquired in the primary, secondary and over-the-counter markets.

For the purpose of the foregoing,

"Securities" means common shares, notes or other securities defined in the *Securities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. S.5, as amended.

**APPENDIX “B” TO SETTLEMENT APPROVAL ORDER
MONITOR’S ERNST & YOUNG SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE**

Court File No. CV-12-9667-00CL

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMERCIAL LIST**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES’ CREDITORS
ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED
AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND
ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION**

Court File No.: CV-11-431153-00CP

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN :

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS’ PENSION FUND OF CENTRAL AND
EASTERN CANADA, THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 793 PENSION PLAN FOR OPERATING
ENGINEERS IN ONTARIO, SJUNDE AP-FONDEN, DAVID GRANT and ROBERT
WONG**

Plaintiffs

- and -

**SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ERNST & YOUNG LLP, BDO LIMITED (formerly
known as BDO MCCABE LO LIMITED), ALLEN T.Y. CHAN, W. JUDSON
MARTIN, KAI KIT POON, DAVID J. HORSLEY, WILLIAM E. ARDELL, JAMES
P. BOWLAND, JAMES M.E. HYDE, EDMUND MAK, SIMON MURRAY, PETER
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LIMITED, CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (CANADA), INC., TD SECURITIES INC.,
DUNDEE SECURITIES CORPORATION, RBC DOMINION SECURITIES INC.,
SCOTIA CAPITAL INC., CIBC WORLD MARKETS INC., MERRILL LYNCH
CANADA INC., CANACCORD FINANCIAL LTD., MAISON PLACEMENTS
CANADA INC., CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC and MERRILL LYNCH,
PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED (successor by merger to Banc of
America Securities LLC)**

Defendants

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Order of the Court dated March 20, 2013 (the “Ernst & Young Settlement Approval Order”) which, *inter alia*, approved the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release and established the Settlement Trust (as those terms are defined in the plan of compromise and reorganization dated December 3, 2012 (as the same may be amended, revised or supplemented in accordance with its terms, the “Plan”) of Sino-Forest Corporation (“SFC”), as approved by the Court pursuant to an Order dated December 10, 2012).

Pursuant to section 11.1 of the Plan and paragraph 11 of the Ernst & Young Settlement Approval Order, FTI Consulting Canada Inc. (the “Monitor”) in its capacity as Court-appointed Monitor of SFC delivers to Ernst & Young LLP this certificate and hereby certifies that:

1. Ernst & Young has confirmed that the settlement amount has been paid to the Settlement Trust in accordance with the Ernst & Young Settlement;
2. ■, being the trustee of the Settlement Trust has confirmed that such settlement amount has been received by the Settlement Trust; and
3. The Ernst & Young Release is in full force and effect in accordance with the Plan.

DATED at Toronto this ___ day of _____, 2013.

FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC. solely
in its capacity as Monitor of Sino-Forest
Corporation and not in its personal capacity

Name:
Title:

IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED
AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST
CORPORATION

Court File No: CV-12-9667-00CL

THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, et al.
CENTRAL AND EASTERN CANADA. et al.

Plaintiffs

Defendants

Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP

**ONTARIO
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**LAWYERS FOR AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF
PURCHASERS OF THE APPLICANT'S SECURITIES**

Tab 16

March 27, 2013

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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: Sino-Forest Corporation
Court File No. CV-12-9667-00CL**

We have read the letter of Massimo Starnino, counsel to the Ontario Plaintiffs, sent to the Court today. We agree with and support Mr. Starnino's response to the "concerns" raised by counsel to the Objectors on the Ernst & Young Settlement motion. We ask that this letter be brought to Justice Morawetz's attention.

The Ernst & Young Settlement was part of the complete package that led to the approval and sanction of the Plan and its implementation. The monetary contribution of Ernst & Young is but one part of the contributions by Ernst & Young to the Plan. That being said, it is worth noting that the definition of Securities Claimants includes the current noteholders as at the Plan sanction date, who are the non-equity creditors of Sino-Forest. The Ad Hoc Committee of Noteholders continues to support the Ernst & Young Settlement.

These "concerns" of the Objectors have been raised against the prospect of a leave to appeal motion and should properly have been raised as part of argument on the motion.

Sincerely,



Peter Griffin

cc. Service List

Tab 17

Court File Number: CV-12-9667-00CL

Superior Court of Justice
Commercial List

FILE/DIRECTION/ORDER

SINO FOREST

Plaintiff(s)

AND

Defendant(s)

Case Management Yes No by Judge: _____

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- Order Direction for Registrar (No formal order need be taken out)
- Above action transferred to the Commercial List at Toronto (No formal order need be taken out)
- Adjourned to: _____
- Time Table approved (as follows): _____

I have reviewed written submissions from both Mr. Spencer and Mr. Starnino. I agree with the submissions of Mr. Starnino, concluding with: "The engagement in argument subsequent to the settlement approval motion and prior to the allocation motion should not be encouraged. In any event, on the merits, I am also persuaded by the position set out by Mr. Starnino. The order has been signed as presented by Mr. Starnino."

March 28, 2013
Date

[Signature]
Judge's Signature

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CV-12-9667-00CL.

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Sino-Forest Corporation

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE
THIRTEENTH REPORT OF THE MONITOR**

December 4, 2012

Court File No. CV-12-9667-00CL

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
(COMMERCIAL LIST)**

IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*,
R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF
SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE
THIRTEENTH REPORT TO THE COURT
SUBMITTED BY FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC.,
IN ITS CAPACITY AS MONITOR**

1. The purpose of this Supplemental Report to the Thirteenth Report (the “**Supplemental Report**”) is to supplement the Thirteenth Report of the Monitor dated November 22, 2012 (the “**Thirteenth Report**”) by:
 - (a) Reporting on amendments to the Plan since the October 19 Plan (defined below) that was described in the Thirteenth Report;
 - (b) to report on the results of the Meeting (defined below); and
 - (c) to provide the Monitor’s recommendation that the Court approve the Plan.
2. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Plan and, if not defined in the Plan, the Thirteenth Report. Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Thirteenth Report are incorporated herein by reference.
3. The following appendices have been attached to this Supplemental Report:
 - (a) Appendix A – The Plan of Compromise and Reorganization dated December 3, 2012 (the “**Plan**”)

- (b) Appendix B – Blackline of the October 19 Plan to the Plan
- (c) Appendix C – Blackline of the November 28 Plan to the Plan
- (d) Appendix D – Copy of the Company’s press releases dated November 28, 2012, November 30, 2012 and December 3, 2012
- (e) Appendix E – Copy of the Emails to the Service List dated November 28, 2012, November 30, 2012 and December 3, 2012
- (f) Appendix F – Voting Procedures
- (g) Appendix G - Form of Resolution
- (h) Appendix H – Copy of the Minutes of the Meeting including Scrutineer’s Report
- (i) Appendix I – OSC Notice of Hearing and Statement of Allegations against EY
- (j) Appendix J – Letter from Wardle Daley Bernstein re Claim of David Horsley dated November 29, 2012 and responding letter of Bennett Jones LLP dated November 30, 2012
- (k) Appendix K – Proof of Claim (excluding Tab 1 and 2) of David Horsley for vacation pay, termination and severance dated November 1, 2012
- (l) Appendix L - Letter from Davis LLP re Kai Kit Poon dated November 28, 2012 and responding letter of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP dated November 29, 2012

AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN

Changes to the Plan (Non-Third Party Defendants)

4. As result of numerous negotiations which have occurred since the October 19 Plan was filed, a number of changes to the Plan have been agreed upon. Certain of those changes relate specifically to certain Third Party Defendants and those changes are summarized in

the next section below. A summary of certain of the other changes contained in the Plan is as follows:

- (a) Reserves (which are also discussed in more detail below):
 - (i) the amount of the Administration Charge Reserve will be \$500,000 or such other amount as may be agreed to by the Monitor and the ICNs;
 - (ii) there will be no Directors' Charge Reserve nor will there be any amount in the Unresolved Claims Reserve set aside for OSC claims against Directors and Officers;
 - (iii) the Unresolved Claims Reserve will now consist of Plan consideration sufficient to make potential distributions under the Plan in respect of the following in the event that they become Proven Claims: (a) indemnity claims of Third Party Defendants for Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims up to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit; (b) Defence Costs Claims of up to \$12 million¹ or such other amount as may be agreed by the Monitor and the ICNs; and (c) other unresolved Affected Creditor Claims of up to \$500,000 or such other amount as may be agreed by the Monitor and the ICNs;
 - (iv) the Monitor's Post-Implementation Charge Reserve will be \$5 million or such other amount as may be agreed to by the Monitor and the ICNs; and
 - (v) The Unaffected Claims Reserve will be \$1.5 million or such other amount as may be agreed to by the Monitor, the Company and the ICNs.
- (b) Matters relating to the Litigation Trust:
 - (i) the amount of the Litigation Funding Amount is \$1 million; and

¹ Please see the section below entitled "Additional Information Relating to the Reserves" for the Monitor's report on the adjustment to the calculation of the Defence Costs Claims Limit (defined below).

- (ii) at any date prior to the Plan Implementation Date, the Company and the ICNs may agree to exclude one or more claims, actions or causes of action from the Litigation Trust Claims that would otherwise be assigned to the Litigation Trust on Plan Implementation (“**Excluded Litigation Trust Claims**”).
- (c) Certain provisions relating to the creation of “Newco II” in connection with the implementation of the restructuring transaction have been incorporated throughout the Amended Plan. Newco II will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Newco to which Newco will transfer the SFC Assets on the Plan Implementation Date. Following implementation of the Plan, Newco II will own the SFC Assets.
- (d) Unaffected Claims no longer includes Claims for termination pay or severance pay payable by the Company to any Person who ceased to be an employee, director or officer of the Company prior to the date of the Plan. Any claims in this regard will now be treated as Unresolved Claims.
- (e) Persons with Unresolved Claims shall have standing in any proceeding in respect of the determination or status of any Unresolved Claims and Goodmans LLP shall have standing in any such proceeding on behalf of the ICNs.
- (f) The due diligence condition precedent in favour of the ICNs now extends to the Plan Implementation Date with respect to any new material information or events arising or discovered on or after the date of the Sanction Hearing provided that any “new material information or events” does not include any information or events disclosed prior to the date of the Sanction Hearing in a press release or affidavit of the Company or a report of the Monitor that has been filed with the Court.
- (g) Within three (3) business days of the Plan Implementation Date, a foreign representative of the Company will commence a proceeding in the United States for the purpose of seeking recognition of the Plan and the Sanction Order and shall use its reasonable best efforts to obtain such recognition.

Changes to the Plan (Third Party Defendants)

5. In addition to the foregoing changes, the Plan was also amended to incorporate changes that relate specifically to the Underwriters and Ernst & Young as well as additional changes to provide a mechanism for a Plan release in the event that the Underwriters and BDO enter into settlements with the Class-Action Plaintiffs or the Litigation Trustee (on behalf of the Litigation Trust), all of which is discussed below.
6. Changes relating to the Underwriters:
 - (a) Claims of the Underwriters against the Company for indemnification in respect of any Noteholder Class Action Claims (other than claims against them for fraud or criminal conduct) shall, for the purposes of the Plan, be deemed to be valid and enforceable Class Action Indemnity Claims against the Company.
 - (b) The Underwriters shall not be entitled to any distributions under the Plan.
 - (c) All Causes of Action against the Underwriters by the Company or the Trustees are deemed to be Excluded Litigation Trust Claims.
 - (d) Any portion or amount of liability of the Underwriters for the Noteholder Class Action Claims (other than such claims for fraud or criminal conduct) that exceeds the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit is released under the Plan.
 - (e) The Underwriters are Named Third Party Defendants (as discussed and defined below).
7. Changes relating to Ernst & Young (as defined in the Plan):
 - (a) Any and all indemnification rights and entitlements of Ernst & Young and any indemnification agreement between Ernst & Young and the Company shall be deemed to be valid and enforceable in accordance with their terms for the purposes of determining whether the Claims of Ernst & Young for

indemnification in respect of the Noteholder Class Action Claims are valid and enforceable within the meaning of section 4.4(b) the Plan.²

- (b) Ernst & Young shall not be entitled to any distributions under the Plan.
- (c) The Sanction Order shall contain a stay against Ernst & Young between the Plan Implementation Date and the earlier of the Ernst & Young Settlement Date (as defined in the Plan) or such other date as may be ordered by the Court on a motion to the Court.
- (d) In addition to the foregoing, Ernst & Young has now entered into a settlement with the Ontario Plaintiffs and the Quebec Plaintiffs, which is still subject to several conditions and approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement itself, does not form part of the Sanction Order. Section 11.1 of the Plan contains provisions that provide a framework pursuant to which a release of the Ernst & Young Claims³ under the Plan would happen if several conditions were met. That release will only be granted if all conditions are met including further Court approval. A summary of those terms is as follows:
 - (i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, subject to (A) the granting of the Sanction Order; (B) the issuance of the Settlement Trust Order (as may be modified in a manner satisfactory to the parties to the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Company (if occurring on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date), the Monitor and the ICNs, as applicable, to the extent, if any, that such modifications affect the Company, the Monitor or the ICNs, each acting reasonably); (C) the granting of an Order under Chapter 15 of the United States Bankruptcy Code recognizing and enforcing the Sanction Order and the Settlement Trust Order in the United States; (D) any other order necessary to give effect to the Ernst & Young

² Section 4.4(b) of the Plan, among other things, establishes the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit.

³ “Ernst & Young Claims” has the definition given to it in the Plan and does not include any proceedings or remedies that may be taken against Ernst & Young by the Ontario Securities Commission or by staff of the Ontario Securities Commission and the jurisdiction of the Ontario Securities Commission is expressly preserved.

Settlement (the orders referenced in (C) and (D) being collectively the “**Ernst & Young Orders**”); (E) the fulfillment of all conditions precedent in the Ernst & Young Settlement and the fulfillment by the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs of all of their obligations thereunder; and (F) the Sanction Order, the Settlement Trust Order and all Ernst & Young Orders being final orders and not subject to further appeal or challenge, Ernst & Young shall pay the settlement amount as provided in the Ernst & Young Settlement to the trust established pursuant to the Settlement Trust Order (the “**Settlement Trust**”);

- (ii) Upon receipt of a certificate from Ernst & Young confirming it has paid the settlement amount to the Settlement Trust in accordance with the Ernst & Young Settlement and the trustee of the Settlement Trust confirming receipt of such settlement amount, the Monitor shall deliver to Ernst & Young the Monitor’s Ernst & Young Settlement Certificate. The Monitor shall thereafter file the Monitor’s Ernst & Young Settlement Certificate with the Court;
- (iii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, upon receipt by the Settlement Trust of the settlement amount in accordance with the Ernst & Young Settlement: (A) all Ernst & Young Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled, barred and deemed satisfied and extinguished as against Ernst & Young; (B) section 7.3 of the Plan shall apply to Ernst & Young and the Ernst & Young Claims *mutatis mutandis* on the Ernst & Young Settlement Date; and (C) none of the plaintiffs in the Class Actions shall be permitted to claim from any of the other Third Party Defendants that portion of any damages that corresponds to the liability of Ernst & Young, proven at trial or otherwise, that is the subject of the Ernst & Young Settlement; and
- (iv) In the event that the Ernst & Young Settlement is not completed in accordance with its terms, the Ernst & Young Release will not become

effective (and any claims against Ernst & Young will be assigned to the Litigation Trust).

8. Changes relating to Named Third Party Defendants:

- (a) The Plan now provides a mechanism that would provide the framework for any Eligible Third Party Defendants⁴ to become a “Named Third Party Defendant” with the consent of such Third Party Defendant, the Monitor, the ICNs, counsel to the Ontario Plaintiffs and, if occurring prior to the Plan Implementation Date, the Company. As set out above, the Underwriters have become Named Third Party Defendants pursuant to the Plan.
- (b) The deadline for an Eligible Third Party Defendant to become a Named Third Party Defendant is 10am on December 6, 2012 or such later date as may be consented to by the Monitor, the Company (if on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date) and the ICNs. As set out above, the Underwriters have become Named Third Party Defendants.
- (c) Any Named Third Party Defendants will not be entitled to any distributions under the Plan.
- (d) If an Eligible Third Party Defendant becomes a Named Third Party Defendant, then any indemnification rights and entitlements of such party and any indemnity agreements between such party and by the Company shall be deemed valid and enforceable in accordance with their terms for the purpose of determining whether the Claims of that Named Third Party Defendant for indemnification in respect of the Noteholder Class Action Claims are valid and enforceable within the meaning of section 4.4(b) the Plan.

⁴ The Eligible Third Party Defendants are the Underwriters, BDO and, if the Ernst & Young Settlement is not completed, Ernst & Young.

- (e) The Plan now provides the framework pursuant to which a Named Third Party Defendant Settlement would be approved and such Named Third Party Defendant would obtain a release under the Plan as follows:
- (i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, subject to: (A) the granting of the Sanction Order; (B) the granting of the applicable Named Third Party Defendant Settlement Order; and (C) the satisfaction or waiver of all conditions precedent contained in the applicable Named Third Party Defendant Settlement, the applicable Named Third Party Defendant Settlement shall be given effect in accordance with its terms;
 - (ii) Upon receipt of a certificate (in form and in substance satisfactory to the Monitor) from each of the parties to the applicable Named Third Party Defendant Settlement confirming that all conditions precedent thereto have been satisfied or waived, and that any settlement funds have been paid and received, the Monitor shall deliver to the applicable Named Third Party Defendant a Monitor's Named Third Party Defendant Settlement Certificate stating that (A) each of the parties to such Named Third Party Defendant Settlement has confirmed that all conditions precedent thereto have been satisfied or waived; (B) any settlement funds have been paid and received; and (C) immediately upon the delivery of the Monitor's Named Third Party Settlement Certificate, the applicable Named Third Party Defendant Release will be in full force and effect in accordance with the Plan. The Monitor shall thereafter file the Monitor's Named Third Party Settlement Certificate with the Court; and
 - (iii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, upon delivery of the Monitor's Named Third Party Settlement Certificate, any claims and Causes of Action shall be dealt with in accordance with the terms of the applicable Named Third Party Defendant Settlement, the Named Third Party Defendant Settlement Order and the Named Third Party Defendant Release. To the extent provided for by the terms of the applicable Named

Third Party Defendant Release: (A) the applicable Causes of Action against the applicable Named Third Party Defendant shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled, barred and deemed satisfied and extinguished as against the applicable Named Third Party Defendant; and (B) section 7.3 of the Plan shall apply to the applicable Named Third Party Defendant and the applicable Causes of Action against the applicable Named Third Party Defendant *mutatis mutandis* on the effective date of the Named Third Party Defendant Settlement.

Other Changes that Relate to the Third Party Defendants

9. Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit:

- (a) It has been clarified that in the event that a Third Party Defendant is found to be liable for or agrees to a settlement in respect of Noteholder Class Action Claims (other than for fraud or criminal conduct), and such amounts are paid by the Third Party Defendant, then the amount of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit applicable to the remaining Third Party Defendants shall be reduced by the amount of such judgement or settlement.⁵

10. Document Preservation.

- (a) Prior to Plan Implementation, the Company shall:⁶
 - (i) preserve or cause to be preserved copies of any documents (as such term is defined in the *Rules of Civil Procedure* (Ontario)) that are relevant to the issues raised in the Class Actions; and
 - (ii) make arrangements acceptable to SFC, the Monitor, the ICNs, counsel to Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs, counsel to Ernst & Young, counsel to the Underwriters and counsel to any other Eligible Third Party Defendant if

⁵ Section 4.4(b)(iii)

⁶ Section 8.2(x)

they become a Named Third Party Defendants to provide the parties to the Class Actions with access thereto, subject to customary commercial confidentiality, privilege or other applicable restrictions, including lawyer-client privilege, work product privilege and other privileges or immunities, and to restrictions on disclosure arising from s. 16 of the *Securities Act* (Ontario) and comparable restrictions on disclosure in other relevant jurisdictions, for purposes of prosecuting and/or defending the Class Actions, as the case may be, provided that nothing in the foregoing reduces or otherwise limits the parties' rights to production and discovery in accordance with the *Rules of Civil Procedure* (Ontario) and the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992* (Ontario).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE RESERVES

The Cash Reserves

11. Information relating to the purpose of the Administration Charge, the Unaffected Claims Reserve and the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve was contained in the Thirteenth Report. The Plan now provides for the amounts of these Reserves as follows:
 - (a) *Administration Charge Reserve (\$500,000)*. The Plan now provides for the payment of the final invoices of the beneficiaries of the Administration Charge Reserve as a condition to the implementation of the Plan. The amount of \$500,000 has been allocated to the Administration Charge Reserve as a safeguard in the event that there are miscellaneous amounts which are inadvertently missed upon the final payments prior to Plan implementation.
 - (b) *Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve (\$5,000,000)*. The Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve is intended to capture costs in administering the SFC estate and the Claims Process post-implementation.
 - (c) *The Unaffected Claims Reserve (\$1,500,000)*. Pursuant to the Plan, the following categories of Claims are Unaffected Claims under the Plan: (i) Claims secured by the Administration Charge; (ii) Government Priority Claims; (iii) Employee

Priority Claim; (iv) Lien Claims; (iv) any other Claims of any employee, former employee, Director or Officer of SFC in respect of wages, vacation pay, bonuses, termination pay, severance pay or other remuneration payable to such Person by SFC, other than any termination pay or severance pay payable by SFC to a Person who ceased to be an employee, Director or Officer of SFC prior to the date of this Plan; (v) Trustee Claims; and (vi) any trade payables that were incurred by SFC (A) after the Filing Date but before the Plan Implementation Date; and (B) in compliance with the Initial Order or other Order issued in the CCAA Proceeding. The Monitor and the Company have reviewed the categories of Unaffected Claims (other than those that are covered by the Administration Charge Reserve) taking into consideration the Company's incurred expenses post-filing, Lien Claims which may be asserted by parties with personal property security registrations, the fact that the Trustees are expected to be paid prior to Plan Implementation (see section 9.1(ee) of the Plan) and the maximum estimated employee related Claims for employees who did not cease to be an employee prior to the date of the Plan. Based on the foregoing, the Monitor and the Company estimate that any such Claims would not exceed \$1.5 million in the aggregate.

The Unresolved Claims Reserve

12. The Unresolved Claims Reserve now accounts for three categories of Unresolved Claims:
 - (a) Class Action Indemnity Claims by the Third Party Defendants in respect of Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims up to \$150 million (being the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit). In light of the fact that the Plan provides for a release of any Third Party Defendants for any Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims beyond the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit, the total potential maximum liability of the Company for any resulting Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims is thereby also limited to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit.

- (b) Defence Costs Claims of up to \$12 million (the “**Defence Costs Claims Limit**”). The basis for the calculation of the Defence Costs Claims Limit is discussed in the following paragraphs.
- (c) Other Affected Creditor Claims that are Unresolved Claims up to \$500,000 which represents the amount of Affected Creditor Claims as set out in the proofs of claims filed that are Unresolved Claims and not otherwise accounted for in the Unresolved Claims Reserve or otherwise provided for in the Plan.

Basis for Calculating Reserve for Defence Costs Claims

- 13. In accordance with the process established under the Claims Procedure Order, a number of claims have been filed by persons who seek indemnification for Defence Costs Claims⁷ (in this capacity, “**Cost Claim Defendants**”). In light of the recent changes to the Plan which release the right of EY or the Underwriters to any distribution under the Plan, the amount of the Unresolved Claims Reserve to address Defence Costs Claims has been reduced to \$12 million.
- 14. As set out above, the Defence Costs Claims Limit has been established as part of the Unresolved Claims Reserve for Defence Costs Claims. All remaining Defence Costs Claims will be treated as Unresolved Claims until such time as they are disposed of or may become Proven Claims for Plan purposes.
- 15. The Company has requested the Monitor’s views concerning the quantum of the reserve for remaining Defence Costs Claims.
- 16. In considering this issue, the Monitor has taken account of a number of factors, including but not limited to the following:
 - (a) the amounts claimed as having been actually incurred;

⁷ Pursuant to section 4.8 of the Plan, Claims for “Defence Costs” are all Claims against SFC for indemnification of defence costs incurred by any Person (other than a Named Director or Officer) in connection with defending against Shareholder Claims (as defined in the Equity Claims Order), Noteholder Class Action Claims or any other claims of any kind relating to SFC or the Subsidiaries.

- (b) the specific nature of the claims to which the Cost Claim Defendants are responding;
 - (c) the anticipated synergies arising where multiple Cost Claim Defendants in similar legal and factual circumstances are represented by the same counsel;
 - (d) the experience of counsel to the Monitor in relation to the costs of other class proceedings;
 - (e) costs previously claimed as having been incurred and costs awarded by courts in other class proceedings, both on certification motions and following trial;
 - (f) the overlap in subject area between the class proceedings and regulatory or other proceedings in which the Cost Claim Defendants are involved; and
 - (g) the difficulties inherent in estimating costs to be incurred in the future which are contingent upon the actions of other parties and the course of complex litigation that is currently at an early stage.
17. Having weighed these factors, it is the Monitor's view that the aggregate amount of \$12 million would constitute a reasonable reserve for costs claimed in connection with the class proceedings by the Cost Claim Defendants (excluding EY, the Underwriters and the Named Directors and Officers who have waived any right to distributions under the Plan).
18. In forming its views concerning the amount to be reserved in connection with the Defence Costs Claims, the Monitor has made the following basic assumptions:
- (a) certification will be contested by all defendants, but ultimately granted;
 - (b) the Ontario class proceeding will be the only class proceeding to go to trial; and
 - (c) except for defendants represented by the same counsel, there will be no general cost sharing arrangements between defendants.

19. The establishment of the Unresolved Claims Reserve is not an admission by the Company, the Monitor or any other party (including the ICNs) as to the validity of any such Claims and all rights to dispute such Claims are reserved.

THE MEETING

Meeting Date

20. On November 28, 2012, the Company issued a press release (Appendix D) announcing it had further amended its plan dated October 19, 2012 (the “**October 19 Plan**”) and that, to provide creditors with time to review this amended plan (the “**November 28 Plan**”), the Meeting would be postponed to 10am on Friday November 30, 2012. The Company also announced the change in location of the meeting to the offices of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP (“**Gowlings**”) at 1 First Canadian Place, 100 King Street West, Suite 1600, Toronto, Ontario. The Monitor provided notice of these changes to the service list and posted the revised plan and the new time for the Meeting on its website (Appendix E).
21. On November 30, 2012, the Company issued a further press release (Appendix D) announcing that the Meeting would be postponed to 10am on Monday, December 3, 2012. The Monitor provided notice of the postponement of the Meeting to the service list and posted notice of the new time for the Meeting on its website (Appendix E).
22. On December 3, 2012, the Company issued a further press release (Appendix D) that it had further amended the November 28 Plan with the Plan. The Monitor provided a copy of the Plan to the CCAA service list (Appendix E) and the press release stated that the Plan would be posted on the Monitor’s website but that in the meantime, parties could contact the Monitor for a copy of the Plan.

Summary of Meeting

23. The Meeting was held at Gowlings office on December 3, 2012, starting shortly after 10am.

24. In accordance with the Meeting Order, Greg Watson, an officer of FTI Consulting Canada Inc., acted as chair (the “**Chair**”) of the Meeting. Stephen McKersie of Gowlings acted as secretary of the Meeting and Jodi Porepa of FTI Consulting Canada Inc. acted as scrutineer (the “**Scrutineer**”).
25. Quorum for the purposes of the Meeting was one Affected Creditor with a Voting Claim present at the Meeting (in person or by proxy). The Scrutineer confirmed that there was at least one (1) Affected Creditor with a Voting Claim present at the Meeting (in person or by proxy). Accordingly, the Chair declared that the Meeting was properly constituted.
26. The Chair then provided an overview of the process for providing notice of the Plan and dispensed with the reading of the Notice to Affected Creditors (as set out in the Meeting Order) asked whether there was any person present with a Voting Claim or Unresolved Claim who had not submitted a proxy and who wished to vote at the Meeting. No such person responded.
27. The Chair then provided a brief overview of the CCAA proceedings and summarized the amendments to the Plan since the October 19 Plan. Upon conclusion of the summary of the Plan, the Chair asked whether anyone who was entitled to speak had any questions regarding the Plan. Ken Dekker of Affleck Greene McMurtry LLP, counsel for BDO, asked a question regarding the timeframe for further detail surrounding the mechanics regarding the implementation of the Plan and the continuation of the Class Actions including matters relating to documentary discovery and the impact of the release. Derrick Tay of Gowlings, counsel for the Monitor, replied that while discussions may take place prior to the Sanction Hearing, it was unlikely that all such issues would be resolved prior to the Sanction Hearing.
28. Upon conclusion of the discussion of the Plan, the Chair reviewed the process for voting on the Plan as set out in the Voting Procedures (Appendix F). The Chair then confirmed that: (a) the result of the proxy count would be announced after proposal and consideration of the motion and that results of both Voting Claims and Unresolved Claims would be announced; and (b) the CCAA requires a majority in number and 2/3 in

value of the voting class (present at the Meeting in person or by proxy) for approval of the Plan.

29. The Chair then read out the proposed resolution (Appendix G), as follows:

- (a) *“The plan of compromise and reorganization (the "CCAA Plan") under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada) and the Canada Business Corporations Act concerning, affecting and involving Sino-Forest Corporation ("SFC"), substantially in the form dated December 3, 2012 (as such CCAA Plan may be amended, varied or supplemented by SFC from time to time in accordance with its terms) and the transactions contemplated therein be and it is hereby accepted, approved, agreed to and authorized;*
- (b) *Notwithstanding the passing of this resolution by each Affected Creditor Class (as defined in the CCAA Plan) or the passing of similar resolutions or approval of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the "Court"), the board of directors of SFC, without further notice to, or approval of, the Affected Creditors (as defined in CCAA Plan), subject to the terms of the CCAA Plan, may decide not to proceed with the CCAA Plan or may revoke this resolution at any time prior to the CCAA Plan becoming effective, provided that any such decision after the issuance of a sanction order shall require the approval of the Monitor and the Court; and*
- (c) *Any director or officer of SFC be and is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of SFC, to execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, any and all documents and instruments and to take or cause to be taken such other actions as he or she may deem necessary or desirable to implement this resolution and the matters authorized hereby, including the transactions required by the CCAA Plan, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of such documents or other instruments or taking of any such actions.”*

30. Robert Chadwick of Goodmans LLP, holder of a number of proxies on behalf of Noteholders, then proposed the motion.

31. The Monitor then advised that it had tabulated the proxies indicating votes received for both Voting Claims and Unresolved Claims in connection with the Plan (as amended up to December 3, 2012). The following tables show:

- (a) the number of Voting Claims and their value for and against the Plan (table 1):

	Number of Votes	%	Value of Votes	%
Total Claims Voting For	250	98.81%	\$ 1,465,766,204	99.97%
Total Claims Voting Against	3	1.19%	\$ 414,087	0.03%
Total Claims Voting	253	100.00%	\$ 1,466,180,291	100.00%

- (b) the number of votes for and against the Plan in connection with Class Action Indemnity Claims in respect of Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims up to the Indemnified Noteholder Limit (table 2):

	Vote For	Vote Against	Total Votes
Class Action Indemnity Claims	4	1	5

- (c) the number of Defence Costs Claims votes for and against the Plan and their value (table 3):

	Number of Votes	%	Value of Votes	%
Total Claims Voting For	12	92.31%	\$ 8,375,016	96.10%
Total Claims Voting Against	1	7.69%	\$ 340,000	3.90%
Total Claims Voting	13	100.00%	\$ 8,715,016	100.00%

- (d) the overall impact on the approval of the Plan if the count were to include Total Unresolved Claims (including Defence Costs Claims) and if the entire \$150 million of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit had been voted a “no” vote (table 4):

	Number of Votes	%	Value of Votes	%
Total Claims Voting For	263	98.50%	\$ 1,474,149,082	90.72%
Total Claims Voting Against	4	1.50%	\$ 150,754,087	9.28%
Total Claims Voting	267	100.00%	\$ 1,624,903,169	100.00%

32. A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting including a copy of the scrutineer’s report is attached as Appendix H.
33. The motion was carried and Meeting was terminated at approximately 10:34am.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES

OSC Proceedings regarding EY

34. On December 3, 2012, the OSC issued a statement of allegations and notice of hearing against EY (Appendix I). The hearing was set for January 7, 2013.

Appeal of the Equity Decision

35. On November 28, 2012, the Underwriters provided notice of their intention to seek leave of the Supreme Court of Canada to appeal the Ontario Court of Appeal's decision dismissing the appeal of the Equity Claims Decision. The Underwriters have now advised of their decision to not further pursue leave of the Supreme Court of Canada.

REMAINING OBJECTIONS TO THE PLAN

36. The Company and the ICNs have made significant progress in resolving issues relating to the Plan such that, neither the Ontario Plaintiffs nor the Quebec Plaintiffs are opposed to the Plan; and both Ernst & Young and the Underwriters are supportive of the Plan. As of the date of this Report, the Monitor is aware of objections to the Plan from only from BDO and one former director and one former officer. The Company and the ICNs intend to continue to work to see if the objections of BDO can be resolved prior to the Sanction Hearing.
37. As of the date of this Supplemental Report, the former director and former officer referred to above have written letters indicating their intention to object to the Plan. For the reference of the Court, attached are the following documents:
- (a) Letter from Wardle Daley Bernstein re Claim of David Horsley dated November 29, 2012 and responding letter of Bennett Jones LLP dated November 30, 2012 (Appendix J);
 - (b) Proof of Claim (excluding Tab 1 and 2) of David Horsley for vacation pay, termination and severance pay dated November 1, 2012 (Appendix K); and
 - (c) Letter from Davis LLP re Kai Kit Poon dated November 28, 2012 and responding letter of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP dated November 29, 2012 (Appendix L).
38. Additionally, the Monitor is aware that an individual, Mr. Lam, who the Monitor understands was a purchaser of shares after the release of the MW Report (and therefore not part of the Class Actions) has requested changes to the Plan to, among other things, expressly preserve his claims against the Third Party Defendants. The Monitor has

written to Mr. Lam and indicated that it was not prepared to recommend any of the changes requested.

RECOMMENDATION AND CONCLUSIONS

39. The Thirteenth Report contained the Monitor's analysis as to the reasonableness of the Plan. The Monitor remains of the view that liquidation or bankruptcy would not be more beneficial to the Company's Affected Creditors.
40. As set out above, a number of outstanding objections to the Plan have now been settled and an overwhelming majority in number and in value of Affected Creditors with Voting Claims present in person or by proxy at the Meeting voted in favour of the Plan.
41. Accordingly, for the reasons set out in the Thirteenth Report and this Supplemental Report, the Monitor believes that the Plan is fair and reasonable and respectfully recommends that this Honourable Court grant the Company's request for sanction of the Plan.

Dated this 4th day of December, 2012.

FTI Consulting Canada Inc.
In its capacity as Monitor of
Sino-Forest Corporation, and not in its personal capacity



Greg Watson
Senior Managing Director



Jodi Porepa
Managing Director

Tab A

APPENDIX C - BLACKLINE OF THE NOVEMBER 28 PLAN TO THE PLAN

(See Attached)

Court File No. CV-12-9667-00CL

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS
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**AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND
ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST
CORPORATION**

APPLICANT

~~AMENDED~~ PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND REORGANIZATION

**pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*
and the *Canada Business Corporations Act*
concerning, affecting and involving**

SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

~~November 28,~~ December 3, 2012

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AMENDED PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND REORGANIZATION

WHEREAS Sino-Forest Corporation (“SFC”) is insolvent;

AND WHEREAS, on March 30, 2012 (the “**Filing Date**”), the Honourable Justice Morawetz of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the “**Court**”) granted an initial Order in respect of SFC (as such Order may be amended, restated or varied from time to time, the “**Initial Order**”) pursuant to the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the “**CCAA**”) and the *Canada Business Corporation Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-44, as amended (the “**CBCA**”);

AND WHEREAS, on August 31, 2012, the Court granted a Plan Filing and Meeting Order (as such Order may be amended, restated or varied from time to time, the “**Meeting Order**”) pursuant to which, among other things, SFC was authorized to file this plan of compromise and reorganization and to convene a meeting of affected creditors to consider and vote on this plan of compromise and reorganization.

NOW THEREFORE, SFC hereby proposes this—amended plan of compromise and reorganization pursuant to the CCAA and CBCA.

ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

In the Plan, unless otherwise stated or unless the subject matter or context otherwise requires:

“**2013 Note Indenture**” means the indenture dated as of July 23, 2008, by and between SFC, the entities listed as subsidiary guarantors therein, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented.

“**2014 Note Indenture**” means the indenture dated as of July 27, 2009, by and between SFC, the entities listed as subsidiary guarantors therein, and Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented.

“**2016 Note Indenture**” means the indenture dated as of December 17, 2009, by and between SFC, the entities listed as subsidiary guarantors therein, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented.

“**2017 Note Indenture**” means the indenture dated as of October 21, 2010, by and between SFC, the entities listed as subsidiary guarantors therein, and Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented.

“**2013 Notes**” means the aggregate principal amount of US\$345,000,000 of 5.00% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2013 issued pursuant to the 2013 Note Indenture.

“**2014 Notes**” means the aggregate principal amount of US\$399,517,000 of 10.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes Due 2014 issued pursuant to the 2014 Note Indenture.

“**2016 Notes**” means the aggregate principal amount of US\$460,000,000 of 4.25% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2016 issued pursuant to the 2016 Note Indenture.

“**2017 Notes**” means the aggregate principal amount of US\$600,000,000 of 6.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes Due 2017 issued pursuant to the 2017 Note Indenture.

“**Accrued Interest**” means, in respect of any series of Notes, all accrued and unpaid interest on such Notes, at the regular rates provided in the applicable Note Indentures, up to and including the Filing Date.

“**Administration Charge**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Initial Order.

“**Administration Charge Reserve**” means the cash reserve to be established by SFC on the Plan Implementation Date in the amount of \$500,000 or such other amount as agreed to by the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, which cash reserve: (i) shall be maintained and administered by the Monitor, in trust, for the purpose of paying any amounts secured by the Administration Charge; and (ii) upon the termination of the Administration Charge pursuant to the Plan, shall stand in place of the Administration Charge as security for the payment of any amounts secured by the Administration Charge.

“**Affected Claim**” means any Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim that is not: an Unaffected Claim; a Section 5.1(2) D&O Claim; a Conspiracy Claim; a Continuing Other D&O Claim; a Non-Released D&O Claim; or a Subsidiary Intercompany Claim, and “Affected Claim” includes any Class Action Indemnity Claim. For greater certainty, all of the following are Affected Claims: Affected Creditor Claims; Equity Claims; Noteholder Class Action Claims (other than the Continuing Noteholder Class Action Claims); and Class Action Indemnity Claims.

“**Affected Creditor**” means a Person with an Affected Creditor Claim, but only with respect to and to the extent of such Affected Creditor Claim.

“**Affected Creditor Claim**” means any Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim or Noteholder Claim.

“**Affected Creditors Class**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.2(a) hereof.

“**Affected Creditors Equity Sub-Pool**” means an amount of Newco Shares representing 92.5% of the Newco Equity Pool.

“**Alternative Sale Transaction**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 10.1 hereof.

“**Alternative Sale Transaction Consideration**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 10.1 hereof.

“**Applicable Law**” means any applicable law, statute, order, decree, consent decree, judgment, rule, regulation, ordinance or other pronouncement having the effect of law whether in Canada,

the United States, Hong Kong, the PRC or any other country, or any domestic or foreign state, county, province, city or other political subdivision or of any Governmental Entity.

“**Auditors**” means the former auditors of SFC that are named as defendants to the Class Actions Claims, including for greater certainty Ernst & Young LLP and BDO Limited.

“**Barbados Loans**” means the aggregate amount outstanding at the date hereof pursuant to three loans made by SFC Barbados to SFC in the amounts of US\$65,997,468.10 on February 1, 2011, US\$59,000,000 on June 7, 2011 and US\$176,000,000 on June 7, 2011.

“**Barbados Property**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 6.4(j) hereof.

“**BIA**” means the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R. S. C. 1985, c. B-3.

“**Business Day**” means a day, other than Saturday, Sunday or a statutory holiday, on which banks are generally open for business in Toronto, Ontario.

“**Canadian Tax Act**” means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and the *Income Tax Regulations*, in each case as amended from time to time.

“**Causes of Action**” means any and all claims, actions, causes of action, demands, counterclaims, suits, rights, entitlements, litigation, arbitration, proceeding, hearing ~~or complaint, whether known or unknown~~, complaint, debt, obligation, sums of money, accounts, covenants, damages, judgments, orders, including for injunctive relief or specific performance and compliance orders, expenses, executions, Encumbrances and other recoveries of whatever nature that any Person may be entitled to assert in law, equity or otherwise, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, reduced to judgment or not reduced to judgment, liquidated or unliquidated, contingent or non-contingent, matured or unmatured, disputed or undisputed, secured or unsecured, assertable directly ~~or derivatively, in law, equity or otherwise~~, indirectly or derivatively, existing or hereafter arising and whether pertaining to events occurring before, on or after the Filing Date.

“**CBCA**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals.

“**CCAA**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals.

“**CCAA Proceeding**” means the proceeding commenced by SFC under the CCAA on the Filing Date in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) under court file number CV-12-9667-00CL.

“**Charges**” means the Administration Charge and the Directors’ Charge.

“**Claim**” means any right or claim of any Person that may be asserted or made against SFC, in whole or in part, whether or not asserted or made, in connection with any indebtedness, liability or obligation of any kind whatsoever, and any interest accrued thereon or costs payable in respect thereof, including by reason of the commission of a tort (intentional or unintentional), by reason of any breach of contract or other agreement (oral or written), by reason of any breach of duty (including any legal, statutory, equitable or fiduciary duty) or by reason of any right of

ownership of or title to property or assets or right to a trust or deemed trust (statutory, express, implied, resulting, constructive or otherwise), and whether or not any indebtedness, liability or obligation is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, unsecured, present or future, known or unknown, by guarantee, surety or otherwise, and whether or not any right or claim is executory or anticipatory in nature, including any right or ability of any Person (including any Directors or Officers of SFC or any of the Subsidiaries) to advance a claim for contribution or indemnity or otherwise with respect to any matter, action, cause or chose in action, whether existing at present or commenced in the future, which indebtedness, liability or obligation, and any interest accrued thereon or costs payable in respect thereof (A) is based in whole or in part on facts prior to the Filing Date, (B) relates to a time period prior to the Filing Date, or (C) is a right or claim of any kind that would be a claim provable against SFC in bankruptcy within the meaning of the BIA had SFC become bankrupt on the Filing Date, or is an Equity Claim, a Noteholder Class Action Claim against SFC, a Class Action Indemnity Claim against SFC, a Restructuring Claim or a Lien Claim, provided, however, that “Claim” shall not include a D&O Claim or a D&O Indemnity Claim.

“**Claims Bar Date**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Claims Procedure Order.

“**Claims Procedure**” means the procedure established for determining the amount and status of Claims, D&O Claims and D&O Indemnity Claims, including in each case any such claims that are Unresolved Claims, pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order.

“**Claims Procedure Order**” means the Order under the CCAA of the Honourable Justice Morawetz dated May 14, 2012, establishing, among other things, a claims procedure in respect of SFC and calling for claims in respect of the Subsidiaries, as such Order may be amended, restated or varied from time to time.

“**Class Action Claims**” means, collectively, any rights or claims of any kind advanced or which may subsequently be advanced in the Class Actions or in any other similar proceeding, whether a class action proceeding or otherwise, and for greater certainty includes any Noteholder Class Action Claims.

“**Class Actions**” means, collectively, the following proceedings: (i) *Trustees of the Labourers’ Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada et al v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al.* (Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP); (ii) *Guining Liu v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al.* (Quebec Superior Court, Court File No. 200-06-000132-111); (iii) *Allan Haigh v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al.* (Saskatchewan Court of Queen’s Bench, Court File No. 2288 of 2011); and (iv) *David Leopard et al. v. Allen T.Y. Chan et al.* (District Court of the Southern District of New York, Court File No. 650258/2012).

“**Class Action Court**” means, with respect to the Class Action Claims, the court of competent jurisdiction that is responsible for administering the applicable Class Action Claim.

“**Class Action Indemnity Claim**” means any right or claim of any Person that may be asserted or made in whole or in part against SFC and/or any Subsidiary for indemnity, contribution, reimbursement or otherwise from or in connection with any Class Action Claim asserted against

such Person. For greater certainty, Class Action Indemnity Claims are distinct from and do not include Class Action Claims.

“**Consent Date**” means May 15, 2012.

“**Conspiracy Claim**” means any D&O Claim alleging that the applicable Director or Officer committed the tort of civil conspiracy, as defined under Canadian common law.

“**Continuing Noteholder Class Action Claim**” means any Noteholder Class Action Claim that is: (i) a Section 5.1(2) D&O Claim; (ii) a Conspiracy Claim; (iii) a Non-Released D&O Claim; (iv) a Continuing Other D&O Claim; (v) a Noteholder Class Action Claim against one or more Third Party Defendants that is not an Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claim; (vi) the portion of an Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claim that is permitted to continue against the Third Party Defendants, subject to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit, pursuant to section 4.4(b)(i) hereof.

“**Continuing Other D&O Claims**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.9(b) hereof.

“**Court**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals.

“**D&O Claim**” means (i) any right or claim of any Person that may be asserted or made in whole or in part against one or more Directors or Officers of SFC that relates to a Claim for which such Directors or Officers are by law liable to pay in their capacity as Directors or Officers of SFC, or (ii) any right or claim of any Person that may be asserted or made in whole or in part against one or more Directors or Officers of SFC, in that capacity, whether or not asserted or made, in connection with any indebtedness, liability or obligation of any kind whatsoever, and any interest accrued thereon or costs payable in respect thereof, including by reason of the commission of a tort (intentional or unintentional), by reason of any breach of contract or other agreement (oral or written), by reason of any breach of duty (including any legal, statutory, equitable or fiduciary duty and including, for greater certainty, any monetary administrative or other monetary penalty or claim for costs asserted against any Officer or Director of SFC by any Government Entity) or by reason of any right of ownership of or title to property or assets or right to a trust or deemed trust (statutory, express, implied, resulting, constructive or otherwise), and whether or not any indebtedness, liability or obligation, and any interest accrued thereon or costs payable in respect thereof, is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, unsecured, present or future, known or unknown, by guarantee, surety or otherwise, and whether or not any right or claim is executory or anticipatory in nature, including any right or ability of any Person to advance a claim for contribution or indemnity from any such Directors or Officers of SFC or otherwise with respect to any matter, action, cause or chose in action, whether existing at present or commenced in the future, which indebtedness, liability or obligation, and any interest accrued thereon or costs payable in respect thereof (A) is based in whole or in part on facts prior to the Filing Date, or (B) relates to a time period prior to the Filing Date.

“**D&O Indemnity Claim**” means any existing or future right of any Director or Officer of SFC against SFC that arose or arises as a result of any Person filing a D&O Proof of Claim (as

defined in the Claims Procedure Order) in respect of such Director or Officer of SFC for which such Director or Officer of SFC is entitled to be indemnified by SFC.

“**Defence Costs**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.8 hereof.

“**Director**” means, with respect to SFC or any Subsidiary, anyone who is or was, or may be deemed to be or have been, whether by statute, operation of law or otherwise, a director or *de facto* director of such SFC Company.

“**Directors’ Charge**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Initial Order.

“**Direct Registration Account**” means, if applicable, a direct registration account administered by the Transfer Agent in which those Persons entitled to receive Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes pursuant to the Plan will hold such Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes in registered form.

“**Direct Registration Transaction Advice**” means, if applicable, a statement delivered by the Monitor, the Trustees, the Transfer Agent or any such Person’s agent to any Person entitled to receive Newco Shares or Newco Notes pursuant to the Plan on the Initial Distribution Date and each subsequent Distribution Date, as applicable, indicating the number of Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes registered in the name of or as directed by the applicable Person in a Direct Registration Account.

“**Direct Subsidiaries**” means, collectively, Sino-Panel Holdings Limited, Sino-Global Holdings Inc., Sino-Panel Corporation, Sino-Capital Global Inc., SFC Barbados, Sino-Forest Resources Inc. Sino-Wood Partners, Limited.

“**Distribution Date**” means the date or dates from time to time set in accordance with the provisions of the Plan to effect distributions in respect of the Proven Claims, excluding the Initial Distribution Date.

“**Distribution Escrow Position**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 5.2(d) hereof.

“**Distribution Record Date**” means the Plan Implementation Date, or such other date as SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders may agree.

“**DTC**” means The Depository Trust Company, or any successor thereof.

“**Early Consent Equity Sub-Pool**” means an amount of Newco Shares representing 7.5% of the Newco Equity Pool.

“**Early Consent Noteholder**” means any Noteholder that:

- (a) (i) as confirmed by the Monitor on June 12, 2012, executed the (A) RSA, (B) a support agreement with SFC and the Direct Subsidiaries in the form of the RSA or (C) a joinder agreement in the form attached as Schedule C to the RSA; (ii) provided evidence satisfactory to the Monitor in accordance with section 2(a) of the RSA of the Notes held by such Noteholder as at the Consent Date (the “**Early Consent Notes**”), as such list of Noteholders and Notes held has been verified

and is maintained by the Monitor on a confidential basis; and (iii) continues to hold such Early Consent Notes as at the Distribution Record Date; or

- (b) (i) has acquired Early Consent Notes; (ii) has signed the necessary transfer and joinder documentation as required by the RSA and has otherwise acquired such Early Consent Notes in compliance with the RSA; and (iii) continues to hold such Early Consent Notes as at the Distribution Record Date.

“**Effective Time**” means 8:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on the Plan Implementation Date or such other time on such date as SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders may agree.

“**Eligible Third Party Defendant**” means any of the Underwriters, BDO Limited and Ernst & Young (in the event that the Ernst & Young Settlement is not completed), together with any of their respective present and former affiliates, partners, associates, employees, servants, agents, contractors, directors, officers, insurers and successors, administrators, heirs and assigns, but excludes any Director or Officer and successors, administrators, heirs and assigns of any Director or Officer in their capacity as such.

“**Employee Priority Claims**” means the following Claims of employees and former employees of SFC:

- (a) Claims equal to the amounts that such employees and former employees would have been qualified to receive under paragraph 136(1)(d) of the BIA if SFC had become bankrupt on the Filing Date; and
- (b) Claims for wages, salaries, commissions or compensation for services rendered by them after the Filing Date and on or before the Plan Implementation Date.

“**Encumbrance**” means any security interest (whether contractual, statutory, or otherwise), hypothec, mortgage, trust or deemed trust (whether contractual, statutory, or otherwise), lien, execution, levy, charge, demand, action, liability or other claim, action, demand or liability of any kind whatsoever, whether proprietary, financial or monetary, and whether or not it has attached or been perfected, registered or filed and whether secured, unsecured or otherwise, including: (i) any of the Charges; and (ii) any charge, security interest or claim evidenced by registrations pursuant to the *Personal Property Security Act* (Ontario) or any other personal property registry system.

“**Equity Cancellation Date**” means the date that is the first Business Day at least 31 days after the Plan Implementation Date, or such other date as may be agreed to by SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“**Equity Claim**” means a Claim that meets the definition of “equity claim” in section 2(1) of the CCAA and, for greater certainty, includes any of the following:

- (a) any claim against SFC resulting from the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest in SFC, including the claims by or on behalf of current or former shareholders asserted in the Class Actions;

- (b) any indemnification claim against SFC related to or arising from the claims described in sub-paragraph (a), including any such indemnification claims against SFC by or on behalf of any and all of the Third Party Defendants (other than for Defence Costs, unless any such claims for Defence Costs have been determined to be Equity Claims subsequent to the date of the Equity Claims Order); and
- (c) any other claim that has been determined to be an Equity Claim pursuant to an Order of the Court.

“**Equity Claimant**” means any Person having an Equity Claim, but only with respect to and to the extent of such Equity Claim.

“**Equity Claimant Class**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.2(b).

“**Equity Claims Order**” means the Order under the CCAA of the Honourable Justice Morawetz dated July 27, 2012, in respect of Shareholder Claims and Related Indemnity Claims against SFC, as such terms are defined therein.

“**Equity Interest**” has the meaning set forth in section 2(1) of the CCAA.

“**Ernst & Young**” means Ernst & Young LLP (Canada), Ernst & Young Global Limited and all other member firms thereof, and all present and former affiliates, partners, associates, employees, servants, agents, contractors, directors, officers, insurers and successors, administrators, heirs and assigns of each, but excludes any Director or Officer (in their capacity as such) and successors, administrators, heirs and assigns of any Director or Officer (in their capacity as such).

“**Ernst & Young Claim**” means any and all demands, claims, actions, Causes of Action, counterclaims, suits, debts, sums of money, accounts, covenants, damages, judgments, orders, including injunctive relief or specific performance and compliance orders, expenses, executions, Encumbrances and other recoveries on account of any claim, indebtedness, liability, obligation, demand or cause of action of whatever nature that any Person, including any Person who may claim contribution or indemnification against or from them and also including for greater certainty the SFC Companies, the Directors (in their capacity as such), the Officers (in their capacity as such), the Third Party Defendants, Newco, Newco II, the directors and officers of Newco and Newco II, the Noteholders or any Noteholder, any past, present or future holder of a direct or indirect equity interest in the SFC Companies, any past, present or future direct or indirect investor or security holder of the SFC Companies, any direct or indirect security holder of Newco or Newco II, the Trustees, the Transfer Agent, the Monitor, and each and every member (including members of any committee or governance council), present and former affiliate, partner, associate, employee, servant, agent, contractor, director, officer, insurer and each and every successor, administrator, heir and assign of each of any of the foregoing may or could (at any time past present or future) be entitled to assert against Ernst & Young, including any and all claims in respect of statutory liabilities of Directors (in their capacity as such), Officers (in their capacity as such) and any alleged fiduciary (in any capacity) whether known or unknown, matured or unmatured, direct or derivative, foreseen or unforeseen, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or not contingent, existing or hereafter arising, based in whole or in part

on any act or omission, transaction, dealing or other occurrence existing or taking place on, prior to or after the Ernst & Young Settlement Date relating to, arising out of or in connection with the SFC Companies, the SFC Business, any Director or Officer (in their capacity as such) and/or professional services performed by Ernst & Young or any other acts or omissions of Ernst & Young in relation to the SFC Companies, the SFC Business, any Director or Officer (in their capacity as such), including for greater certainty but not limited to any claim arising out of:

- (a) all audit, tax, advisory and other professional services provided to the SFC Companies or related to the SFC Business up to the Ernst & Young Settlement Date, including for greater certainty all audit work performed, all auditors' opinions and all consents in respect of all offering of SFC securities and all regulatory compliance delivered in respect of all fiscal periods and all work related thereto up to and including the Ernst & Young Settlement Date;
- (b) all claims advanced or which could have been advanced in any or all of the Class Actions;
- (c) all claims advanced or which could have been advanced in any or all actions commenced in all jurisdictions prior the Ernst & Young Settlement Date; or
- (d) all Noteholder Claims, Litigation Trust Claims or any claim of the SFC Companies.

provided that "Ernst & Young Claim" does not include any proceedings or remedies that may be taken against Ernst & Young by the Ontario Securities Commission or by staff of the Ontario Securities Commission, and the jurisdiction of the Ontario Securities Commission and staff of the Ontario Securities Commission in relation to Ernst & Young under the Securities Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. S-5 is expressly preserved.

"Ernst & Young Orders" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 11.1(a) hereof.

"Ernst & Young Release" means the release described in 11.1(b) hereof.

"Ernst & Young Settlement" means the settlement as reflected in the Minutes of Settlement executed on November 29, 2012 between Ernst & Young LLP, on behalf of itself and Ernst & Young Global Limited and all member firms thereof and the plaintiffs in Ontario Superior Court Action No. CV-11-4351153-00CP and in Quebec Superior Court No. 200-06-00132-111, and such other documents contemplated thereby.

"Ernst & Young Settlement Date" means the date that the Monitor's Ernst & Young Settlement Certificate is delivered to Ernst & Young.

"Excluded Litigation Trust Claims" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.12(a) hereof.

"Excluded SFC Assets" means (i) the rights of SFC to be transferred to the Litigation Trust in accordance with section 6.4(o) hereof; (ii) any entitlement to insurance proceeds in respect of Insured Claims, Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims and/or Conspiracy Claims; (iii) any secured property of SFC that is to be returned in satisfaction of a Lien Claim pursuant to section 4.2(c)(i)

hereof; (iv) any input tax credits or other refunds received by SFC after the Effective Time; and (v) cash in the aggregate amount of (and for the purpose of): (A) the Litigation Funding Amount; (B) the Unaffected Claims Reserve; (C) the Administration Charge Reserve; (D) the Expense Reimbursement and the other payments to be made pursuant to section 6.4(d) hereof (having regard to the application of any outstanding retainers, as applicable); (E) any amounts in respect of Lien Claims to be paid in accordance with section 4.2(c)(ii) hereof; and (F) the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve; (vi) any office space, office furniture or other office equipment owned or leased by SFC in Canada; (vii) the SFC Escrow Co. Share; (viii) Newco Promissory Note 1; and (ix) Newco Promissory Note 2.

“Existing Shares” means all existing shares in the equity of SFC issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire such shares, whether or not exercised as at the Effective Time.

“Expense Reimbursement” means the aggregate amount of (i) the reasonable and documented fees and expenses of the Noteholder Advisors, pursuant to their respective engagement letters with SFC, and other advisors as may be agreed to by SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders and (ii) the reasonable fees and expenses of the Initial Consenting Noteholders incurred in connection with the negotiation and development of the RSA and this Plan, including in each case an estimated amount for any such fees and expenses expected to be incurred in connection with the implementation of the Plan, including in the case of (ii) above, an aggregate work fee of up to \$5 million (which work fee may, at the request of the Monitor, be paid by any of the Subsidiaries instead of SFC).

“Filing Date” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals.

“Fractional Interests” has the meaning given in section 5.12 hereof.

“FTI HK” means FTI Consulting (Hong Kong) Limited.

“Governmental Entity” means any government, regulatory authority, governmental department, agency, commission, bureau, official, minister, Crown corporation, court, board, tribunal or dispute settlement panel or other law, rule or regulation-making organization or entity: (a) having or purporting to have jurisdiction on behalf of any nation, province, territory or state or any other geographic or political subdivision of any of them; or (b) exercising, or entitled or purporting to exercise any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, policy, regulatory or taxing authority or power.

“Government Priority Claims” means all Claims of Governmental Entities in respect of amounts that were outstanding as of the Plan Implementation Date and that are of a kind that could be subject to a demand under:

- (a) subsections 224(1.2) of the Canadian Tax Act;
- (b) any provision of the *Canada Pension Plan* or the *Employment Insurance Act* (Canada) that refers to subsection 224(1.2) of the Canadian Tax Act and provides for the collection of a contribution, as defined in the *Canada Pension Plan*, or employee's premium or employer's premium as defined in the *Employment*

Insurance Act (Canada), or a premium under Part VII.1 of that Act, and of any related interest, penalties or other amounts; or

- (c) any provision of provincial legislation that has a similar purpose to subsection 224(1.2) of the Canadian Tax Act, or that refers to that subsection, to the extent that it provides for the collection of a sum, and of any related interest, penalties or other amounts, where the sum:
 - (i) has been withheld or deducted by a person from a payment to another person and is in respect of a tax similar in nature to the income tax imposed on individuals under the Canadian Tax Act; or
 - (ii) is of the same nature as a contribution under the *Canada Pension Plan* if the province is a “province providing a comprehensive pension plan” as defined in subsection 3(1) of the *Canada Pension Plan* and the provincial legislation establishes a “provincial pension plan” as defined in that subsection.

“**Greenheart**” means Greenheart Group Limited, a company established under the laws of Bermuda.

“**Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.4(b)(i) hereof.

“**Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit**” means \$150 million or such lesser amount agreed to by SFC, the Monitor, the Initial Consenting Noteholders and counsel to the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs prior to the Plan Implementation Date or agreed to by the Initial Consenting Noteholders and counsel to the Class Action Plaintiffs after the Plan Implementation Date.

“**Initial Consenting Noteholders**” means, subject to section 12.7 hereof, the Noteholders that executed the RSA on March 30, 2012.

“**Initial Distribution Date**” means a date no more than ten (10) Business Days after the Plan Implementation Date or such other date as SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders may agree.

“**Initial Newco Shareholder**” means a Person to be determined by the Initial Consenting Noteholders prior to the Effective Time, with the consent of SFC and the Monitor, to serve as the initial sole shareholder of Newco pursuant to section 6.2(a) hereof.

“**Initial Order**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals.

“**Insurance Policies**” means, collectively, the following insurance policies, as well as any other insurance policy pursuant to which SFC or any Director or Officer is insured: ACE INA Insurance Policy Number DO024464; Chubb Insurance Company of Canada Policy Number 8209-4449; Lloyds of London, England Policy Number XTFF0420; Lloyds of London, England

Policy Number XTFF0373; and Travelers Guarantee Company of Canada Policy Number 10181108, and “**Insurance Policy**” means any one of the Insurance Policies.

“**Insured Claim**” means all or that portion of any Claim for which SFC is insured and all or that portion of any D&O Claim for which the applicable Director or Officer is insured, in each case pursuant to any of the Insurance Policies.

“**Intellectual Property**” means: (i) patents, and applications for patents, including divisional and continuation patents; (ii) registered and unregistered trade-marks, logos and other indicia of origin, pending trade-mark registration applications, and proposed use application or similar reservations of marks, and all goodwill associated therewith; (iii) registered and unregistered copyrights, including all copyright in and to computer software programs, and applications for and registration of such copyright (including all copyright in and to the SFC Companies’ websites); (iv) world wide web addresses and internet domain names, applications and reservations for world wide web addresses and internet domain names, uniform resource locators and the corresponding internet sites; (v) industrial designs; and (vi) trade secrets and proprietary information not otherwise listed in (i) through (v) above, including all inventions (whether or not patentable), invention disclosures, moral and economic rights of authors and inventors (however denominated), confidential information, technical data, customer lists, corporate and business names, trade names, trade dress, brand names, know-how, formulae, methods (whether or not patentable), designs, processes, procedures, technology, business methods, source codes, object codes, computer software programs (in either source code or object code form), databases, data collections and other proprietary information or material of any type, and all derivatives, improvements and refinements thereof, howsoever recorded, or unrecorded.

“**Letter of Instruction**” means a form, to be completed by each Ordinary Affected Creditor and each Early Consent Noteholder, and that is to be delivered to the Monitor in accordance with section 5.1 hereof, which form shall set out:

- (a) the registration details for the Newco Shares and, if applicable, Newco Notes to be distributed to such Ordinary Affected Creditor or Early Consent Noteholder in accordance with the Plan; and
- (b) the address to which such Ordinary Affected Creditor’s or Early Consent Noteholder’s Direct Registration Transaction Advice or its Newco Share Certificates and Newco Note Certificates, as applicable, are to be delivered.

“**Lien Claim**” means any Proven Claim of a Person indicated as a secured creditor in Schedule “B” to the Initial Order (other than the Trustees) that is secured by a lien or encumbrance on any property of SFC, which lien is valid, perfected and enforceable pursuant to Applicable Law, provided that the Charges and any Claims in respect of Notes shall not constitute “Lien Claims”.

“**Lien Claimant**” means a Person having a Lien Claim, other than any Noteholder or Trustee in respect of any Noteholder Claim.

“**Litigation Funding Amount**” means the cash amount of \$1,000,000 to be advanced by SFC to the Litigation Trustee for purposes of funding the Litigation Trust on the Plan Implementation Date in accordance with section 6.4(o) hereof.

“**Litigation Funding Receivable**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 6.4(o) hereof.

“**Litigation Trust**” means the trust to be established on the Plan Implementation Date at the time specified in section 6.4(p) in accordance with the Litigation Trust Agreement pursuant to the laws of a jurisdiction that is acceptable to SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, which trust will acquire the Litigation Trust Claims and will be funded with the Litigation Funding Amount in accordance with the Plan and the Litigation Trust Agreement.

“**Litigation Trust Agreement**” means the trust agreement dated as of the Plan Implementation Date, between SFC and the Litigation Trustee, establishing the Litigation Trust.

“**Litigation Trust Claims**” means any ~~and all claims, actions, causes of action, demands, suits, rights, entitlements, litigation, arbitration, proceeding, hearing or complaint, whether known or unknown, reduced to judgment or not reduced to judgment, liquidated or unliquidated, contingent or non-contingent, matured or unmatured, disputed or undisputed, secured or unsecured, assertable directly or derivatively, in law, equity or otherwise, based in whole or in part upon any act or omission or other event occurring before or after the Filing Date~~ Causes of Action that have been or may be asserted by or on behalf of: ~~(i~~a~~)~~ SFC against any and all third parties; or ~~(i~~b~~)~~ the Trustees (on behalf of the Noteholders) against any and all Persons in connection with the Notes issued by SFC; provided, however, that in no event shall the Litigation Trust Claims include any (i) claim, right or cause of action against any Person that is released pursuant to Article 7 hereof or (ii) any Excluded Litigation Trust Claim. For greater certainty: ~~(i~~x~~)~~ the claims being advanced or that are subsequently advanced in the Class Actions are not being transferred to the Litigation Trust; and ~~(i~~y~~)~~ the claims transferred to the Litigation Trust shall not be advanced in the Class Actions.

“**Litigation Trust Interests**” means the beneficial interests in the Litigation Trust to be created on the Plan Implementation Date.

“**Litigation Trustee**” means a Person to be determined by SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders prior to the Effective Time, with the consent of the Monitor, to serve as trustee of the Litigation Trust pursuant to and in accordance with the terms thereof.

“**Material**” means a fact, circumstance, change, effect, matter, action, condition, event, occurrence or development that, individually or in the aggregate, is, or would reasonably be expected to be, material to the business, affairs, results of operations or financial condition of the SFC Companies (taken as a whole).

“**Material Adverse Effect**” means a fact, event, change, occurrence, circumstance or condition that, individually or together with any other event, change or occurrence, has or would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse impact on the assets, condition (financial or otherwise), business, liabilities, obligations (whether absolute, accrued, conditional or otherwise) or operations of the SFC Companies (taken as a whole); provided, however, that a Material Adverse Effect shall not include and shall be deemed to exclude the impact of any fact, event,

change, occurrence, circumstance or condition resulting from or relating to: (A) changes in Applicable Laws of general applicability or interpretations thereof by courts or Governmental Entities or regulatory authorities, which changes do not have a Material disproportionate effect on the SFC Companies (taken as a whole), (B) any change in the forestry industry generally, which does not have a Material disproportionate effect on the SFC Companies (taken as a whole) (relative to other industry participants operating primarily in the PRC), (C) actions and omissions of any of the SFC Companies required pursuant to the RSA or this Plan or taken with the prior written consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders, (D) the effects of compliance with the RSA or this Plan, including on the operating performance of the SFC Companies, (E) the negotiation, execution, delivery, performance, consummation, potential consummation or public announcement of the RSA or this Plan or the transactions contemplated thereby or hereby, (F) any change in U.S. or Canadian interest rates or currency exchange rates unless such change has a Material disproportionate effect on the SFC Companies (taken as a whole), and (G) general political, economic or financial conditions in Canada, the United States, Hong Kong or the PRC, which changes do not have a Material disproportionate effect on the SFC Companies (taken as a whole).

“**Meeting**” means the meeting of Affected Creditors, and any adjournment or extension thereof, that is called and conducted in accordance with the Meeting Order for the purpose of considering and voting on the Plan.

“**Meeting Order**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals.

“**Monitor**” means FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as Court-appointed Monitor of SFC in the CCAA Proceeding.

“**Monitor’s Post-Implementation Reserve**” means the cash reserve to be established by SFC on the Plan Implementation Date in the amount of \$5,000,000 or such other amount as may be agreed by SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, which cash reserve shall be maintained and administered by the Monitor for the purpose of administering SFC and the Claims Procedure, as necessary, from and after the Plan Implementation Date.

“**Monitor’s Ernst & Young Settlement Certificate**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 11.1(a) hereof.

“**Monitor’s Named Third Party Settlement Certificate**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 11.2(b) hereof.

“**Named Directors and Officers**” means Andrew Agnew, William E. Ardell, James Bowland, Leslie Chan, Michael Cheng, Lawrence Hon, James M.E. Hyde, Richard M. Kimel, R. John (Jack) Lawrence, Jay A. Lefton, Edmund Mak, Tom Maradin, Judson Martin, Simon Murray, James F. O’Donnell, William P. Rosenfeld, Peter Donghong Wang, Garry West and Kee Y. Wong, in their respective capacities as Directors or Officers, and “**Named Director or Officer**” means any one of them.

“**Named Third Party Defendant Settlement**” means a binding settlement between any applicable Named Third Party Defendant and one or more of: (i) counsel to the plaintiffs in any

of the Class Actions; and (ii) the Litigation Trustee (on behalf of the Litigation Trust) (if after the Plan Implementation Date), provided that, in each case, such settlement must be acceptable to SFC (if on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date), the Monitor, the Initial Consenting Noteholders (if on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date) and the Litigation Trustee (if after the Plan Implementation Date), and provided further that such settlement shall not affect the plaintiffs in the Class Actions without the consent of counsel to the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs.

“**Named Third Party Defendant Settlement Order**” means an Order of the Court approving a Named Third Party Defendant Settlement in form and in substance satisfactory to the applicable Named Third Party Defendant, SFC (if occurring on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date), the Monitor, the Initial Consenting Noteholders (if on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date), the Litigation Trustee (if after the Plan Implementation Date) and counsel to the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs (if the plaintiffs in any of the Class Actions are affected by the applicable Named Third Party Defendant Settlement).

“**Named Third Party Defendant Release**” means a release of any applicable Named Third Party Defendant agreed to pursuant to a Named Third Party Defendant Settlement and approved pursuant to a Named Third Party Defendant Settlement Order, provided that such release must be acceptable to SFC (if on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date), the Monitor, the Initial Consenting Noteholders (if on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date) and the Litigation Trustee (if after the Plan Implementation Date), and provided further that such release shall not affect the plaintiffs in the Class Actions without the consent of counsel to the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs.

“**Named Third Party Defendants**” means the Third Party Defendants listed on Schedule “A” to the Plan in accordance with section 11.2(a) hereof, provided that only Eligible Third Party Defendants may become Named Third Party Defendants.

“**Newco**” means the new corporation to be incorporated pursuant to section 6.2(a) hereof under the laws of the Cayman Islands or such other jurisdiction as agreed to by SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“**Newco II**” means the new corporation to be incorporated pursuant to section 6.2(b) hereof under the laws of the Cayman Islands or such other jurisdiction as agreed to by SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“**Newco II Consideration**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 6.4(x) hereof.

“**Newco Equity Pool**” means all of the Newco Shares to be issued by Newco on the Plan Implementation Date. The number of Newco Shares to be issued on the Plan Implementation Date shall be agreed by SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders prior to the Plan Implementation Date.

“**Newco Note Certificate**” means a certificate evidencing Newco Notes.

“**Newco Notes**” means the new notes to be issued by Newco on the Plan Implementation Date in the aggregate principal amount of \$300,000,000, on such terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the Initial Consenting Noteholders and SFC, acting reasonably.

“**Newco Promissory Note 1**”, “**Newco Promissory Note 2**”, “**Newco Promissory Note 3**” and “**Newco Promissory Notes**” have the meanings ascribed thereto in sections 6.4(k), 6.4(m), 6.4(n) and 6.4(q) hereof, respectively.

“**Newco Share Certificate**” means a certificate evidencing Newco Shares.

“**Newco Shares**” means common shares in the capital of Newco.

“**Non-Released D&O Claims**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.9(f) hereof.

“**Noteholder Advisors**” means Goodmans LLP, Hogan Lovells and Conyers, Dill & Pearman LLP in their capacity as legal advisors to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, and Moelis & Company LLC and Moelis and Company Asia Limited, in their capacity as the financial advisors to the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“**Noteholder Claim**” means any Claim by a Noteholder (or a Trustee or other representative on the Noteholder’s behalf) in respect of or in relation to the Notes owned or held by such Noteholder, including all principal and Accrued Interest payable to such Noteholder pursuant to such Notes or the Note Indentures, but for greater certainty does not include any Noteholder Class Action Claim.

“**Noteholder Class Action Claim**” means any Class Action Claim, or any part thereof, against SFC, any of the Subsidiaries, any of the Directors and Officers of SFC or the Subsidiaries, any of the Auditors, any of the Underwriters and/or any other defendant to the Class Action Claims that relates to the purchase, sale or ownership of Notes, but for greater certainty does not include a Noteholder Claim.

“**Noteholder Class Action Claimant**” means any Person having or asserting a Noteholder Class Action Claim.

“**Noteholder Class Action Representative**” means an individual to be appointed by counsel to the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs.

“**Noteholders**” means, collectively, the beneficial owners of Notes as of the Distribution Record Date and, as the context requires, the registered holders of Notes as of the Distribution Record Date, and “**Noteholder**” means any one of the Noteholders.

“**Note Indentures**” means, collectively, the 2013 Note Indenture, the 2014 Note Indenture, the 2016 Note Indenture and the 2017 Note Indenture.

“**Notes**” means, collectively, the 2013 Notes, the 2014 Notes, the 2016 Notes and the 2017 Notes.

“**Officer**” means, with respect to SFC or any Subsidiary, anyone who is or was, or may be deemed to be or have been, whether by statute, operation of law or otherwise, an officer or *de facto* officer of such SFC Company.

“**Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs**” means the plaintiffs in the Ontario class action case styled as *Trustees of the Labourers’ Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada et al v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al.* (Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP).

“**Order**” means any order of the Court made in connection with the CCAA Proceeding or this Plan.

“**Ordinary Affected Creditor**” means a Person with an Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim.

“**Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim**” means a Claim that is not: an Unaffected Claim; a Noteholder Claim; an Equity Claim; a Subsidiary Intercompany Claim; a Noteholder Class Action Claim; or a Class Action Indemnity Claim (other than a Class Action Indemnity Claim by any of the Third Party Defendants in respect of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims).

“**Other Directors and/or Officers**” means any Directors and/or Officers other than the Named Directors and Officers.

“**Permitted Continuing Retainer**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 6.4(d) hereof.

“**Person**” means any individual, sole proprietorship, limited or unlimited liability corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, unincorporated syndicate, unincorporated organization, body corporate, joint venture, trust, pension fund, union, Governmental Entity, and a natural person including in such person’s capacity as trustee, heir, beneficiary, executor, administrator or other legal representative.

“**Plan**” means this ~~Amended~~ Plan of Compromise and Reorganization (including all schedules hereto) filed by SFC pursuant to the CCAA and the CBCA, as ~~such Plan~~ it may be further amended, supplemented or restated from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof or an Order.

“**Plan Implementation Date**” means the Business Day on which this Plan becomes effective, which shall be the Business Day on which the Monitor has filed with the Court the certificate contemplated in section 9.2 hereof, or such other date as SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders may agree.

“**PRC**” means the People’s Republic of China.

“**Proof of Claim**” means the “Proof of Claim” referred to in the Claims Procedure Order, substantially in the form attached to the Claims Procedure Order.

“**Pro-Rata**” means:

- (a) with respect to any Noteholder in relation to all Noteholders, the proportion of (i) the principal amount of Notes beneficially owned by such Noteholder as of the Distribution Record Date plus the Accrued Interest owing on such Notes as of the Filing Date, in relation to (ii) the aggregate principal amount of all Notes outstanding as of the Distribution Record Date plus the aggregate of all Accrued Interest owing on all Notes as of the Filing Date;
- (b) with respect to any Early Consent Noteholder in relation to all Early Consent Noteholders, the proportion of the principal amount of Early Consent Notes beneficially owned by such Early Consent Noteholder as of the Distribution Record Date in relation to the aggregate principal amount of Early Consent Notes held by all Early Consent Noteholders as of the Distribution Record Date; and
- (c) with respect to any Affected Creditor in relation to all Affected Creditors, the proportion of such Affected Creditor's Affected Creditor Claim as at any relevant time in relation to the aggregate of all Proven Claims and Unresolved Claims of Affected Creditors as at that time.

“Proven Claim” means an Affected Creditor Claim to the extent that such Affected Creditor Claim is finally determined and valued in accordance with the provisions of the Claims Procedure Order, the Meeting Order or any other Order, as applicable.

“Released Claims” means all of the rights, claims and liabilities of any kind released pursuant to Article 7 hereof.

“Released Parties” means, collectively, those Persons released pursuant to Article 7 hereof, but only to the extent so released, and each such Person is referred to individually as a **“Released Party”**.

“Required Majority” means a majority in number of Affected Creditors with Proven Claims, and two-thirds in value of the Proven Claims held by such Affected Creditors, in each case who vote (in person or by proxy) on the Plan at the Meeting.

“Remaining Post-Implementation Reserve Amount” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 5.7(b) hereof.

“Restructuring Claim” means any right or claim of any Person that may be asserted or made in whole or in part against SFC, whether or not asserted or made, in connection with any indebtedness, liability or obligation of any kind arising out of the restructuring, termination, repudiation or disclaimer of any lease, contract, or other agreement or obligation on or after the Filing Date and whether such restructuring, termination, repudiation or disclaimer took place or takes place before or after the date of the Claims Procedure Order.

“Restructuring Transaction” means the transactions contemplated by this Plan (including any Alternative Sale Transaction that occurs pursuant to section 10.1 hereof).

“RSA” means the Restructuring Support Agreement executed as of March 30, 2012 by SFC, the Direct Subsidiaries and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, and subsequently executed or

otherwise agreed to by the Early Consent Noteholders, as such Restructuring Support Agreement may be amended, restated and varied from time to time in accordance with its terms.

“**Sanction Date**” means the date that the Sanction Order is granted by the Court.

“**Sanction Order**” means the Order of the Court sanctioning and approving this Plan.

“**Section 5.1(2) D&O Claim**” means any D&O Claim that is not permitted to be compromised pursuant to section 5.1(2) of the CCAA, but only to the extent not so permitted, provided that any D&O Claim that qualifies as a Non-Released D&O Claim or a Continuing Other D&O Claim shall not constitute a Section 5.1(2) D&O Claim.

“**Settlement Trust**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 11.1(a) hereof.

“**Settlement Trust Order**” means an order establishing the Settlement Trust in form and in substance satisfactory to Ernst & Young and counsel to the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs, provided that such order shall also be acceptable to SFC (if occurring on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date), the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, as applicable, to the extent, if any, that such order affects SFC, the Monitor or the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably.

“**Settlement Trust**” means a trust established in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Trust Order.

“**SFC**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals.

“**SFC Advisors**” means Bennett Jones LLP, Appleby Global Group, King & Wood Mallesons and Linklaters LLP, in their respective capacities as legal advisors to SFC, and Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin Capital, Inc., in its capacity as financial advisor to SFC.

“**SFC Assets**” means all of SFC’s right, title and interest in and to all of SFC’s properties, assets and rights of every kind and description (including all restricted and unrestricted cash, contracts, real property, receivables or other debts owed to SFC, Intellectual Property, SFC’s corporate name and all related marks, all of SFC’s ownership interests in the Subsidiaries (including all of the shares of the Direct Subsidiaries and any other Subsidiaries that are directly owned by SFC immediately prior to the Effective Time), all of SFC’s ownership interest in Greenheart and its subsidiaries, all SFC Intercompany Claims, any entitlement of SFC to any insurance proceeds and a right to the Remaining Post-Implementation Reserve Amount), other than the Excluded SFC Assets.

“**SFC Barbados**” means Sino-Forest International (Barbados) Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SFC established under the laws of Barbados.

“**SFC Business**” means the business operated by the SFC Companies.

“**SFC Continuing Shareholder**” means the Litigation Trustee or such other Person as may be agreed to by the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“**SFC Companies**” means, collectively, SFC and all of the Subsidiaries, and “**SFC Company**” means any of them.

“**SFC Escrow Co.**” means the company to be incorporated as a wholly-owned subsidiary of SFC pursuant to section 6.3 hereof under the laws of the Cayman Islands or such other jurisdiction as agreed to by SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“**SFC Escrow Co. Share**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 6.3 hereof.

“**SFC Intercompany Claim**” means any amount owing to SFC by any Subsidiary or Greenheart and any claim by SFC against any Subsidiary or Greenheart.

“**Subsidiaries**” means all direct and indirect subsidiaries of SFC, other than (i) Greenheart and its direct and indirect subsidiaries and (ii) SFC Escrow Co., and “**Subsidiary**” means any one of the Subsidiaries.

“**Subsidiary Intercompany Claim**” means any Claim by any Subsidiary or Greenheart against SFC.

“**Tax**” or “**Taxes**” means any and all federal, provincial, municipal, local and foreign taxes, assessments, reassessments and other governmental charges, duties, impositions and liabilities including for greater certainty taxes based upon or measured by reference to income, gross receipts, profits, capital, transfer, land transfer, sales, goods and services, harmonized sales, use, value-added, excise, withholding, business, franchising, property, development, occupancy, employer health, payroll, employment, health, social services, education and social security taxes, all surtaxes, all customs duties and import and export taxes, all licence, franchise and registration fees and all employment insurance, health insurance and government pension plan premiums or contributions, together with all interest, penalties, fines and additions with respect to such amounts.

“**Taxing Authorities**” means any one of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, Her Majesty the Queen in right of any province or territory of Canada, the Canada Revenue Agency, any similar revenue or taxing authority of Canada and each and every province or territory of Canada and any political subdivision thereof, any similar revenue or taxing authority of the United States, the PRC, Hong Kong or other foreign state and any political subdivision thereof, and any Canadian, United States, Hong Kong, PRC or other government, regulatory authority, government department, agency, commission, bureau, minister, court, tribunal or body or regulation-making entity exercising taxing authority or power, and “**Taxing Authority**” means any one of the Taxing Authorities.

“**Third Party Defendants**” means any defendants to the Class Action Claims (present or future) other than SFC, the Subsidiaries, the Named Directors and Officers or the Trustees.

“**Transfer Agent**” means Computershare Limited (or a subsidiary or affiliate thereof) or such other transfer agent as Newco may appoint, with the prior written consent of the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“**Trustee Claims**” means any rights or claims of the Trustees against SFC under the Note Indentures for compensation, fees, expenses, disbursements or advances, including reasonable legal fees and expenses, incurred or made by or on behalf of the Trustees before or after the Plan Implementation Date in connection with the performance of their respective duties under the Note Indentures or this Plan.

“**Trustees**” means, collectively, The Bank of New York Mellon in its capacity as trustee for the 2013 Notes and the 2016 Notes, and Law Debenture Trust Company of New York in its capacity as trustee for the 2014 Notes and the 2017 Notes, and “**Trustee**” means either one of them.

“**Unaffected Claim**” means any:

- (a) Claim secured by the Administration Charge;
- (b) Government Priority Claim;
- (c) Employee Priority Claim;
- (d) Lien Claim;
- (e) any other Claim of any employee, former employee, Director or Officer of SFC in respect of wages, vacation pay, bonuses, termination pay, severance pay or other remuneration payable to such Person by SFC, other than any termination pay or severance pay payable by SFC to a Person who ceased to be an employee, Director or Officer of SFC prior to the date of this Plan;
- (f) Trustee Claims; and
- (g) any trade payables that were incurred by SFC (i) after the Filing Date but before the Plan Implementation Date; and (ii) in compliance with the Initial Order or other Order issued in the CCAA Proceeding.

“**Unaffected Claims Reserve**” means the cash reserve to be established by SFC on the Plan Implementation Date and maintained by the Monitor, in escrow, for the purpose of paying certain Unaffected Claims in accordance with section 4.2 hereof.

“**Unaffected Creditor**” means a Person who has an Unaffected Claim, but only in respect of and to the extent of such Unaffected Claim.

“**Undeliverable Distribution**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 5.4.

“**Underwriters**” means any underwriters of SFC that are named as defendants in the Class Action Claims, including for greater certainty Credit Suisse Securities (Canada), Inc., TD Securities Inc., Dundee Securities Corporation, RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Scotia Capital Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch Canada Inc., Canaccord Financial Ltd., Maison Placements Canada Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (successor by merger to Banc of America Securities LLC).

“**Unresolved Claim**” means an Affected Creditor Claim in respect of which a Proof of Claim has been filed in a proper and timely manner in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order but that, as at any applicable time, has not been finally (i) determined to be a Proven Claim or (ii) disallowed in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order, the Meeting Order or any other Order.

“**Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent**” means SFC Escrow Co. or such other Person as may be agreed by SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“**Unresolved Claims Reserve**” means the reserve of Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests, if any, to be established pursuant to sections 6.4(h)(ii) and 6.4(r) hereof in respect of Unresolved Claims as at the Plan Implementation Date, which reserve shall be held and maintained by the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, in escrow, for distribution in accordance with the Plan. As at the Plan Implementation Date, the Unresolved Claims Reserve will consist of that amount of Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests as is necessary to make any potential distributions under the Plan in respect of the following Unresolved Claims: (i) Class Action Indemnity Claims in an amount up to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit; (ii) Claims in respect of Defence Costs in the amount of \$30 million or such other amount as may be agreed by the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders; and (iii) other Affected Creditor Claims that have been identified by the Monitor as Unresolved Claims in an amount up to \$500,000 or such other amount as may be agreed by the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“**Website**” means the website maintained by the Monitor in respect of the CCAA Proceeding pursuant to the Initial Order at the following web address: <http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc>.

1.2 Certain Rules of Interpretation

For the purposes of the Plan:

- (a) any reference in the Plan to an Order, agreement, contract, instrument, indenture, release, exhibit or other document means such Order, agreement, contract, instrument, indenture, release, exhibit or other document as it may have been or may be validly amended, modified or supplemented;
- (b) the division of the Plan into “articles” and “sections” and the insertion of a table of contents are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the construction or interpretation of the Plan, nor are the descriptive headings of “articles” and “sections” intended as complete or accurate descriptions of the content thereof;
- (c) unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular shall include the plural and *vice versa*, and words importing any gender shall include all genders;
- (d) the words “includes” and “including” and similar terms of inclusion shall not, unless expressly modified by the words “only” or “solely”, be construed as terms of limitation, but rather shall mean “includes but is not limited to” and “including

but not limited to”, so that references to included matters shall be regarded as illustrative without being either characterizing or exhaustive;

- (e) unless otherwise specified, all references to time herein and in any document issued pursuant hereto mean local time in Toronto, Ontario and any reference to an event occurring on a Business Day shall mean prior to 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on such Business Day;
- (f) unless otherwise specified, time periods within or following which any payment is to be made or act is to be done shall be calculated by excluding the day on which the period commences and including the day on which the period ends and by extending the period to the next succeeding Business Day if the last day of the period is not a Business Day;
- (g) unless otherwise provided, any reference to a statute or other enactment of parliament or a legislature includes all regulations made thereunder, all amendments to or re-enactments of such statute or regulations in force from time to time, and, if applicable, any statute or regulation that supplements or supersedes such statute or regulation; and
- (h) references to a specified “article” or “section” shall, unless something in the subject matter or context is inconsistent therewith, be construed as references to that specified article or section of the Plan, whereas the terms “the Plan”, “hereof”, “herein”, “hereto”, “hereunder” and similar expressions shall be deemed to refer generally to the Plan and not to any particular “article”, “section” or other portion of the Plan and include any documents supplemental hereto.

1.3 Currency

For the purposes of this Plan, all amounts shall be denominated in Canadian dollars and all payments and distributions to be made in cash shall be made in Canadian dollars. Any Claims or other amounts denominated in a foreign currency shall be converted to Canadian dollars at the Reuters closing rate on the Filing Date.

1.4 Successors and Assigns

The Plan shall be binding upon and shall enure to the benefit of the heirs, administrators, executors, legal personal representatives, successors and assigns of any Person named or referred to in the Plan.

1.5 Governing Law

The Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. All questions as to the interpretation of or application of the Plan and all proceedings taken in connection with the Plan and its provisions shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court.

1.6 Schedule "A"

Schedule "A" to the Plan is incorporated by reference into the Plan and forms part of the Plan.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PLAN

2.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Plan is:

- (a) to effect a full, final and irrevocable compromise, release, discharge, cancellation and bar of all Affected Claims;
- (b) to effect the distribution of the consideration provided for herein in respect of Proven Claims;
- (c) to transfer ownership of the SFC Business to Newco and then from Newco to Newco II, in each case free and clear of all claims against SFC and certain related claims against the Subsidiaries, so as to enable the SFC Business to continue on a viable, going concern basis; and
- (d) to allow Affected Creditors and Noteholder Class Action Claimants to benefit from contingent value that may be derived from litigation claims to be advanced by the Litigation Trustee.

The Plan is put forward in the expectation that the Persons with an economic interest in SFC, when considered as a whole, will derive a greater benefit from the implementation of the Plan and the continuation of the SFC Business as a going concern than would result from a bankruptcy or liquidation of SFC.

2.2 Claims Affected

The Plan provides for, among other things, the full, final and irrevocable compromise, release, discharge, cancellation and bar of Affected Claims and effectuates the restructuring of SFC. The Plan will become effective at the Effective Time on the Plan Implementation Date, other than such matters occurring on the Equity Cancellation Date (if the Equity Cancellation date does not occur on the Plan Implementation Date) which will occur and be effective on such date, and the Plan shall be binding on and enure to the benefit of SFC, the Subsidiaries, Newco, Newco II, SFC Escrow Co., any Person having an Affected Claim, the Directors and Officers of SFC and all other Persons named or referred to in, or subject to, the Plan, as and to the extent provided for in the Plan.

2.3 Unaffected Claims against SFC Not Affected

Any amounts properly owing by SFC in respect of Unaffected Claims will be satisfied in accordance with section 4.2 hereof. Consistent with the foregoing, all liabilities of the Released

Parties in respect of Unaffected Claims (other than the obligation of SFC to satisfy such Unaffected Claims in accordance with section 4.2 hereof) will be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred pursuant to Article 7 hereof. Nothing in the Plan shall affect SFC's rights and defences, both legal and equitable, with respect to any Unaffected Claims, including all rights with respect to legal and equitable defences or entitlements to set-offs or recoupments against such Unaffected Claims.

2.4 Insurance

- (a) Subject to the terms of this section 2.4, nothing in this Plan shall prejudice, compromise, release, discharge, cancel, bar or otherwise affect any right, entitlement or claim of any Person against SFC or any Director or Officer, or any insurer, in respect of an Insurance Policy or the proceeds thereof.
- (b) Nothing in this Plan shall prejudice, compromise, release or otherwise affect any right or defence of any such insurer in respect of any such Insurance Policy. Furthermore, nothing in this Plan shall prejudice, compromise, release or otherwise affect (i) any right of subrogation any such insurer may have against any Person, including against any Director or Officer in the event of a determination of fraud against SFC or any Director or Officer in respect of whom such a determination is specifically made, and /or (ii) the ability of such insurer to claim repayment of Defense Costs (as defined in any such policy) from SFC and/or any Director or Officer in the event that the party from whom repayment is sought is not entitled to coverage under the terms and conditions of any such Insurance Policy
- (c) Notwithstanding anything herein (including section 2.4(b) and the releases and injunctions set forth in Article 7 hereof), but subject to section 2.4(d) hereof, all Insured Claims shall be deemed to remain outstanding and are not released following the Plan Implementation Date, but recovery as against SFC and the Named Directors and Officers is limited only to proceeds of Insurance Policies that are available to pay such Insured Claims, either by way of judgment or settlement. SFC and the Directors or Officers shall make all reasonable efforts to meet all obligations under the Insurance Policies. The insurers agree and acknowledge that they shall be obliged to pay any Loss payable pursuant to the terms and conditions of their respective Insurance Policies notwithstanding the releases granted to SFC and the Named Directors and Officers under this Plan, and that they shall not rely on any provisions of the Insurance Policies to argue, or otherwise assert, that such releases excuse them from, or relieve them of, the obligation to pay Loss that otherwise would be payable under the terms of the Insurance Policies. For greater certainty, the insurers agree and consent to a direct right of action against the insurers, or any of them, in favour of any plaintiff who or which has (a) negotiated a settlement of any Claim covered under any of the Insurance Policies, which settlement has been consented to in writing by the insurers or such of them as may be required or (b) obtained a final judgment against one or more of SFC and/or the Directors or Officers which such plaintiff asserts, in whole or in part, represents Loss covered under the Insurance Policies,

notwithstanding that such plaintiff is not a named insured under the Insurance Policies and that neither SFC nor the Directors or Officers are parties to such action.

- (d) Notwithstanding anything in this section 2.4, from and after the Plan Implementation Date, any Person having an Insured Claim shall, as against SFC and the Named Directors and Officers, be irrevocably limited to recovery solely from the proceeds of the Insurance Policies paid or payable on behalf of SFC or its Directors or Officers, and Persons with any Insured Claims shall have no right to, and shall not, directly or indirectly, make any claim or seek any recoveries from SFC, any of the Named Directors and Officers, any of the Subsidiaries, Newco or Newco II, other than enforcing such Person's rights to be paid from the proceeds of an Insurance Policy by the applicable insurer(s), and this section 2.4(d) may be relied upon and raised or pled by SFC, Newco, Newco II, any Subsidiary and any Named Director and Officer in defence or estoppel of or to enjoin any claim, action or proceeding brought in contravention of this section

2.5 Claims Procedure Order

For greater certainty, nothing in this Plan revives or restores any right or claim of any kind that is barred or extinguished pursuant to the terms of the Claims Procedure Order, provided that nothing in this Plan, the Claims Procedure Order or any other Order compromises, releases, discharges, cancels or bars any claim against any Person for fraud or criminal conduct, regardless of whether or not any such claim has been asserted to date.

ARTICLE 3 CLASSIFICATION, VOTING AND RELATED MATTERS

3.1 Claims Procedure

The procedure for determining the validity and quantum of the Affected Claims shall be governed by the Claims Procedure Order, the Meeting Order, the CCAA, the Plan and any other Order, as applicable. SFC, the Monitor and any other creditor in respect of its own Claim, shall have the right to seek the assistance of the Court in valuing any Claim, whether for voting or distribution purposes, if required, and to ascertain the result of any vote on the Plan.

3.2 Classification

- (a) The Affected Creditors shall constitute a single class, the “**Affected Creditors Class**”, for the purposes of considering and voting on the Plan.
- (b) The Equity Claimants shall constitute a single class, separate from the Affected Creditors Class, but shall not, and shall have no right to, attend the Meeting or vote on the Plan in such capacity.

3.3 Unaffected Creditors

No Unaffected Creditor, in respect of an Unaffected Claim, shall:

- (a) be entitled to vote on the Plan;
- (b) be entitled to attend the Meeting; or
- (c) receive any entitlements under this Plan in respect of such Unaffected Creditor's Unaffected Claims (other than its right to have its Unaffected Claim addressed in accordance with section 4.2 hereof).

3.4 Creditors' Meeting

The Meeting shall be held in accordance with the Plan, the Meeting Order and any further Order of the Court. The only Persons entitled to attend and vote on the Plan at the Meeting are those specified in the Meeting Order.

3.5 Approval by Creditors

In order to be approved, the Plan must receive the affirmative vote of the Required Majority of the Affected Creditors Class.

ARTICLE 4 DISTRIBUTIONS, PAYMENTS AND TREATMENT OF CLAIMS

4.1 Affected Creditors

All Affected Creditor Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred on the Plan Implementation Date. Each Affected Creditor that has a Proven Claim shall be entitled to receive the following in accordance with the Plan:

- (a) such Affected Creditor's Pro-Rata number of the Newco Shares to be issued by Newco from the Affected Creditors Equity Sub-Pool in accordance with the Plan;
- (b) such Affected Creditor's Pro-Rata amount of the Newco Notes to be issued by Newco in accordance with the Plan; and
- (c) such Affected Creditor's Pro-Rata share of the Litigation Trust Interests to be allocated to the Affected Creditors in accordance with 4.11 hereof and the terms of the Litigation Trust.

From and after the Plan Implementation Date, each Affected Creditor, in such capacity, shall have no rights as against SFC in respect of its Affected Creditor Claim.

4.2 Unaffected Creditors

Each Unaffected Claim that is finally determined as such, as to status and amount, and that is finally determined to be valid and enforceable against SFC, in each case in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order or other Order:

- (a) subject to sections 4.2(b) and 4.2(c) hereof, shall be paid in full from the Unaffected Claims Reserve and limited to recovery against the Unaffected Claims Reserve, and Persons with Unaffected Claims shall have no right to, and shall not, make any claim or seek any recoveries from any Person in respect of Unaffected Claims, other than enforcing such Person's right against SFC to be paid from the Unaffected Claims Reserve;
- (b) in the case of Claims secured by the Administration Charge:
 - (i) if billed or invoiced to SFC prior to the Plan Implementation Date, such Claims shall be paid by SFC in accordance with section 6.4(d) hereof; and
 - (ii) if billed or invoiced to SFC on or after the Plan Implementation Date, such Claims shall be paid from the Administration Charge Reserve, and all such Claims shall be limited to recovery against the Administration Charge Reserve, and any Person with such Claims shall have no right to, and shall not, make any claim or seek any recoveries from any Person in respect of such Claims, other than enforcing such Person's right against the Administration Charge Reserve; and
- (c) in the case of Lien Claims:
 - (i) at the election of the Initial Consenting Noteholders, and with the consent of the Monitor, SFC shall satisfy such Lien Claim by the return of the applicable property of SFC that is secured as collateral for such Lien Claim, and the applicable Lien Claimant shall be limited to its recovery against such secured property in respect of such Lien Claim.
 - (ii) if the Initial Consenting Noteholders do not elect to satisfy such Lien Claim by the return of the applicable secured property: (A) SFC shall repay the Lien Claim in full in cash on the Plan Implementation Date; and (B) the security held by the applicable Lien Claimant over the property of SFC shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever released, discharged, cancelled and barred; and
 - (iii) upon the satisfaction of a Lien Claim in accordance with sections 4.2(c)(i) or 4.2(c)(ii) hereof, such Lien Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever released, discharged, cancelled and barred.

4.3 Early Consent Noteholders

As additional consideration for the compromise, release, discharge, cancellation and bar of the Affected Creditor Claims in respect of its Notes, each Early Consent Noteholder shall receive (in addition to the consideration it is entitled to receive in accordance with section 4.1 hereof) its Pro-Rata number of the Newco Shares to be issued by Newco from the Early Consent Equity Sub-Pool in accordance with the Plan.

4.4 Noteholder Class Action Claimants

- (a) All Noteholder Class Action Claims against SFC, the Subsidiaries or the Named Directors or Officers (other than any Noteholder Class Action Claims against the Named Directors or Officers that are Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims, Conspiracy Claims or Non-Released D&O Claims) shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred without consideration as against all said Persons on the Plan Implementation Date. Subject to section 4.4(e) hereof, Noteholder Class Action Claimants shall not receive any consideration or distributions under the Plan in respect of their Noteholder Class Action Claims. Noteholder Class Action Claimants shall not be entitled to attend or to vote on the Plan at the Meeting in respect of their Noteholder Class Action Claims.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 4.4(a), Noteholder Class Action Claims as against the Third Party Defendants (x) are not compromised, discharged, released, cancelled or barred, (y) shall be permitted to continue as against the Third Party Defendants and (z) shall not be limited or restricted by this Plan in any manner as to quantum or otherwise (including any collection or recovery for such Noteholder Class Action Claims that relates to any liability of the Third Party Defendants for any alleged liability of SFC), provided that:
- (i) in accordance with the releases set forth in Article 7 hereof, the collective aggregate amount of all rights and claims asserted or that may be asserted against the Third Party Defendants in respect of any such Noteholder Class Action Claims for which any such Persons in each case have a valid and enforceable Class Action Indemnity Claim against SFC (the “**Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims**”) shall not exceed, in the aggregate, the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit, and in accordance with section 7.3 hereof, all Persons shall be permanently and forever barred, estopped, stayed and enjoined, on and after the Effective Time, from seeking to enforce any liability in respect of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims that exceeds the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit; ~~and~~
- (ii) subject to section 4.4(d), any Class Action Indemnity Claims against SFC by the Third Party Defendants in respect of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims shall be treated as Affected Creditor Claims against SFC, but only to the extent that any such Class Action Indemnity Claims that are determined to be properly indemnified by SFC, enforceable against SFC and are not barred or extinguished by the Claims Procedure Order, and further provided that the aggregate liability of SFC in respect of all such Class Action Indemnity Claims shall be limited to the lesser of: (A) the actual aggregate liability of the Third Party Defendants pursuant to any final judgment, settlement or other binding resolution in respect of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims; and (B) the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit; and

- (iii) for greater certainty, in the event that any Third Party Defendant is found to be liable for or agrees to a settlement in respect of a Noteholder Class Action Claim (other than a Noteholder Class Action Claim for fraud or criminal conduct) and such amounts are paid by or on behalf of the applicable Third Party Defendant, then the amount of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit applicable to the remaining Third Party Defendants shall be reduced by the amount paid in respect of such Noteholder Class Action Claim, as applicable.
- (c) Subject to section 7.1(o), the Claims of the Underwriters for indemnification in respect of any Noteholder Class Action Claims (other than Noteholder Class Action Claims against the Underwriters for fraud or criminal conduct) shall, for purposes of the Plan, be deemed to be valid and enforceable Class Action Indemnity Claims against SFC (as limited pursuant to section 4.4(b) hereof), provided that: (i) the Underwriters shall not be entitled to receive any distributions of any kind under the Plan in respect of such Claims; (ii) such Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred on the Plan Implementation Date; and (iii) the amount of such Claims shall not affect the calculation of any Pro-Rata entitlements of the Affected Creditors under this Plan. For greater certainty, to the extent of any conflict with respect to the Underwriters between section 4.4(e) hereof and this section 4.4(c), this section 4.4(c) shall prevail.
- (d) Subject to section 7.1(m), any and all indemnification rights and entitlements of Ernst & Young at common law and any and all indemnification agreements between Ernst & Young and SFC shall be deemed to be valid and enforceable in accordance with their terms for the purpose of determining whether the Claims of Ernst & Young for indemnification in respect of Noteholder Class Action Claims are valid and enforceable within the meaning of section 4.4(b) hereof. With respect to Claims of Ernst & Young for indemnification in respect of Noteholder Class Action Claims that are valid and enforceable: (i) Ernst & Young shall not be entitled to receive any distributions of any kind under the Plan in respect of such Claims; (ii) such Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred on the Plan Implementation Date; and (iii) the amount of such Claims shall not affect the calculation of any Pro-Rata entitlements of the Affected Creditors under this Plan.
- (e) Subject to section 7.1(n), any and all indemnification rights and entitlements of the Named Third Party Defendants at common law and any and all indemnification agreements between the Named Third Party Defendants and SFC shall be deemed to be valid and enforceable in accordance with their terms for the purpose of determining whether the Claims of the Named Third Party Defendants for indemnification in respect of Noteholder Class Action Claims are valid and enforceable within the meaning of section 4.4(b) hereof. With respect to Claims of the Named Third Party Defendants for indemnification in respect of Noteholder Class Action Claims that are valid and enforceable: (i) the Named Third Party Defendants shall not be entitled to receive any distributions of any

kind under the Plan in respect of such Claims; (ii) such Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred on the Plan Implementation Date; and (iii) the amount of such Claims shall not affect the calculation of any Pro-Rata entitlements of the Affected Creditors under this Plan.

- (f) ~~(e)~~ Each Noteholder Class Action Claimant shall be entitled to receive its share of the Litigation Trust Interests to be allocated to Noteholder Class Action Claimants in accordance with the terms of the Litigation Trust and section 4.11 hereof, as such Noteholder Class Action Claimant's share is determined by the applicable Class Action Court.
- (g) ~~(d)~~ Nothing in this Plan impairs, affects or limits in any way the ability of SFC, the Monitor or the Initial Consenting Noteholders to seek or obtain an Order, whether before or after the Plan Implementation Date, directing that Class Action Indemnity Claims in respect of Noteholder Class Action Claims or any other Claims of the Third Party Defendants should receive the same or similar treatment as is afforded to Class Action Indemnity Claims in respect of Equity Claims under the terms of this Plan.

4.5 Equity Claimants

All Equity Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred on the Plan Implementation Date. Equity Claimants shall not receive any consideration or distributions under the Plan and shall not be entitled to vote on the Plan at the Meeting.

4.6 Claims of the Trustees and Noteholders

For purposes of this Plan, all claims filed by the Trustees in respect of the Noteholder Claims (other than any Trustee Claims) shall be treated as provided in section 4.1 and the Trustees and the Noteholders shall have no other entitlements in respect of the guarantees and share pledges that have been provided by the Subsidiaries, or any of them, all of which shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred on the Plan Implementation Date as against the Subsidiaries pursuant to Article 7 hereof.

4.7 Claims of the Third Party Defendants

For purposes of this Plan, all claims filed by the Third Party Defendants against SFC and/or any of its Subsidiaries shall be treated as follows:

- (a) all such claims against the Subsidiaries shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred on the Plan Implementation Date in accordance with Article 7 hereof;

- (b) all such claims against SFC that are Class Action Indemnity Claims in respect of Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims shall be treated as set out in section 4.4(b)(ii) hereof;
- (c) all such claims against SFC for indemnification of Defence Costs shall be treated in accordance with section 4.8 hereof; and
- (d) all other claims shall be treated as Equity Claims.

4.8 Defence Costs

All Claims against SFC for indemnification of defence costs incurred by any Person (other than a Named Director or Officer) in connection with defending against Shareholder Claims (as defined in the Equity Claims Order), Noteholder Class Action Claims or any other claims of any kind relating to SFC or the Subsidiaries (“**Defence Costs**”) shall be treated as follows:

- (a) as Equity Claims to the extent they are determined to be Equity Claims under any Order; and
- (b) as Affected Creditor Claims to the extent that they are not determined to be Equity Claims under any Order, provided that:
 - (i) if such Defence Costs were incurred in respect of a claim against the applicable Person that has been successfully defended and the Claim for such Defence Costs is otherwise valid and enforceable against SFC, the Claim for such Defence Costs shall be treated as a Proven Claim, provided that if such Claim for Defence Costs is a Class Action Indemnity Claim of a Third Party Defendant against SFC in respect of any Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claim, such Claim for Defence Costs shall be treated in the manner set forth in section 4.4(b)(ii) hereof;
 - (ii) if such Defence Costs were incurred in respect of a claim against the applicable Person that has not been successfully defended or such Defence Costs are determined not to be valid and enforceable against SFC, the Claim for such Defence Costs shall be disallowed and no consideration will be payable in respect thereof under the Plan; and
 - (iii) until any such Claim for Defence Costs is determined to be either a Claim within section 4.8(b)(i) or a Claim within section 4.8(b)(ii), such Claim shall be treated as an Unresolved Claim,

provided that nothing in this Plan impairs, affects or limits in any way the ability of SFC, the Monitor or the Initial Consenting Noteholders to seek an Order that Claims against SFC for indemnification of any Defence Costs should receive the same or similar treatment as is afforded to Equity Claims under the terms of this Plan.

4.9 D&O Claims

- (a) All D&O Claims against the Named Directors and Officers (other than Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims, Conspiracy Claims and Non-Released D&O Claims) shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred without consideration on the Plan Implementation Date.
- (b) All D&O Claims against the Other Directors and/or Officers shall not be compromised, released, discharged, cancelled or barred by this Plan and shall be permitted to continue as against the applicable Other Directors and/or Officers (the “**Continuing Other D&O Claims**”), provided that any Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims against the Other Directors and/or Officers shall be limited as described in section 4.4(b)(i) hereof.
- (c) All D&O Indemnity Claims and any other rights or claims for indemnification held by the Named Directors and Officers shall be deemed to have no value and shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred without consideration on the Plan Implementation Date.
- (d) All D&O Indemnity Claims and any other rights or claims for indemnification held by the Other Directors and/or Officers shall be deemed to have no value and shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred without consideration on the Plan Implementation Date, except that: (i) any such D&O Indemnity Claims for Defence Costs shall be treated in accordance with section 4.8 hereof; and (ii) any Class Action Indemnity Claim of an Other Director and/or Officer against SFC in respect of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims shall be treated in the manner set forth in section 4.4(b)(ii) hereof.
- (e) All Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims and all Conspiracy Claims shall not be compromised, released, discharged, cancelled or barred by this Plan, provided that any Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims against Named Directors and Officers and any Conspiracy Claims against Named Directors and Officers shall be limited to recovery from any insurance proceeds payable in respect of such Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims or Conspiracy Claims, as applicable, pursuant to the Insurance Policies, and Persons with any such Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims against Named Directors and Officers or Conspiracy Claims against Named Directors and Officers shall have no right to, and shall not, make any claim or seek any recoveries from any Person (including SFC, any of the Subsidiaries, Newco or Newco II), other than enforcing such Persons’ rights to be paid from the proceeds of an Insurance Policy by the applicable insurer(s).
- (f) All D&O Claims against the Directors and Officers of SFC or the Subsidiaries for fraud or criminal conduct shall not be compromised, discharged, released, cancelled or barred by this Plan and shall be permitted to continue as against all applicable Directors and Officers (“**Non-Released D&O Claims**”).

- (g) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, from and after the Plan Implementation Date, a Person may only commence an action for a Non-Released D&O Claim against a Named Director or Officer if such Person has first obtained (i) the consent of the Monitor or (ii) leave of the Court on notice to the applicable Directors and Officers, SFC, the Monitor, the Initial Consenting Noteholders and any applicable insurers. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing requirement for the consent of the Monitor or leave of the Court shall not apply to any Non-Released D&O Claim that is asserted against an Other Director and/or Officer.

4.10 Intercompany Claims

All SFC Intercompany Claims (other than those transferred to SFC Barbados pursuant to section 6.4(j) hereof or set-off pursuant to section 6.4(l) hereof) shall be deemed to be assigned by SFC to Newco on the Plan Implementation Date pursuant to section 6.4(m) hereof, and shall then be deemed to be assigned by Newco to Newco II pursuant to section 6.4(x) hereof. The obligations of SFC to the applicable Subsidiaries and Greenheart in respect of all Subsidiary Intercompany Claims (other than those set-off pursuant to section 6.4(l) hereof) shall be assumed by Newco on the Plan Implementation Date pursuant to 6.4(m) hereof, and then shall be assumed by Newco II pursuant to section 6.4(x) hereof. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Newco II shall be liable to the applicable Subsidiaries and Greenheart for such Subsidiary Intercompany Claims and SFC shall be released from such Subsidiary Intercompany Claims from and after the Plan Implementation Date, and the applicable Subsidiaries and Greenheart shall be liable to Newco II for such SFC Intercompany Claims from and after the Plan Implementation Date. For greater certainty, nothing in this Plan affects any rights or claims as between any of the Subsidiaries, Greenheart and Greenheart's direct and indirect subsidiaries.

4.11 Entitlement to Litigation Trust Interests

- (a) The Litigation Trust Interests to be created in accordance with this Plan and the Litigation Trust shall be allocated as follows:
- (i) the Affected Creditors shall be collectively entitled to 75% of such Litigation Trust Interests; and
 - (ii) the Noteholder Class Action Claimants shall be collectively entitled to 25% of such Litigation Trust Interests,

which allocations shall occur at the times and in the manner set forth in section 6.4 hereof and shall be recorded by the Litigation Trustee in its registry of Litigation Trust Interests.

- (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 4.11(a) hereof, if any of the Noteholder Class Action Claims against any of the Third Party Defendants are finally resolved (whether by final judgment, settlement or any other binding means of resolution) within two years of the Plan Implementation Date, then the Litigation Trust Interests to which the applicable Noteholder Class Action Claimants would otherwise have been entitled in respect of such Noteholder Class Action Claims pursuant to section 4.11(a)(ii) hereof (based on the amount of such

resolved Noteholder Class Action Claims in proportion to all Noteholder Class Action Claims in existence as of the Claims Bar Date) shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever cancelled.

4.12 ~~4.12~~ Litigation Trust Claims

- (a) At any time prior to the Plan Implementation Date, SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders may agree to exclude one or more ~~claims, actions or causes of action~~ Causes of Action from the Litigation Trust Claims and/or to specify that any ~~claims, actions or causes of action~~ Causes of Action against a specified Person will not constitute Litigation Trust Claims (“**Excluded Litigation Trust Claims**”), in which case, any such ~~claims, actions or causes of action~~ Causes of Action shall not be transferred to the Litigation Trust on the Plan Implementation Date. Any such Excluded Litigation Trust Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred on the Plan Implementation Date ~~as Affected Claims~~ in accordance with Article 7 hereof. All Affected Creditors shall be deemed to consent to such treatment of Excluded Litigation Trust Claims pursuant to this section 4.12(a).
- (b) All Causes of Action against the Underwriters by (i) SFC or (ii) the Trustees (on behalf of the Noteholders) shall be deemed to be Excluded Litigation Trust Claims that are fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred on the Plan Implementation Date in accordance with Article 7 hereof, provided that, unless otherwise agreed by SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders prior to the Plan Implementation Date in accordance with section 4.12(a) hereof, any such Causes of Action for fraud or criminal conduct shall not constitute Excluded Litigation Trust Claims and shall be transferred to the Litigation Trust in accordance with section 6.4(o) hereof.
- (c) ~~(b)~~ At any time from and after the Plan Implementation Date, and subject to the prior consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders and the terms of the Litigation Trust Agreement, the Litigation Trustee shall have the right to seek and obtain an order from any court of competent jurisdiction, including an Order of the Court in the CCAA or otherwise, that gives effect to any releases of any Litigation Trust Claims agreed to by the Litigation Trustee in accordance with the Litigation Trust Agreement, including a release that fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromises, releases, discharges, cancels and bars the applicable Litigation Trust Claims as if they were ~~Affected~~ Excluded Litigation Trust Claims released in accordance with Article 7 hereof. All Affected Creditors shall be deemed to consent to any such treatment of any Litigation Trust Claims pursuant to this section 4.12(b).

4.13 Multiple Affected Claims

On the Plan Implementation Date, any and all liabilities for and guarantees and indemnities of the payment or performance of any Affected Claim, Unaffected Claim, Section 5.1(2) D&O Claim, Conspiracy Claim, Continuing Other D&O Claim or Non-Released D&O

Claim by any of the Subsidiaries, and any purported liability for the payment or performance of such Affected Claim, Unaffected Claim, Section 5.1(2) D&O Claim, Conspiracy Claim, Continuing Other D&O Claim or Non-Released D&O Claim by Newco or Newco II, will be deemed eliminated and cancelled, and no Person shall have any rights whatsoever to pursue or enforce any such liabilities for or guarantees or indemnities of the payment or performance of any such Affected Claim, Unaffected Claim, Section 5.1(2) D&O Claim, Conspiracy Claim, Continuing Other D&O Claim or Non-Released D&O Claim against any Subsidiary, Newco or Newco II.

4.14 Interest

Subject to section ~~4.12.4~~ 4.12.4 hereof, no holder of an Affected Claim shall be entitled to interest accruing on or after the Filing Date.

4.15 Existing Shares

Holders of Existing Shares and Equity Interests shall not receive any consideration or distributions under the Plan in respect thereof and shall not be entitled to vote on the Plan at the Meeting. Unless otherwise agreed between the Monitor, SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, all Existing Shares and Equity Interests shall be fully, finally and irrevocably cancelled in accordance with and at the time specified in section 6.5 hereof.

4.16 Canadian Exempt Plans

If an Affected Creditor is a trust governed by a plan which is exempt from tax under Part I of the Canadian Tax Act (including, for example, a registered retirement savings plan), such Affected Creditor may make arrangements with Newco (if Newco so agrees) and the Litigation Trustee (if the Litigation Trustee so agrees) to have the Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests to which it is entitled under this Plan directed to (or in the case of Litigation Trust Interests, registered in the name of) an affiliate of such Affected Creditor or the annuitant or controlling person of the governing tax-deferred plan.

ARTICLE 5 DISTRIBUTION MECHANICS

5.1 Letters of Instruction

In order to issue (i) Newco Shares and Newco Notes to Ordinary Affected Creditors and (ii) Newco Shares to Early Consent Noteholders, the following steps will be taken:

- (a) with respect to Ordinary Affected Creditors with Proven Claims or Unresolved Claims:
 - (i) on the next Business Day following the Distribution Record Date, the Monitor shall send blank Letters of Instruction by prepaid first class mail, courier, email or facsimile to each such Ordinary Affected Creditor to the address of each such Ordinary Affected Creditor (as specified in the

applicable Proof of Claim) as of the Distribution Record Date, or as evidenced by any assignment or transfer in accordance with section 5.10;

- (ii) each such Ordinary Affected Creditor shall deliver to the Monitor a duly completed and executed Letter of Instruction that must be received by the Monitor on or before the date that is seven (7) Business Days after the Distribution Record Date or such other date as the Monitor may determine; and
 - (iii) any such Ordinary Affected Creditor that does not return a Letter of Instruction to the Monitor in accordance with section 5.1(a)(ii) shall be deemed to have requested that such Ordinary Affected Creditor's Newco Shares and Newco Notes be registered or distributed, as applicable, in accordance with the information set out in such Ordinary Affected Creditor's Proof of Claim; and
- (b) with respect to Early Consent Noteholders:
- (i) on the next Business Day following the Distribution Record Date the Monitor shall send blank Letters of Instruction by prepaid first class mail, courier, email or facsimile to each Early Consent Noteholder to the address of each such Early Consent Noteholder as confirmed by the Monitor on or before the Distribution Record Date;
 - (ii) each Early Consent Noteholder shall deliver to the Monitor a duly completed and executed Letter of Instruction that must be received by the Monitor on or before the date that is seven (7) Business Days after the Distribution Record Date or such other date as the Monitor may determine; and
 - (iii) any such Early Consent Noteholder that does not return a Letter of Instruction to the Monitor in accordance with section 5.1(b)(ii) shall be deemed to have requested that such Early Consent Noteholder's Newco Shares be distributed or registered, as applicable, in accordance with information confirmed by the Monitor on or before the Distribution Record Date.

5.2 Distribution Mechanics with respect to Newco Shares and Newco Notes

- (a) To effect distributions of Newco Shares and Newco Notes, the Monitor shall deliver a direction at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Initial Distribution Date to Newco or its agent, as applicable, directing Newco or its agent, as applicable, to issue on such Initial Distribution Date or subsequent Distribution Date:
 - (i) in respect of the Ordinary Affected Creditors with Proven Claims:

- (A) the number of Newco Shares that each such Ordinary Affected Creditor is entitled to receive in accordance with section 4.1(a) hereof; and
- (B) the amount of Newco Notes that each such Ordinary Affected Creditor is entitled to receive in accordance with section 4.1(b) hereof,

all of which Newco Shares and Newco Notes shall be issued to such Ordinary Affected Creditors and distributed in accordance with this Article 5;

(ii) in respect of the Ordinary Affected Creditors with Unresolved Claims:

- (A) the number of Newco Shares that each such Ordinary Affected Creditor would have been entitled to receive in accordance with section 4.1(a) hereof had such Ordinary Affected Creditor's Unresolved Claim been a Proven Claim on the Plan Implementation Date; and
- (B) the amount of Newco Notes that each such Ordinary Affected Creditor would have been entitled to receive in accordance with section 4.1(b) hereof had such Ordinary Affected Creditor's Unresolved Claim been a Proven Claim on the Plan Implementation Date,

all of which Newco Shares and Newco Notes shall be issued in the name of the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto under the Plan, which Newco Shares and Newco Notes shall comprise part of the Unresolved Claims Reserve and shall be held in escrow by the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent until released and distributed in accordance with this Article 5;

(iii) in respect of the Noteholders:

- (A) the number of Newco Shares that the Trustees are collectively required to receive such that, upon distribution to the Noteholders in accordance with this Article 5, each individual Noteholder receives the number of Newco Shares to which it is entitled in accordance with section 4.1(a) hereof; and
- (B) the amount of Newco Notes that the Trustees are collectively required to receive such that, upon distribution to the Noteholders in accordance with this Article 5, each individual Noteholder receives the amount of Newco Notes to which it is entitled in accordance with section 4.1(b) hereof,

all of which Newco Shares and Newco Notes shall be issued to such Noteholders and distributed in accordance with this Article 5; and

- (iv) in respect of Early Consent Noteholders, the number of Newco Shares that each such Early Consent Noteholder is entitled to receive in accordance with section 4.3 hereof, all of which Newco Shares shall be issued to such Early Consent Noteholders and distributed in accordance with this Article 5.

The direction delivered by the Monitor in respect of the applicable Ordinary Affected Creditors and Early Consent Noteholders shall: (A) indicate the registration and delivery details of each applicable Ordinary Affected Creditor and Early Consent Noteholder based on the information prescribed in section 5.1; and (B) specify the number of Newco Shares and, in the case of Ordinary Affected Creditors, the amount of Newco Notes to be issued to each such Person on the applicable Distribution Date. The direction delivered by the Monitor in respect of the Noteholders shall: (C) indicate that the registration and delivery details with respect to the number of Newco Shares and amount of Newco Notes to be distributed to each Noteholder will be the same as the registration and delivery details in effect with respect to the Notes held by each Noteholder as of the Distribution Record Date; and (D) specify the number of Newco Shares and the amount of Newco Notes to be issued to each of the Trustees for purposes of satisfying the entitlements of the Noteholders set forth in sections 4.1(a) and 4.1(b) hereof. The direction delivered by the Monitor in respect of the Newco Shares and Newco Notes to be issued in the name of the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto under the Plan, for purposes of the Unresolved Claims Reserve shall specify the number of Newco Shares and the amount of Newco Notes to be issued in the name of the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent for that purpose.

- (b) If the registers for the Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes are maintained by the Transfer Agent in a direct registration system (without certificates), the Monitor and/or Newco and/or the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, as applicable, shall, on the Initial Distribution Date or any subsequent Distribution Date, as applicable:
 - (i) instruct the Transfer Agent to record, and the Transfer Agent shall record, in the Direct Registration Account of each applicable Ordinary Affected Creditor and each Early Consent Noteholder the number of Newco Shares and, in the case of Ordinary Affected Creditors, the amount of Newco Notes that are to be distributed to each such Person, and the Monitor and/or Newco and/or the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, as applicable, shall send or cause to be sent to each such Ordinary Affected Creditor and Early Consent Noteholder a Direct Registration Transaction Advice based on the delivery information as determined pursuant to section 5.1; and
 - (ii) with respect to the distribution of Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes to Noteholders:

- (A) if the Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes are DTC eligible, the Monitor and/or Newco and/or the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, as applicable, shall instruct the Transfer Agent to register, and the Transfer Agent shall register, the applicable Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes in the name of DTC (or its nominee) for the benefit of the Noteholders, and the Trustees shall provide their consent to DTC to the distribution of such Newco Shares and Newco Notes to the applicable Noteholders, in the applicable amounts, through the facilities of DTC in accordance with customary practices and procedures; and
 - (B) if the Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes are not DTC eligible, the Monitor and/or Newco and/or the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, as applicable, shall instruct the Transfer Agent to register the applicable Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes in the Direct Registration Accounts of the applicable Noteholders pursuant to the registration instructions obtained through DTC and the DTC participants (by way of a letter of transmittal process or such other process as agreed by SFC, the Monitor, the Trustees and the Initial Consenting Noteholders), and the Transfer Agent shall (A) register such Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes, in the applicable amounts, in the Direct Registration Accounts of the applicable Noteholders; and (B) send or cause to be sent to each Noteholder a Direct Registration Transaction Advice in accordance with customary practices and procedures; provided that the Transfer Agent shall not be permitted to effect the foregoing registrations without the prior written consent of the Trustees.
- (c) If the registers for the Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes are not maintained by the Transfer Agent in a direct registration system, Newco shall prepare and deliver to the Monitor and/or the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, as applicable, and the Monitor and/or the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, as applicable, shall promptly thereafter, on the Initial Distribution Date or any subsequent Distribution Date, as applicable:
- (i) deliver to each Ordinary Affected Creditor and each Early Consent Noteholder Newco Share Certificates and, in the case of Ordinary Affected Creditors, Newco Note Certificates representing the applicable number of Newco Shares and the applicable amount of Newco Notes that are to be distributed to each such Person; and
 - (ii) with respect to the distribution of Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes to Noteholders:
 - (A) if the Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes are DTC eligible, the Monitor and/or Newco and/or the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, as applicable, shall distribute to DTC (or its nominee), for

the benefit of the Noteholders, Newco Share Certificates and/or Newco Note Certificates representing the aggregate of all Newco Shares and Newco Notes to be distributed to the Noteholders on such Distribution Date, and the Trustees shall provide their consent to DTC to the distribution of such Newco Shares and Newco Notes to the applicable Noteholders, in the applicable amounts, through the facilities of DTC in accordance with customary practices and procedures; and

- (B) if the Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes are not DTC eligible, the Monitor and/or Newco and/or the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, as applicable, shall distribute to the applicable Trustees, Newco Share Certificates and/or Newco Note Certificates representing the aggregate of all Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes to be distributed to the Noteholders on such Distribution Date, and the Trustees shall make delivery of such Newco Share Certificates and Newco Note Certificates, in the applicable amounts, directly to the applicable Noteholders pursuant to the delivery instructions obtained through DTC and the DTC participants (by way of a letter of transmittal process or such other process as agreed by SFC, the Monitor, the Trustees and the Initial Consenting Noteholders), all of which shall occur in accordance with customary practices and procedures.
- (d) Upon receipt of and in accordance with written instructions from the Monitor, the Trustees shall instruct DTC to and DTC shall: (i) set up an escrow position representing the respective positions of the Noteholders as of the Distribution Record Date for the purpose of making distributions on the Initial Distribution Date and any subsequent Distribution Dates (the “**Distribution Escrow Position**”); and (ii) block any further trading of the Notes, effective as of the close of business on the day immediately preceding the Plan Implementation Date, all in accordance with DTC’s customary practices and procedures.
- (e) The Monitor, Newco, Newco II, the Trustees, SFC, the Named Directors and Officers and the Transfer Agent shall have no liability or obligation in respect of deliveries by DTC (or its nominee) to the DTC participants or the Noteholders pursuant to this Article 5.

5.3 Allocation of Litigation Trust Interests

The Litigation Trustee shall administer the Litigation Trust Claims and the Litigation Funding Amount for the benefit of the Persons that are entitled to the Litigation Trust Interests and shall maintain a registry of such Persons as follows:

- (a) with respect to Affected Creditors:

- (i) the Litigation Trustee shall maintain a record of the amount of Litigation Trust Interests that each Ordinary Affected Creditor is entitled to receive in accordance with sections 4.1(c) and 4.11(a) hereof;
 - (ii) the Litigation Trustee shall maintain a record of the aggregate amount of all Litigation Trust Interests to which the Noteholders are collectively entitled in accordance with sections 4.1(c) and 4.11(a) hereof, and if cash is distributed from the Litigation Trust to Persons with Litigation Trust Interests, the amount of such cash that is payable to the Noteholders will be distributed through the Distribution Escrow Position (such that each beneficial Noteholder will receive a percentage of such cash distribution that is equal to its entitlement to Litigation Trust Interests (as set forth in section 4.1(c) hereof) as a percentage of all Litigation Trust Interests); and
 - (iii) with respect to any Litigation Trust Interests to be allocated in respect of the Unresolved Claims Reserve, the Litigation Trustee shall record such Litigation Trust Interests in the name of the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto in accordance with this Plan, which shall be held by the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent in escrow until released and distributed unless and until otherwise directed by the Monitor in accordance with this Plan;
- (b) with respect to the Noteholder Class Action Claimants, the Litigation Trustee shall maintain a record of the aggregate of all Litigation Trust Interests that the Noteholder Class Action Claimants are entitled to receive pursuant to sections 4.4(e) and 4.11(a) hereof, provided that such record shall be maintained in the name of the Noteholder Class Action Representative, to be allocated to individual Noteholder Class Action Claimants in any manner ordered by the applicable Class Action Court, and provided further that if any such Litigation Trust Interests are cancelled in accordance with section 4.11(b) hereof, the Litigation Trustee shall record such cancellation in its registry of Litigation Trust Interests.

5.4 Treatment of Undeliverable Distributions

If any distribution under section 5.2 or section 5.3 of Newco Shares, Newco Notes or Litigation Trust Interests is undeliverable (that is, for greater certainty, that it cannot be properly registered or delivered to the Applicable Affected Creditor because of inadequate or incorrect registration or delivery information or otherwise) (an “**Undeliverable Distribution**”), it shall be delivered to SFC Escrow Co., which shall hold such Undeliverable Distribution in escrow and administer it in accordance with this section 5.4. No further distributions in respect of an Undeliverable Distribution shall be made unless and until SFC and the Monitor are notified by the applicable Person of its current address and/or registration information, as applicable, at which time the Monitor shall direct SFC Escrow Co. to make all such distributions to such Person, and SFC Escrow Co. shall make all such distributions to such Person. All claims for Undeliverable Distributions must be made on or before the date that is six months following the final Distribution Date, after which date the right to receive distributions under this Plan in respect of such Undeliverable Distributions shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever

compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred, without any compensation therefore, notwithstanding any federal, state or provincial laws to the contrary, at which time any such Undeliverable Distributions held by SFC Escrow Co. shall be deemed to have been gifted by the owner of the Undeliverable Distribution to Newco or the Litigation Trust, as applicable, without consideration, and, in the case of Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests, shall be cancelled by Newco and the Litigation Trustee, as applicable. Nothing contained in the Plan shall require SFC, the Monitor, SFC Escrow Co. or any other Person to attempt to locate any owner of an Undeliverable Distribution. No interest is payable in respect of an Undeliverable Distribution. Any distribution under this Plan on account of the Notes, other than any distributions in respect of Litigation Trust Interests, shall be deemed made when delivered to DTC or the applicable Trustee, as applicable, for subsequent distribution to the applicable Noteholders in accordance with section 5.2.

5.5 Procedure for Distributions Regarding Unresolved Claims

- (a) An Affected Creditor that has asserted an Unresolved Claim will not be entitled to receive a distribution under the Plan in respect of such Unresolved Claim or any portion thereof unless and until such Unresolved Claim becomes a Proven Claim.
- (b) Distributions in respect of any Unresolved Claim in existence at the Plan Implementation Date will be held in escrow by the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent in the Unresolved Claims Reserve until settlement or final determination of the Unresolved Claim in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order, the Meeting Order or this Plan, as applicable.
- (c) To the extent that Unresolved Claims become Proven Claims or are finally disallowed, the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent shall release from escrow and deliver (or in the case of Litigation Trust Interests, cause to be registered) the following from the Unresolved Claims Reserve (on the next Distribution Date, as determined by the Monitor with the consent of SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders):
 - (i) in the case of Affected Creditors whose Unresolved Claims are ultimately determined, in whole or in part, to be Proven Claims, the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent shall release from escrow and deliver to such Affected Creditor that number of Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests (and any income or proceeds therefrom) that such Affected Creditor is entitled to receive in respect of its Proven Claim pursuant to section 4.1 hereof;
 - (ii) in the case of Affected Creditors whose Unresolved Claims are ultimately determined, in whole or in part, to be disallowed, the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent shall release from escrow and deliver to all Affected Creditors with Proven Claims the number of Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests (and any income or proceeds therefrom) that had been reserved in the Unresolved Claims Reserve for such Affected Creditor whose Unresolved Claims has been disallowed, Claims such that,

following such delivery, all of the Affected Creditors with Proven Claims have received the amount of Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests that they are entitled to receive pursuant to section 4.1 hereof, which delivery shall be effected in accordance with sections 5.2 and 5.3 hereof.

- (d) As soon as practicable following the date that all Unresolved Claims have been finally resolved and any required distributions contemplated in section 5.5(c) have been made, the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent shall distribute (or in the case of Litigation Trust Interests, cause to be registered) any Litigation Trust Interests, Newco Shares and Newco Notes (and any income or proceeds therefrom), as applicable, remaining in the Unresolved Claims Reserve to the Affected Creditors with Proven Claims such that after giving effect to such distributions each such Affected Creditor has received the amount of Litigation Trust Interests, Newco Shares and Newco Notes that it is entitled to receive pursuant to section 4.1 hereof.
- (e) During the time that Newco Shares, Newco Notes and/or Litigation Trust Interests are held in escrow in the Unresolved Claims Reserve, any income or proceeds received therefrom or accruing thereon shall be added to the Unresolved Claims Reserve by the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent and no Person shall have any right to such income or proceeds until such Newco Shares, Newco Notes or Litigation Trust Interests, as applicable, are distributed (or in the case of Litigation Trust Interests, registered) in accordance with section 5.5(c) and 5.5(d) hereof, at which time the recipient thereof shall be entitled to any applicable income or proceeds therefrom.
- (f) The Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent shall have no beneficial interest or right in the Unresolved Claims Reserve. The Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent shall not take any step or action with respect to the Unresolved Claims Reserve or any other matter without the consent or direction of the Monitor or the direction of the Court. The Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent shall forthwith, upon receipt of an Order of the Court or instruction of the Monitor directing the release of any Newco Shares, Newco Notes and/or Litigation Trust Interests from the Unresolved Claims Reserve, comply with any such Order or instruction.
- (g) Nothing in this Plan impairs, affects or limits in any way the ability of SFC, the Monitor or the Initial Consenting Noteholders to seek or obtain an Order, whether before or after the Plan Implementation Date, directing that any Unresolved Claims should be disallowed in whole or in part or that such Unresolved Claims should receive the same or similar treatment as is afforded to Equity Claims under the terms of this Plan.
- (h) Persons with Unresolved Claims shall have standing in any proceeding in respect of the determination or status of any Unresolved Claim, and Goodmans LLP (in its capacity as counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders) shall have standing

in any such proceeding on behalf of the Initial Consenting Noteholders (in their capacity as Affected Creditors with Proven Claims).

5.6 Tax Refunds

Any input tax credits or tax refunds received by or on behalf of SFC after the Effective Time shall, immediately upon receipt thereof, be paid directly by, or on behalf of, SFC to Newco without consideration.

5.7 Final Distributions from Reserves

- (a) If there is any cash remaining in: (i) the Unaffected Claims Reserve on the date that all Unaffected Claims have been finally paid or otherwise discharged and/or (ii) the Administration Charge Reserve on the date that all Claims secured by the Administration Charge have been finally paid or otherwise discharged, the Monitor shall, in each case, forthwith transfer all such remaining cash to the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve.
- (b) The Monitor will not terminate the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve prior to the termination of each of the Unaffected Claims Reserve and the Administration Charge Reserve. The Monitor may, at any time, from time to time and at its sole discretion, release amounts from the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve to Newco. Goodmans LLP (in its capacity as counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders) shall be permitted to apply for an Order of the Court directing the Monitor to make distributions from the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve. Once the Monitor has determined that the cash remaining in the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve is no longer necessary for administering SFC or the Claims Procedure, the Monitor shall forthwith transfer any such remaining cash (the "**Remaining Post-Implementation Reserve Amount**") to Newco.

5.8 Other Payments and Distributions

All other payments and distributions to be made pursuant to this Plan shall be made in the manner described in this Plan, the Sanction Order or any other Order, as applicable.

5.9 Note Indentures to Remain in Effect Solely for Purpose of Distributions

Following completion of the steps in the sequence set forth in section 6.4, all debentures, indentures, notes (including the Notes), certificates, agreements, invoices and other instruments evidencing Affected Claims will not entitle any holder thereof to any compensation or participation other than as expressly provided for in the Plan and will be cancelled and will be null and void. Any and all obligations of SFC and the Subsidiaries under and with respect to the Notes, the Note Indentures and any guarantees or indemnities with respect to the Notes or the Note Indentures shall be terminated and cancelled on the Plan Implementation Date and shall not continue beyond the Plan Implementation Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing and anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Note Indentures shall remain in effect solely for the purpose of and only to the extent necessary to allow the Trustees to make distributions to Noteholders on the

Initial Distribution Date and, as necessary, each subsequent Distribution Date thereafter, and to maintain all of the rights and protections afforded to the Trustees as against the Noteholders under the applicable Note Indentures, including their lien rights with respect to any distributions under this Plan, until all distributions provided for hereunder have been made to the Noteholders. The obligations of the Trustees under or in respect of this Plan shall be solely as expressly set out herein. Without limiting the generality of the releases, injunctions and other protections afforded to the Trustees under this Plan and the applicable Note Indentures, the Trustees shall have no liability whatsoever to any Person resulting from the due performance of their obligations hereunder, except if such Trustee is adjudged by the express terms of a non-appealable judgment rendered on a final determination on the merits to have committed gross negligence or wilful misconduct in respect of such matter.

5.10 Assignment of Claims for Distribution Purposes

(a) Assignment of Claims by Ordinary Affected Creditors

Subject to any restrictions contained in Applicable Laws, an Ordinary Affected Creditor may transfer or assign the whole of its Affected Claim after the Meeting provided that neither SFC nor Newco nor Newco II nor the Monitor nor the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent shall be obliged to make distributions to any such transferee or assignee or otherwise deal with such transferee or assignee as an Ordinary Affected Creditor in respect thereof unless and until actual notice of the transfer or assignment, together with satisfactory evidence of such transfer or assignment and such other documentation as SFC and the Monitor may reasonably require, has been received by SFC and the Monitor on or before the Plan Implementation Date, or such other date as SFC and the Monitor may agree, failing which the original transferor shall have all applicable rights as the “Ordinary Affected Creditor” with respect to such Affected Claim as if no transfer of the Affected Claim had occurred. Thereafter, such transferee or assignee shall, for all purposes in accordance with this Plan, constitute an Ordinary Affected Creditor and shall be bound by any and all notices previously given to the transferor or assignor in respect of such Claim. For greater certainty, SFC shall not recognize partial transfers or assignments of Claims.

(b) Assignment of Notes

Only those Noteholders who have beneficial ownership of one or more Notes as at the Distribution Record Date shall be entitled to receive a distribution under this Plan on the Initial Distribution Date or any Distribution Date. Noteholders who have beneficial ownership of Notes shall not be restricted from transferring or assigning such Notes prior to or after the Distribution Record Date (unless the Distribution Record Date is the Plan Implementation Date), provided that if such transfer or assignment occurs after the Distribution Record Date, neither SFC nor Newco nor Newco II nor the Monitor nor the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent shall have any obligation to make distributions to any such transferee or assignee of Notes in respect of the Claims associated therewith, or otherwise deal with such transferee or assignee as an Affected Creditor in respect thereof. Noteholders who assign or acquire Notes after the Distribution Record Date shall be wholly responsible for ensuring that Plan distributions in respect of the Claims associated with such Notes are in fact delivered to the assignee, and the Trustees shall have no liability in connection therewith.

5.11 Withholding Rights

SFC, Newco, Newco II, the Monitor, the Litigation Trustee, the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent and/or any other Person making a payment contemplated herein shall be entitled to deduct and withhold from any consideration payable to any Person such amounts as it is required to deduct and withhold with respect to such payment under the Canadian Tax Act, the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any provision of federal, provincial, territorial, state, local or foreign Tax laws, in each case, as amended. To the extent that amounts are so withheld or deducted, such withheld or deducted amounts shall be treated for all purposes hereof as having been paid to the Person in respect of which such withholding was made, provided that such amounts are actually remitted to the appropriate Taxing Authority. To the extent that the amounts so required or permitted to be deducted or withheld from any payment to a Person exceed the cash portion of the consideration otherwise payable to that Person: (i) the payor is authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of such portion of the consideration as is necessary to provide sufficient funds to enable it to comply with such deduction or withholding requirement or entitlement, and the payor shall notify the applicable Person thereof and remit to such Person any unapplied balance of the net proceeds of such sale; or (ii) if such sale is not reasonably possible, the payor shall not be required to make such excess payment until the Person has directly satisfied any such withholding obligation and provides evidence thereof to the payor.

5.12 Fractional Interests

No fractional interests of Newco Shares or Newco Notes (“**Fractional Interests**”) will be issued under this Plan. For purposes of calculating the number of Newco Shares and Newco Notes to be issued by Newco pursuant to this Plan, recipients of Newco Shares or Newco Notes will have their entitlements adjusted downwards to the nearest whole number of Newco Shares or Newco Notes, as applicable, to eliminate any such Fractional Interests and no compensation will be given for the Fractional Interest.

5.13 Further Direction of the Court

The Monitor shall, in its sole discretion, be entitled to seek further direction of the Court, including a plan implementation order, with respect to any matter relating to the implementation of the plan including with respect to the distribution mechanics and restructuring transaction as set out in Articles 5 and 6 of this Plan.

ARTICLE 6 RESTRUCTURING TRANSACTION

6.1 Corporate Actions

The adoption, execution, delivery, implementation and consummation of all matters contemplated under the Plan involving corporate action of SFC will occur and be effective as of the Plan Implementation Date, other than such matters occurring on the Equity Cancellation Date which will occur and be effective on such date, and in either case will be authorized and approved under the Plan and by the Court, where appropriate, as part of the Sanction Order, in all

respects and for all purposes without any requirement of further action by shareholders, Directors or Officers of SFC. All necessary approvals to take actions shall be deemed to have been obtained from the directors or the shareholders of SFC, as applicable, including the deemed passing by any class of shareholders of any resolution or special resolution and no shareholders' agreement or agreement between a shareholder and another Person limiting in any way the right to vote shares held by such shareholder or shareholders with respect to any of the steps contemplated by the Plan shall be deemed to be effective and shall have no force and effect, provided that, subject to sections ~~11.6~~12.6 and ~~11.7~~12.7 hereof, where any matter expressly requires the consent or approval of SFC, the Initial Consenting Noteholders or SFC's board of directors pursuant to this Plan, such consent or approval shall not be deemed to be given unless actually given.

6.2 Incorporation of Newco and Newco II

- (a) Newco shall be incorporated prior to the Plan Implementation Date. Newco shall be authorized to issue an unlimited number of Newco Shares and shall have no restrictions on the number of its shareholders. At the time that Newco is incorporated, Newco shall issue one Newco Share to the Initial Newco Shareholder, as the sole shareholder of Newco, and the Initial Newco Shareholder shall be deemed to hold the Newco Share for the purpose of facilitating the Restructuring Transaction. For greater certainty, the Initial Newco Shareholder shall not hold such Newco Share as agent of or for the benefit of SFC, and SFC shall have no rights in relation to such Newco Share. Newco shall not carry on any business or issue any other Newco Shares or other securities until the Plan Implementation Date, and then only in accordance with section 6.4 hereof. The Initial Newco Shareholder shall be deemed to have no liability whatsoever for any matter pertaining to its status as the Initial Newco Shareholder, other than its obligations under this Plan to act as the Initial Newco Shareholder.
- (b) Newco II shall be incorporated prior to the Plan Implementation Date as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Newco. The memorandum and articles of association of Newco II will be in a form customary for a wholly-owned subsidiary under the applicable jurisdiction and the initial board of directors of Newco II will consist of the same Persons appointed as the directors of Newco on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date.

6.3 Incorporation of SFC Escrow Co.

SFC Escrow Co. shall be incorporated prior to the Plan Implementation Date. SFC Escrow Co. shall be incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands, or such other jurisdiction as may be agreed by SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders. The sole director of SFC Escrow Co. shall be Codan Services (Cayman) Limited, or such other Person as may be agreed by SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders. At the time that SFC Escrow Co. is incorporated, SFC Escrow Co. shall issue one share (the "SFC Escrow Co. Share") to SFC, as the sole shareholder of SFC Escrow Co. and SFC shall be deemed to hold the SFC Escrow Co. Share for the purpose of facilitating the Restructuring Transaction. SFC Escrow Co. shall have no assets other than any assets that it is required to hold

in escrow pursuant to the terms of this Plan, and it shall have no liabilities other than its obligations as set forth in this Plan. SFC Escrow Co. shall not carry on any business or issue any shares or other securities (other than the SFC Escrow Co. Share). The sole activity and function of SFC Escrow Co. shall be to perform the obligations of the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent as set forth in this Plan and to administer Undeliverable Distributions as set forth in section 5.4 of this Plan. SFC Escrow Co. shall not make any sale, distribution, transfer or conveyance of any Newco Shares, Newco Notes or any other assets or property that it holds unless it is directed to do so by an Order of the Court or by a written direction from the Monitor, in which case SFC Escrow Co. shall promptly comply with such Order of the Court or such written direction from the Monitor. SFC shall not sell, transfer or convey the SFC Escrow Co. Share nor effect or cause to be effected any liquidation, dissolution, merger or other corporate reorganization of SFC Escrow Co. unless it is directed to do so by an Order of the Court or by a written direction from the Monitor, in which case SFC shall promptly comply with such Order of the Court or such written direction from the Monitor. SFC Escrow Co. shall not exercise any voting rights (including any right to vote at a meeting of shareholders or creditors held or in any written resolution) in respect of Newco Shares or Newco Notes held in the Unresolved Claims Reserve. SFC Escrow Co. shall not be entitled to receive any compensation for the performance of its obligations under this Plan.

6.4 Plan Implementation Date Transactions

The following steps and compromises and releases to be effected shall occur, and be deemed to have occurred in the following manner and order (sequentially, each step occurring five minutes apart, except that within such order steps (a) to (f) (Cash Payments) shall occur simultaneously and steps (t) to (w) (Releases) shall occur simultaneously) without any further act or formality, on the Plan Implementation Date beginning at the Effective Time (or in such other manner or order or at such other time or times as SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders may agree):

Cash Payments and Satisfaction of Lien Claims

- (a) SFC shall pay required funds to the Monitor for the purpose of funding the Unaffected Claims Reserve, and the Monitor shall hold and administer such funds in trust for the purpose of paying the Unaffected Claims pursuant to the Plan.
- (b) SFC shall pay the required funds to the Monitor for the purpose of funding the Administration Charge Reserve, and the Monitor shall hold and administer such funds in trust for the purpose of paying Unaffected Claims secured by Administration Charge.
- (c) SFC shall pay the required funds to the Monitor for the purpose of funding the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve, and the Monitor shall hold and administer such funds in trust for the purpose of administering SFC, as necessary, from and after the Plan Implementation Date.
- (d) SFC shall pay to the Noteholder Advisors and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, as applicable, each such Person's respective portion of the Expense

Reimbursement. SFC shall pay all fees and expenses owing to each of the SFC Advisors, the advisors to the current Board of Directors of SFC, Chandler Fraser Keating Limited and Spencer Stuart and SFC or any of the Subsidiaries shall pay all fees and expenses owing to each of Indufor Asia Pacific Limited and Stewart Murray (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. If requested by the Monitor (with the consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders) no more than 10 days prior to the Plan Implementation Date and provided that all fees and expenses set out in all previous invoices rendered by the applicable Person to SFC have been paid, SFC and the Subsidiaries, as applicable, shall, with respect to the final one or two invoices rendered prior to the Plan Implementation Date, pay any such fees and expenses to such Persons for all work up to and including the Plan Implementation Date (including any reasonable estimates of work to be performed on the Plan Implementation Date) first by applying any such monetary retainers currently held by such Persons and then by paying any remaining balance in cash.

- (e) If requested by the Monitor (with the consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders) prior to the Plan Implementation Date, any Person with a monetary retainer from SFC that remains outstanding following the steps and payment of all fees and expenses set out in section 6.4(d) hereof shall pay to SFC in cash the full amount of such remaining retainer, less any amount permitted by the Monitor (with the Consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders and after prior discussion with the applicable Person as to any remaining work that may reasonably be required) to remain as a continuing monetary retainer in connection with completion of any remaining work after the Plan Implementation Date that may be requested by the Monitor, SFC or the Initial Consenting Noteholders (each such continuing monetary retainer being a “**Permitted Continuing Retainer**”). Such Persons shall have no duty or obligation to perform any further work or tasks in respect of SFC unless such Persons are satisfied that they are holding adequate retainers or other security or have received payment to compensate them for all fees and expenses in respect of such work or tasks. The obligation of such Persons to repay the remaining amounts of any monetary retainers (including the unused portions of any Permitted Continuing Retainers) and all cash received therefrom shall constitute SFC Assets.
- (f) The Lien Claims shall be satisfied in accordance with section 4.2(c) hereof.

Transaction Steps

- (g) All accrued and unpaid interest owing on, or in respect of, or as part of, Affected Creditor Claims (including any Accrued Interest on the Notes and any interest accruing on the Notes or any Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim after the Filing Date) shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred for no consideration, and from and after the occurrence of this step, no Person shall have any entitlement to any such accrued and unpaid interest.

(h) All of the Affected Creditors shall be deemed to assign, transfer and convey to Newco all of their Affected Creditor Claims, and from and after the occurrence of this step, Newco shall be the legal and beneficial owner of all Affected Creditor Claims. In exchange for the assignment, transfer and conveyance of the Affected Creditor Claims to Newco:

(i) with respect to Affected Creditor Claims that are Proven Claims at the Effective Time:

(A) Newco shall issue to each applicable Affected Creditor the number of Newco Shares that each such Affected Creditor is entitled to receive in accordance with section 4.1(a) hereof;

(B) Newco shall issue to each applicable Affected Creditor the amount of Newco Notes that each such Affected Creditor is entitled to receive in accordance with section 4.1(b) hereof;

(C) Newco shall issue to each of the Early Consent Noteholders the number of Newco Shares that each such Early Consent Noteholder is entitled to receive pursuant to section 4.3 hereof;

(D) such Affected Creditors shall be entitled to receive the Litigation Trust Interests to be acquired by Newco in section 6.4(q) hereof, following the establishment of the Litigation Trust;

(E) such Affected Creditors shall be entitled to receive, at the time or times contemplated in sections 5.5(c) and 5.5(d) hereof, the Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests that are subsequently distributed to (or in the case of Litigation Trust Interests registered for the benefit of) Affected Creditors with Proven Claims pursuant to sections 5.5(c) and 5.5(d) hereof (if any),

and all such Newco Shares and Newco Notes shall be distributed in the manner described in section 5.2 hereof; and

(ii) with respect to Affected Creditor Claims that are Unresolved Claims as at the Effective Time, Newco shall issue in the name of the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto under the Plan, the Newco Shares and the Newco Notes that would have been distributed to the applicable Affected Creditors in respect of such Unresolved Claims if such Unresolved Claims had been Proven Claims at the Effective Time; such Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests acquired by Newco in section 6.4(q) and assigned to and registered in the name of the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent in accordance with section 6.4(r) shall comprise part of the Unresolved Claims Reserve and the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent shall hold all such Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests in escrow

for the benefit of those Persons entitled to receive distributions thereof pursuant to the Plan.

- (i) The initial Newco Share in the capital of Newco held by the Initial Newco Shareholder shall be redeemed and cancelled for no consideration.
- (j) SFC shall be deemed to assign, transfer and convey to SFC Barbados those SFC Intercompany Claims and/or Equity Interests in one or more Direct Subsidiaries as agreed to by SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders prior to the Plan Implementation Date (the “**Barbados Property**”) first in full repayment of the Barbados Loans and second, to the extent the fair market value of the Barbados Property exceeds the amount owing under the Barbados Loans, as a contribution to the capital of SFC Barbados by SFC. Immediately after the time of such assignment, transfer and conveyance, the Barbados Loans shall be considered to be fully paid by SFC and no longer outstanding.
- (k) SFC shall be deemed to assign, transfer and convey to Newco all shares and other Equity Interests (other than the Barbados Property) in the capital of (i) the Direct Subsidiaries and (ii) any other Subsidiaries that are directly owned by SFC immediately prior to the Effective Time, other than SFC Escrow Co. (all such shares and other equity interests being the “**Direct Subsidiary Shares**”) for a purchase price equal to the fair market value of the Direct Subsidiary Shares and, in consideration therefor, Newco shall be deemed to pay to SFC consideration equal to the fair market value of the Direct Subsidiary Shares, which consideration shall be comprised of a U.S. dollar denominated demand non-interest-bearing promissory note issued to SFC by Newco having a principal amount equal to the fair market value of the Direct Subsidiary Shares (the “**Newco Promissory Note 1**”). At the time of such assignment, transfer and conveyance, all prior rights that Newco had to acquire the Direct Subsidiary Shares, under the Plan or otherwise, shall cease to be outstanding. For greater certainty, SFC shall not assign, transfer or convey the SFC Escrow Co. Share, and the SFC Escrow Co. Share shall remain the property of SFC.
- (l) If the Initial Consenting Noteholders and SFC agree prior to the Plan Implementation Date, there will be a set-off of any SFC Intercompany Claim so agreed against a Subsidiary Intercompany Claim owing between SFC and the same Subsidiary. In such case, the amounts will be set-off in repayment of both claims to the extent of the lesser of the two amounts, and the excess (if any) shall continue as an SFC Intercompany Claim or a Subsidiary Intercompany Claim, as applicable.
- (m) SFC shall be deemed to assign, transfer and convey to Newco all SFC Intercompany Claims (other than the SFC Intercompany Claims transferred to SFC Barbados in section 6.4(j) hereof or set-off pursuant to section 6.4(l) hereof) for a purchase price equal to the fair market value of such SFC Intercompany Claims and, in consideration therefor, Newco shall be deemed to pay SFC consideration equal to the fair market value of the SFC Intercompany Claims,

which consideration shall be comprised of the following: (i) the assumption by Newco of all of SFC's obligations to the Subsidiaries in respect of Subsidiary Intercompany Claims (other than the Subsidiary Intercompany Claims set-off pursuant to section 6.4(l) hereof); and (ii) if the fair market value of the transferred SFC Intercompany Claims exceeds the fair market value of the assumed Subsidiary Intercompany Claims, Newco shall issue to SFC a U.S. dollar denominated demand non-interest-bearing promissory note having a principal amount equal to such excess (the "**Newco Promissory Note 2**").

- (n) SFC shall be deemed to assign, transfer and convey to Newco all other SFC Assets (namely, all SFC Assets other than the Direct Subsidiary Shares and the SFC Intercompany Claims (which shall have already been transferred to Newco in accordance with sections 6.4(k) and 6.4(m) hereof)), for a purchase price equal to the fair market value of such other SFC Assets and, in consideration therefor, Newco shall be deemed to pay to SFC consideration equal to the fair market value of such other SFC Assets, which consideration shall be comprised of a U.S. dollar denominated demand non-interest-bearing promissory note issued to SFC by Newco having a principal amount equal to the fair market value of such other SFC Assets (the "**Newco Promissory Note 3**").
- (o) SFC shall establish the Litigation Trust and SFC and the Trustees (on behalf of the Noteholders) shall be deemed to convey, transfer and assign to the Litigation Trustee all of their respective rights, title and interest in and to the Litigation Trust Claims. SFC shall advance the Litigation Funding Amount to the Litigation Trustee for use by the Litigation Trustee in prosecuting the Litigation Trust Claims in accordance with the Litigation Trust Agreement, which advance shall be deemed to create a non-interest bearing receivable from the Litigation Trustee in favour of SFC in the amount of the Litigation Funding Amount (the "**Litigation Funding Receivable**"). The Litigation Funding Amount and Litigation Trust Claims shall be managed by the Litigation Trustee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Litigation Trust Agreement.
- (p) The Litigation Trust shall be deemed to be effective from the time that it is established in section 6.4(o) hereof. Initially, all of the Litigation Trust Interests shall be held by SFC. Immediately thereafter, SFC shall assign, convey and transfer a portion of the Litigation Trust Interests to the Noteholder Class Action Claimants in accordance with the allocation set forth in section 4.11 hereof.
- (q) SFC shall settle and discharge the Affected Creditor Claims by assigning Newco Promissory Note 1, Newco Promissory Note 2 and Newco Promissory Note 3 (collectively, the "**Newco Promissory Notes**"), the Litigation Funding Receivable and the remaining Litigation Trust Interests held by SFC to Newco. Such assignment shall constitute payment, by set-off, of the full principal amount of the Newco Promissory Notes and of a portion of the Affected Creditor Claims equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Newco Promissory Notes, the Litigation Trust Receivable and the fair market value of the Litigation Trust Interests so

transferred (with such payment being allocated first to the Noteholder Claims and then to the Ordinary Affected Creditor Claims). As a consequence thereof:

- (i) Newco shall be deemed to discharge and release SFC of and from all of SFC's obligations to Newco in respect of the Affected Creditor Claims, and all of Newco's rights against SFC of any kind in respect of the Affected Creditor Claims shall thereupon be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged and cancelled; and
 - (ii) SFC shall be deemed to discharge and release Newco of and from all of Newco's obligations to SFC in respect of the Newco Promissory Notes, and the Newco Promissory Notes and all of SFC's rights against Newco in respect thereof shall thereupon be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever released, discharged and cancelled.
- (r) Newco shall cause a portion of the Litigation Trust Interests it acquired in section 6.4(q) hereof to be assigned to and registered in the name of the Affected Creditors with Proven Claims as contemplated in section 6.4(h), and with respect to any Affected Creditor Claims that are Unresolved Claims as at the Effective Time, the remaining Litigation Trust Interests held by Newco that would have been allocated to the applicable Affected Creditors in respect of such Unresolved Claims if such Unresolved Claims had been Proven Claims at the Effective Time shall be assigned and registered by the Litigation Trustee to the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent and in the name of the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent, in escrow for the benefit of Persons entitled thereto, and such Litigation Trust Interests shall comprise part of the Unresolved Claims Reserve. The Litigation Trustee shall record entitlements to the Litigation Trust Interests in the manner set forth in section 5.3.

Cancellation of Instruments and Guarantees

- (s) Subject to section 5.9 hereof, all debentures, indentures, notes, certificates, agreements, invoices, guarantees, pledges and other instruments evidencing Affected Claims, including the Notes and the Note Indentures, will not entitle any holder thereof to any compensation or participation other than as expressly provided for in the Plan and shall be cancelled and will thereupon be null and void. The Trustees shall be directed by the Court and shall be deemed to have released, discharged and cancelled any guarantees, indemnities, Encumbrances or other obligations owing by or in respect of any Subsidiary relating to the Notes or the Note Indentures.

Releases

- (t) Each of Newco and Newco II shall be deemed to have no liability or obligation of any kind whatsoever for: any Claim (including, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any Unaffected Claim); any Affected Claim (including any Affected Creditor Claim, Equity Claim, D&O Claim, D&O Indemnity Claim and

Noteholder Class Action Claim); any Section 5.1(2) D&O Claim; any Conspiracy Claim; any Continuing Other D&O Claim; any Non-Released D&O Claim; any Class Action Claim; any Class Action Indemnity Claim; any right or claim in connection with or liability for the Notes or the Note Indentures; any guarantees, indemnities, share pledges or Encumbrances relating to the Notes or the Note Indentures; any right or claim in connection with or liability for the Existing Shares or other Equity Interests or any other securities of SFC; any rights or claims of the Third Party Defendants relating to SFC or the Subsidiaries; any right or claim in connection with or liability for the RSA, the Plan, the CCAA Proceedings, the Restructuring Transaction, the Litigation Trust, the business and affairs of SFC and the Subsidiaries (whenever or however conducted), the administration and/or management of SFC and the Subsidiaries, or any public filings, statements, disclosures or press releases relating to SFC; any right or claim in connection with or liability for any guaranty, indemnity or claim for contribution in respect of any of the foregoing; and any Encumbrance in respect of the foregoing, provided only that Newco shall assume SFC's obligations to the applicable Subsidiaries in respect of the Subsidiary Intercompany Claims pursuant to section 6.4(l) hereof and Newco II shall assume Newco's obligations to the applicable Subsidiaries in respect of the Subsidiary Intercompany Claims pursuant to section 6.4(x) hereof.

- (u) Each of the Charges shall be discharged, released and cancelled.
- (v) The releases and injunctions referred to in Article 7 of the Plan shall become effective in accordance with the Plan.
- (w) Any contract defaults arising as a result of the CCAA Proceedings and/or the implementation of the Plan (including, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any such contract defaults in respect of the Unaffected Claims) shall be deemed to be cured.

Newco II

- (x) Newco shall be deemed to assign, transfer and convey to Newco II all of Newco's right, title and interest in and to all of its properties, assets and rights of every kind and description (namely the SFC Assets acquired by Newco pursuant to the Plan) for a purchase price equal to the fair market value thereof and, in consideration therefor, Newco II shall be deemed to pay to Newco consideration equal to the fair market value of such properties, assets and rights (the "**Newco II Consideration**"). The Newco II Consideration shall be comprised of: (i) the assumption by Newco II of any and all indebtedness of Newco other than the indebtedness of Newco in respect of the Newco Notes (namely, any indebtedness of Newco in respect of the Subsidiary Intercompany Claims); and (ii) the issuance to Newco of that number of common shares in Newco II as is necessary to ensure that the value of the Newco II Consideration is equal to the fair market value of the properties, assets and rights conveyed by Newco to Newco II pursuant to this section 6.4(x).

6.5 Cancellation of Existing Shares and Equity Interests

Unless otherwise agreed between the Monitor, SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, on the Equity Cancellation Date all Existing Shares and Equity Interests shall be fully, finally and irrevocably cancelled, and the following steps will be implemented pursuant to the Plan as a plan of reorganization under section 191 of the *CBCA*, to be effected by articles of reorganization to be filed by SFC, subject to the receipt of any required approvals from the Ontario Securities Commission with respect to the trades in securities contemplated by the following:

- (a) SFC will create a new class of common shares to be called Class A common shares that are equivalent to the current Existing Shares except that they carry two votes per share;
- (b) SFC will amend the share conditions of the Existing Shares to provide that they are cancellable for no consideration at such time as determined by the board of directors of SFC;
- (c) prior to the cancellation of the Existing Shares, SFC will issue for nominal consideration one Class A common share of SFC to the SFC Continuing Shareholder;
- (d) SFC will cancel the Existing Shares for no consideration on the Equity Cancellation Date; and
- (e) SFC will apply to Canadian securities regulatory authorities for SFC to cease to be a reporting issuer effective immediately before the Effective Time.

Unless otherwise agreed by SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders or as otherwise directed by Order of the Court, SFC shall maintain its corporate existence at all times from and after the Plan Implementation Date until the later of the date: (i) on which SFC Escrow Co. has completed all of its obligations as Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent under this Plan; (ii) on which SFC escrow Co. no longer holds any Undeliverable Distributions delivered to it in accordance with the section 5.4 hereof; and (iii) as determined by the Litigation Trustee.

6.6 Transfers and Vesting Free and Clear

- (a) All of the SFC Assets (including for greater certainty the Direct Subsidiary Shares, the SFC Intercompany Claims and all other SFC Assets assigned, transferred and conveyed to Newco and/or Newco II pursuant to section 6.4) shall be deemed to vest absolutely in Newco or Newco II, as applicable, free and clear of and from any and all Charges, Claims (including, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any Unaffected Claims), D&O Claims, D&O Indemnity Claims, Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims, Conspiracy Claims, Continuing Other D&O Claims, Non-Released D&O Claims, Affected Claims, Class Action Claims, Class Action Indemnity Claims, claims or rights of any kind in respect of the Notes or the Note Indentures, and any right or claim that is based in whole or in part on facts, underlying transactions, ~~causes~~ Causes of ~~action~~ Action or events

relating to the Restructuring Transaction, the CCAA Proceedings or any of the foregoing, and any guarantees or indemnities with respect to any of the foregoing. Any Encumbrances or claims affecting, attaching to or relating to the SFC Assets in respect of the foregoing shall be deemed to be irrevocably expunged and discharged as against the SFC Assets, and no such Encumbrances or claims shall be pursued or enforceable as against Newco or Newco II. For greater certainty, with respect to the Subsidiaries, Greenheart and Greenheart's direct and indirect subsidiaries: (i) the vesting free and clear in Newco and/or Newco II, as applicable, and the expunging and discharging that occurs by operation of this paragraph shall only apply to SFC's ownership interests in the Subsidiaries, Greenheart and Greenheart's subsidiaries; and (ii) except as provided for in the Plan (including this section 6.6(a) and sections 4.9(g), 6.4(k), 6.4(l) and 6.4(m) hereof and Article 7 hereof) and the Sanction Order, the assets, liabilities, business and property of the Subsidiaries, Greenheart and Greenheart's direct and indirect subsidiaries shall remain unaffected by the Restructuring Transaction.

- (b) Any issuance, assignment, transfer or conveyance of any securities, interests, rights or claims pursuant to the Plan, including the Newco Shares, the Newco Notes and the Affected Creditor Claims, will be free and clear of and from any and all Charges, Claims (including, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any Unaffected Claims), D&O Claims, D&O Indemnity Claims, Affected Claims, Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims; Conspiracy Claims; Continuing Other D&O Claims, Non-Released D&O Claims; Class Action Claims, Class Action Indemnity Claims, claims or rights of any kind in respect of the Notes or the Note Indentures, and any right or claim that is based in whole or in part on facts, underlying transactions, ~~causes~~Causes of ~~action~~Action or events relating to the Restructuring Transaction, the CCAA Proceedings or any of the foregoing, and any guarantees or indemnities with respect to any of the foregoing. For greater certainty, with respect to the Subsidiaries, Greenheart and Greenheart's direct and indirect subsidiaries: (i) the vesting free and clear in Newco and Newco II that occurs by operation of this paragraph shall only apply to SFC's direct and indirect ownership interests in the Subsidiaries, Greenheart and Greenheart's direct and indirect subsidiaries; and (ii) except as provided for in the Plan (including section 6.6(a) and sections 4.9(g), 6.4(k), 6.4(l) and 6.4(m) hereof and Article 7 hereof) and the Sanction Order, the assets, liabilities, business and property of the Subsidiaries, Greenheart and Greenheart's direct and indirect subsidiaries shall remain unaffected by the Restructuring Transaction.

ARTICLE 7 RELEASES

7.1 Plan Releases

Subject to 7.2 hereof, all of the following shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred on the Plan Implementation Date:

- (a) all Affected Claims, including all Affected Creditor Claims, Equity Claims, D&O Claims (other than Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims, Conspiracy Claims, Continuing Other D&O Claims and Non-Released D&O Claims), D&O Indemnity Claims (except as set forth in section 7.1(d) hereof) and Noteholder Class Action Claims (other than the Continuing Noteholder Class Action Claims);
- (b) all Claims of the Ontario Securities Commission or any other Governmental Entity that have or could give rise to a monetary liability, including fines, awards, penalties, costs, claims for reimbursement or other claims having a monetary value;
- (c) all Class Action Claims (including the Noteholder Class Action Claims) against SFC, the Subsidiaries or the Named Directors or Officers of SFC or the Subsidiaries (other than Class Action Claims that are Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims, Conspiracy Claims or Non-Released D&O Claims);
- (d) all Class Action Indemnity Claims (including related D&O Indemnity Claims), other than any Class Action Indemnity Claim by the Third Party Defendants against SFC in respect of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims (including any D&O Indemnity Claim in that respect), which shall be limited to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit pursuant to the releases set out in section 7.1(f) hereof and the injunctions set out in section 7.3 hereof;
- (e) any portion or amount of ~~of~~ liability of the Third Party Defendants for the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims (on a collective, aggregate basis in reference to all Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims together) that exceeds the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit;
- (f) any portion or amount of liability of the Underwriters for the Noteholder Class Action Claims (other than any Noteholder Class Action Claims against the Underwriters for fraud or criminal conduct) (on a collective, aggregate basis in reference to all such Noteholder Class Action Claims together) that exceeds the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit;
- (g) ~~(f)~~ any portion or amount of, or liability of SFC for, any Class Action Indemnity Claims by the Third Party Defendants against SFC in respect of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims (on a collective, aggregate basis in reference to all such Class Action Indemnity Claims together) to the extent that such Class Action Indemnity Claims exceed the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit;
- (h) any and all Excluded Litigation Trust Claims;
- (i) ~~(g) any and all demands, claims, actions, causes of action, counterclaims, suits, debts, sums of money, accounts, covenants, damages, judgments, orders, including for injunctive relief or specific performance and compliance orders, expenses, executions, Eneumbrances and other recoveries on account of any liability, obligation, demand or cause of action of whatever nature which any Person may be entitled to assert, whether known or unknown, matured or~~

~~unmatured, direct, indirect or derivative, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, any and all Causes of Action~~ against Newco, Newco II, the directors and officers of Newco, the directors and officers of Newco II, the Noteholders, members of the *ad hoc* committee of Noteholders, the Trustees, the Transfer Agent, the Monitor, FTI Consulting Canada Inc., FTI HK, counsel for the current Directors of SFC, counsel for the Monitor, counsel for the Trustees, the SFC Advisors, the Noteholder Advisors, and each and every member (including members of any committee or governance council), partner or employee of any of the foregoing, for or in connection with or in any way relating to: any Claims (including, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any Unaffected Claims); Affected Claims; Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims; Conspiracy Claims; Continuing Other D&O Claims; Non-Released D&O Claims; Class Action Claims; Class Action Indemnity Claims; any right or claim in connection with or liability for the Notes or the Note Indentures; any guarantees, indemnities, claims for contribution, share pledges or Encumbrances related to the Notes or the Note Indentures; any right or claim in connection with or liability for the Existing Shares, Equity Interests or any other securities of SFC; any rights or claims of the Third Party Defendants relating to SFC or the Subsidiaries;

- (i) ~~(h) any and all demands, claims, actions, causes of action, counterclaims, suits, debts, sums of money, accounts, covenants, damages, judgments, orders, including for injunctive relief or specific performance and compliance orders, expenses, executions, Encumbrances and other recoveries on account of any liability, obligation, demand or cause of action of whatever nature which any Person may be entitled to assert, whether known or unknown, matured or unmatured, direct, indirect or derivative, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, Causes of Action~~ against Newco, Newco II, the directors and officers of Newco, the directors and officers of Newco II, the Noteholders, members of the *ad hoc* committee of Noteholders, the Trustees, the Transfer Agent, the Monitor, FTI Consulting Canada Inc., FTI HK, the Named Directors and Officers, counsel for the current Directors of SFC, counsel for the Monitor, counsel for the Trustees, the SFC Advisors, the Noteholder Advisors, and each and every member (including members of any committee or governance council), partner or employee of any of the foregoing, based in whole or in part on any act, omission, transaction, duty, responsibility, indebtedness, liability, obligation, dealing or other occurrence existing or taking place on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date (or, with respect to actions taken pursuant to the Plan after the Plan Implementation Date, the date of such actions) in any way relating to, arising out of, leading up to, for, or in connection with the CCAA Proceeding, RSA, the Restructuring Transaction, the Plan, any proceedings commenced with respect to or in connection with the Plan, or the transactions contemplated by the RSA and the Plan, including the creation of Newco and/or Newco II and the creation, issuance or distribution of the Newco Shares, the Newco Notes, the Litigation Trust or the Litigation Trust Interests, provided that nothing in this paragraph shall release or discharge any of the Persons listed in this paragraph from or in respect of any obligations any of them may have under or in respect of the RSA, the Plan or under or in respect of any of Newco, Newco II, the Newco

Shares, the Newco Notes, the Litigation Trust or the Litigation Trust Interests, as the case may be;

- (k) ~~(i) any and all demands, claims, actions, causes of action, counterclaims, suits, debts, sums of money, accounts, covenants, damages, judgments, orders, including for injunctive relief or specific performance and compliance orders, expenses, executions, Encumbrances and other recoveries on account of any liability, obligation, demand or cause of action of whatever nature which any Person may be entitled to assert, whether known or unknown, matured or unmatured, direct, indirect or derivative, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, Causes of Action~~ against the Subsidiaries for or in connection with any Claim (including, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any Unaffected Claim); any Affected Claim (including any Affected Creditor Claim, Equity Claim, D&O Claim, D&O Indemnity Claim and Noteholder Class Action Claim); any Section 5.1(2) D&O Claim; any Conspiracy Claim; any Continuing Other D&O Claim; any Non-Released D&O Claim; any Class Action Claim; any Class Action Indemnity Claim; any right or claim in connection with or liability for the Notes or the Note Indentures; any guarantees, indemnities, share pledges or Encumbrances relating to the Notes or the Note Indentures; any right or claim in connection with or liability for the Existing Shares, Equity Interests or any other securities of SFC; any rights or claims of the Third Party Defendants relating to SFC or the Subsidiaries; any right or claim in connection with or liability for the RSA, the Plan, the CCAA Proceedings, the Restructuring Transaction, the Litigation Trust, the business and affairs of SFC and the Subsidiaries (whenever or however conducted), the administration and/or management of SFC and the Subsidiaries, or any public filings, statements, disclosures or press releases relating to SFC; any right or claim in connection with or liability for any indemnification obligation to Directors or Officers of SFC or the Subsidiaries pertaining to SFC, the Notes, the Note Indentures, the Existing Shares, the Equity Interests, any other securities of SFC or any other right, claim or liability for or in connection with the RSA, the Plan, the CCAA Proceedings, the Restructuring Transaction, the Litigation Trust, the business and affairs of SFC (whenever or however conducted), the administration and/or management of SFC, or any public filings, statements, disclosures or press releases relating to SFC; any right or claim in connection with or liability for any guaranty, indemnity or claim for contribution in respect of any of the foregoing; and any Encumbrance in respect of the foregoing; ~~and~~
- (l) ~~(j)~~ all Subsidiary Intercompany Claims as against SFC (which are assumed by Newco and then Newco II pursuant to the Plan);
- (m) any entitlements of Ernst & Young to receive distributions of any kind (including Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests) under this Plan;
- (n) any entitlements of the Named Third Party Defendants to receive distributions of any kind (including Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests) under this Plan; and

- (o) any entitlements of the Underwriters to receive distributions of any kind (including Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests) under this Plan.

7.2 Claims Not Released

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 7.1 hereof, nothing in this Plan shall waive, compromise, release, discharge, cancel or bar any of the following:

- (a) SFC of its obligations under the Plan and the Sanction Order;
- (b) SFC from or in respect of any Unaffected Claims (provided that recourse against SFC in respect of Unaffected Claims shall be limited in the manner set out in section 4.2 hereof);
- (c) any Directors or Officers of SFC or the Subsidiaries from any Non-Released D&O Claims, Conspiracy Claims or any Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims, provided that recourse against the Named Directors or Officers of SFC in respect of any Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims and any Conspiracy Claims shall be limited in the manner set out in section 4.9(e) hereof;
- (d) any Other Directors and/or Officers from any Continuing Other D&O Claims, provided that recourse against the Other Directors and/or Officers in respect of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims shall be limited in the manner set out in section 4.4(b)(i) hereof;
- (e) the Third Party Defendants from any claim, liability or obligation of whatever nature for or in connection with the Class Action Claims, provided that the maximum aggregate liability of the Third Party Defendants collectively in respect of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims shall be limited to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit pursuant to section 4.4(b)(i) hereof and the releases set out in ~~section~~sections 7.1(e) and 7.1(f) hereof and the injunctions set out in section 7.3 hereof;
- (f) Newco II from any liability to the applicable Subsidiaries in respect of the Subsidiary Intercompany Claims assumed by Newco II pursuant to section 6.4(x) hereof;
- (g) the Subsidiaries from any liability to Newco II in respect of the SFC Intercompany Claims conveyed to Newco II pursuant to section 6.4(x) hereof;
- (h) SFC of or from any investigations by or non-monetary remedies of the Ontario Securities Commission, provided that, for greater certainty, all monetary rights, claims or remedies of the Ontario Securities Commission against SFC shall be treated as Affected Creditor Claims in the manner described in section 4.1 hereof and released pursuant to section 7.1(b) hereof;

- (i) the Subsidiaries from their respective indemnification obligations (if any) to Directors or Officers of the Subsidiaries that relate to the ordinary course operations of the Subsidiaries and that have no connection with any of the matters listed in section 7.1(~~g~~) hereof;
- (j) SFC or the Directors and Officers from any Insured Claims, provided that recovery for Insured Claims shall be irrevocably limited to recovery solely from the proceeds of Insurance Policies paid or payable on behalf of SFC or its Directors and Officers in the manner set forth in section 2.4 hereof;
- (k) insurers from their obligations under insurance policies; and
- (l) any Released Party for fraud or criminal conduct.

7.3 Injunctions

All Persons are permanently and forever barred, estopped, stayed and enjoined, on and after the Effective Time, with respect to any and all Released Claims, from (i) commencing, conducting or continuing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any action, suits, demands or other proceedings of any nature or kind whatsoever (including, without limitation, any proceeding in a judicial, arbitral, administrative or other forum) against the Released Parties; (ii) enforcing, levying, attaching, collecting or otherwise recovering or enforcing by any manner or means, directly or indirectly, any judgment, award, decree or order against the Released Parties or their property; (iii) commencing, conducting or continuing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any action, suits or demands, including without limitation, by way of contribution or indemnity or other relief, in common law, or in equity, breach of trust or breach of fiduciary duty or under the provisions of any statute or regulation, or other proceedings of any nature or kind whatsoever (including, without limitation, any proceeding in a judicial, arbitral, administrative or other forum) against any Person who makes such a claim or might reasonably be expected to make such a claim, in any manner or forum, against one or more of the Released Parties; (iv) creating, perfecting, asserting or otherwise enforcing, directly or indirectly, any lien or encumbrance of any kind against the Released Parties or their property; or (v) taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or consummation of this Plan; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not apply to the enforcement of any obligations under the Plan.

7.4 Timing of Releases and Injunctions

All releases and injunctions set forth in this Article 7 shall become effective on the Plan Implementation Date at the time or times and in the manner set forth in section 6.4 hereof.

7.5 Equity Class Action Claims Against the Third Party Defendants

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, any Class Action Claim against the Third Party Defendants that relates to the purchase, sale or ownership of Existing Shares or Equity Interests: (a) is unaffected by this Plan; (b) is not discharged, released, cancelled or barred pursuant to this Plan; (c) shall be permitted to continue as against the Third Party Defendants; (d) shall not be limited or restricted by this Plan in any manner as to quantum or otherwise (including any collection or recovery for any such Class Action Claim that relates to any liability

of the Third Party Defendants for any alleged liability of SFC); and (e) does not constitute an Equity Claim or an Affected Claim under this Plan.

ARTICLE 8 COURT SANCTION

8.1 Application for Sanction Order

If the Plan is approved by the Required Majority, SFC shall apply for the Sanction Order on or before the date set for the hearing of the Sanction Order or such later date as the Court may set.

8.2 Sanction Order

The Sanction Order shall, among other things:

- (a) declare that: (i) the Plan has been approved by the Required Majority in conformity with the CCAA; (ii) the activities of SFC have been in reasonable compliance with the provisions of the CCAA and the Orders of the Court made in this CCAA Proceeding in all respects; (iii) the Court is satisfied that SFC has not done or purported to do anything that is not authorized by the CCAA; and (iv) the Plan and the transactions contemplated thereby are fair and reasonable;
- (b) declare that the Plan and all associated steps, compromises, releases, discharges, cancellations, transactions, arrangements and reorganizations effected thereby are approved, binding and effective as herein set out as of the Plan Implementation Date;
- (c) confirm the amount of each of the Unaffected Claims Reserve, the Administration Charge Reserve and the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve;
- (d) declare that, on the Plan Implementation Date, all Affected Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled and barred, subject only to the right of the applicable Persons to receive the distributions to which they are entitled pursuant to the Plan;
- (e) declare that, on the Plan Implementation Date, the ability of any Person to proceed against SFC or the Subsidiaries in respect of any Released Claims shall be forever discharged and restrained, and all proceedings with respect to, in connection with or relating to any such matter shall be permanently stayed;
- (f) declare that the steps to be taken, the matters that are deemed to occur and the compromises and releases to be effective on the Plan Implementation Date are deemed to occur and be effected in the sequential order contemplated by section 6.4, beginning at the Effective Time;
- (g) declare that, on the Plan Implementation Date, the SFC Assets vest absolutely in Newco and that, in accordance with section 6.4(x) hereof, the SFC Assets

transferred by Newco to Newco II vest absolutely in Newco II, in each case in accordance with the terms of section 6.6(a) hereof;

- (h) confirm that the Court was satisfied that: (i) the hearing of the Sanction Order was open to all of the Affected Creditors and all other Persons with an interest in SFC and that such Affected Creditors and other Persons were permitted to be heard at the hearing in respect of the Sanction Order; (ii) prior to the hearing, all of the Affected Creditors and all other Persons on the service list in respect of the CCAA Proceeding were given adequate notice thereof;
- (i) provide that the Court was advised prior to the hearing in respect of the Sanction Order that the Sanction Order will be relied upon by SFC and Newco as an approval of the Plan for the purpose of relying on the exemption from the registration requirements of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to Section 3(a)(10) thereof for the issuance of the Newco Shares, Newco Notes and, to the extent they may be deemed to be securities, the Litigation Trust Interests, and any other securities to be issued pursuant to the Plan;
- (j) declare that all obligations, agreements or leases to which (i) SFC remains a party on the Plan Implementation Date, or (ii) Newco and/or Newco II becomes a party as a result of the conveyance of the SFC Assets to Newco and the further conveyance of the SFC Assets to Newco II on the Plan Implementation Date, shall be and remain in full force and effect, unamended, as at the Plan Implementation Date and no party to any such obligation or agreement shall on or following the Plan Implementation Date, accelerate, terminate, refuse to renew, rescind, refuse to perform or otherwise disclaim or resiliate its obligations thereunder, or enforce or exercise (or purport to enforce or exercise) any right or remedy under or in respect of any such obligation or agreement, by reason:
 - (i) of any event which occurred prior to, and not continuing after, the Plan Implementation Date, or which is or continues to be suspended or waived under the Plan, which would have entitled any other party thereto to enforce those rights or remedies;
 - (ii) that SFC sought or obtained relief or has taken steps as part of the Plan or under the CCAA;
 - (iii) of any default or event of default arising as a result of the financial condition or insolvency of SFC;
 - (iv) of the completion of any of the transactions contemplated under the Plan, including the transfer, conveyance and assignment of the SFC Assets to Newco and the further transfer, conveyance and assignment of the SFC Assets by Newco to Newco II; or
 - (v) of any compromises, settlements, restructurings, recapitalizations or reorganizations effected pursuant to the Plan;

- (k) stay the commencing, taking, applying for or issuing or continuing any and all steps or proceedings, including without limitation, administrative hearings and orders, declarations or assessments, commenced, taken or proceeded with or that may be commenced, taken or proceed with to advance any Released Claims;
- (l) ~~stay as against Ernst & Young the commencing, taking, applying for or issuing or continuing any and all steps or proceedings (other than all steps or proceedings to implement the Ernst & Young Settlement) pursuant to the terms of the Order of the Honourable Justice Morawetz dated May 8, 2012 between (i) the Plan Implementation Date and (ii) the earlier of the Ernst & Young Settlement Date or such other date as may be ordered by the Court on a motion to the Court on reasonable notice to Ernst & Young;~~
- (m) ~~(f)~~ declare that in no circumstances will the Monitor have any liability for any of SFC's tax liability regardless of how or when such liability may have arisen;
- (n) ~~(m)~~ authorize the Monitor to perform its functions and fulfil its obligations under the Plan to facilitate the implementation of the Plan;
- (o) ~~(n)~~ direct and deem the Trustees to release, discharge and cancel any guarantees, indemnities, Encumbrances or other obligations owing by or in respect of any Subsidiary relating to the Notes or the Note Indentures;
- (p) ~~(o)~~ declare that upon completion by the Monitor of its duties in respect of SFC pursuant to the CCAA and the Orders, the Monitor may file with the Court a certificate of Plan Implementation stating that all of its duties in respect of SFC pursuant to the CCAA and the Orders have been completed and thereupon, FTI Consulting Canada Inc. shall be deemed to be discharged from its duties as Monitor and released of all claims relating to its activities as Monitor; and
- (q) ~~(p)~~ declare that, on the Plan Implementation Date, each of the Charges shall be discharged, released and cancelled, and that any obligations secured thereby shall satisfied pursuant to section 4.2(b) hereof, and that from and after the Plan Implementation Date the Administration Charge Reserve shall stand in place of the Administration Charge as security for the payment of any amounts secured by the Administration Charge;
- (r) ~~(q)~~ declare that the Monitor may not make any payment from the Monitor's Post-Implementation Plan Reserve to any third party professional services provider (other than its counsel) that exceeds \$250,000 (alone or in a series of related payments) without the prior consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders or an Order of the Court;
- (s) ~~(r)~~ declare that SFC and the Monitor may apply to the Court for advice and direction in respect of any matters arising from or under the Plan;
- (t) ~~(s)~~ declare that, subject to the due performance of its obligations as set forth in the Plan and subject to its compliance with any written directions or instructions of

the Monitor and/or directions of the Court in the manner set forth in the Plan, SFC Escrow Co. shall have no liabilities whatsoever arising from the performance of its obligations under the Plan;

- (u) ~~(t)~~ order and declare that all Persons with Unresolved Claims shall have standing in any proceeding in respect of the determination or status of any Unresolved Claim, and that Goodmans LLP (in its capacity as counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders) shall have standing in any such proceeding on behalf of the Initial Consenting Noteholders (in their capacity as Affected Creditors with Proven Claims);
- (v) ~~(u)~~ order and declare that, from and after the Plan Implementation Date, Newco will be permitted, in its sole discretion and on terms acceptable to Newco, to advance additional cash amounts to the Litigation Trustee from time to time for the purpose of providing additional financing to the Litigation Trust, including the provision of such additional amounts as a non-interest bearing loan to the Litigation Trust that is repayable to Newco on similar terms and conditions as the Litigation Funding Receivable;
- (w) ~~(v)~~ order and declare that: (i) subject to the prior consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each of the Monitor and the Litigation Trustee shall have the right to seek and obtain an order from any court of competent jurisdiction, including an Order of the Court in the CCAA or otherwise, that gives effect to any releases of any Litigation Trust Claims agreed to by the Litigation Trustee in accordance with the Litigation Trust Agreement, and (ii) in accordance with this section 8.2(~~v~~w), all Affected Creditors shall be deemed to consent to any such releases in any such proceedings;
- (x) ~~order and declare that, prior to the Effective Time, SFC shall: (i) preserve or cause to be preserved copies of any documents (as such term is defined in the *Rules of Civil Procedure* (Ontario)) that are relevant to the issues raised in the Class Actions; and (ii) make arrangements acceptable to SFC, the Monitor, the Initial Consenting Noteholders, counsel to Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs, counsel to Ernst & Young, counsel to the Underwriters and counsel to the Named Third Party Defendants to provide the parties to the Class Actions with access thereto, subject to customary commercial confidentiality, privilege or other applicable restrictions, including lawyer-client privilege, work product privilege and other privileges or immunities, and to restrictions on disclosure arising from s. 16 of the *Securities Act* (Ontario) and comparable restrictions on disclosure in other relevant jurisdictions, for purposes of prosecuting and/or defending the Class Actions, as the case may be, provided that nothing in the foregoing reduces or otherwise limits the parties' rights to production and discovery in accordance with the *Rules of Civil Procedure* (Ontario) and the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992* (Ontario);~~

- (v) ~~(w)~~ order that releases and injunctions set forth in Article 7 of this Plan are effective on the Plan Implementation Date at the time or times and in the manner set forth in section 6.4 hereof;
- (z) order that the Ernst & Young Release shall become effective on the Ernst & Young Settlement Date in the manner set forth in section 11.1 hereof;
- (aa) order that any Named Third Party Releases shall become effective if and when the terms and conditions of sections 11.2(a), 11.2(b), 11.2(c) have been fulfilled.;
- (bb) order and declare that the matters described in Article 11 hereof shall occur subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of Article 11; and
- (cc) ~~(x)~~ declare that section 95 to 101 of the BIA shall not apply to any of the transactions implemented pursuant to the Plan.

If agreed by SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, any of the relief to be included in the Sanction Order pursuant to this section 8.2 in respect of matters relating to the Litigation Trust may instead be included in a separate Order of the Court satisfactory to SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders granted prior to the Plan Implementation Date.

ARTICLE 9 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

9.1 Conditions Precedent to Implementation of the Plan

The implementation of the Plan shall be conditional upon satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions prior to or at the Effective Time, each of which is for the benefit of SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders and may be waived only by SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders collectively; provided, however, that the conditions in sub-paragraphs (g), (h), (n), (o), (q), (r), (u), (z), (ff), (gg), (mm), (ll) and (nn) shall only be for the benefit of the Initial Consenting Noteholders and, if not satisfied on or prior to the Effective Time, may be waived only by the Initial Consenting Noteholders; and provided further that such conditions shall not be enforceable by SFC if any failure to satisfy such conditions results from an action, error, omission by or within the control of SFC and such conditions shall not be enforceable by the Initial Consenting Noteholders if any failure to satisfy such conditions results from an action, error, omission by or within the control of the Initial Consenting Noteholders:

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- (a) the Plan shall have been approved by the Required Majority and the Court, and in each case the Plan shall have been approved in a form consistent with the RSA or otherwise acceptable to SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably;
- (b) the Sanction Order shall have been made and shall be in full force and effect prior to December 17, 2012 (or such later date as may be consented to by SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders), and all applicable appeal periods in respect

thereof shall have expired and any appeals therefrom shall have been disposed of by the applicable appellate court;

- (c) the Sanction Order shall be in a form consistent with the Plan or otherwise acceptable to SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably;
- (d) all filings under Applicable Laws that are required in connection with the Restructuring Transaction shall have been made and any regulatory consents or approvals that are required in connection with the Restructuring Transaction shall have been obtained and, in the case of waiting or suspensory periods, such waiting or suspensory periods shall have expired or been terminated; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such filings and regulatory consents or approvals include:
 - (i) any required filings, consents and approvals of securities regulatory authorities in Canada;
 - (ii) a consultation with the Executive of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission that is satisfactory to SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders confirming that implementation of the Restructuring Transaction will not result in an obligation arising for Newco, its shareholders, Newco II or any Subsidiary to make a mandatory offer to acquire shares of Greenheart;
 - (iii) the submission by SFC and each applicable Subsidiary of a Circular 698 tax filing with all appropriate tax authorities in the PRC within the requisite time prior to the Plan Implementation Date, such filings to be in form and substance satisfactory to the Initial Consenting Noteholders; and
 - (iv) if notification is necessary or desirable under the *Antimonopoly Law of People's Republic of China* and its implementation rules, the submission of all antitrust filings considered necessary or prudent by the Initial Consenting Noteholders and the acceptance and (to the extent required) approval thereof by the competent Chinese authority, each such filing to be in form and substance satisfactory to the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (e) there shall not be in effect any preliminary or final decision, order or decree by a Governmental Entity, no application shall have been made to any Governmental Entity, and no action or investigation shall have been announced, threatened or commenced by any Governmental Entity, in consequence of or in connection with the Restructuring Transaction that restrains, impedes or prohibits (or if granted could reasonably be expected to restrain, impede or prohibit) the Restructuring Transaction or any material part thereof or requires or purports to require a variation of the Restructuring Transaction, and SFC shall have provided the Initial Consenting Noteholders with a certificate signed by an officer of SFC, without

personal liability on the part of such officer, certifying compliance with this Section 9.1(e) as of the Plan Implementation Date;

Newco and Newco II Matters

- (f) the organization, incorporating documents, articles, by-laws and other constating documents of Newco and Newco II (including any shareholders agreement, shareholder rights plan and classes of shares (voting and non-voting)) and any affiliated or related entities formed in connection with the Restructuring Transaction or the Plan, and all definitive legal documentation in connection with all of the foregoing, shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders and in form and in substance reasonably satisfactory to SFC;
- (g) the composition of the board of directors of Newco and Newco II and the senior management and officers of Newco and Newco II that will assume office, or that will continue in office, as applicable, on the Plan Implementation Date shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (h) the terms of employment of the senior management and officers of Newco and Newco II shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (i) except as expressly set out in this Plan, neither Newco nor Newco II shall have:
 - (i) issued or authorized the issuance of any shares, notes, options, warrants or other securities of any kind, (ii) become subject to any Encumbrance with respect to its assets or property; (iii) become liable to pay any indebtedness or liability of any kind (other than as expressly set out in section 6.4 hereof); or (iv) entered into any Material agreement;
- (j) any securities that are formed in connection with the Plan, including the Newco Shares and the Newco Notes, when issued and delivered pursuant to the Plan, shall be duly authorized, validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable and the issuance and distribution thereof shall be exempt from all prospectus and registration requirements of any applicable securities, corporate or other law, statute, order, decree, consent decree, judgment, rule, regulation, ordinance, notice, policy or other pronouncement having the effect of law applicable in the provinces of Canada;
- (k) Newco shall not be a reporting issuer (or equivalent) in any province of Canada or any other jurisdiction;
- (l) all of the steps, terms, transactions and documents relating to the conveyance of the SFC Assets to Newco and the further conveyance of the SFC Assets by Newco to Newco II in accordance with the Plan shall be in form and in substance acceptable to SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (m) all of the following shall be in form and in substance acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders and reasonably satisfactory to SFC: (i) the Newco Shares; (ii) the Newco Notes (including the aggregate principal amount of the

Newco Notes); (iii) any trust indenture or other document governing the terms of the Newco Notes; and (iv) the number of Newco Shares and Newco Notes to be issued in accordance with this Plan;

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- (n) the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (o) the aggregate amount of the Proven Claims held by Ordinary Affected Creditors shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (p) the amount of each of the Unaffected Claims Reserve and the Administration Charge Reserve shall, in each case, be acceptable to SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (q) the amount of the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve and the amount of any Permitted Continuing Retainers shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, and the Initial Consenting Noteholders shall be satisfied that all outstanding monetary retainers held by any SFC Advisors (net of any Permitted Continuing Retainers) have been repaid to SFC on the Plan Implementation Date;
- (r) **[Intentionally deleted]**;
- (s) the amount of each of the following shall be acceptable to SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders: (i) the aggregate amount of Lien Claims to be satisfied by the return to the applicable Lien Claimants of the applicable secured property in accordance with section 4.2(c)(i) hereof; and (ii) the aggregate amount of Lien Claims to be repaid in cash on the Plan Implementation Date in accordance with section 4.2(c)(ii) hereof;
- (t) the aggregate amount of Unaffected Claims, and the aggregate amount of the Claims listed in each subparagraph of the definition of "Unaffected Claims" shall, in each case, be acceptable to SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (u) the aggregate amount of Unresolved Claims and the amount of the Unresolved Claims Reserve shall, in each case, be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders and shall be confirmed in the Sanction Order;
- (v) Litigation Trust and the Litigation Trust Agreement shall be in form and in substance acceptable to SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably, and the Litigation Trust shall be established in a jurisdiction that is acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders and SFC, each acting reasonably;
- (w) SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably, shall be satisfied with the proposed use of proceeds and payments relating to all aspects of the Restructuring Transaction and the Plan, including, without

limitation, any change of control payments, consent fees, transaction fees, third party fees or termination or severance payments, in the aggregate of \$500,000 or more, payable by SFC or any Subsidiary to any Person (other than a Governmental Entity) in respect of or in connection with the Restructuring Transaction or the Plan, including without limitation, pursuant to any employment agreement or incentive plan of SFC or any Subsidiary;

- (x) SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably, shall be satisfied with the status and composition of all liabilities, indebtedness and obligations of the Subsidiaries and all releases of the Subsidiaries provided for in the Plan and the Sanction Order shall be binding and effective as of the Plan Implementation Date;

Plan Implementation Date Matters

- (y) the steps required to complete and implement the Plan shall be in form and in substance satisfactory to SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (z) the Noteholders and the Early Consent Noteholders shall receive, on the Plan Implementation Date, all of the consideration to be distributed to them pursuant to the Plan;
- (aa) all of the following shall be in form and in substance satisfactory to SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders: (i) all materials filed by SFC with the Court or any court of competent jurisdiction in the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, the PRC or any other jurisdiction that relates to the Restructuring Transaction; (ii) the terms of any court-imposed charges on any of the assets, property or undertaking of any of SFC, including without limitation any of the Charges; (iii) the Initial Order; (iv) the Claims Procedure Order; (v) the Meeting Order; (vi) the Sanction Order; (vii) any other Order granted in connection with the CCAA Proceeding or the Restructuring Transaction by the Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction in Canada, the United States, Hong Kong, the PRC or any other jurisdiction; and (viii) the Plan (as it is approved by the Required Majority and the Sanction Order);
- (bb) any and all court-imposed charges on any assets, property or undertaking of SFC, including the Charges, shall be discharged on the Plan Implementation Date on terms acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders and SFC, each acting reasonably;
- (cc) SFC shall have paid, in full, the Expense Reimbursement and all fees and costs owing to the SFC Advisors on the Plan Implementation Date, and neither Newco nor Newco II shall have any liability for any fees or expenses due to the SFC Advisors or the Noteholder Advisors either as at or following the Plan Implementation Date;
- (dd) SFC or the Subsidiaries shall have paid, in full all fees owing to each of Chandler Fraser Keating Limited and Spencer Stuart on the Plan Implementation Date, and

neither Newco nor Newco II shall have any liability for any fees or expenses due to either Chandler Fraser Keating Limited and Spencer Stuart as at or following the Plan Implementation Date;

- (ee) SFC shall have paid all Trustee Claims that are outstanding as of the Plan Implementation Date, and the Initial Consenting Noteholders shall be satisfied that SFC has made adequate provision in the Unaffected Claims Reserve for the payment of all Trustee Claims to be incurred by the Trustees after the Plan Implementation Date in connection with the performance of their respective duties under the Note Indentures or this Plan;
- (ff) there shall not exist or have occurred any Material Adverse Effect, and SFC shall have provided the Initial Consenting Noteholders with a certificate signed by an officer of the Company, without any personal liability on the part of such officer, certifying compliance with this section 9.1(ff) as of the Plan Implementation Date;
- (gg) there shall have been no breach of the Noteholder Confidentiality Agreements (as defined in the RSA) by SFC or any of the Sino-Forest Representatives (as defined therein) in respect of the applicable Initial Consenting Noteholder;
- (hh) the Plan Implementation Date shall have occurred no later than January 15, 2013 (or such later date as may be consented to by SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders);

RSA Matters

- (ii) all conditions set out in sections 6 and 7 of the RSA shall have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms of the RSA;
- (jj) the RSA shall not have been terminated;

Other Matters

- (kk) the organization, incorporating documents, articles, by-laws and other constating documents of SFC Escrow Co. and all definitive legal documentation in connection with SFC Escrow Co., shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders and the Monitor and in form and in substance reasonably satisfactory to SFC;
- (ll) except as expressly set out in this Plan, SFC Escrow Co. shall not have: (i) issued or authorized the issuance of any shares, notes, options, warrants or other securities of any kind, (ii) become subject to any Encumbrance with respect to its assets or property; (iii) acquired any assets or become liable to pay any indebtedness or liability of any kind (other than as expressly set out in this Plan); or (iv) entered into any agreement;

- (mm) the Initial Consenting Noteholders shall have completed due diligence in respect of SFC and the Subsidiaries and the results of such due diligence shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders prior to the date for the hearing of the Sanction Order, except in respect of any new material information or events arising or discovered on or after the date of the hearing for the Sanction Order of which the Initial Consenting Noteholders were previously unaware, in respect of which the date for the Initial Consenting Noteholders to complete such due diligence shall be the Plan Implementation Date, provided that “new material information or events” for purposes of this Section 9.1(mm) shall not include any information or events disclosed prior to the date of the hearing for the Sanction Order in a press release issued by SFC, an affidavit filed with the Court by SFC or a Monitor’s Report filed with the Court;
- (nn) if so requested by the Initial Consenting Noteholders, the Sanction Order shall have been recognized and confirmed as binding and effective pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction in Canada,~~the United States~~, and any other jurisdiction requested by the Initial Consenting Noteholders, and all applicable appeal periods in respect of any such recognition order shall have expired and any appeals therefrom shall have been disposed of by the applicable appellate court;
- (oo) all press releases, disclosure documents and definitive agreements in respect of the Restructuring Transaction or the Plan shall be in form and substance satisfactory to SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably; and
- (pp) Newco and SFC shall have entered into arrangements reasonably satisfactory to SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders for ongoing preservation and access to the books and records of SFC and the Subsidiaries in existence as at the Plan Implementation Date, as such access may be reasonably requested by SFC or any Director or Officer in the future in connection with any administrative or legal proceeding, in each such case at the expense of the Person making such request.

For greater certainty, nothing in Article 11 hereof is a condition precedent to the implementation of the Plan.

9.2 Monitor’s Certificate of Plan Implementation

Upon delivery of written notice from SFC and Goodmans LLP (on behalf of the Initial Consenting Noteholders) of the satisfaction of the conditions set out in section 9.1, the Monitor shall deliver to Goodmans LLP and SFC a certificate stating that the Plan Implementation Date has occurred and that the Plan and the Sanction Order are effective in accordance with their respective terms. Following the Plan Implementation Date, the Monitor shall file such certificate with the Court.

ARTICLE 10
ALTERNATIVE SALE TRANSACTION

10.1 Alternative Sale Transaction

At any time prior to the Plan Implementation Date (whether prior to or after the granting of the Sanction Order), and subject to the prior written consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders, SFC may complete a sale of all or substantially all of the SFC Assets on terms that are acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders (an “**Alternative Sale Transaction**”), provided that such Alternative Sale Transaction has been approved by the Court pursuant to section 36 of the CCAA on notice to the service list. In the event that such an Alternative Sale Transaction is completed, the terms and conditions of this Plan shall continue to apply in all respects, subject to the following:

- (a) The Newco Shares and Newco Notes shall not be distributed in the manner contemplated herein. Instead, the consideration paid or payable to SFC pursuant to the Alternative Sale Transaction (the “**Alternative Sale Transaction Consideration**”) shall be distributed to the Persons entitled to receive Newco Shares hereunder, and such Persons shall receive the Alternative Sale Transaction Consideration in the same proportions and subject to the same terms and conditions as are applicable to the distribution of Newco Shares hereunder.
- (b) All provisions in this Plan that address Newco or Newco II shall be deemed to be ineffective to the extent that they address Newco or Newco II, given that Newco and Newco II will not be required in connection with an Alternative Sale Transaction.
- (c) All provisions addressing the Newco Notes shall be deemed to be ineffective to the extent such provisions address the Newco Notes, given that the Newco Notes will not be required in connection with an Alternative Sale Transaction.
- (d) All provisions relating to the Newco Shares shall be deemed to address the Alternative Sale Transaction Consideration to the limited extent such provisions address the Newco Shares.
- (e) SFC, with the written consent of the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, shall be permitted to make such amendments, modifications and supplements to the terms and conditions of this Plan as are necessary to: (i) facilitate the Alternative Sale Transaction; (ii) cause the Alternative Sale Transaction Consideration to be distributed in the same proportions and subject to the same terms and conditions as are subject to the distribution of Newco Shares hereunder; and (iii) complete the Alternative Sale Transaction and distribute the Alternative Sale Transaction Proceeds in a manner that is tax efficient for SFC and the Affected Creditors with Proven Claims, provided in each case that (y) a copy of such amendments, modifications or supplements is filed with the Court and served upon the service list; and (z) the Monitor is satisfied that such amendments, modifications or supplements do not materially alter the

proportionate entitlements of the Affected Creditors, as amongst themselves, to the consideration distributed pursuant to the Plan.

Except for the requirement of obtaining the prior written consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders with respect to the matters set forth in this section 10.1 and subject to the approval of the Alternative Sale Transaction by the Court pursuant to section 36 of the CCAA (on notice to the service list), once this Plan has been approved by the Required Majority of Affected Creditors, no further meeting, vote or approval of the Affected Creditors shall be required to enable SFC to complete an Alternative Sale Transaction or to amend the Plan in the manner described in this 10.1.

ARTICLE 11

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST THIRD PARTY DEFENDANTS

11.1 Ernst & Young

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, subject to: (i) the granting of the Sanction Order; (ii) the issuance of the Settlement Trust Order (as may be modified in a manner satisfactory to the parties to the Ernst & Young Settlement and SFC (if occurring on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date), the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, as applicable, to the extent, if any, that such modifications affect SFC, the Monitor or the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably); (iii) the granting of an Order under Chapter 15 of the United States Bankruptcy Code recognizing and enforcing the Sanction Order and the Settlement Trust Order in the United States; (iv) any other order necessary to give effect to the Ernst & Young Settlement (the orders referenced in (iii) and (iv) being collectively the “Ernst & Young Orders”); (v) the fulfillment of all conditions precedent in the Ernst & Young Settlement and the fulfillment by the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs of all of their obligations thereunder; and (vi) the Sanction Order, the Settlement Trust Order and all Ernst & Young Orders being final orders and not subject to further appeal or challenge, Ernst & Young shall pay the settlement amount as provided in the Ernst & Young Settlement to the trust established pursuant to the Settlement Trust Order (the “Settlement Trust”). Upon receipt of a certificate from Ernst & Young confirming it has paid the settlement amount to the Settlement Trust in accordance with the Ernst & Young Settlement and the trustee of the Settlement Trust confirming receipt of such settlement amount, the Monitor shall deliver to Ernst & Young a certificate (the “Monitor’s Ernst & Young Settlement Certificate”) stating that (i) Ernst & Young has confirmed that the settlement amount has been paid to the Settlement Trust in accordance with the Ernst & Young Settlement; (ii) the trustee of the Settlement Trust has confirmed that such settlement amount has been received by the Settlement Trust; and (iii) the Ernst & Young Release is in full force and effect in accordance with the Plan. The Monitor shall thereafter file the Monitor’s Ernst & Young Settlement Certificate with the Court.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, upon receipt by the Settlement Trust of the settlement amount in accordance with the Ernst & Young Settlement:

(i) all Ernst & Young Claims shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled, barred and deemed satisfied and extinguished as against Ernst & Young; (ii) section 7.3 hereof shall apply to Ernst & Young and the Ernst & Young Claims *mutatis mutandis* on the Ernst & Young Settlement Date; and (iii) none of the plaintiffs in the Class Actions shall be permitted to claim from any of the other Third Party Defendants that portion of any damages that corresponds to the liability of Ernst & Young, proven at trial or otherwise, that is the subject of the Ernst & Young Settlement.

(c) In the event that the Ernst & Young Settlement is not completed in accordance with its terms, the Ernst & Young Release and the injunctions described in section 11.1(b) shall not become effective.

11.2 Named Third Party Defendants

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 12.5(a) or 12.5(b) hereof, at any time prior to 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on December 6, 2012 or such later date as agreed in writing by the Monitor, SFC (if on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date) and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, Schedule "A" to this Plan may be amended, restated, modified or supplemented at any time and from time to time to add any Eligible Third Party Defendant as a "Named Third Party Defendant", subject in each case to the prior written consent of such Third Party Defendant, the Initial Consenting Noteholders, counsel to the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs, the Monitor and, if occurring on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date, SFC. Any such amendment, restatement, modification and/or supplement of Schedule "A" shall be deemed to be effective automatically upon all such required consents being received. The Monitor shall: (A) provide notice to the service list of any such amendment, restatement, modification and/or supplement of Schedule "A"; (B) file a copy thereof with the Court; and (C) post an electronic copy thereof on the Website. All Affected Creditors shall be deemed to consent thereto and no Court Approval thereof will be required.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, subject to: (i) the granting of the Sanction Order; (ii) the granting of the applicable Named Third Party Defendant Settlement Order; and (iii) the satisfaction or waiver of all conditions precedent contained in the applicable Named Third Party Defendant Settlement, the applicable Named Third Party Defendant Settlement shall be given effect in accordance with its terms. Upon receipt of a certificate (in form and in substance satisfactory to the Monitor) from each of the parties to the applicable Named Third Party Defendant Settlement confirming that all conditions precedent thereto have been satisfied or waived, and that any settlement funds have been paid and received, the Monitor shall deliver to the applicable Named Third Party Defendant a certificate (the "**Monitor's Named Third Party Settlement Certificate**") stating that (i) each of the parties to such Named Third Party Defendant Settlement has confirmed that all conditions precedent thereto have been satisfied or waived; (ii) any settlement funds have been paid and received; and (iii) immediately upon the delivery of the Monitor's Named Third Party

Settlement Certificate, the applicable Named Third Party Release will be in full force and effect in accordance with the Plan. The Monitor shall thereafter file the Monitor's Named Third Party Settlement Certificate with the Court.

- (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, upon delivery of the Monitor's Named Third Party Settlement Certificate, any claims and Causes of Action shall be dealt with in accordance with the terms of the applicable Named Third Party Settlement, the Named Third Party Settlement Order and the Named Third Party Release. To the extent provided for by the terms of the applicable Named Third Party Defendant Release: (i) the applicable Causes of Action against the applicable Named Third Party Defendant shall be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged, cancelled, barred and deemed satisfied and extinguished as against the applicable Named Third Party Defendant; and (ii) section 7.3 hereof shall apply to the applicable Named Third Party Defendant and the applicable Causes of Action against the applicable Named Third Party Defendant *mutatis mutandis* on the effective date of the Named Third Party Defendant Settlement.

ARTICLE 12~~ARTICLE 11~~
GENERAL

12.1 ~~11.1~~ Binding Effect

On the Plan Implementation Date:

- (a) the Plan will become effective at the Effective Time;
- (b) the Plan shall be final and binding in accordance with its terms for all purposes on all Persons named or referred to in, or subject to, the Plan and their respective heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives, successors and assigns;
- (c) each Person named or referred to in, or subject to, the Plan will be deemed to have consented and agreed to all of the provisions of the Plan, in its entirety and shall be deemed to have executed and delivered all consents, releases, assignments and waivers, statutory or otherwise, required to implement and carry out the Plan in its entirety.

12.2 ~~11.2~~ Waiver of Defaults

- (a) From and after the Plan Implementation Date, all Persons shall be deemed to have waived any and all defaults of SFC then existing or previously committed by SFC, or caused by SFC, the commencement of the CCAA Proceedings by SFC, any matter pertaining to the CCAA Proceedings, any of the provisions in the Plan or steps contemplated in the Plan, or non-compliance with any covenant, warranty, representation, term, provision, condition or obligation, expressed or implied, in any contract, instrument, credit document, indenture, note, lease, guarantee, agreement for sale or other agreement, written or oral, and any and all

amendments or supplements thereto, existing between such Person and SFC, and any and all notices of default and demands for payment or any step or proceeding taken or commenced in connection therewith under any such agreement shall be deemed to have been rescinded and of no further force or effect, provided that nothing shall be deemed to excuse SFC from performing its obligations under the Plan or be a waiver of defaults by SFC under the Plan and the related documents.

- (b) Effective on the Plan Implementation Date, any and all agreements that are assigned to Newco and/or to Newco II as part of the SFC Assets shall be and remain in full force and effect, unamended, as at the Plan Implementation Date, and no Person shall, following the Plan Implementation Date, accelerate, terminate, rescind, refuse to perform or otherwise repudiate its obligations under, or enforce or exercise any right (including any right of set-off, dilution or other remedy) or make any demand against Newco, Newco II or any Subsidiary under or in respect of any such agreement with Newco, Newco II or any Subsidiary, by reason of:
- (i) any event that occurred on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date that would have entitled any Person thereto to enforce those rights or remedies (including defaults or events of default arising as a result of the insolvency of SFC);
 - (ii) the fact that SFC commenced or completed the CCAA Proceedings;
 - (iii) the implementation of the Plan, or the completion of any of the steps, transactions or things contemplated by the Plan; or
 - (iv) any compromises, arrangements, transactions, releases, discharges or injunctions effected pursuant to the Plan or this Order.

12.3 ~~11.3~~ Deeming Provisions

In the Plan, the deeming provisions are not rebuttable and are conclusive and irrevocable.

12.4 ~~11.4~~ Non-Consummation

SFC reserves the right to revoke or withdraw the Plan at any time prior to the Sanction Date, with the consent of the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders. If SFC so revokes or withdraws the Plan, or if the Sanction Order is not issued or if the Plan Implementation Date does not occur, (a) the Plan shall be null and void in all respects, (b) any settlement or compromise embodied in the Plan, including the fixing or limiting to an amount certain any Claim, and any document or agreement executed pursuant to the Plan shall be deemed null and void, and (c) nothing contained in the Plan, and no acts taken in preparation for consummation of the Plan, shall (i) constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver or release of any Claims by or against SFC or any other Person; (ii) prejudice in any manner the rights of SFC or any other Person in any further proceedings involving SFC; or (iii) constitute an admission of any sort by SFC or any other Person.

12.5 ~~11.5~~ Modification of the Plan

- (a) SFC may, at any time and from time to time, amend, restate, modify and/or supplement the Plan with the consent of the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, provided that: any such amendment, restatement, modification or supplement must be contained in a written document that is filed with the Court and:
- (i) if made prior to or at the Meeting: (A) the Monitor, SFC or the Chair (as defined in the Meeting Order) shall communicate the details of any such amendment, restatement, modification and/or supplement to Affected Creditors and other Persons present at the Meeting prior to any vote being taken at the Meeting; (B) SFC shall provide notice to the service list of any such amendment, restatement, modification and/or supplement and shall file a copy thereof with the Court forthwith and in any event prior to the Court hearing in respect of the Sanction Order; and (C) the Monitor shall post an electronic copy of such amendment, restatement, modification and/or supplement on the Website forthwith and in any event prior to the Court hearing in respect of the Sanction Order; and
 - (ii) if made following the Meeting: (A) SFC shall provide notice to the service list of any such amendment, restatement, modification and/or supplement and shall file a copy thereof with the Court; (B) the Monitor shall post an electronic copy of such amendment, restatement, modification and/or supplement on the Website; and (C) such amendment, restatement, modification and/or supplement shall require the approval of the Court following notice to the Affected Creditors and the Trustees.
- (b) Notwithstanding section ~~11.5~~12.5(a), any amendment, restatement, modification or supplement may be made by SFC: (i) if prior to the Sanction Date, with the consent of the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders; and (ii) if after the Sanction Date, with the consent of the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders and upon approval by the Court, provided in each case that it concerns a matter that, in the opinion of SFC, acting reasonably, is of an administrative nature required to better give effect to the implementation of the Plan and the Sanction Order or to cure any errors, omissions or ambiguities and is not materially adverse to the financial or economic interests of the Affected Creditors or the Trustees.
- (c) Any amended, restated, modified or supplementary plan or plans of compromise filed with the Court and, if required by this section, approved by the Court, shall, for all purposes, be and be deemed to be a part of and incorporated in the Plan.

12.6 ~~11.6~~ Actions and Approvals of SFC after Plan Implementation

- (a) From and after the Plan Implementation Date, and for the purpose of this Plan only:

- (i) if SFC does not have the ability or the capacity pursuant to Applicable Law to provide its agreement, waiver, consent or approval to any matter requiring SFC's agreement, waiver, consent or approval under this Plan, such agreement, waiver consent or approval may be provided by the Monitor; and
- (ii) if SFC does not have the ability or the capacity pursuant to Applicable Law to provide its agreement, waiver, consent or approval to any matter requiring SFC's agreement, waiver, consent or approval under this Plan, and the Monitor has been discharged pursuant to an Order, such agreement, waiver consent or approval shall be deemed not to be necessary.

12.7 ~~11.7~~ Consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders

For the purposes of this Plan, any matter requiring the agreement, waiver, consent or approval of the Initial Consenting Noteholders shall be deemed to have been agreed to, waived, consented to or approved by such Initial Consenting Noteholders if such matter is agreed to, waived, consented to or approved in writing by Goodmans LLP, provided that Goodmans LLP expressly confirms in writing (including by way of e-mail) to the applicable Person that it is providing such agreement, consent or waiver on behalf of Initial Consenting Noteholders. In addition, following the Plan Implementation Date, any matter requiring the agreement, waiver, consent or approval of the Initial Consenting Noteholders shall: (i) be deemed to have been given if agreed to, waived, consented to or approved by Initial Consenting Noteholders in their capacities as holders of Newco Shares, Newco Notes or Litigation Trust Interests (provided that they continue to hold such consideration); and (ii) with respect to any matter concerning the Litigation Trust or the Litigation Trust Claims, be deemed to be given if agreed to, waived, consented to or approved by the Litigation Trustee.

12.8 ~~11.8~~ Claims Not Subject to Compromise

Nothing in this Plan, including section 2.4 hereof, shall prejudice, compromise, release, discharge, cancel, bar or otherwise affect any: (i) Non-Released D&O Claims (except to the extent that such Non-Released D&O Claim is asserted against a Named Director or Officer, in which case section 4.9(g) applies); (ii) Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims or Conspiracy Claims (except that, in accordance with section 4.9(e) hereof, any Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims against Named Directors and Officers and any Conspiracy Claims against Named Directors and Officers shall be limited to recovery from any insurance proceeds payable in respect of such Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims or Conspiracy Claims, as applicable, pursuant to the Insurance Policies, and Persons with any such Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims against Named Directors and Officers or Conspiracy Claims against Named Directors and Officers shall have no right to, and shall not, make any claim or seek any recoveries from any Person, other than enforcing such Persons' rights to be paid from the proceeds of an Insurance Policy by the applicable insurer(s)); or (iii) any Claims that are not permitted to be compromised under section 19(2) of the CCAA.

12.9 ~~11.9~~ Paramountcy

From and after the Effective Time on the Plan Implementation Date, any conflict between:

- (a) the Plan; and
- (b) the covenants, warranties, representations, terms, conditions, provisions or obligations, expressed or implied, of any contract, mortgage, security agreement, indenture, trust indenture, note, loan agreement, commitment letter, agreement for sale, lease or other agreement, written or oral and any and all amendments or supplements thereto existing between any Person and SFC and/or the Subsidiaries as at the Plan Implementation Date,

will be deemed to be governed by the terms, conditions and provisions of the Plan and the Sanction Order, which shall take precedence and priority.

12.10 ~~11.10~~ Foreign Recognition

- (a) From and after the Plan Implementation Date, if requested by the Initial Consenting Noteholders or Newco, the Monitor (at the Monitor's election) or Newco (if the Monitor does not so elect) shall and is hereby authorized to seek an order of any court of competent jurisdiction recognizing the Plan and the Sanction Order and confirming the Plan and the Sanction Order as binding and effective in Canada, the United States, and any other jurisdiction so requested by the Initial Consenting Noteholders or Newco, as applicable.
- (b) Without limiting the generality of section 12.10(a), as promptly as practicable, but in no event later than the third Business Day following the Plan Implementation Date, a foreign representative of SFC (as agreed by SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders) (the "Foreign Representative") shall commence a proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction in the United States seeking recognition of the Plan and the Sanction Order and confirming that the Plan and the Sanction Order are binding and effective in the United States, and the Foreign Representative shall use its best efforts to obtain such recognition order.

12.11 ~~11.11~~ Severability of Plan Provisions

If, prior to the Sanction Date, any term or provision of the Plan is held by the Court to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the Court, at the request of SFC and with the consent of the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, shall have the power to either (a) sever such term or provision from the balance of the Plan and provide SFC with the option to proceed with the implementation of the balance of the Plan as of and with effect from the Plan Implementation Date, or (b) alter and interpret such term or provision to make it valid or enforceable to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the original purpose of the term or provision held to be invalid, void or unenforceable, and such term or provision shall then be applicable as altered or interpreted. Notwithstanding any such holding, alteration or interpretation, and provided that SFC proceeds with the implementation of the Plan, the remainder of the terms and provisions of

the Plan shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated by such holding, alteration or interpretation.

12.12 ~~H.12~~-Responsibilities of the Monitor

The Monitor is acting in its capacity as Monitor in the CCAA Proceeding and the Plan with respect to SFC and will not be responsible or liable for any obligations of SFC.

12.13 ~~H.13~~-Different Capacities

Persons who are affected by this Plan may be affected in more than one capacity. Unless expressly provided herein to the contrary, a Person will be entitled to participate hereunder, and will be affected hereunder, in each such capacity. Any action taken by or treatment of a Person in one capacity will not affect such Person in any other capacity, unless expressly agreed by the Person, SFC, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders in writing, or unless the Person's Claims overlap or are otherwise duplicative.

12.14 ~~H.14~~-Notices

Any notice or other communication to be delivered hereunder must be in writing and reference the Plan and may, subject as hereinafter provided, be made or given by personal delivery, ordinary mail or by facsimile or email addressed to the respective parties as follows:

- (a) if to SFC or any Subsidiary:

Sino-Forest Corporation
Room 3815-29 38/F, Sun Hung Kai Centre
30 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Attention: Mr. Judson Martin, Executive Vice-Chairman and Chief
Executive Officer

Fax: +852-2877-0062

with a copy by email or fax (which shall not be deemed notice) to:

Bennett Jones LLP
One First Canadian Place, Suite 3400
Toronto, ON M5X 1A4

Attention: Kevin J. Zych and Raj S. Sahni

Email: zychk@bennettjones.com and sahnir@bennettjones.com

Fax: 416-863-1716

(b) if to the Initial Consenting Noteholders:

c/o Goodmans LLP
Bay Adelaide Centre
333 Bay Street, Suite 3400
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2S7

Attention: Robert Chadwick and Brendan O'Neill
Email: rchadwick@goodmans.ca and boneill@goodmans.ca
Fax: 416-979-1234

and with a copy by email or fax (which shall not be deemed notice) to:

Hogan Lovells International LLP
11th Floor, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway
Hong Kong China

Attention: Neil McDonald
Email: neil.mcdonald@hoganlovells.com
Fax: 852-2219-0222

(c) if to the Monitor:

FTI Consulting Canada Inc.
TD Waterhouse Tower
79 Wellington Street West
Suite 2010, P.O. Box 104
Toronto, ON M5K 1G8

Attention: Greg Watson
Email: greg.watson@fticonsulting.com
Fax: (416) 649-8101

and with a copy by email or fax (which shall not be deemed notice) to:

Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP
1 First Canadian Place
100 King Street West, Suite 1600
Toronto, Ontario M5X 1G5

Attention: Derrick Tay
Email: derrick.tay@gowlings.com
Fax: (416) 862-7661

(d) if to Ernst & Young:

Ernst & Young LLP
Ernst & Young Tower
222 Bay Street
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Toronto, ON M5K 1J7

Attention: Doris Stamml
Email: doris.stamml@ca.ev.com
Fax: (416) 943-[TBD]

and with a copy by email or fax (which shall not be deemed notice) to:

Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin
130 Adelaide Street West, Suite 2600
Toronto, Ontario M5H 3P5

Attention: Peter Griffin
Email: pgriffin@litigate.com
Fax: (416) 865-2921

or to such other address as any party may from time to time notify the others in accordance with this section. Any such communication so given or made shall be deemed to have been given or made and to have been received on the day of delivery if delivered, or on the day of faxing or sending by other means of recorded electronic communication, provided that such day in either event is a Business Day and the communication is so delivered, faxed or sent before 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on such day. Otherwise, such communication shall be deemed to have been given and made and to have been received on the next following Business Day.

12.15 ~~11.15~~ Further Assurances

SFC, the Subsidiaries and any other Person named or referred to in the Plan will execute and deliver all such documents and instruments and do all such acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the full intent and meaning of the Plan and to give effect to the transactions contemplated herein.

DATED as of the ~~28th~~3rd day of ~~November~~December, 2012.

SCHEDULE A**NAMED THIRD PARTY DEFENDANTS**

The Underwriters, together with their respective present and former affiliates, partners, associates, employees, servants, agents, contractors, directors, officers, insurers and successors, administrators, heirs and assigns, excluding any Director or Officer and successors, administrators, heirs and assigns of any Director or Officer in their capacity as such.

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**APPENDIX E – COPY OF THE EMAILS TO THE SERVICE LIST
DATED NOVEMBER 28, 2012, NOVEMBER 30, 2012 AND
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(See Attached)

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Please be advised that Sino-Forest Corporation has made certain amendments to its Plan previously filed on October 19, 2012 (the "Amended Plan"). Copies of the Amended Plan and a blackline to the October 19 Plan are attached.

In order to allow creditors an opportunity to review the Amended Plan, the time for the meeting of creditors to consider the Amended Plan has been extended in accordance with the terms of the Plan Filing and Meeting Order made by the Court on August 31, 2012 and will now be held at **10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 30, 2012**. The location of the meeting has been moved to the offices of **Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, counsel to the Court-appointed Monitor in the CCAA proceedings, at 1 First Canadian Place, 100 King Street West, 16th Floor, Toronto, Ontario.**

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Cc: McKersie, Stephen; Kim, Ava
Subject: Sino-Forest Corporation: Postponement of Creditors' Meeting

Please be advised that the time for the Meeting has been postponed to **10am, Monday December 3, 2012.** The Meeting will be held at the offices of Gowling LaFleur Henderson LLP, 1 First Canadian Place, 100 King Street West, Suite 1600, Toronto, Ontario.

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Subject: Sino-Forest Corporation; CV-12-9667-00CL
Attachments: CCAA Plan - December 3 2012.pdf; CCAA Plan - Blackline to November 28 2012.pdf

Importance: High

Good morning all,

Please be advised that Sino-Forest Corporation (the “**Company**”) has made certain additional amendments to the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization as a result of further discussions among the Company, the ad hoc committee of the Company's noteholders and other participants in the CCAA proceedings. A copy of the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization dated December 3, 2012 and a blackline to the November 28 version are attached.

The Meeting will commence at 10am. Copies of the Plan will be available at the Meeting.

Best regards,
 Jason

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Tab C

APPENDIX F – VOTING PROCEDURES

(See Attached)

VOTING PROCESS FOR THE MEETING OF CREDITORS OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in connection with the meeting of Affected Creditors for the consideration of a plan of compromise and reorganization (as amended from time to time, the “**Plan**”) pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the “**CCAA**”), for the purposes of tabulating Voting Claims and Unresolved Claims (as both terms are defined in the Plan Filing and Meeting Order of the Court dated August 31, 2012, the “**Meeting Order**”), the following guidelines will be applied:

1. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Meeting Order or the Plan as applicable.

Persons Entitled to Vote

2. Pursuant to paragraph 39 of the Meeting Order, persons entitled to vote at the Meeting (whether in person or by proxy) are as follows:
 - a. Beneficial Noteholders with Voting Claims as at the Voting Record Date; and
 - b. Ordinary Affected Creditors with Voting Claims as at the Voting Record Date.

Persons Not Entitled to Vote

3. Pursuant to paragraph 54 of the Meeting Order, persons not entitled to vote at the Meeting include:
 - a. Unaffected Creditors;
 - b. Noteholder Class Action Claimants;
 - c. Equity Claimants;
 - d. Any Person with a D&O Claim;
 - e. Any Person with a D&O Indemnity Claim (other than a D&O Indemnity Claim in respect of Defence Costs Claims or in respect of Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims);
 - f. Any Person with a Subsidiary Intercompany Claim; and
 - g. Any other Person asserting Claims against the Company whose Claims do not

constitute Affected Creditor Claims on the Voting Record Date.

Treatment of Contingent and Unresolved Claims for Voting Purposes

4. Unless specifically provided for in the Plan and/or the Meeting Order, place holder Claims will not be entitled to a vote.
5. Third Party Defendants with Class Action Indemnity Claims in respect of Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims will be entitled to vote such Claims in accordance with paragraph 51 of the Meeting Order and votes cast in respect of such Claims will be recorded and reported on in accordance with paragraph 51 of the Meeting Order. The aggregate value of all such Class Action Indemnity Claims will, for voting purposes, be limited to the amount of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit.
6. Persons with Defence Costs Claims will be entitled to vote such Defence Costs Claims to the extent that such Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim, as the case may be, set out a specified amount of defence costs incurred up to the Claims Bar Date, and votes cast in respect of such Defence Costs Claims will be recorded and reported on as Unresolved Claims in accordance with paragraph 53 of the Meeting Order.
7. For greater certainty, the Claims of the Third Party Defendants will be treated in accordance with section 4.7 of the Plan, as follows:
 - a. Class Action Indemnity Claims in respect of Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims will be entitled to vote as set out above;
 - b. Defence Costs Claims will be entitled to vote as set out above; and
 - c. the balance of the Third Party Defendants' Claims are Equity Claims and not entitled to vote.

The Meeting Order, the Plan and the Meeting Materials are available at <http://cfcanda.fticonsulting.com/sfc/>.

Dated at Toronto, Ontario this 21st day of November, 2012.

Tab D

**APPENDIX H – COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
INCLUDING SCRUTINEER’S REPORT**

(See Attached)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CREDITORS OF
SINO-FOREST CORPORATION
RELATING TO THE PLAN OF COMPROMISE
AND REORGANIZATION DATED DECEMBER 3, 2012**

**held at the Offices of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, 1 First Canadian Place,
Suite 1600, 100 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario
on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time)**

**OPENING FORMALITIES AND APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND
SCRUTINEER**

On December 3, 2012 at 10:12 a.m., Greg Watson, a Senior Managing Director of FTI Consulting Canada, the Court-appointed Monitor in the CCAA proceedings of Sino-Forest Corporation., took the Chair and commenced the meeting. The Monitor had been directed to chair the Meeting pursuant to an order issued by the Honourable Mr. Justice Morawetz of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on August 31, 2012. Stephen McKersie, a Partner at Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, counsel to the Monitor, acted as Secretary of the Meeting. At the request of the Chairman, Jodi Porepa of the Monitor, acted as Scrutineer to report on the number of Affected Creditors present in person or represented by proxy at the Meeting and to report the results of the voting of Affected Creditor Claims at the Meeting.

REPORT OF SCRUTINEER

The Chairman received the Scrutineer's report and advised the Meeting that quorum for the Meeting had been met since the Scrutineer's report on attendance showed that one or more Affected Creditors with Voting Claims were present at the Meeting (in person or by proxy). The report of the Scrutineer on attendance is annexed to these minutes of the Meeting as Schedule "A".

The Chairman requested that persons present at the Meeting identify themselves if they have a Voting Claim or an Unresolved Claim and wish to vote but have not received or submitted a proxy. No such persons identified themselves.

As a quorum was present, the Chairman called the Meeting to order to consider and vote on Sino-Forest's Plan of Compromise and Reorganization dated December 3, 2012 under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and the *Canada Business Corporations Act*.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Chairman advised the Meeting that the notice calling the Meeting, together with accompanying meeting materials, including the Information Statement dated October 20, 2012 and a version of the Plan dated October 19, 2012, had been mailed to all Affected

Creditors of Sino-Forest on October 24, 2012. The Chairman also advised the Meeting that the following events occurred subsequent to the mailing of the original notice of meeting, which the Monitor provided notice of to the service list and posted on its website: (i) the Plan Supplement and Voting Procedures for the Meeting were mailed to all Affected Creditors on November 21, 2012; (ii) the original meeting date was postponed to 10:00am on Friday, November 30, 2012 to provide creditors with time to review a version of the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization that had been amended on November 28, 2012; (iii) the location of the Meeting was changed to the offices of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP; (iv) the meeting date was further postponed to 10:00am on Monday December 3, 2012; and (v) the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization was amended on December 3, 2012.

The Chairman dispensed with the reading of the notice of Meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN

The Chairman then provided the Meeting with a summary of certain changes that had been made to the version of the Plan dated October 19, 2012, some of which were incorporated in the version of the Plan dated November 28, 2012 and others in the version of the Plan dated December 3, 2012. The Chairman's summary, which he provided for informational purposes only and qualified by cautioning the Meeting that reference should be made to the Plan itself, addressed changes to the Plan affecting or relating to: (i) the Reserves; (ii) the Litigation Trust; (iii) the creation of Newco II; (iv) conditions precedent to implementation of the Plan; (v) Third Party Defendants; (vi) the Underwriters; and (vii) Ernst & Young.

The Chairman then provided attendees at the Meeting the opportunity to ask questions about the Plan. Ken Dekker of Affleck Greene McMurtry LLP, counsel for BDO, asked a question regarding the timeframe for further detail surrounding the mechanics regarding the implementation of the Plan and the continuation of the Class Actions including matters relating to documentary discovery and the impact of the release. Derrick Tay of Gowlings, counsel for the Monitor, replied that while discussions may take place prior to the Sanction Hearing, it was unlikely that all such issues would be resolved prior to the Sanction Hearing.

APPROVAL OF THE PLAN OF COMPROMISE AND REORGANIZATION

The Chairman then proceeded to address the formal business of the Meeting as set out in the Notice of Meeting, which is to consider and, if thought advisable, to pass a resolution to approve of Sino-Forest's Plan of Compromise and Reorganization dated December 3, 2012.

Rob Chadwick, a proxyholder, proposed the following three resolutions, which were read to the Meeting by the Chairman:

1. The plan of compromise and reorganization (the "CCAA Plan") under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) and the *Canada Business Corporations Act* concerning, affecting and involving Sino-Forest Corporation ("SFC"), substantially in the form of plan of compromise and reorganization dated December 3, 2012 (as such CCAA Plan may be amended, varied or supplemented by SFC from time to time in accordance with its terms) and the transactions contemplated therein be and it is hereby accepted, approved, agreed to and authorized;
2. Notwithstanding the passing of this resolution by each Affected Creditor Class (as defined in the CCAA Plan) or the passing of similar resolutions or approval of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the "Court"), the board of directors of SFC, without further notice to, or approval of, the Affected Creditors (as defined in CCAA Plan), subject to the terms of the CCAA Plan, may decide not to proceed with the CCAA Plan or may revoke this resolution at any time prior to the CCAA Plan becoming effective, provided that any such decision after the issuance of a sanction order shall require the approval of the Monitor and the Court; and
3. Any director or officer of SFC be and is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of SFC, to execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, any and all documents and instruments and to take or cause to be taken such other actions as he or she may deem necessary or desirable to implement this resolution and the matters authorized hereby, including the transactions required by the CCAA Plan. such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of such documents or other instruments or taking of any such actions.

The Scrutineer tabulated the votes for Voting Claims and Unresolved Claims submitted by proxy for and against the foregoing three resolutions. The Chairman reported the results of the voting as follows, which, in addition to the calculation of votes necessary to determine whether the motion was carried, included voting calculations that were required to be made pursuant to the Meeting Order:

A. *Votes of Affected Creditors with Voting Claims:*

	Number	Value	% Number	% Value
In Favour	250	\$1,465,766,204	99%	99.97%
Against	3	\$414,087	1%	0.03%
Total	253	\$1,466,180,291	100%	100%

B. *Votes in respect of Unresolved Claims*

	Number
In Favour	4
Against	1
Total	5

C. *Votes in respect of Defence Cost Claims:*

	Number	Value	% Number	% Value
In Favour	12	\$8,375,016	92%	96%
Against	1	\$340,000	8%	4%
Total	13	\$8,715,016	100%	100%

D. *Voting Results if all votes regarding Third Party Defendant's claims relating to Indemnified Noteholder Class Act Claims were Against the Plan (assuming the Unresolved Claims were to count towards the vote):*

	Number	Value	% Number	% Value
In Favour	263	\$1,474,149,082	99%	91%
Against	4	\$150,754,087	1%	9%
Total	13	\$1,624,903,169	100%	100%

The report of the Scrutineer on voting is annexed to these minutes of the Meeting as Schedule "B".

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the foregoing resolutions passed.

OTHER BUSINESS AND TERMINATION

There being no further business to be brought before the Meeting, the Chairman terminated the Meeting at 10:34 a.m.



GREG WATSON
Chairman of the Meeting



STEPHEN MCKERSIE
Secretary of the Meeting

SCHEDULE "A"
REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEER ON ATTENDANCE

See attached.

SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

MEETING OF CREDITORS

December 3, 2012

10:00 a.m.

REPORT OF SCRUTINEER ON ATTENDANCE

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Amended Plan of Compromise and Reorganization dated December 3, 2012 (the "Plan"), and if not defined in the Plan, the Thirteenth Report.

The undersigned scrutineer hereby reports that the following number of Affected Creditors with Voting Claims were present and voting at the meeting of creditors (the "Meeting") either in person or by proxy, as indicated below:

	Number of Votes	%	Value of Votes	%
Total Claims Voting For	250	98.81%	\$ 1,465,766,204	99.97%
Total Claims Voting Against	3	1.19%	\$ 414,087	0.03%
Total Claims Voting	253	100.00%	\$ 1,466,180,291	100.00%

The total number of Affected Creditors with Voting Claims represented in person or by proxy at the Meeting was 253. Accordingly, the undersigned scrutineer hereby reports that a quorum, consisting of at least one Affected Creditor with a Voting Claim, was present at the Meeting in person or by proxy.

DATED the 3rd day of December, 2012.



 Name of Scrutineer

(please print)

J. Porepa

SCHEDULE "B"
REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEER ON VOTING

See attached.

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SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

MEETING OF CREDITORS

December 3, 2012

10:00 a.m.

REPORT OF SCRUTINEER ON VOTING

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Amended Plan of Compromise and Reorganization dated December 3, 2012 (the "Plan"), and if not defined in the Plan, the Thirteenth Report.

The undersigned scrutineer hereby reports on the results of voting of both Affected Creditors with Voting Claims and Affected Creditors with Unresolved Claims in connection with the Plan, who were present and voting at the meeting of creditors (the "Meeting") either in person or by proxy.

The results of the tabulation of Voting Claims includes:

- (a) The number of Voting Claims and their value for and against the Plan:

	Number of Votes	%	Value of Votes	%
Total Claims Voting For	250	98.81%	\$ 1,465,766,204	99.97%
Total Claims Voting Against	3	1.19%	\$ 414,087	0.03%
Total Claims Voting	253	100.00%	\$ 1,466,180,291	100.00%

On the basis of the foregoing, a majority in number of the Voting Claims representing approximately 100% of the value of Voting Claims present and voting at the Meeting have voted in favour of the resolution approving the Plan.

The Meeting Order requires that a separate tabulation be kept of results of the voting of Affected Creditors with Voting Claims and the results of all voting including those with Unresolved Claims. The results of the tabulation of Affected Creditors with Voting Claims and Unresolved Claims includes:

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- (a) the number of votes for and against the Plan in connection with Class Action Indemnity Claims in respect of Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims up to the Indemnified Noteholder Limit of \$150,000,000:

	Vote For	Vote Against	Total Votes
Class Action Indemnity Claims	4	1	5

- (b) the number of Defence Costs Claims votes for and against the Plan and their value:

	Number of Votes	%	Value of Votes	%
Total Claims Voting For	12	92.31%	\$ 8,375,016	96.10%
Total Claims Voting Against	1	7.69%	\$ 340,000	3.90%
Total Claims Voting	13	100.00%	\$ 8,715,016	100.00%

- (c) the overall impact on the approval of the Plan if the count were to include Total Unresolved Claims (including Defence Costs Claims) and if the entire \$150 million of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit had been voted a “no” vote:

	Number of Votes	%	Value of Votes	%
Total Claims Voting For	263	98.50%	\$ 1,474,149,082	90.72%
Total Claims Voting Against	4	1.50%	\$ 150,754,087	9.28%
Total Claims Voting	267	100.00%	\$ 1,624,903,169	100.00%

On the basis of the foregoing, if 100% of the votes regarding Third Party Defendants' claims relating to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims were against the Plan and were the Unresolved Claims to count towards the vote, the results of the vote would have been that a majority in number of the Voting Claims representing approximately 91% of the value of Voting Claims present and voting at the Meeting have voted in favour of the resolution approving the Plan.

DATED the 3rd day of December 2012.

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Name of Scrutineer (please print)

J. Porepa

Tab 19

Court File Number: 365
CV-12-9667-00 CL

Superior Court of Justice
Commercial List

FILE/DIRECTION/ORDER

SINO - Forest

Plaintiff(s)
AND

Defendant(s)

Case Management Yes No by Judge: _____

Counsel	Telephone No:	Facsimile No:

- Order Direction for Registrar (No formal order need be taken out)
- Above action transferred to the Commercial List at Toronto (No formal order need be taken out)
- Adjourned to: _____
- Time Table approved (as follows):

The E+7 settlement approval motion will
 be heard by me on Friday January 4, 2013.
 Please see attached letter from
 R S J Ther.

December 13, 2012
Date

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Judge's Signature

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December 13, 2012

Mr. Justice Morawetz
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Dear Mr. Justice Morawetz:

Re: Sino-Forest Corporation

Pursuant to s. 34 of the Class Proceedings Act, I assign Morawetz J. to hear the motion to approve the E & Y Settlement and ancillary matters related to the E & Y Settlement (referred to in the endorsements reported at 2012 ONSC 7041 and 2012 ONSC 7050) under the Class Proceedings Act, 1992 and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act.

Yours truly,

Edward Then
Regional Senior Justice

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c. Justice Perell

Tab 20

Superior Court of Justice
Commercial List

FILE/DIRECTION/ORDER

SINO FOREST

Plaintiff(s)

AND

Defendant(s)

Case Management Yes No by Judge: _____

Counsel	Telephone No:	Facsimile No:

- Order Direction for Registrar (No formal order need be taken out)
- Above action transferred to the Commercial List at Toronto (No formal order need be taken out)
- Adjourned to: _____
- Time Table approved (as follows):

Motion to Approve Ex 7 Settlement.
 Monday Feb 4, 2013.
 10:17 AM
 January 4th, 2013 to be vacated.
 Parties ~~have~~ to exchange materials
 based on attached email.
 Best efforts to be used to provide
~~with~~ materials in advanced draft
 from to Kim Don prior to Jan 11, 2013.

December 19, 2012
Date

[Signature]
Judge's Signature

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We have agreed with the plaintiffs to adjourn the settlement approval motion originally returnable January 4, 2012 to February 4, 2013, subject to the availability of the court.

We have agreed to the following schedule with the plaintiffs, which we will be providing to Justice Morawetz this morning:

- ☐ Delivery of motion materials - January 11, 2013
- ☐ Delivery of responding motion materials – January 18, 2013
- ☐ Cross-examinations (if any) – January 24 and 25, 2013
- ☐ Delivery of facts – January 30, 2013
- ☐ Motion date – February 4, 2013

We will be seeking to bring on tomorrow the motion regarding notice to address this new timing.

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SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT WITH ERNST & YOUNG LLP

TO: Everyone, including non-Canadians, who acquired Sino-Forest Corporation (“Sino-Forest”) securities (including shares and/or notes) in the primary or secondary market in any jurisdiction between March 31, 2006 and August 26, 2011 (the “E&Y Settlement Class”) and to everyone, including non-Canadians, who has, had, could have had or may have a claim of any kind against Ernst & Young LLP, Ernst & Young Global Limited or any of its member firms and any person or entity affiliated or connected thereto (“Ernst & Young”), in relation to Sino-Forest, Ernst & Young’s audits of Sino-Forest’s financial statements and any other work performed by Ernst & Young related to Sino-Forest.

Background of Sino-Forest Class Action and CCAA Proceeding

In June and July of 2011, class actions were commenced in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the “Ontario Proceeding”) and the Québec Superior Court (the “Québec Proceeding”) (collectively, the “Proceedings”) by certain plaintiffs (the “Plaintiffs”) against Sino-Forest, its senior officers and directors, its underwriters, a consulting company, and its auditors, including Ernst & Young. In January 2012, a proposed class action was commenced against Sino-Forest and other defendants in the Southern District of New York (the “US Action”). The actions alleged that the public filings of Sino-Forest contained false and misleading statements about Sino-Forest’s assets, business, and transactions.

Since that time, the litigation has been vigorously contested. On March 30, 2012, Sino-Forest obtained creditor protection under the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act* (the “CCAA”), within which proceeding the Ontario Superior Court ordered a stay of proceedings against the company and other parties, including Ernst & Young (the “CCAA Proceeding”). Orders and other materials relevant to the CCAA Proceeding can be found at the CCAA Monitor’s website at <http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc/> (the “Monitor’s Website”).

On December 10, 2012, a Plan of Arrangement was approved by the court in the CCAA Proceeding. As part of this Plan of Arrangement, the court approved a framework by which the Plaintiffs may enter into settlement agreements with any of the third-party defendants to the Proceedings. The Plan expressly contemplates the Ernst & Young Settlement (as defined in the Plan), approval of which is now sought.

Who Acts For the E&Y Settlement Class

Koskie Minsky LLP, Siskinds LLP, and Siskinds Desmeules, sencl (“Class Counsel”) represent the E&Y Settlement Class in the Proceedings. If you want to be represented by another lawyer, you may hire one to appear in court for you at your own expense.

You will not have to directly pay any fees and expenses to Class Counsel. However, if this action succeeds or there is a monetary settlement, Class Counsel will seek to have their fees and expenses paid from any money obtained for the class or paid separately by the defendants.

Proposed Settlement with Ernst & Young

The Plaintiffs have entered into a proposed settlement with Ernst & Young (the “Settlement Agreement”). If the settlement is approved, it will be final and binding and there will be no ability to pursue a claim (if any) against Ernst & Young through an opt-out process under class proceedings or similar legislation. The proposed settlement would settle, extinguish and bar all claims, globally, against Ernst & Young in relation to Sino-Forest including the allegations in the Proceedings. Ernst & Young does not admit to any wrongdoing or liability. The terms of the proposed settlement do not involve the resolution of any claims against Sino-Forest or any of the other defendants. For an update on CCAA orders affecting Sino-Forest, please see the CCAA Monitor’s website: www.cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc. A complete copy of the Settlement Agreement and other information about these proceedings is available at: www.kmlaw.ca/sinoforestclassaction and www.classaction.ca (the “Class Action Websites”).

The proposed settlement, if approved and its conditions fulfilled, provides that Ernst & Young will pay CAD\$117,000,000.00 to a Settlement Trust to be administered in accordance with orders of the court. It is the intention of Class Counsel to seek the court’s approval of a plan of allocation that distributes the settlement funds, net of counsel fees and other administrative costs and expenses, to members of the E&Y Settlement Class.

In return, the action will be dismissed against Ernst & Young, and there will be an order forever barring claims against it in relation to Sino-Forest including any allegations relating to the Proceedings, including claims (if any) that could be advanced through an opt-out process under class proceedings or similar legislation. In considering whether or how they are affected by the proposed settlement, members of the E&Y Settlement Class and anyone else with claims against Ernst & Young in relation to Sino-Forest should consider the effect of the orders made and steps taken in the Sino-Forest CCAA Proceedings. More information on the Sino-Forest CCAA Proceedings can be found on the Monitor’s Website.

The settlement agreement with Ernst & Young is subject to court approval, as discussed below.

Hearings to Approve Settlement on February 4, 2013 in Toronto, Ontario and Subsequent Hearings in Ontario, Quebec and the United States.

On February 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), there will be a settlement approval hearing before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. The hearing will be heard at the Canada Life Building, 330 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario. The exact courtroom number will be available on a notice board on the 8th Floor.

If the settlement approval motion which is being heard by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on February 4, 2013 (the "Settlement Approval Motion") is granted, then there will be a further hearing at a later date before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the "Ontario Allocation/Fee Motion") at which Class Counsel will seek that Court's approval of (1) the plan for allocating the net Ernst & Young settlement fund among the members of the E&Y Settlement Class; and (2) the fees and expense reimbursement requests of Class Counsel.

In addition, if the Settlement Approval Motion is granted, then there may be additional hearings at later dates in the Quebec Superior Court (the "Quebec Motion") and in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "US Motion") at which recognition and implementation of the Settlement Approval Motion and the Ernst & Young Settlement may be sought.

If the Settlement Approval Motion is granted, then a further notice will be disseminated to members of the E&Y Settlement Class advising them of the time and place of the Ontario Allocation/Fee Motion and any Quebec Motion and/or US Motion.

Members of the E&Y Settlement Class, and everyone, including non-Canadians, who has, had, could have had or may have a claim of any kind against Ernst & Young, in relation to Sino-Forest, Ernst & Young's audits of Sino-Forest's financial statements and any other work performed by Ernst & Young related to Sino-Forest, may attend at the hearing of the Settlement Approval Motion and ask to make submissions regarding the proposed settlement with Ernst & Young.

Persons intending to object to the Ernst & Young Settlement Agreement are required to: (a) deliver a Notice of Objection, substantially in the form that can be found on the Monitor's Website and the Class Action Websites, and, if this Notice is received by mail, enclosed with this Notice (the "Notice of Objection"), to the Monitor, by regular mail, courier or email transmission, to the coordinates indicated on the Notice of Objection, so that it is received by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on January 18, 2013; and (b) comply with the litigation timetable set forth below. Copies of the Notices of Objection sent to the Monitor will be filed with the court.

Litigation Timetable

By order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, persons intending to participate in the Settlement Approval Motion must comply with the following timetable:

1. Motion materials are to be delivered no later than January 11, 2013.
2. Responding motion materials are to be delivered by January 18, 2013.
3. Cross-examinations on affidavits (if any) are to be conducted on January 24 and 25, 2013.
4. Written Submissions are to be exchanged on January 30, 2013.

Further Information

If you would like additional information or to object to the Ernst & Young Settlement Agreement, please contact Koskie Minsky LLP, Siskinds LLP, or Siskinds Desmeules LLP at the addresses below:

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Siskinds LLP

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Re: Sino-Forest Class Action

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Interpretation

If there is a conflict between the provisions of this notice and the Settlement Agreement, the terms of the Settlement Agreement will prevail.

Please do not direct inquiries about this notice to the Court. All inquiries should be directed to Class Counsel.

DISTRIBUTION OF THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

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SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMERCIAL LIST

IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS*
ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR
ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

MONITOR'S CERTIFICATE
(Plan Implementation)

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization of Sino-Forest Corporation ("**SFC**") dated December 3, 2012 (the "**Plan**"), which is attached as Schedule "A" to the Order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Morawetz made in these proceedings on the 10th day of December, 2012 (the "**Order**"), as such Plan may be further amended, varied or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

Pursuant to paragraph 12 of the Order, FTI Consulting Canada Inc. (the "**Monitor**") in its capacity as Court-appointed Monitor of SFC delivers to SFC and Goodmans LLP this certificate and hereby certifies that:


1. The Monitor has received written notice from SFC and Goodmans LLP (on behalf of the Initial Consenting Noteholders) that the conditions precedent set out in section 9.1 of the Plan have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms of the Plan; and

2. The Plan Implementation Date has occurred and the Plan and the Plan Sanction Order are effective in accordance with their terms.

DATED at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, this 30th day of January, 2013.

FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC., in its capacity as Court-appointed Monitor of the Sino-Forest Corporation and not in its personal capacity

By:



Name: Gregory P. Watson
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES CREDITORS' ARRANGEMENT ACT*,
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AS AMENDED AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OR COMPROMISE OR
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Court File No. CV-12-9667-00CL

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Court of Appeal File No.: M42404
Commercial Court File No.: CV-12-9667-00CL

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, RSC 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED,
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

Court of Appeal File No.: M42404
Superior Court File No.: CV-10-414302CP

THE TRUSTEES OF THE LABOURERS' PENSION FUND OF CENTRAL AND
EASTERN CANADA, et al.

Plaintiffs

-and- SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, et al.

Defendants

COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO

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BEFORE: *Simmons JA*

DATE: *May 1, 2013*

DISPOSITION OF MOTION:

Order to go as follows:
1. I have motion for the
settled opposed order & the
Respondent advised this motion order to
be published and dated MAY 10/13
sup pending

(Proceeding Commenced at Toronto)

**MOTION RECORD OF THE MOVING PARTIES
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+ May 17/13

3. Leave motion for the sanction order to be consolidated with the leave motion for the settlement order & represented at a disinterested order.
4. Motion to quash to be listed for hearing during the same week the leave motion are listed (approximately Thursday or Friday).
5. The issue of a representation for the purposes of the appeal reserved to the leave panel or the appeal panel as are issues of expediency and appeals.
6. Service of all documents on

by e-mail; proof of service
dispensed with 379

7. Reply / actions, if any, to be
determined within 5 days of
response returned.

8. Perfection of the appeal not required
leave suspended pending the motion
to quash; in other words time shall
not run.

9. Leave motions to be lodged for
the week of Jan 27/13, the
motion to quash is set for.

Jan 28/13

30 min MOVING PARTY
20 min RESPONDING PARTY.

10. Costs of today reserved to the
Panel hear the ~~appeal~~ motion & motion to quash.

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*11. The motion to
consolidate the two
motions + the appeal
is dismissed.*



Typed version of handwritten motion endorsement**The Trustees of the Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern
Canada et al v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al****Court File No.: M42404 (M42399)****Heard: May 1, 2013****Simmons J.A.:**

[1] Order to go as follows:

1. Leave motion for the settlement approval order and the representation dismissal order to be perfected by May 10, 2013 and responding material delivered by May 17, 2013.
2. Motion to quash to be perfected by May 10, 2013.
3. Leave motion for the sanction order to be consolidated with the leave motion for the settlement order and representation dismissal order.
4. Motion to quash to be listed for hearing during the same week the leave motions are listed (preferably Thursday or Friday).
5. The issue of representation for the purposes of any appeal reserved to the leave panel or the appeal panel as are issues of expediting any appeals.
6. Service of all documents may be by email; proof of service dispensed with.

7. Reply factums, if any, to be delivered within 5 days of responding material.
8. Perfection of the appeal not requiring leave suspended pending the motion to quash; in other words time shall not run.
9. Leave motions to be listed for the week of June 24, 2013, the motion to quash is set for June 28, 2013 – 30 minutes for the moving party, 20 minutes for the responding party.
10. Costs of today reserved to the panel hearing the leave motions and motion to quash.
11. The motion to consolidate the leave motions and the appeals is dismissed.

“Janet Simmons J.A.”

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