# INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS

# URGENT - IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

October 24, 2012

#### TO: REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION'S:

- (i) US\$345,000,000 5.00% CONVERTIBLE SENIOR NOTES DUE 2013 (Rule 144A CUSIP No. 82934HAB7/Regulation S CUSIP No. C83912AB8);
- US\$399,517,000 10.25% GUARANTEED SENIOR NOTES DUE 2014 (Rule 144A CUSIP No. 82934HAC5/Regulation S CUSIP No. C83912AC6);
- (iii) US\$460,000,000 4.25% CONVERTIBLE SENIOR NOTES DUE 2016 (Rule 144A CUSIP No. 82934HAD3/Regulation S CUSIP No. C83912AD4); and
- (iv) US\$600,000,000 6.25% GUARANTEED SENIOR NOTES DUE 2017 Rule
  144A CUSIP No. 82934HAF8/Regulation S CUSIP No. C83912AF9),

(collectively, the "Notes")

Re: Meeting of Affected Creditors of Sino-Forest Corporation to vote on the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization pursuant to the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (the "Plan")

We enclose in this package the following documents for your review and consideration:

- 1. Notice to Affected Creditors;
- 2. the Plan proposed in respect of Sino-Forest Corporation;
- 3. an Information Statement with respect to Sino-Forest Corporation and the Plan;
- copy of the Meeting Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice dated August 31, 2012 (the "Meeting Order");

- copy of the endorsement of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice made on August 31, 2012 (the "Endorsement"); and
- 6. blank form of Noteholders' Proxy, completion instructions and return envelope.

The purpose of these materials is to provide you with the documents required for dissemination to Beneficial Noteholders to enable Beneficial Noteholders to consider the Plan and to cast their vote to accept or reject the resolution to approve the Plan at the meeting of the Affected Creditors to be held at 10:00 a.m. on November 29, 2012 (or such other date as may be set and announced in accordance with the Meeting Order) at the offices of Bennett Jones LLP, 3400 One First Canadian Place, Toronto, Ontario (the "Meeting").

IF YOU HOLD NOTES FOR ANOTHER PERSON, PROXIES ARE TO BE FILED ONLY BY BENEFICIAL NOTEHOLDERS. IF YOU ARE A TRUST COMPANY, DEPOSITORY, A BROKER, A BOOK ENTRY SYSTEM, AN AGENT, A CUSTODIAN OR ANY OTHER ENTITY WHICH HOLDS NOTES FOR ANOTHER PERSON, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC. (THE "MONITOR") AT THE ADDRESS BELOW TO SO ADVISE IT. THE MONITOR WILL THEN SEND YOU THE MATERIALS SET OUT IN SCHEDULE "B" OF THE MEETING ORDER WHICH HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO ADDRESS YOUR SITUATION.

# CLAIM

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL NOTEHOLDER CLAIMS HAS BEEN FILED BY THE NOTE INDENTURE TRUSTEES. THEREFORE YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PROVIDE A PROOF OF CLAIM.

# IF YOU ARE A BENEFICIAL NOTEHOLDER

If you are a Beneficial Noteholder (i.e., you own Notes beneficially yourself and do not hold such Notes for the benefit of another person) and you wish to vote at the Meeting, you must complete and sign the enclosed Noteholders' Proxy and ensure that it is returned, either by you or by your Participant Holder, to the Monitor in the enclosed envelope or by facsimile transmission at the fax number noted below or by email (in PDF format) at the email address below, so that it is received by the Monitor no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the third Business Day before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Beneficial Noteholder must ensure that the Noteholders' Proxy has been provided to the Monitor by this deadline in order to vote at the Meeting of Affected Creditors.

# FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the process or any of the enclosed forms, please contact FTI Consulting Canada Inc. at the following address:

FTI Consulting Canada Inc., the Court-appointed Monitor of Sino-Forest Corporation TD Waterhouse Tower 79 Wellington Street West, Suite 2010 P.O. Box 104 Toronto, Ontario M5K 1G8

Attention: Jodi Porepa Email: sfc@fticonsulting.com Fax: (416) 649-8101

You can also view copies of documents relating to this process on the following website <u>http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc/</u>.

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