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## **Sino-Forest Corporation**

## FIFTEENTH REPORT OF THE MONITOR

**January 28, 2013** 



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# 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 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** 

## FIFTEENTH REPORT TO THE COURT SUBMITTED BY FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC., IN ITS CAPACITY AS MONITOR



#### INTRODUCTION

- 1. On March 30, 2012 (the "Filing Date"), Sino-Forest Corporation (the "Company" or "SFC") filed for and obtained protection under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA"). Pursuant to the Order of this Honourable Court dated March 30, 2012 (the "Initial Order"), FTI Consulting Canada Inc. was appointed as the Monitor of the Company (the "Monitor") in the CCAA proceedings. By Order of this Court dated April 20, 2012, the powers of the Monitor were expanded in order to, among other things, provide the Monitor with access to information concerning the Company's subsidiaries.
- 2. On December 10, 2012, the Court granted an Order (the "Sanction Order") approving the Company's Plan of Compromise and Reorganization dated December 3, 2012 (the "Plan").
- 3. The following appendices have been attached to this Fifteenth Report:
  - (a) Appendix A the Minutes of Settlement (as defined below);
  - (b) Appendix B the Plan;
  - (c) Appendix C the Monitor's Thirteenth Report dated November 22, 2012 (the "**Thirteenth Report**") (without appendices);
  - (d) Appendix D the Monitor's Supplemental Report to the Thirteenth Report dated December 4, 2012 (the "Supplemental Report") (without appendices);
  - (e) Appendix E the Monitor's Second Supplemental Report to the Thirteenth Report dated December 6, 2012 (the "Second Supplemental Report") (without appendices);
  - (f) Appendix F the Claims Procedure Order;
  - (g) Appendix G the Mediation Order;
  - (h) Appendix H the Meeting Order;

- (i) Appendix I Notice of Appearance of Kim Orr;
- (j) Appendix J the Sanction Order;
- (k) Appendix K Endorsement of Justice Morawetz re Sanction Hearing;
- (l) Appendix L Notice of Motion re Leave to Appeal the Sanction Order;
- (m) Appendix M (i) letter from Bennett Jones to Kim Orr dated January 3, 2013; (ii) letter from Kim Orr to Bennett Jones dated January 3, 2013; (iii) letter from Lenczner Slaght to Kim Orr dated January 3, 2013;
- (n) Appendix N E&Y Notice Order (as defined below);
- (o) Appendix O Company's press release dated January 24, 2013; and
- (p) Appendix P (i) letter from Gowling Lafleur Henderson dated January 11, 2013 regarding the addition of Allen Chan and Kai Kit Poon as Named Third Party Defendants; (ii) letter from Gowling Lafleur Henderson dated January 21, 2013 regarding the addition of David Horsley as a Named Third Party Defendant.
- 4. The objections received to the Ernst & Young Settlement up to January 21, 2013 have been filed separately in the Monitor's fourteenth report dated January 22, 2013 (the "Fourteenth Report"). Any subsequent Notices of Objection or other correspondence expressing objections have or will be attached in a supplement or supplements to the Fourteenth Report.
- 5. The proceedings commenced by the Company under the CCAA will be referred to herein as the "CCAA Proceedings".
- 6. The purpose of this Fifteenth Report is to report on certain matters relating to the Ernst & Young Settlement.
- 7. In preparing this Fifteenth Report, the Monitor has relied upon unaudited financial information of Sino-Forest, Sino-Forest's books and records, certain financial information prepared by Sino-Forest, the Reports of the Independent Committee of the

Company's Board of Directors dated August 10, 2011, November 13, 2011, and January 31, 2012, and discussions with Sino-Forest's management. The Monitor has not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information. In addition, the Monitor notes that on January 10, 2012, the Company issued a press release cautioning that the Company's historic financial statements and related audit reports should not be relied upon. Accordingly, the Monitor expresses no opinion or other form of assurance on the information contained in this Fifteenth Report or relied on in its preparation. Future oriented financial information reported or relied on in preparing this Fifteenth Report is based on management's assumptions regarding future events; actual results may vary from forecast and such variations may be material.

- 8. Unless otherwise stated, all monetary amounts referred to herein are expressed in CDN Dollars.
- 9. The term "Sino-Forest" refers to the global enterprise as a whole but does not include references to Greenheart (as defined in the Plan). "Sino-Forest Subsidiaries" refers to all of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Company, but does not include references to Greenheart.
- 10. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Plan, the Thirteenth Report, the Supplemental Report and/or the Second Supplemental Report.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Appendices B, C, D and E for copies of the Plan, the Thirteenth Report, the Supplemental Report and the Second Supplemental Report.

#### BACKGROUND

## Overview of the CCAA Proceedings

- 11. The description of the Company's business as well as the background to these proceedings has all been set out in previous reports of the Monitor as well as affidavits filed by the Company in connection with the CCAA Proceedings and is therefore not repeated herein.
- 12. A brief chronology of certain of the significant events in the CCAA Proceedings to date is as follows:
  - (a) On March 30, 2012, the Company sought and the Court granted the Initial Order the terms of which included a stay of proceedings (the "Stay") against the Company, its directors and officers and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries. The Stay has been extended from time to time and is currently extended through to February 1, 2013.
  - (b) As part of its application for the Initial Order, the Company advised that it had entered into the RSA which provided for the terms on which certain Initial Consenting Noteholders would consent to a restructuring transaction.
  - (c) On the same day, the Court granted the Sale Process Order pursuant to which the Company was authorized to conduct a sale process, in part, as a market test of the transactions contemplated under the RSA.
  - (d) On April 20, 2012, the Court granted an Order expanding the Monitor's powers in these proceedings.
  - (e) On May 8, 2012, on a motion by the Company (the "**Third Party Stay Motion**"), the Court granted an Order confirming that the Stay extended to the Third Party Defendants (as defined below) in the Class Actions.

- (f) On May 14, 2012, the Court granted the Claims Procedure Order which provided for the calling of claims against the Company, its directors and officers and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries and established a claims bar date.
- (g) On June 26, 2012 the Company brought a motion relating to a determination on "equity claims" and on July 27, 2012, the Court granted the motion and issued the Equity Claims Order. An appeal from the Equity Claims Order was dismissed by the Ontario Court of Appeal on November 23, 2012.
- (h) On July 25, 2012, the Monitor sought and the Court granted the Mediation Order, directing a mediation of the Class Action Claims against the Company and the Third Party Defendants. The Mediation took place over the course of September 4 and 5, 2012. While no settlements were reached during the Mediation, settlement discussions among parties to the Mediation continued following the Mediation.
- (i) On August 31, 2012, the Company sought and the Court granted the Meeting Order which provided for the filing of the Plan and the calling of a meeting of creditors.
- (j) On October 28, 2012, the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs brought a motion seeking a lifting of the stay against Ernst & Young, BDO, the Underwriters, Allen Chan and Kai Kit Poon. The motion was not opposed by the Company or the Monitor. In an endorsement released on November 6, 2012, the Court dismissed the motion without prejudice to the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs to renew their request on December 10, 2012 (which was the scheduled date for the Sanction Hearing).
- (k) On December 3, 2012, the Meeting took place at which time the Plan was approved by the Required Majority (also discussed in more detail below).
- (l) On December 7, 2012, the Company sought the Sanction Order, which was granted by the Court on December 10, 2012. A notice of motion for leave to appeal the Sanction Order has been served by counsel to a group of shareholders

- ("**Kim Orr**"). To date, Kim Orr has not perfected its leave motion nor has leave been granted by the Ontario Court of Appeal.
- (m) On December 21, 2012, the Court granted an Order approving the notice process for the approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement.
- 13. As of the date of this Fifteenth Report, the Company is continuing to work towards the implementation of the Plan, the details of which are discussed in more detail below.

# THE CLAIMS PROCESS, MEDIATION AND PARTICIPATION OF THE CLASS ACTION PLAINTIFFS IN THE CCAA PROCEEDINGS

Claims, the Class Actions and the Mediation

- 14. From the outset of the CCAA Proceedings, it was apparent that addressing the contingent claims against the Company (and related claims against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries) would be important given the extent of the litigation against the Company and resulting indemnification claims from others named in the Class Actions. To further that process, on May 14, 2012, the Company obtained the Claims Procedure Order, which provided for the calling of claims against the Company, its directors and officers and its subsidiaries. The call for Claims included a call for "equity claims". Claims (other than Restructuring Claims) and D&O Claims (as such terms are defined in the Claims Procedure Order) were to be filed prior to June 20, 2012 (the "Claims Bar Date"). Any Claim not filed by the Claims Bar Date is now forever barred.
- 15. In developing the terms of the Claims Procedure Order, the Company and the Monitor were both cognizant of the relatively unique nature of the claims that were anticipated to be asserted in the claims process. As set out above, as a holding company, unlike many CCAA debtors, the Company does not have many, if any, trade creditors. Instead, aside from the claims in respect of the Notes, it was anticipated that most or all of the remaining claims filed would be in connection with the Class Actions either directly by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Appendix F for a copy of the Claims Procedure Order.

the plaintiffs in the Class Actions or by way of indemnity claims from the Third Party Defendants.

- 16. In that regard, the Company and the Monitor had extensive discussions with class action counsel for the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs and the Quebec Class Action Plaintiffs (collectively, the "Canadian Plaintiffs") (among others) as to certain terms of the Claims Procedure Order. Ultimately, numerous changes were made to the Claims Procedure Order that was proposed to the Court including paragraphs ordering that the Canadian Plaintiffs were entitled to file representative Proofs of Claim and D&O Proofs of Claim (as both terms are defined in the Claims Procedure Order) in respect of the substance of the Ontario Class Action and the Quebec Class Action, respectively (collectively, the "Canadian Class Actions").<sup>3</sup>
- 17. On June 26, 2012, the Company brought a motion seeking a direction that Claims by the plaintiffs in the Class Actions in respect of the purchase of securities<sup>4</sup> and resulting indemnification claims by the Third Party Defendants constituted "equity claims" pursuant to section 2(1) of the CCAA. The motion as opposed by Ernst & Young, BDO and the Underwriters. The motion was not opposed by the Canadian Plaintiffs who conceded that their Class Action claims in respect of the purchase of securities were "equity claims".<sup>5</sup>
- 18. On July 27, 2012, the Court issued its decision determining that such claims did constitute "equity claims" under section 2(1) of the CCAA (the "Equity Claims Decision"). The Equity Claims Decision was appealed by Ernst & Young, BDO and the Underwriters. The appeal was heard by the Ontario Court of Appeal on November 13, 2012. On November 23, 2012, the Ontario Court of Appeal issued its reasons and dismissed the appeal. The Equity Claims Decision was not appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

<sup>4</sup> The motion did not deal with claims in respect of the purchase of debt securities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See paragraphs 27 and 28 of the Claims Procedure Order.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Kim Orr did not appear at or in any way oppose the motion on the Equity Claims Decision.

- 19. Early in the CCAA Proceedings, it became apparent to the Monitor that the nature, complexity and number of parties involved in the litigation claims surrounding the Company had the potential to cause extensive delay and additional costs in the CCAA Proceedings. As such, it was the view of the Monitor (with the agreement of the Company) that there was merit in a global resolution of not only the Class Action Claims against the Company, but also against the other defendants named in the Class Actions other than Pöyry Beijing (the "Third Party Defendants").
- 20. On July 25, 2012 the Court granted an order (the "Mediation Order"), directing a mediation (the "Mediation") of the class action claims against the Company and the Third Party Defendants. The parties directed to participate in the mediation were the Company, the Canadian Plaintiffs, the Third Party Defendants, the Monitor, the Initial Consenting Noteholders and relevant insurers. The Monitor is aware and believes that the parties took the Mediation seriously and relied on the ability of those in attendance to bind their respective constituents as was required by the Mediation Order. The Mediation was conducted on September 4 and 5, 2012. No settlements were reached during the Mediation.
- 21. Although no settlements were reached during the Mediation, the Monitor was aware that many of the Third Party Defendants remained focused on determining whether a resolution within the CCAA Proceedings was possible. Specifically, the Monitor notes the description of the ongoing settlement discussions between the Canadian Plaintiffs and Ernst & Young in the affidavit of Charles Wright sworn January 10, 2013 (the "Wright Affidavit"), which ultimately resulted in the Ernst & Young Settlement.

<sup>6</sup> The Third Party Defendants are: EY, BDO, the Underwriters, Allen Chan, Judson Martin, Kai Kit Poon, David Horsley, William Ardell, James Bowland, James Hyde, Edmund Mak, Simon Murray, Peter Wang and Garry West.

<sup>7</sup> See Appendix G for a copy of the Mediation Order.

## THE PLAN, MEETING OF CREDITORS AND SANCTION ORDER

The Plan and the Plan Filing and Meeting Order

- 22. On August 14, 2012, the Company announced that it had filed a draft plan of compromise and reorganization (the "August 14 Draft Plan") with the Court. 8 On August 15, 2012, the Company filed a draft information circular with the Court. In connection with the filing of the August 14 Draft Plan, the Company also brought a motion seeking approval of a plan filing and meeting order (the "Meeting Order") which, among other things, provided for the calling of a meeting of creditors (the "Meeting"). <sup>9</sup> It was agreed that the Meeting Date would be subsequent to the completion of the Mediation.
- 23. The motion for the Meeting Order was returnable on August 28, 2012. Due to concerns raised by certain of the Third Party Defendants, the motion was postponed to determine whether the parties could agree to changes that would result in a mutually satisfactory proposed order, which was ultimately achieved. On August 31, 2012, the Court granted the Meeting Order.
- 24. On October 19, 2012, the Company filed a revised plan of compromise and reorganization and information statement. Further revised versions of the Plan were filed on November 28, 2012 and December 3, 2012. The December 3, 2012 version of the Plan (being the final version of the Plan that was put to creditors at the Meeting and the Court at the Sanction Hearing) included amendments relating to the Third Party Defendants including the new Article 11.1 which provided for a mechanism through which the release contemplated by the Ernst & Young Settlement could be achieved. 10

## The Meeting

25. The details regarding the calling of the Meeting as well as the conduct of the Meeting are set out in detail in the Supplemental Report and therefore not repeated herein. Briefly, the Meeting Order provided for:

A further draft of the Plan dated August 27, 2012 was filed prior to the return of the motion for the Meeting Order.
 See Appendix H for a copy of the Meeting Order.
 See Appendix B for a copy of the Plan.

- (a) notice and mailing of the Company's plan, supplements and amendments thereto;
- (b) the solicitation of proxies;
- (c) the calling of a meeting of creditors; and
- (d) those Persons who were entitled to attend and vote on the plan at the meeting specifically, holders of equity claims were not (in such capacity) entitled to attend the Meeting, nor were they entitled to vote on the Plan.
- 26. The Meeting was held at Gowlings' office on December 3, 2012, starting shortly after 10am. By the time the Meeting was conducted, the Company (with the assistance of others) had made considerable progress in obtaining support for its Plan. Notably, with those holding Voting Claims, there were only three (3) votes against the Plan (representing approximately .03% in value) and there was only one vote against the Plan in respect of Unresolved Claims (namely, BDO).
- 27. In accordance with the Meeting Order, persons who were entitled to vote submitted their proxies which were used to vote on the Plan in the form presented at the Meeting. As a result, the Plan received overwhelming approval by creditors with Voting Claims who voted in person or by proxy (99.96% in value and 98.81% in number) and even if the results of the votes on the Unresolved Claims counted towards the Required Majority, the Plan still would have received overwhelming approval (90.72% in value and 98.5% in number). Further, as discussed below, subsequent to the Meeting and prior to the Sanction Hearing, BDO (the only party with Unresolved Claims that voted "no"), became a Named Third Party Defendant under the Plan and supported approval of the Plan at the Sanction Hearing. Lastly, as set out above, holders of equity claims (including the Canadian Plaintiffs) were not entitled to attend the Meeting or vote on the Plan.

## The Sanction Order

28. The Sanction Hearing was held on December 7, 2012. At the Sanction Hearing, there were no claimants who filed Claims, D&O Claims or D&O Indemnity Claims (all as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See paragraph 31 of the Supplemental Report (Appendix D) for a full summary of the voting results.

defined in the Claims Procedure Order) under the Claims Procedure Order and/or who voted at the Meeting who opposed the sanctioning of the Plan. Specifically, the following parties were supportive of the Plan:

- (a) the Company;
- (b) the Company's board of directors;
- (c) the Monitor;
- (d) the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (e) Ernst & Young;
- (f) the Underwriters; and
- (g) BDO.
- 29. There were also a number of parties, including counsel for the Canadian Plaintiffs and the U.S. Plaintiffs, who did not oppose the sanctioning of the Plan. The only parties who expressed any opposition to the sanctioning of the Plan were three shareholders of the Company, Invesco Canada Ltd., Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. and Comité Syndical National De Retraite Batirente Inc. (collectively, the "Objecting Shareholders"), which were represented by Kim Orr, who served a notice of appearance on December 6, 2012, one (1) day prior to the Sanction Hearing in these CCAA Proceedings. Notwithstanding the fact that Kim Orr acknowledged during the Sanction Hearing that it had been monitoring the CCAA Proceedings on behalf of its clients, none of the Objecting Shareholders had previously objected to the Claims Procedure Order, the Mediation Order, nor did any of them file Claims or D&O Claims under the Claims Procedure Order independent of the representative Claims and D&O Claims that were filed by the Canadian Plaintiffs as authorized by paragraphs 27 and 28 of the Claims

<sup>12</sup> See Appendix I for a copy of the notice of appearance of Kim Orr.

Procedure Order. The Court issued its endorsement on the Sanction Hearing and the Sanction Order was granted on December 10, 2012.<sup>13</sup>

30. A notice of motion for leave to appeal the Sanction Order has been served by Kim Orr. <sup>14</sup> However, in an exchange of correspondence between the Company and Kim Orr, Kim Orr confirmed that they did not intend to seek a stay of the implementation of the Plan pending appeal. <sup>15</sup>

## Plan Implementation

31. Since the granting of the Sanction Order, the Company, with the assistance of the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, has worked towards fulfilling all of the conditions precedent to the implementation of the Plan. On January 24, 2013, the Company announced that it anticipated that the Plan Implementation Date will occur on or about January 29, 2013 and, in any event, prior to the end of January 2013.<sup>16</sup>

## 32. Subsequent to the Sanction Order being granted,

- (a) Allen Chan, Kai Kit Poon and David Horsley have been added as "Named Third Party Defendants" to the Plan which means, among other things, that none of those three individuals will be entitled to receive any distributions under the Plan; <sup>17</sup>
- (b) As a result of the addition of Mr. Chan, Mr. Poon and Mr. Horsley as Named Third Party Defendants to the Plan, the Unresolved Claims Reserve was reduced from Plan consideration sufficient to address \$162.5 million of Unresolved Claims to Plan consideration sufficient to address \$1.2 million of Unresolved Claims;

<sup>14</sup> See Appendix L for a copy of the notice of motion seeking leave to appeal the Sanction Order.

<sup>17</sup> See Appendix P for letters dated January 11, 2013 and January 21, 2013.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See Appendices J and K for copies of the Sanction Order the Court's endorsement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See Appendix M copies of correspondence from Bennett Jones to Kim Orr; a responding letter from Kim Orr to Bennett Jones; and a responding letter from Lenczner Slaght to Kim Orr all dated January 3, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See Appendix O for a copy of the Company's press release announcing that it anticipates that Plan implementation will occur on or about January 29, 2013.

- (c) On January 15, 2013, the Company obtained an Order of the Court with respect to certain document retention matters (the "Document Retention Protocol Order"); and
- (d) On January 21, 2013, the Company obtained an Order to approve certain administrative changes to the Plan including providing for the creation of an additional escrow to be maintained by the Monitor in connection with certain Hong Kong stamp duty matters.

### THE ERNST & YOUNG SETTLEMENT

The Ernst & Young Settlement and Article 11 of the Plan

- As set out above, Ernst & Young is one of the Third Party Defendants named in the Canadian Class Actions (as well as the class action proceeding commenced in the U.S.). In turn, in connection with the claims process conducted pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order, Ernst & Young filed both Claims and D&O Claims against the Company, the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries and numerous individuals for indemnity, contractual damages and other matters. The Monitor notes that the Proof of Claim and D&O Proof of Claim (each as defined in the Claims Procedure Order) filed by Ernst & Young are attached as Exhibits C and D to the affidavit of Mike P. Dean sworn January 11, 2013.
- 34. Prior to the Meeting, the Canadian Plaintiffs reached a settlement with Ernst & Young pursuant to certain minutes of settlement dated November 29, 2012 (the "Minutes of Settlement"). The Minutes of Settlement provided for the settlement of all claims against Ernst & Young and, in turn, resulted in amendments to the Plan and, in that context, Ernst & Young agreed, among other things, that it would not receive any consideration under the Plan, waived all rights to appeal and also resulted in Ernst & Young being supportive of and voting in favour of the Plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Appendix A for a copy of the Minutes of Settlement.

- 35. A detailed outline of the Ernst & Young Settlement is set out in the affidavit of Charles Wright sworn January 10, 2013 and therefore not repeated herein. In general terms, the Ernst & Young Settlement provides for the payment by Ernst & Young to a settlement trust of a \$117 million settlement amount (the "Settlement Fund") upon the satisfaction of certain conditions including: (a) approval of the court of the Ernst & Young Settlement (the "Ernst & Young Settlement Approval Order"); and (b) recognition by the U.S. court of the Ernst & Young Settlement Approval Order pursuant to chapter 15 of title 11 of the United States Code.
- 36. In exchange for payment of the Settlement Fund, the Minutes of Settlement provide for the requirement that Ernst & Young receive a full release of all claims against it to be effected pursuant through the CCAA Plan mechanism. As such, amendments to the November 28 Plan were required in order to incorporate this structure. Details of the changes to the Plan relating to Ernst & Young are set out in the Supplemental Report. A brief description is as follows:
  - (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. <sup>19</sup>
  - (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.

<sup>19</sup> Section 4.4(b) of the Plan, among other things, establishes the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit.

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- (d) Section 11.1 of the Plan contains provisions that provide a framework pursuant to which a release of the Ernst & Young Claims<sup>20</sup> 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 Initial Consenting Noteholders, as applicable, to the extent, if any, that such modifications affect the Company, the Monitor or the Initial Consenting Noteholders, 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 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

<sup>20</sup> "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.

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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).
- 37. The focus of Kim Orr's objections at the Sanction Hearing related to the inclusion of Article 11.1 relating to the Ernst & Young Settlement. At the Sanction Hearing, it was made clear by all parties that approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement (including the potential for a release under Article 7 of the Plan) was not being sought on that date and would be the subject of a further motion. However, the Company (and others) did take the view that the Plan, as a whole (not in part), was being considered for Court approval. Ultimately, the Court, in the Sanction Order, approved the Plan, in its entirety. In his endorsement, Justice Morawetz notes:

The Plan was presented to the meeting with Article 11 in place. This was the Plan that was subject to the vote and this is the Plan that is the subject of this motion. The alternative proposed by the Funds was not considered at the meeting and, in my view, it is not appropriate to consider such an alternative on this motion.

38. The Monitor participated in the development of the Plan as a whole and is of the view that it is clearly reflected in the Court's endorsement that the Plan, as a whole, be approved.

#### The E&Y Notice Order

- 39. The parties took the view that this Court was the appropriate court for hearing the motion to approve the Ernst & Young Settlement. Upon direction from the Regional Senior Justice on December 13, 2012, it was determined that the Court would hear the motion for approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement. On December 21, 2012, the Court granted an order (the "E&Y Notice Order") approving the notice process regarding the approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement and scheduled the motion date for the Ernst & Young Settlement Motion to be February 4, 2013.<sup>21</sup>
- 40. The E&Y Notice Order set out the required methods for providing notice of the Ernst & Young Settlement as well as an objection process pursuant to which any person wishing to object to the approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement at the Ernst & Young Settlement Motion was required to file a notice of objection in the prescribed form on or prior to January 18, 2013. The Monitor was also required to attach all objections received to a report to court.
- 41. The Monitor has filed its Fourteenth Report that contained all Notices of Objections or other correspondence expressing objections received up to the date of the Fourteenth Report. The Monitor has or will provide any further Notices of Objection or other correspondence expressing objections in further supplements to the Fourteenth Report.

The Benefits of Ernst & Young Settlement to the Company and the CCAA Proceedings

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> See Appendix N for a copy of the E&Y Notice Order.

- 42. Although the Ernst & Young Settlement resolves class action litigation claims against Ernst & Young, the settlement was reached in the context of the Company's CCAA Proceedings and has provided a benefit to the Company, the Plan and the CCAA Proceedings for the following reasons. In particular:
  - (a) It eliminated the chance that Ernst & Young would seek leave to appeal the Equity Claims Decision to the Supreme Court of Canada which might have been costly and time consuming;
  - (b) Given that the Equity Claims Decision did not address the entirety of Ernst & Young's indemnity claims, the settlement results in the elimination of further litigation relating to the acceptance, disallowance or revision of the Claim and D&O Claim filed by Ernst & Young, which litigation could have been extensive, lengthy and costly;
  - (c) Ernst & Young has agreed to forego any distributions under the Plan which; and
  - (d) It eliminated the possibility that Ernst & Young would vote against the Plan, object to the Sanction Hearing and appeal the Sanction Order which could have caused delay in implementing the Plan and result in significant additional cost to the estate.
- 43. Further, the Monitor has consistently recognized the potential benefit of settlement within the CCAA Proceedings of the litigation claims surrounding the Company, including those against the Third Party Defendants. This view was evident not only in the Monitor's Reports but also through the Monitor's support of the Third Party Stay Motion as well as the bringing of the motion for Mediation. The Monitor has, throughout, encouraged the settlement of these claims within the CCAA framework which, in the Monitor's view, provides for an efficient legal regime through which such settlements may be effected.
- 44. The Monitor has also consistently expressed its views regarding urgency in the CCAA Proceedings and is of the view that the Ernst & Young Settlement has assisted in eliminating a potential delay in the implementation of the Plan.

## MONITOR'S RECOMMENDATION

45. For the reasons set out above, the Monitor recommends approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement including the granting of the proposed release as set out in Articles 7 and 11 of the Plan.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

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



## APPENDIX "A" - THE MINUTES OF SETTLEMENT

(See Attached)



## IN THE MATTER OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

#### 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, Robert Wong, Guining Lin,
and any other proposed representative plaintiffs in Ontario Superior Court Action No. CV-11431153-00CP 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 Bankruptey 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;
- I1. 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;



- 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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## 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 Quebee Superior Court, File No. 200-06-000132-111
- 3. David Leapard, 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 jursidictions



(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, notcholders 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;



- (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/elainant in respect of any Claim or potential Claim against E&Y in any jurisdiction.



## APPENDIX "B" - THE PLAN

(See Attached)



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

**APPLICANT** 

## 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

**December 3, 2012** 

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## 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 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, 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, 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 Leapard 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 excluding any Director or Officer and successors, administrators, heirs and assigns of any Director or Officer in their capacity as such), and any Director or Officer together with their respective successors, administrators, heirs and assigns.

"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 inclusing 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 Causes of Action that have been or may be asserted by or on behalf of: (a) SFC against any and all third parties; or (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: (x) the claims being advanced or that are subsequently advanced in the Class Actions are not being transferred to the Litigation Trust; and (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) 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 a court order 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 Plan of Compromise and Reorganization (including all schedules hereto) filed by SFC pursuant to the CCAA and the CBCA, as 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 a court order that establishes the Settlement Trust and approves the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release, 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.

"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(f) 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 Claims 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;
  - (ii) subject to section 4.4(g), 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.
- Subject to section 7.1(n), any and all indemnification rights and entitlements of (e) 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) 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) 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 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 Causes of Action from the Litigation Trust Claims and/or to specify that any Causes of Action against a specified Person will not constitute Litigation Trust Claims ("Excluded Litigation Trust Claims"), in which case, any such 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 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) 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 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 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(f) 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 Notheolders (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 12.6 and 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 jurisidiction 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(1) 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

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

- All of the SFC Assets (including for greater certainty the Direct Subsidiary (a) 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 of 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 of 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:

- 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 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) 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) 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;
- (j) 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, 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) any and all 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;
- (l) 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);
- 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 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(i) 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
- (1) 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

Subject only to Article 11 hereof, and notwithstanding anything else 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) 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) authorize the Monitor to perform its functions and fulfil its obligations under the Plan to facilitate the implementation of the Plan;
- (o) 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) 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) 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) 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) 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) 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) 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 Notheolders (in their capacity as Affected Creditors with Proven Claims);
- (v) 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) 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(w), all Affected Creditors shall be deemed to consent to any such releases in any such proceedings;
- order and declare that, prior to the Effective Time, SFC shall: (i) preserve or cause (x) 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);

- (y) 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 Defendant 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) 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 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;

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- (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;
- 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; 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;
- (II) 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 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

- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, subject to: (i) the granting of the (a) 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

- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 12.5(a) or 12.5(b) hereof, at (a) 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 any 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 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.

(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 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: (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 GENERAL

#### 12.1 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 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 Deeming Provisions

In the Plan, the deeming provisions are not rebuttable and are conclusive and irrevocable.

#### 12.4 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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** 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 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 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 P.O. Box 251 Toronto, ON M5K 1J7

Attention: Doris Stamml

Email: doris.stamml@ca.ey.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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2012.

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#### **SCHEDULE A**

# NAMED THIRD PARTY DEFENDANTS

- 1. 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.
- 2. Ernst & Young LLP (Canada), Ernst & Young Global Limited and all other member firms thereof, 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, in the event that the Ernst & Young Settlement is not completed.
- 3. BDO Limited, together with its 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.

# APPENDIX "C" - THE MONITOR'S THIRTEENTH REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2012 (WITHOUT APPENDICES)

(See Attached)



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

# **Sino-Forest Corporation**

# THIRTEENTH REPORT OF THE MONITOR

**November 22, 2012** 

**Volume I of II** 



#### 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

# THIRTEENTH REPORT TO THE COURT SUBMITTED BY FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC., IN ITS CAPACITY AS MONITOR

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1. On March 30, 2012 (the "Filing Date"), Sino-Forest Corporation (the "Company" or "SFC") filed for and obtained protection under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA"). Pursuant to the Order of this Honourable Court dated March 30, 2012 (the "Initial Order"), FTI Consulting Canada Inc. was appointed as the Monitor of the Company (the "Monitor") in the CCAA proceedings. By Order of this Court dated April 20, 2012, the powers of the Monitor were expanded in order to, among other things, provide the Monitor with access to information concerning the Company's subsidiaries. Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on October 9, 2012, this Court extended the Stay Period to December 3, 2012. The Company has now filed a motion returnable November 23, 2012 to seek a further extension of the Stay Period to February 1, 2013. The proceedings commenced by the Company under the CCAA will be referred to herein as the "CCAA Proceedings".
- 2. On the Filing Date, the Court also issued an Order authorizing the Company to conduct a sale process (the "Sale Process Order").



- 3. The following appendices have been attached to this Thirteenth Report:
  - (a) Appendix A The Plan
  - (b) Appendix B Blackline of the August 14 Draft Plan compared against the Plan
  - (c) Appendix C The Information Statement (without appendices)
  - (d) Appendix D Blackline of the August 15 Draft Information Circular compared against the Information Statement
  - (e) Appendix E Plan Supplement
  - (f) Appendix F the Initial Order Affidavit
  - (g) Appendix G the Pre-Filing Report
  - (h) Appendix H the Sixth Report (without appendices)
  - (i) Appendix I the Tenth Report (without appendices)
  - (j) Appendix J the Claims Procedure Order
  - (k) Appendix K the Equity Claims Decision
  - (1) Appendix L the Meeting Order
  - (m) Appendix M- the Seventh Report (without appendices)
  - (n) Appendix N Voting Procedures
  - (o) Appendix O Globic's Mailing Certificate (Meeting Materials)
  - (p) Appendix P Globic's Mailing Certificate (Plan Supplement and Voting Procedures)
- 4. The purpose of this Thirteenth Report is:
  - (a) to report on:



- (i) the status of the CCAA Proceedings;
- (ii) the Claims Process;
- (iii) the Plan, including amendments and supplements thereto;
- (iv) the Reserves;
- (v) Notice and Mailing of the Plan;
- (vi) the proposed Meeting; and
- (b) to provide the Monitor's recommendation that the Court grant the Sanction Order (defined below).
- 5. In preparing this Thirteenth Report, the Monitor has relied upon unaudited financial information of Sino-Forest, Sino-Forest's books and records, certain financial information prepared by Sino-Forest, the Reports of the Independent Committee of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Independent Committee") dated August 10, 2011 (the "First IC Report"), November 13, 2011 (the "Second IC Report"), and January 31, 2012 (the "Final IC Report" and together, the "IC Reports"), and discussions with Sino-Forest's management. The Monitor has not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information. In addition, the Monitor notes that on January 10, 2012, the Company issued a press release cautioning that the Company's historic financial statements and related audit reports should not be relied upon. Accordingly, the Monitor expresses no opinion or other form of assurance on the information contained in this Thirteenth Report or relied on in its preparation. Future oriented financial information reported or relied on in preparing this Thirteenth Report is based on management's assumptions regarding future events; actual results may vary from forecast and such variations may be material.
- 6. Unless otherwise stated, all monetary amounts referred to herein are expressed in CDN Dollars.



7. The term "Sino-Forest" refers to the global enterprise as a whole but does not include references to the Greenheart Group (as defined in the Pre-Filing Report). "Sino-Forest Subsidiaries" refers to all of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Company, but does not include references to the Greenheart Group.

#### **GENERAL BACKGROUND**

Sino-Forest Business

- 8. Sino-Forest conducts business as a forest plantation operator in the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). Its principal businesses include ownership and management of forest plantation trees, the sale of standing timber and wood logs, and complementary manufacturing of downstream engineered-wood products.
- 9. The Company is a public holding company whose common shares were listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"). Prior to August 26, 2011 (the date of the Cease Trade Order, as defined in the Pre-Filing Report), the Company had 246,095,926 common shares issued and outstanding and trading under the trading symbol "TRE" on the TSX. Effective May 9, 2012, the common shares were delisted from the TSX.
- 10. On June 2, 2011, Muddy Waters, LLC ("MW"), which held a short position on the Company's shares, issued a report (the "MW Report") alleging, among other things, that Sino-Forest is a "ponzi-scheme" and a "near total fraud". The MW Report was issued publicly and immediately caught the attention of the media on a world-wide basis.
- 11. Subsequent to the issuance of the MW Report, the Company devoted extensive time and resources to investigate and address the allegations in the MW Report as well as responding to additional inquiries from, among others, the Ontario Securities Commission ("OSC"), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission.
- 12. The Monitor's pre-filing report dated March 30, 2012 (the "**Pre-Filing Report**")<sup>1</sup> and the Initial Order Affidavit of Judson Martin sworn March 30, 2012 (the "**Initial Order**"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Appendix G for a copy of the Pre-Filing Report (without appendices).



**Affidavit**")<sup>2</sup> provide a detailed outline of Sino-Forest's corporate structure, business, reported assets and financial information as well as a detailed chronology of the Company and its actions since the issuance of the MW Report in June 2011.

#### STATUS OF THE CCAA PROCEEDINGS

Background on the Sino-Forest Business

- 13. The Initial Order Affidavit and the Pre-Filing Report detailed the background on the Company's business and the events leading to the need for the commencement of the CCAA Proceedings.
- 14. Included in the Initial Order Affidavit was a summary of the Company's current debt, consisting principally of approximately of debt in connection with the Notes (defined below) in the principal amount of \$1.8 billion. The Initial Order Affidavit noted that the Company does not have any other significant levels of normal course payables but that many of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries have their own distinct banking facilities including lending facilities.
- 15. The Initial Order Affidavit also outlined a number of other key issues including:
  - (a) the release of the MW Report;
  - (b) the establishment of the Independent Committee and the IC Reports;
  - (c) the commencement of class actions (the "Class Actions") in Canada and the United States and an investigation by the OSC;
  - (d) the Company's failure to release audited financial statements for Q3 2011;
  - (e) defaults under the Company's Notes; and
  - (f) the difficulties being experienced by Sino-Forest on its business (the "Sino-Forest Business") in the PRC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Appendix F for a copy of the Initial Order Affidavit (without exhibits).



- 16. In light of all of the difficulties being experienced by the Company and Sino-Forest, the Company commenced the CCAA Proceedings with a view to implementing a restructuring plan that would provide a path for the resolution of claims and allow ownership of the Sino-Forest Business to be separated from the Company and allowed to continue without the uncertainty and claims associated with the Company.
- 17. Shortly after the commencement of the CCAA Proceedings, the Court granted an Order (the "Expansion of Powers Order") expanding the powers of the Monitor to specifically provide the Monitor with access to and supervisory powers over the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries.
- 18. Throughout the course of the CCAA Proceedings, the Monitor (either directly or through FTI Consulting (Hong Kong) Limited) has monitored not only the Company but also the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries in accordance with the Expansion of Powers Order. The Monitor has issued its Sixth Report dated August 10, 2012 (the "Sixth Report")<sup>3</sup> and Tenth Report dated October 18, 2012 (the "Tenth Report")<sup>4</sup> both of which provided a report on the Sino-Forest Business and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries.
- 19. Some of the areas of focus of the Sixth Report and the Tenth Report include:
  - (a) report on the cash position of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries;
  - (b) status of accounts receivable and payable, including significant issues relating to the collection of receivables and the deregistration of authorized intermediaries owing approximately US\$504 million in receivables to Sino-Forest;
  - (c) status of disbursements of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries;
  - (d) issues related to cooperation and deregistration of suppliers of Sino-Forest (and the deterioration of relationships with key parties generally);
  - (e) status on business operations including the freezing of Sino-Forest's primary business, BVI standing timber; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Appendix I for a copy of the Tenth Report (without appendices).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Appendix H for a copy of the Sixth Report (without appendices).

- (f) issues surrounding efforts on asset verification, including an inability to obtain forestry bureau maps.
- 20. Since the outset of the CCAA Proceedings, the Monitor has also advised the Court, the Company and others that there is a finite amount of funds available for the CCAA Proceedings. The Monitor has advised on the Company's cash flow throughout the CCAA Proceedings and noted the negative cash flow due to disbursements relating primarily to professional fees with no source of income for the Company.
- 21. The Company and the Monitor have also indicated ongoing issues arising from the termination of several members of senior management (who received enforcement notices from the OSC) and the fact that these individuals have not been replaced.
- 22. The Company has consistently expressed the view that the lack of resolution within the CCAA Proceedings has had an ongoing negative impact on the operations and financial status of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries.

The RSA and the Sale Process<sup>5</sup>

- 23. As part of the relief sought on the Filing Date, the Company announced that it had entered into a restructuring support agreement (the "RSA") with certain initial consenting Noteholders (as defined in the Plan) (the "ICNs") which provided for a framework for a resolution and restructuring transaction acceptable to the ICNs.
- 24. In connection with the RSA and the CCAA Proceedings, the Company sought approval of a sale process for the marketing of the Sino-Forest Business (the "Sale Process") to be conducted by the Company's financial advisor, Houlihan Lokey ("HL"). The Sale Process set out the procedures pursuant to which bids for the Company would be solicited in a multi-stage process. During Phase 1, letters of intent were solicited, which letters of intent were required to provide for consideration in an amount equal to 85% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes, plus all accrued and unpaid interest on the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Capitalized terms used in this subsection and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Sale Process Order.



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Notes at the regular rates provided in each respective note indenture up to March 30, 2012 (the "Qualified Consideration").

- 25. Subsequent to the Filing Date, the Company, through HL, canvassed the market for a potential buyer or buyers of the Sino-Forest Business. On the Phase I Bid Deadline (as defined in the Sale Process Order), a number of letters of intent were received. However, none of those letters of intent met the criteria of being a "Qualified Letter of Intent" due to their failure to provide for the Qualified Consideration. The Sale Process was thereafter terminated by the Company (in consultation with the Monitor). More details regarding the Sale Process are set out in the Monitor's Fourth Report dated July 10, 2012. Subsequent to the termination of the Sale Process and as set out in the Monitor's eighth report dated September 25, 2012, the Monitor was informed by the Company and the ICNs that there was some continued interest expressed by parties in purchasing the Company's assets. To date, no such transaction has been successfully negotiated or completed.
- 26. Concurrently with the conduct of the Sale Process, the Company also sought further support for the restructuring transaction contemplated by the RSA. In accordance with the terms of the RSA, on or before May 15, 2012 (the "Early Consent Deadline"), Noteholders representing approximately 72% of the outstanding noteholder debt (including ICNs) (with more than 66.67% of the principal amount of each of the four (4) series of Notes) agreed to support the Plan.

Claims, the Class Actions and the Mediation<sup>6</sup>

27. From the outset of the CCAA Proceedings, it was apparent that addressing the claims against Sino-Forest would be important given the extent of the litigation against the Company and resulting indemnification claims from others named in the Class Actions. To further that process, on May 14, 2012, the Company obtained a claims procedure

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Capitalized terms used in this subsection and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Claims Procedure Order.



order (the "Claims Procedure Order"), which provided for the calling of claims against the Company, its directors and officers and its subsidiaries.

- 28. Notably, the Claims Procedure Order did not provide a specific mechanism for the resolution of Claims. This was largely in recognition of the relatively unique nature of the claims that were anticipated to be asserted in the claims process. As set out above, as a holding company, unlike many CCAA debtors, the Company does not have many, if any, trade creditors. Instead, aside from the claims in respect of the Notes, it was anticipated that most or all of the remaining claims filed would be in connection with the Class Actions either directly by the plaintiffs in the Class Actions (the "Plaintiffs") or indemnity claims from the Third Party Defendants (defined below). Details regarding the Claims, D&O Claims and D&O Indemnity Claims filed in connection with the claims process is set out below in the section entitled "The Claims Process".
- 29. On June 26, 2012, the Company brought a motion seeking a direction that Claims by the Plaintiffs in respect of the purchase of securities and resulting indemnification claims by the Third Party Defendants constituted "equity claims" pursuant to section 2(1) of the CCAA. On July 27, 2012, the Court issued its decision determining that such claims did constitute "equity claims" under section 2(1) of the CCAA (the "Equity Claims **Decision**"). The Equity Claims Decision was appealed by Ernst & Young LLP ("EY"), BDO Limited ("BDO") and the underwriters group (the "Underwriters"). The appeal was heard by the Court of Appeal on November 13, 2012. As of the date of this Thirteenth Report, the Court of Appeal's decision has not been released.<sup>8</sup>
- 30. As the process continued, it became apparent to the Monitor that the nature, complexity and number of parties involved in the litigation claims surrounding the Company had the potential to cause extensive delay and additional costs in the CCAA Proceedings. As such, it was the view of the Monitor (with the agreement of the Company) that there was merit in a global resolution of not only the Plaintiffs' claims against the Company, but



See Appendix J for a copy of the Claims Procedure Order.
 See Appendix K for a copy of the Equity Claims Decision

also against the other defendants named in the Class Actions other than Pöyry Beijing (the "Third Party Defendants").

31. On July 25, 2012 the Court granted an order (the "Mediation Order"), directing a mediation (the "Mediation") of the class action claims against the Company and the Third Party Defendants (as defined in the Mediation Order). The Mediation was conducted on September 4 and 5, 2012 but was unsuccessful. Notwithstanding the fact that the Mediation was not successful, the Monitor is aware that many of the Third Party Defendants have remained focused on determining whether a resolution within the CCAA Proceedings is possible.

The OSC Investigation and the Enforcement Notices

- 32. In addition to facing the litigation claims asserted against the Company, the Company has also faced an ongoing investigation by the OSC. As set out in the Initial Order Affidavit, after the release of the MW Report, the OSC launched an investigation on the Company which led to the granting of a temporary cease trade order issued on August 26, 2011 (which has since been extended).
- 33. On April 9, 2012, the Company announced that it had received an enforcement notice from the OSC and was aware that certain current and former officers (the "Individual Respondents")<sup>10</sup> of the Company had also received enforcement notices. On May 23, 2012, the Company announced that it had learned that the OSC had commenced proceedings against the Company and the Individual Respondents and issued a statement of allegations dated May 22, 2012. On September 26, 2012, the Company announced that it had received a second enforcement notice from the OSC.
- 34. As of the date of the Report, the OSC investigation and enforcement proceedings are ongoing.

The Plan and the Plan Filing and Meeting Order

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The Third Party Defendants are: EY, BDO, the Underwriters, Allen Chan, Judson Martin, Kai Kit Poon, David Horsley, William Ardell, James Bowland, James Hyde, Edmund Mak, Simon Murray, Peter Wang and Garry West.
<sup>10</sup> The Individual Respondents are Allen Chan, Albert Ip, Alfred Hung, George Ho, Simon Yeung and David Horsley.



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- On August 14, 2012, the Company announced that it had filed a draft plan of compromise 35. and reorganization (the "August 14 Draft Plan") with the Court. 11 On August 15, 2012, the Company filed a draft information circular with the Court (the "August 15 Draft **Information Circular**").
- In connection with the filing of the August 14 Draft Plan, the Company also brought a 36. motion seeking approval of a plan filing and meeting order (the "Meeting Order")<sup>12</sup> which, among other things, provided for the calling of a meeting of creditors (the "Meeting"). It was agreed that the Meeting Date would be subsequent to the completion of the Mediation.
- 37. The motion for the Meeting Order was returnable on August 28, 2012. Due to concerns raised by certain of the Third Party Defendants, the motion was postponed to determine whether the parties could agree to changes that would result in a mutually satisfactory proposed order, which was ultimately achieved. On August 31, 2012, the Court granted the Meeting Order.
- 38. At the request of certain of the Third Party Defendants, the Meeting Order was granted on the express understanding that there had been no determination of: (a) the test for approval of the plan including (i) the jurisdiction of the Court to approve the plan in its then current form; (ii) whether the plan complied with the CCAA; and (iii) whether any aspect of the plan was fair and reasonable; (b) the validity or quantum of claims; and (c) the classification of creditors for voting purposes. The Company advised the Monitor that this reservation was acceptable to the Company given that it anticipated that many of these matters would be appropriately addressed at a sanction hearing.

# Current Status of the CCAA Proceedings

39. On October 19, 2012, the Company filed a revised plan of compromise and reorganization (the "Plan")<sup>13</sup> and information statement (the "Information

<sup>13</sup> See Appendices A and B for a copy of the Plan and the Blackline of the Plan to the August 14 Draft Plan.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> A further draft of the Plan dated August 27, 2012 was filed prior to the return of the motion for the Meeting Order.

<sup>12</sup> See Appendix L for a copy of the Meeting Order.

**Statement**")<sup>14</sup> in contemplation of the Meeting to be held on November 29, 2012 at 10am at the offices of Bennett Jones LLP. The Company is focused on moving forward with its Plan to seek approval by the Required Majority (as defined in the Plan) and, if that is achieved, to move before the Court for the sanctioning of the Plan. The ICNs have similarly expressed their desire and priority of moving forward with the Plan.

- 40. In that regard, the Company has made significant progress with various parties within the CCAA Proceedings. The current Plan is acceptable not only to the Company and the ICNs, but due to lengthy arms' length negotiations, the revised terms of the Plan are also acceptable to the Ontario Plaintiffs and the Quebec Plaintiffs (as both terms are defined in the Claims Procedure Order).
- 41. The Ontario Plaintiffs and the Quebec Plaintiffs have continued to express a desire to move forward with their actions against EY, BDO, the Underwriters, Allen Chan, David Horsely and Kai Kit Poon (the "Specified Defendants"). In that regard, in late September, the Ontario Plaintiffs and Quebec Plaintiffs served a number of motions within these proceedings for, among other things, (a) representation and voting rights within the CCAA Proceedings; (b) certain document production; and (c) a lift stay against the Company and the Third Party Defendants (the "Lift Stay Motion").
- 42. Ultimately, due to an agreed upon resolution between the Company and the Ontario Plaintiffs and Quebec Plaintiffs, on October 29, 2012, the Ontario Plaintiffs and Quebec Plaintiffs did not proceed with their first two motions and brought their Lift Stay Motion against only the Specified Defendants. The Lift Stay Motion was not opposed by the Company, the Monitor or the ICNs.
- 43. On November 6, 2012, the Court issued its decision, upholding the stay as against the Specified Defendants for a limited period of time while the Meeting and the Sanction Hearing were pending, but acknowledged that, failing a resolution, the Class Actions against these parties would proceed, the only question was when. The Court further directed that the issue be re-evaluated no later than December 10, 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See Appendices C and D for a copy of the Information Statement and a blackline of the Information Statement to the August 15 Draft Information Circular.



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# THE CLAIMS PROCESS<sup>15</sup>

- 44. As set out above, on May 14, 2012, the Court granted the Claims Procedure Order. The Claims Procedure Order established claims bar dates for the filing of Claims, D&O Claims and D&O Indemnity Claims (the "Claims Process"). Pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order, claimants were also requested to list whether they intended to assert claims against any or all of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries based in whole or in part on facts, underlying transactions, causes of action or events relating to a Claim made against the Company. The primary Claims Bar Date was set as June 20, 2012.
- 45. The Sixth Report previously reported that on or about the Claims Bar Date, the Company received 228 claims with a face value in excess of \$112 billion. This includes duplicative claims filed against the Company and its directors, officers and subsidiaries and does not account for marker and/or contingent claims filed. Since the Claims Bar Date, the Company has received a further four (4) claims with a face value in excess of approximately \$23,000 and one Restructuring Claim in the amount of \$485,000. Additionally, 151 D&O Indemnity Claims filed in respect of the D&O Claims that named Directors and Officers have been filed.

# Nature of Claims Filed

- 46. As anticipated, other than with respect to three (3) trade Claims filed against the Company, the balance of the Claims, D&O Claims and D&O Indemnity Claims filed pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order can be categorized as follows:
  - (a) Claims filed by the Note Indenture Trustees in respect of the Notes (the "Noteholder Claims"); 16
  - (b) Claims by plaintiffs in the Ontario, Quebec and US Class Actions relating to damages relating to share purchases and note purchases;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> As permitted by the Claims Procedure Order, claims filed by individual noteholders in respect of the Notes have been disregarded by the Monitor.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Capitalized terms used in this section and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Claims Procedure Order.

- (c) Equity Claims filed by individuals;
- (d) Class Action Indemnity Claims filed by the Third Party Defendants;
- (e) D&O Indemnity Claims filed by Directors and Officers for indemnity; and
- (f) Various individual claims which provided no information as to the nature of the claimant's claim (the "Bare Claims").
- 47. Additionally, pursuant to the Meeting Order, the OSC was required to indicate whether it intended to assert any OSC Monetary Claims (defined below) against the Company and/or the Officers and Directors. Details regarding the OSC Monetary Claims are discussed in further detail below in the sub-section entitled "OSC Monetary Claims".

#### The Noteholder Claims

- 48. As set out in the Initial Order Affidavit, the Company has issued four (4) series of Notes which remain outstanding:
  - (a) two series of senior notes (the "Senior Notes") which have guarantees from sixty of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries and share pledges from ten of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries; and
  - (b) two series of unsecured convertible notes (the "Convertible Notes" and together with the Senior Notes, the "Notes") which have guarantees from sixty-four Sino-Forest Subsidiaries.
- 49. The Monitor's legal counsel has reviewed legal opinions (the "**Note Opinions**") regarding the validity and enforceability of the indentures and guarantees entered into in connection with the Senior Notes and Convertible Notes and the share pledges entered into in connection with the Senior Notes. The Monitor's legal counsel has concluded that the Note Opinions are generally satisfactory in form and scope for transactions of this nature and contain the customary assumptions and qualifications for such opinions. Where, in the view of the Monitor's legal counsel, the Note Opinions were not phrased in customary terms or did not address matters customarily the subject of comparable



opinions, legal opinions were obtained from independent local counsel addressing these matters.

50. The Noteholder Claims have been accepted as Voting Claims (as defined in the Plan) by the Monitor for the purposes of the Meeting and the Meeting Order.

Impact of the Equity Claims Decision on Claims

- 51. Each of the Third Party Defendants has filed potentially significant, contingent Claims. In particular, each of EY, BDO and the Underwriters filed contingent Claims each in the billions of dollars.
- 52. The Equity Claims Decision held that claims against the Company resulting from the ownership, purchase or sale of equity interests in the Company, including claims on behalf of current or former shareholders ("Shareholder Claims") and indemnity claims arising from Shareholder Claims ("Share Purchase Indemnity Claims"), are "equity claims" under section 2(1) of the CCAA. In coming to this decision, the Court noted that although the legal basis for the indemnity claims may be different from the Shareholder Claims, the substance of the underlying claims related to the Shareholder Claims and were therefore "equity claims". The potential exception to this classification is or was claims by the defendants for "defence costs" ("Defence Costs Claims") which, the Court noted, might not be equity claims (although no definitive decision was reached).
- 53. The Equity Claims Decision left it open for the Company to bring a motion for declarations relating to claims in respect of the purchase of securities other than shares (i.e. Claims by former noteholders). To date, no such motion has been brought. In the meantime, the Company has agreed to the Noteholder Class Action Limit (as defined in the Plan) of \$150 million, which limits the maximum liability of all of the Third Party Defendants in respect of those claims (discussed in more detail below in the sections entitled "The Plan" and "The Reserves"). However, the right to bring a motion as contemplated above has been reserved by the Company.
- 54. As set out above, on November 13, 2012, the Court of Appeal heard the appeal of the Equity Claims Decision but has not yet released its decision.



#### Status of Claims Resolution

- 55. As set out above, the Claims Procedure Order did not set out a pre-determined process for the resolution of Claims. Other than with respect to the Bare Claims, for which there was no information provided as to the nature or characterization of the Claim, no notices of disallowance have been issued.
- 56. Instead, as set out in the sections entitled "The Plan", "The Meeting of the Affected Creditors Class" and "Sanction of the Plan" below, the Company has addressed the Claims, D&O Claims and D&O Indemnity Claims in the context of the Plan. Specifically, section 4.7 of the Plan provides that, the Claims of the Third Party Defendants are categorized as follows:
  - (a) Claims against Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, which are released;
  - (b) Class Action Indemnity Claims in respect of Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims, which are limited to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit (as such terms are defined in the Plan), which are treated as Unresolved Claims and which will be accounted for in the Unresolved Claims Reserve;
  - (c) Defence Costs Claims, which are treated as Unresolved Claims and will be accounted for in the Unresolved Claims Reserve; and
  - (d) Equity Claims (as defined in the Plan), which are released.

#### 57. Given:

(a) the fact that other than the Claims in respect of the Notes, the overwhelming balance of the Claims and D&O Claims filed in the Claims Process were contingent Claims and D&O Claims by the Plaintiffs for their Class Actions and by the Third Party Defendants (and others) for indemnification (which only crystallize upon claims being successfully made against such parties and which are then found to be properly indemnifiable by the Company); and



- (b) the subsequent categorization of the Third Party Defendants' Claims as set out above and particularly in light of the Equity Claims Decision; and
- (c) the establishment of the Unresolved Claims Reserve (discussed in greater detail below in the section entitled "Reserves") to provide for Unresolved Claims which may ultimately become Proven Claims (as defined in the Plan),

the Monitor is of the view that it was not necessary to go through a separate dispute and resolution process through the issuance of Notices of Disallowance prior to a vote on the Plan. Third Party Defendants who object to the classification and treatment of their Claims under the Plan will have the opportunity to object to such treatment at the Sanction Hearing (defined below). The issuance of Notices of Disallowance in these circumstances would be duplicative of the other efforts that have been taken to date and would have the potential for increased delay and additional costs to the process.

#### OSC Monetary Claims

- 58. The Claims Procedure Order excluded any claims of the OSC against the Company or the Directors and Officers. Subsequently, as part of the Meeting Order, the OSC was required to advise the Company and the Monitor whether it intended to pursue any monetary claims against the Company or any Officers and Directors ("OSC Monetary Claims") on or prior to September 13, 2012 and, if so, the quantum of any such OSC Monetary Claims.
- 59. The OSC has advised the Company and the Monitor that in light of the substantial losses that stakeholders would potentially suffer, the OSC did not intend to assert any OSC Monetary Claims against the Company. Through various correspondence, the OSC has further confirmed that it has not yet determined whether it will pursue OSC Monetary Claims against any of the Officers and Directors. However, with a view to being helpful and to facilitate the Plan process, and as disclosed in the "Risk Factors" set out in the Information Statement the OSC initially confirmed that any OSC Monetary Claims against the Officers and Directors would be limited to an aggregate amount of no more than \$100 million. Subsequent to its initial confirmation, the OSC confirmed that it did



not intend to seek OSC Monetary Claims against Officers and Directors in excess of an aggregate amount of \$84 million. The OSC has further confirmed that of the OSC Monetary Claims which may be asserted against Officers and Directors, \$7 million to \$72 million could relate to fraud.<sup>17</sup>

60. The Monitor is aware that discussions between the Company and the OSC with respect to the potential OSC Monetary Claims against Officers and Directors is ongoing.

# THE PLAN<sup>18</sup>

Overview of the Plan and Changes from the August 14 Draft Plan

- A summary of the August 14 Draft Plan was set out in the Affidavit of Judson Martin sworn August 14, 2012 and the Monitor's Seventh Report dated August 17, 2012 (the "Seventh Report")<sup>19</sup> and is therefore not repeated herein. A brief overview of the Plan is as follows: <sup>20</sup>
  - (a) The Plan contemplates that a new company ("Newco") will be incorporated and organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands and the Company will transfer substantially all of its assets to Newco. For information relating to the governance of Newco, reference should be made to the Information Statement and the Plan Supplement (defined below).
  - (b) Affected Creditors with Proven Claims will receive their pro rata share of:
    - (i) 92.5% of the Newco Shares:
    - (ii) 100% of the Newco Notes; and
    - (iii) 75% of the Litigation Trust Interests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> The summary provided herein is for informational purposes only. In the event of any inconsistency between the summary set out in this Report and the Plan, the Plan shall govern.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> The Monitor notes that the issue of whether any OSC Monetary Claims against Directors and Officers are released by operation of the Plan has not been resolved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Capitalized terms used in this section and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See Appendix M for a copy of the Seventh Report (without appendices).

- (c) On the Plan Implementation Date, all of the Litigation Trust Claims<sup>21</sup> and Litigation Trust Assets (as defined in the Plan Supplement) will be transferred to the Litigation Trustee.
- (d) The remaining 7.5% of the Newco Shares will constitute the Early Consent Equity Sub-Pool and will be issued and distributed to the Early Consent Noteholders. The remaining 25% of the Litigation Trust Interests will be allocated to the Noteholder Class Action Claimants (subject to the caveats in the Plan).
- (e) All Affected Creditors will constitute a single class for the purpose of voting on and considering the Plan. Equity Claimants will constitute a separate class, but will have no right to attend the Meeting or vote on the Plan (in such capacities). Further information regarding the classification of creditors voting at the Meeting is discussed below in the section entitled "Meeting of the Affected Creditors Class".
- (f) All Affected Claims will be compromised and released under the Plan (further information regarding the releases and also those claims which are specifically not released under the Plan are summarized below).
- (g) The Claims of Third Party Defendants (also discussed in further detail below) are categorized as follows:<sup>22</sup>
  - (i) claims against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, which will be released;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> See also paragraph 56 of this Thirteenth Report for the impact of the characterization of the Third Party Defendants' Claims.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> "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 that have been or may be asserted by or on behalf of: (i) SFC against any and all third parties; or (ii) the Trustees, the Noteholders or any representative 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 claim, right or cause of action against any Person that is released pursuant to Article 7 of the Plan. For greater certainty: (i) the claims being advanced or that are subsequently advanced in the Class Actions are not being transferred to the Litigation Trust; and (ii) the claims transferred to the Litigation Trust shall not be advanced in the Class Actions.

- (ii) Defence Costs Claims;
- (iii) Class Action Indemnity Claims relating to Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims, which are limited to an aggregate of \$150 million, being the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit (discussed in further detail below); and
- (iv) Equity Claims.
- (h) The Plan contemplates specific mechanics for implementation of the restructuring transaction including the distribution of Newco Shares and Newco Notes and the incorporation of SFC Escrow Co. which will be formed to hold Newco Shares and Newco Notes in the Unresolved Claims Reserve and to act as the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent.
- (i) The Plan remains subject to several conditions precedent including, among other things:
  - (i) approval of the Plan by the Required Majority at the Meeting;
  - (ii) the granting of the Sanction Order;
  - all filings under Applicable Laws that are required shall have been made and any regulatory consents or approvals required shall have been obtained including, without limitation (A) any required filings and consents of the securities regulatory authorities in Canada (B) a consultation with the Executive of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission; (C) the submission by the Company and each applicable Sino-Forest 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; and (D) if notification is necessary or desirable under the *Antimonopoly Law of the People's Republic of China* and its implementation rules, the submission of such filings and the acceptance and/or approval thereof by the competent Chinese authority; and



- (iv) the completion of satisfactory due diligence by the ICNs prior to the Sanction Hearing.
- 62. The Plan filed on October 19, 2012 contained a number of changes to the August 14 Draft Plan. Reference should be made to the Plan and the Information Statement for the details of the Plan. Briefly, a summary of some of the significant changes is as follows:<sup>23</sup>
  - (a) Insurance
    - (i) A number of changes to section 2.4 of the Plan were made in consultation with various constituencies including counsel to the Ontario and Quebec Plaintiffs as well as the Company's insurers.
  - (b) Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims and Conspiracy Claims.
    - (i) References previously to "Retained D&O Claims" now refer to Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims and Conspiracy Claims.<sup>24</sup>
  - (c) Mechanics of Distribution.
    - (i) A number of changes regarding the mechanics of distribution were made to the Plan following consultation with the Monitor and representatives of the Trustees. The Monitor is further entitled to seek directions from the Court with respect to any matter relating to the implementation of the Plan, including with respect to the distribution mechanics provided for under the Plan.
  - (d) SFC Escrow Co.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> "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. "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.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> The summary provided herein is for informational purposes only. In the event of any inconsistency between the summary set out in this Report and the Plan, the Plan shall govern.

- (i) SFC Escrow Co. shall be incorporated prior to the Plan Implementation Date under the laws of the Cayman Islands or such other jurisdiction as may be agreed to by SFC, the Monitor and the ICNs. SFC Escrow Co. shall be incorporated for the purpose of holding, in escrow, the Unresolved Claims Reserve.
- (e) Releases. Significant changes were made to the Plan releases. The Plan now contemplates that the following will be specifically released:
  - (i) 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) of the Plan) and Noteholder Class Action Claims (other than the Continuing Noteholder Class Action Claims);
  - (ii) 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;
  - (iii) 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);
  - (iv) 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) of the Plan and the injunctions set out in section 7.3 of the Plan;



- (v) any portion or amount of or 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;
- (vi) 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 to the extent that such Class Action Indemnity Claims exceed the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit;
- any and all demands, claims, actions, causes of action, counterclaims, (vii) 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, against Newco, the directors and officers of Newco, 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;

any and all demands, claims, actions, causes of action, counterclaims, (viii) 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, against Newco, the directors and officers of Newco, 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 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, the Newco Shares, the Newco Notes, the Litigation Trust or the Litigation Trust Interests, as the case may be;

(ix) 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, 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

- (x) all Subsidiary Intercompany Claims as against SFC (which are assumed by Newco pursuant to the Plan).
- (f) Claims Not Released. The following are specifically not released under the Plan:
  - (i) SFC of its obligations under the Plan and the Sanction Order;
  - (ii) 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 of the Plan);
  - (iii) 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 4.9(e) of the Plan;
  - (iv) 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 4.4(b)(i) of the Plan;



- (v) 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) of the Plan and the releases set out in section 7.1(e) of the Plan and the injunctions set out in section 7.3 of the Plan;
- (vi) Newco from any liability to the applicable Subsidiaries in respect of the Subsidiary Intercompany Claims assumed by Newco pursuant to section 6.4(n) of the Plan;
- (vii) the Subsidiaries from any liability to Newco in respect of the SFC Intercompany Claims conveyed to Newco pursuant to section 6.4(m) of the Plan;
- (viii) 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 of the Plan and released pursuant to section 7.1(b) of the Plan;
- (ix) 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) of the Plan;
- (x) 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 of the Plan;

- (xi) insurers from their obligations under insurance policies; and
- (xii) any Released Party for fraud or criminal conduct.
- (g) Sanction Order. In addition to the previously enumerated items set out in the August 14 Draft Plan, the Plan now contemplates that the Sanction Order shall:
  - (i) Confirm that the Court was satisfied that (A) 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; (B) prior to the hearing, all of the Affected Creditors and all other Persons on the service list were given adequate notice thereof;
  - (ii) Declare that in no circumstance will the Monitor have any liability for any of SFC's tax liability regardless of how or when such liability may have arisen;
  - (iii) 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.

Additionally, as set out in paragraph 46 of the draft Sanction Order contained in the Plan Supplement (defined below), the Sanction Order now provides that any Unresolved Claims in excess of \$1 million shall not be accepted or resolved without further Order of the Court. Further, the Sanction Order also provides that all parties with Unresolved Claims shall have standing in any proceeding with respect to the determination or status of any other Unresolved Claim.

(h) Alternative Sale Transaction.



- The Plan provides that, at any time prior to the implementation of the (i) Plan, SFC may, with the consent of the ICNs, complete a sale of all or substantially all of the SFC Assets on terms that are acceptable to the ICNs (an "Alternative Sale Transaction"), provided that any such Alternative Sale Transaction has been approved by the Court pursuant to section 36 of the CCAA on notice to the service list:
- (ii) In the event that an Alternative Sale Transaction is completed, the terms and conditions of the Plan would continue to apply subject to certain conditions identified in the Plan.
- (i) Expense Reimbursement. The Plan provides that the "Expense Reimbursement" shall now also include a work fee of up to \$5 million to the ICNs.

### The Plan Supplement<sup>25</sup>

- 63. On November 21, 2012, the Company issued its plan supplement (the "Plan Supplement").<sup>26</sup> Details regarding the publication and distribution of the Plan Supplement are set out below in the section entitled "Notice of the Plan".
- 64. The Plan Supplement provides further detail regarding the Plan including:
  - a summary of the terms of the Litigation Trust; (a)
  - a draft copy of the Litigation Trust Agreement; (b)
  - (c) a draft of the Sanction Order;
  - a summary of certain information concerning Newco, including information (d) relating to Newco's governance and management and a summary of the terms of the Newco Shares;
  - a description of the terms of the Newco Notes; (e)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> The summary provided herein is for informational purposes only. In the event of any inconsistency between the summary set out in this Report and the Plan Supplement, the Plan Supplement shall govern.

26 See Appendix E for a copy of the Plan Supplement.

- (f) a summary of the constitution and governance of SFC Escrow Co.; and
- (g) information concerning certain of the Reserves.

### The Litigation Trust

- 65. The Litigation Trust will be created pursuant to the Plan on the Plan Implementation Date. Pursuant to the Litigation Trust Agreement, the Litigation Trustee will hold the Litigation Trust Claims and the other Litigation Trust Assets for the benefit of Affected Creditors with Proven Claims and the Noteholder Class Action Claimants entitled to receive Litigation Trust Interests under the Plan.
- 66. On the Plan Implementation Date, the Litigation Trust Claims will be transferred to the Litigation Trustee. Upon the creation of the Litigation Trust, the Company will transfer the Litigation Funding Amount to the Litigation Trustee to finance the operations of the Litigation Trust. The amount of the Litigation Funding Amount is subject to ongoing discussion.
- 67. The Litigation Trustee will be determined by the Company and the ICNs (with the consent of the Monitor) prior to the Plan Implementation Date. The litigation trust board (the "Litigation Trust Board") will be established and consist of three (3) persons and will make decisions based on a majority vote of the Litigation Trust Board members. The Litigation Trust Board will have the right to direct and remove the Litigation Trustee in accordance with the Litigation Trust Agreement and will have the right to operate and manage the Litigation Trust in a manner not inconsistent with the Litigation Trust Agreement. The parties have not yet determined who will serve as the members of the Litigation Trust Board.
- 68. Subject to the terms of the Litigation Trust Agreement, the Litigation Trustee, upon the direction of the Litigation Trust Board, will prosecute the Litigation Trust Claims and preserve and enhance the value of the Litigation Trust Assets.

### Information Regarding Newco

69. As set out in the Plan, the Information Statement and the Plan Supplement:



- (a) Newco will be incorporated as an exempt company under the laws of the Cayman Islands.
- (b) Newco will have share capital consisting of a single class of voting shares, being Newco Shares. Newco Shares may be divided into different classes subject to requisite shareholder approvals. Also with requisite shareholder approvals, Newco may issue equity securities having a preference over Newco Shares.
- (c) Newco is not and will not be, following the Plan Implementation Date, a reporting issuer in any jurisdiction and the Newco Shares will not be listed on any stock exchange or quotation service on the Plan Implementation Date.
- (d) Subject to preferences for receipt of dividends that may be accorded to holders of other classes of shares of Newco, dividends may be declared by the board from time to time in equal amounts per share on the Newco Shares.
- (e) Newco will hold its first annual general meeting of shareholders no earlier than 12 months following the Plan Implementation Date, with subsequent annual general meetings to be held annually thereafter.
- (f) The board of Newco will initially consist of up to five (5) directors, who will be satisfactory to the ICNs. The ad hoc committee of Noteholders and its advisors are reviewing potential candidates for appointment to the Newco board of directors and senior management. It is intended that the directors and senior management of Newco will be appointed on or prior to the Plan Implementation Date.
- (g) Newco will deliver to each shareholder (i) copies of Newco's annual financial statements within 180 days of each fiscal year end; and (b) copies of Newco's semi-annual financial statements within 90 days of the end of each financial half-year. The board of directors will have the discretion to determine whether or not to obtain an audit of the annual financial statements.



- (h) Prior to the Plan Implementation Date, it is intended that Newco will organize a wholly-owned subsidiary as an exempt company under the laws of the Cayman Islands ("Newco II") for the purposes of acquiring from Newco the SFC Assets to be transferred by the Company to Newco on the implementation of the Plan. The transfer of the SFC Assets to Newco II is intended to facilitate the resolution of any tax, jurisdictional or other issues that may arise out of a subsequent sale of all or substantially all of Newco's assets.
- (i) Newco will be named "Evergreen China Holdings Ltd." and Newco II will be named "Evergreen China Holdings II Ltd."

### Description of Newco Notes

- 70. As set out in the Plan, the Information Statement and the Plan Supplement:
  - (a) The principal aggregate amount of the Newco Notes will be \$300 million.
  - (b) The Newco Notes will:
    - (i) constitute general obligations of Newco;
    - (ii) mature on the date that is seven (7) years after the Original Issue Date (as defined in the Plan Supplement) unless redeemed earlier pursuant to the terms of the Newco Notes indenture;
    - (iii) be subject to interest on the Newco Notes which will be payable in cash or, at Newco's election, partially in cash and partially in kind notes or entirely in PIK Notes (as defined in the Plan Supplement);
    - (iv) be subject to guarantees and pledges granted by various of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries on terms similar to the guarantees and pledges granted on the existing Notes; and
    - (v) be subject to several terms and conditions that are similar to the terms of the existing Note indentures.



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Information regarding SFC Escrow Co.

71. SFC Escrow Co. will be incorporated prior to the Plan Implementation Date under the laws of the Cayman Islands or such other jurisdiction as may be agreed by the Company, the Monitor and the ICNs. SFC Escrow Co. will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and the sole director of SFC Escrow Co. will be Codan Services (Cayman) Limited or such other person as may be agreed by the Company, the Monitor and the ICNs.

72. SFC Escrow Co. is being formed to serve as the Unresolved Claims Escrow Agent and to facilitate the implementation of the Plan as the holder of the assets in the Unresolved Claims Reserve. SFC Escrow Co. will also administer the Undeliverable Distributions in accordance with the Plan.

Information and other Amounts relating to the Plan

73. The Plan Supplement contains information regarding the Reserves (defined below). Notably, the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit has been established at \$150 million. The Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit has been agreed to by the Ontario Plaintiffs and the Quebec Plaintiffs and it means that no Third Party Defendant can have liability to the Plaintiffs in the Class Actions for Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims beyond that limit. As such, the maximum liability of the Company in respect of any Class Action Indemnity Claims asserted by the Third Party Defendants against the Company is similarly limited.

74. The balance of the Reserves is discussed in the section below entitled "Reserves".

### THE RESERVES<sup>27</sup>

The Cash Reserves

75. The terms of the Plan provide for the creation of a number of cash reserves upon Plan Implementation. Those cash reserves are as follows (the "Cash Reserves"):

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Capitalized terms used in this section and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Plan.



- (a) Administration Charge Reserve The Administration Charge Reserve is intended to cover any claims which are covered by the Administration Charge (as defined in and established by the Initial Order). The beneficiaries of the Initial Order include the Monitor, HL, and counsel for the Company, the Monitor, the board and the ICNs. It is anticipated that most or all of outstanding fees of these advisors will be paid prior to or upon the Plan Implementation Date. As such, it is not anticipated that much or any of the amount of the Administration Charge Reserve will be required to satisfy any outstanding claims. The amount for funding the Administration Charge, if any, is subject to ongoing discussion.
- (b) Directors' Charge Reserve<sup>28</sup> The Directors' Charge Reserve is intended to cover any claims of the directors for amounts covered by the directors' indemnity contained in the Initial Order. The amount, if any, of the Directors' Charge Reserve is subject to ongoing discussion.
- (c) Unaffected Claims Reserve The Unaffected Claims Reserve is intended to provide for payment of Unaffected Claims under the Plan. The amount of the Unaffected Claims Reserve will be calculated based on the Company's and the Monitor's estimate of the Unaffected Claims which may not be paid upon the Plan implementation or which are not otherwise accounted for in the other Cash Reserves. The calculation of the Unaffected Claims Reserve is subject to ongoing discussion.
- (d) Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve After implementation of the Plan, it is anticipated that there will be ongoing items to be addressed within the CCAA Proceedings including the administration of the SFC estate and the claims procedure. The Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve is intended to provide funds to carry out these items. The amount of the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve is subject to ongoing discussion.
- 76. As set out above, the appropriate amounts for the Cash Reserves is subject to ongoing discussion. As set out in the Plan, the amounts of the Cash Reserves are to be confirmed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Pursuant to the Initial Order, the amount of the Directors' Charge is \$3.2 million.



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as part of the Sanction Order. The Monitor intends to provide further information prior to the Sanction Hearing with respect to the calculation and proposed amounts of the Cash Reserves.

- 77. Pursuant to the Plan, the Monitor will hold and administer the monies used to fund the Cash Reserves. Pursuant to section 5.7 of the Plan, excess funds in the Administration Charge Reserve, the Directors' Charge Reserve and the Unaffected Claims Reserve will be transferred to the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve.
- 78. The Monitor may, at any time and from time to time in its sole discretion, release amounts from the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve to Newco. Once the Monitor has determined that the cash remaining in the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve is no longer necessary for administering the Company or the Claims Procedure, the Monitor shall forthwith transfer any such remaining cash to Newco.

### The Unresolved Claims Reserve

- 79. In addition to the Cash Reserves, the Plan also contemplates the establishment of an Unresolved Claims Reserve (together with the Cash Reserves, the "Reserves"), constituting Newco Shares and Newco Notes (and any distributed Litigation Trust Interests) which will be held in escrow by SFC Escrow Co. pending the resolution of Unresolved Claims. The proposed amount of the Unresolved Claims Reserve will be Newco Shares and Newco Notes sufficient to satisfy distributions on a pro rata basis in respect of the Unresolved Claims (the "Unresolved Claims Reserve Consideration"). The Unresolved Claims Reserve Consideration will be held by SFC Escrow Co. and will be released out of the Unresolved Claims Reserve in accordance with the Plan if and when any such Unresolved Claims become Proven Claims.
- 80. The anticipated Unresolved Claims that will have recourse to the Unresolved Claims Reserve in accordance with the Plan are primarily:
  - (a) Indemnity Claims by the Third Party Defendants in respect of Noteholder Class Action Indemnity Claims up \$150 million, being the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit;



- (b) Indemnity Claims by Directors and Officers in respect OSC Monetary Claims; and
- (c) Defence Costs Claims (as defined in the Meeting Order).
- The appropriate amount of the Unresolved Claims Reserve as it relates to OSC Monetary Claims and Defence Costs Claims is subject to ongoing discussion. The Monitor is of the view that the fact that reserve amounts for OSC Monetary Claims and Defence Costs Claims have not yet been determined does not affect the exercise of any voting rights of potential beneficiaries of the Unresolved Claims Reserve from voting on the Plan because the reserve amount is not, in itself tied to the amounts that persons will be entitled to vote. Instead, the proposed calculation and treatment of these Claims for voting purposes is discussed below in the section entitled "Meeting of the Affected Creditor Class". The Monitor does intend to provide a further report with respect to the amount of the Unresolved Claims Reserve in advance of the Sanction Hearing.

### NOTICE AND MAILING OF THE PLAN<sup>29</sup>

- 82. The Meeting Order contemplated a process for the declaration of a Mailing Date and providing notice and mailing of the Meeting Materials to Noteholders and Ordinary Affected Creditors.
- 83. The original outside date for the Mailing Date was September 20, 2012 provided that such date could be extended by the Monitor with the consent of the Company and the ICNs. In accordance with the Meeting Order, the outside date for the Mailing Date was extended a number of times with the consent of the Company and the ICNs. The Mailing Date was ultimately set as October 24, 2012.
- 84. The Monitor, in consultation with the Company and the ICNs, also determined that the originally proposed process for the mailing of the Noteholder Meeting Materials was not the most efficient process for mailing. In that regard, on October 24, 2012, the Monitor sought and obtained an Order (the "Revised Noteholder Mailing Process Order")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Capitalized terms used in this section and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Meeting Order.



providing for the approval of a revised noteholder mailing process as set out in its Eleventh Report dated October 24, 2012 (the "**Eleventh Report**").

- 85. In accordance with the Meeting Order and the Revised Noteholder Mailing Process Order, the Notice of the Creditors' Meeting was provided as follows:
  - (a) An electronic copy of the Notice to Affected Creditors, the Plan and the Information Circular (in the form provided by the Company as at the date of the Meeting Order) were posted on the Monitor's website on September 5, 2012;
  - (b) The Ordinary Affected Creditor Meeting Materials were delivered by courier or email to each of the Ordinary Affected Creditors with a Voting Claim and/or an Unresolved Claim on October 24, 2012;
  - (c) The Ordinary Affected Creditor Meeting Materials were also delivered by email to the service list in the CCAA Proceedings on October 24, 2012;
  - (d) The Noteholder Meeting Materials were delivered by courier or email to the Trustees (as defined in the Plan) and DTC on October 24, 2012; and
  - (e) The Noteholder Meeting Materials were delivered to Registered Noteholders via Globic Advisors ("**Globic**") on October 24, 2012 and as described further in the Eleventh Report.<sup>30</sup>
- 86. On November 21, 2012, the Plan Supplement and the Voting Procedures (defined below) were distributed as follows:
  - (a) An electronic copy of the Plan Supplement and the Voting Procedures were posted on the Monitor's website on November 21, 2012;
  - (b) The Plan Supplement and the Voting Procedures were delivered by email to each of the Ordinary Affected Creditors with a Voting Claim and/or an Unresolved Claim on November 21, 2012;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> See Appendix O for a copy of Globic's Mailing Certificate (Mailing Materials).



- (c) The Plan Supplement and the Voting Procedures were also delivered by email to the service list in the CCAA Proceedings on November 21, 2012;
- (d) The Plan Supplement and the Voting Procedures were delivered by email to the Trustees and DTC on November 21, 2012; and
- The Plan Supplement and the Voting Procedures were delivered to Registered (e) Noteholders via Globic on November 21, 2012. 31
- 87. To the extent there are any amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements to the Plan Supplement, subject to the terms of the Plan:
  - (a) The Monitor, the Company or the Chair shall communicate the details of any such amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements to Affected Creditors present at the Meeting prior to any vote being taken;
  - The Monitor shall post an electronic copy of any such amendments, restatements, (b) modifications and/or supplements on the Website forthwith and in any event prior to the Sanction Hearing.

### MEETING OF THE AFFECTED CREDITORS CLASS<sup>32</sup>

Meeting Date

88. The Meeting has been scheduled for November 29, 2012 at the offices of Bennett Jones LLP. In the event that the Court of Appeal decision is not released prior to November 29, 2012, the Meeting will be adjourned in accordance with the direction of the Court of Appeal.

See Appendix P for a copy of Globic's Mailing Certificate (Plan Supplement and Voting Procedures).
 Capitalized terms used in this section and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Plan or Meeting Order, as applicable.



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### Voting of Claims

- 89. The determination as to which Persons will have Voting Claims and/or Unresolved Claims to vote at the Meeting has been determined with regard to the provisions of the Meeting Order and the classification and treatment of Persons under the Plan.
- 90. Pursuant to paragraph 39 of the Meeting Order, the only Persons entitled to vote at the Meeting are:
  - (a) Beneficial Noteholders with Voting Claims that have beneficial ownership of one or more Notes as at the Voting Record Date;<sup>33</sup> and
  - Ordinary Affected Creditors with Voting Claims as at the Voting Record Date. (b)
- 91. The Meeting Order also provides that:
  - any Affected Creditor with an Unresolved Claim (including Defence Costs (a) Claims) as at the Voting Record Date is entitled to attend the Meeting and shall be entitled to one vote at the Meeting in respect of such Unresolved Claim. Votes cast in respect of Unresolved Claims will be recorded separately by the Monitor and the Monitor will provide a report on the votes cast in respect of Unresolved Claims at the Sanction Hearing; and
  - (b) each of the Third Party Defendants will be entitled to one vote as a member of the Affected Creditors Class in respect of any Class Action Indemnity Claim that it has properly filed in respect of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims, provided that the aggregate value of all such Class Action Indemnity Claims shall, for voting purposes, be deemed to be limited to the amount of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit.<sup>34</sup>
- 92. Pursuant to paragraph 54 of the Meeting Order, the following Persons are not entitled to vote at the Meeting:

The Voting Record Date is August 31, 2012.
 As set out in the Plan Supplement the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit is \$150 million.



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- (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 Class Action Indemnity Claims related to 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.
- 93. As set out above, the Plan further provides that the Claims of the Third Party Defendants other than Class Action Indemnity Claims related to Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims and Defence Costs Claims, are Equity Claims.
- 94. On November 21, 2012, the Monitor issued a notice of voting procedures (the "Voting Procedures")<sup>35</sup> setting out the guidelines for tabulating and recording votes of Voting Claims and Unresolved Claims at the Meeting. A summary of the Voting Procedures is as follows:
  - (a) Pursuant to paragraph 39 of the Meeting Order, persons entitled to vote at the Meeting (whether in person or by proxy) are as follows:
    - (i) Beneficial Noteholders with Voting Claims as at the Voting Record Date; and
    - (ii) Ordinary Affected Creditors with Voting Claims as at the Voting Record Date.
  - (b) Pursuant to paragraph 54 of the Meeting Order, persons not entitled to vote at the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> See Appendix N for a copy of the Voting Procedures.



### Meeting include:

- (i) Unaffected Creditors;
- (ii) Noteholder Class Action Claimants;
- (iii) Equity Claimants;
- (iv) Any Person with a D&O Claim;
- (v) 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);
- (vi) Any Person with a Subsidiary Intercompany Claim; and
- (vii) Any other Person asserting Claims against the Company whose Claims do not constitute Affected Creditor Claims on the Voting Record Date.
- (c) Unless specifically provided for in the Plan and/or the Meeting Order, place holder Claims will not be entitled to a vote.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) For greater certainty, the Claims of the Third Party Defendants will be treated in accordance with section 4.7 of the Plan, as follows:



- (i) Class Action Indemnity Claims in respect of Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims will be entitled to vote as set out above;
- Defence Costs Claims will be entitled to vote as set out above; and (ii)
- (iii) the balance of the Third Party Defendants' Claims are Equity Claims and not entitled to vote.
- 95. As such, the Third Party Defendants will be permitted to vote their Defence Costs Claims and Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims as contemplated by the Meeting Order. The result of those votes will be recorded by the Monitor and reported on at the Sanction Hearing. The balance of the Third Party Defendants' Claims are classified as Equity Claims and therefore not entitled to vote.
- 96. To the extent that Persons believe that the classification and tabulation of their votes has been incorrectly or unfairly tabulated by the Monitor, such Persons are entitled to appear and make such objections at the Sanction Hearing.

### SANCTION OF THE PLAN<sup>36</sup>

To the extent that the Plan is approved by the Required Majority at the Meeting, the 97. Company intends to seek an Order (the "Sanction Order")<sup>37</sup> sanctioning of the Plan at a motion scheduled for December 7 and 10, 2012 (the "Sanction Hearing"). The following sections set out the Monitor's analysis on the Plan and the basis for its recommendation that the Plan be approved by creditors and sanctioned by the Court.

#### Alternatives to the Plan

- 98. In arriving at its recommendation, the Monitor has considered the possible alternatives to the Plan.
- 99. The RSA was negotiated to provide a restructuring solution acceptable to the Company and the ICNs. Further support was then solicited and approximately 72% (with more than 66.67% of the principal amount of each of the four (4) series of Notes) of the



Capitalized terms used in this section and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Plan.
 See Exhibit G to the Plan Supplement (Appendix E to this Thirteenth Report) for a draft Sanction Order.

Noteholders (including the ICNs) provided their support through the execution of joinder agreements. However, alternatives to the restructuring transaction contemplated by the RSA were explored. Specifically, a court-approved sale process was undertaken to determine whether the Sino-Forest business could be sold. The baseline Qualified Consideration was less than the full amount of the principal outstanding amount of the Notes. As set out above, no interested party provided a letter of intent indicating such interest.

- 100. The Monitor believes that the canvassing of the market during the Sale Process was thorough. The Company has now been in the CCAA Proceedings for almost eight (8) months and no other viable alternatives have been proposed by any interested party willing to participate in the CCAA process. At the same time, the Sino-Forest Business in the PRC is effectively frozen and the Company continues to burn through its remaining cash and cannot afford to continue with this process for much longer.
- 101. Given the failure of the Sale Process and the lack of other viable alternative proposals, the Monitor has concluded that, other than the Plan, the only possible alternative for the Company is liquidation (discussed in the next section).

### *Liquidation or Bankruptcy*

- 102. The core of the issues facing the Company and Sino-Forest relate to the existence, ownership and value of the Sino-Forest assets (primarily standing timber located in the PRC). The MW Report called these items into question as have the Class Actions and the investigation by the OSC. Significant time and resources have been spent investigating these issues.
- 103. The Company itself is a holding company with little or no assets other than cash on hand and its interests in its direct and indirect subsidiaries. Any bankruptcy or liquidation of assets would have to take place under the laws of the jurisdiction of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries and/or the location of the assets (i.e. such as the BVI, Hong Kong and the PRC).



- 104. Although the Monitor is not an expert in the liquidation of BVI, HK or PRC entities, the Monitor has previously disclosed various issues regarding the Sino-Forest Business and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries in the Sixth Report and the Tenth Report and it is apparent that the issues in a liquidation of Sino-Forest would include, among others:
  - (a) The collectability of receivables;
  - (b) Difficulties in accessing standing timber absent cooperation from suppliers;
  - (c) Difficulties in establishing title to standing timber where intermediaries have deregistered or are uncooperative;
  - (d) Difficulty in dealing with the claims against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries which have been identified in the Claims Process; and
  - (e) Legal difficulties in exporting cash out of the PRC.
- 105. In the event of a liquidation or bankruptcy of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, it is unlikely that any value would be realized by the Company on account of its equity interest in the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries.

### The Scope of Releases

- 106. As set out above, section 7.1 of the Plan contemplates a number of specific plan releases. The Monitor has reviewed the releases and believes that they are fair and reasonable in the circumstances. Specifically, the Monitor notes the following:
  - (a) Claims, and D&O Indemnity Claims against the Company are released, which is standard for a CCAA plan;
  - (b) The Claims of the Noteholders and the Third Party Defendants against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries are released (the "Subsidiary Releases");
  - (c) Unaffected claims and claims which cannot be compromised pursuant to the CCAA are not compromised or released under the Plan;



- (d) Class Action Indemnity Claims in respect of Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims against the Company are released beyond the Noteholder Class Action Limit, however, the liability of the Third Party Defendants for any such Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims is also limited to a maximum amount of the Noteholder Class Action Limit;
- (e) Except as set out below, D&O Claims are released against only the Named Directors and Officers (as set out in the Plan);
- (f) D&O Claims against any other Directors and Officers (other than the Named Directors and Officers) are not released;
- (g) D&O Claims which cannot be released pursuant to section 5.1(2) of the CCAA (i.e. Section 5.1(2) D&O Claims) are not released against any Directors and Officers (although recovery against Named Directors and Officers is limited to insurance proceeds);
- (h) Conspiracy Claims are not released against any Directors and Officers (although recovery against Named Directors and Officers is limited to insurance proceeds); and
- (i) Non-monetary claims of the OSC are not released.
- 107. In addition to the foregoing, Class Action Claims and Claims of the Third Party Defendants against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries are compromised and released pursuant to the Plan.
- 108. The Monitor has reviewed and discussed the proposed releases with the Company at length and believes them to be fair and reasonable in the circumstances. In coming to this conclusion the Monitor has taken many factors into account including:
  - (a) The standard for releases relating to CCAA debtors and professionals in CCAA plans generally;



- (b) The impact of the Equity Claims Decision on the Claims and D&O Indemnity Claims;
- (c) The non-opposition of the Plaintiffs to the Plan, including the treatment of their Claims, D&O Claims, the amount of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit and the releases;
- (d) The benefit of the imposition of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit to the Third Party Defendants inasmuch as it is effectively a partial release for the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims;
- (e) The fact that the releases related to D&O Claims do not purport to provide releases which are prohibited by the CCAA;
- (f) The fact that the releases related to D&O Claims extend only to Named Directors and Officers;
- (g) The Subsidiary Releases are necessary in order to achieve the goal of allowing the Sino-Forest Business to continue free of the cloud of uncertainty caused by the litigation claims and is required by the ICNs as a condition to the Plan. Further, the assets of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries are effectively being contributed to the assets available for transfer to Newco to satisfy their obligations under the guarantees of the Notes this will benefit not only the Noteholders but also any other creditor who is ultimately determined to have a *pari passu* claim against the Company; and
- (h) The impact of liquidation if the Plan is not approved.

### Statutory Compliance of the Plan

109. The Monitor is not aware of any Claims that are being compromised under the Plan which are prohibited from being compromised pursuant to the CCAA.



#### RECOMMENDATION AND CONCLUSIONS

- 110. The Monitor's Twelfth Report dated November 16, 2012 attaches the Company's proposed cash flow forecast (the "November 3 Forecast") for its stay extension request to February 1, 2013. The November 3 Forecast projects that the Company will have sufficient funds to the proposed stay extension date. However, as set out above and is further evidenced by the November 3 Forecast, the Company continues to burn cash and cannot afford to remain in a CCAA process for much longer.
- 111. At this time, the only alternative to liquidation is the Plan. The Plan is acceptable to the ICNs (and those Noteholders that signed joinder agreements) who, in total, consist of the vast majority of the Company's funded debt. The Plan further provides actual and tangible benefits to the Third Party Defendants (such as the imposition of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit) and the Plaintiffs have indicated the Plan is acceptable to them. All of these factors and those set out in the above sections inform the Monitor's conclusion that the Plan provides the best viable alternative to the Company's creditors.
- 112. Accordingly, the Monitor respectfully recommends that this Honourable Court grant the Company's request for sanction of the Plan.



Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2012.

FTI Consulting Canada Inc. In its capacity as Monitor of

Sind-Forest Corporation, and not in its personal capacity

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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 OR ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

## ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (Commercial List)

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## APPENDIX "D" - THE MONITOR'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE THIRTEENTH REPORT DATED DECEMBER 4, 2012 (WITHOUT APPENDICES)

(See Attached)



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### **Sino-Forest Corporation**

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE THIRTEENTH REPORT OF THE MONITOR

**December 4, 2012** 



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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 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 million<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

- (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 Claims<sup>3</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "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.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 4.4(b) of the Plan, among other things, establishes the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit.

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



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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 Defendants<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Eligible Third Party Defendants are the Underwriters, BDO and, if the Ernst & Young Settlement is not completed, Ernst & Young.



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- (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.<sup>5</sup>

### 10. Document Preservation.

- (a) Prior to Plan Implementation, the Company shall:<sup>6</sup>
  - (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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Section 8.2(x)



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 4.4(b)(iii)

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.



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- (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 Claims<sup>7</sup> (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;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 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.



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- (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

- 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	0/0	Value of Votes	%
<b>Total Claims Voting For</b>	250	98.81%	\$ 1,465,766,204	99.97%
<b>Total Claims Voting Against</b>	3	1.19%	\$ 414,087	0.03%
<b>Total Claims Voting</b>	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	<b>Total Votes</b>
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	%
<b>Total Claims Voting For</b>	12	92.31%	\$ 8,375,016	96.10%
<b>Total Claims Voting Against</b>	1	7.69%	\$ 340,000	3.90%
<b>Total Claims Voting</b>	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	%
<b>Total Claims Voting For</b>	263	98.50%	\$ 1,474,149,082	90.72%
<b>Total Claims Voting Against</b>	4	1.50%	\$ 150,754,087	9.28%
<b>Total Claims Voting</b>	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
  - 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

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# ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (Commercial List)

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## APPENDIX "E" - THE MONITOR'S SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE THIRTEENTH REPORT DATED DECEMBER 6, 2012 (WITHOUT APPENDICES)

(See Attached)



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### **Sino-Forest Corporation**

## SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE THIRTEENTH REPORT OF THE MONITOR

December 6, 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

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# SECOND 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 Second Supplemental Report to the Thirteenth Report (the "Second Supplemental Report") is to supplement the Thirteenth Report of the Monitor dated November 22, 2012 (the "Thirteenth Report") as supplemented by the Supplemental Report to the Thirteenth Report dated December 4, 2012 (the "Supplemental Report") by:
  - (a) advising that BDO Limited ("**BDO**") has become a "Named Third Party Defendant" in accordance with section 11.2 of the Plan;
  - (b) attaching the amended plan of compromise and reorganization dated December 3, 2012 (the "**Plan**") along with blacklines to the October 19 Plan and version that was filed with the Supplemental Report dated December 3, 2012 version of the Plan; and
  - (c) reporting on the revised amount of the Unresolved Claims Reserve resulting from the reduction in the Defence Costs Claims Limit from \$12 million to \$8 million.



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 or the Supplemental Report. Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Thirteenth Report are incorporated herein by reference.

### THE PLAN

- 3. On December 5, 2012, BDO, who was an Eligible Third Party Defendant under the Plan, became a Named Third Party Defendant in accordance with section 11.2 of the Plan. On the same date, counsel to BDO sent an email to the CCAA service list advising that BDO is supportive of the Plan. A copy of the email is attached as Appendix A.
- 4. Additionally, small amendments to the Plan have been made to:
  - (a) state that (in addition to Ernst & Young, BDO and the Underwriters), Directors and Officers are "Eligible Third Party Defendants";
  - (b) change the reference to the "Court" to be "court" in the definitions of Named Third Party Defendant Settlement Order and Settlement Trust Order;
  - (c) amend Schedule A to include BDO and Ernst & Young (on a contingent basis) as each as a Named Third Party Defendant; and
  - (d) "clean up" a few non-material sections.
- 5. Attached as Appendices B through D are copies of the revised Plan, a blackline to the draft that was attached to the Supplemental Report and a blackline to the October 19 Plan.

### **DEFENCE COSTS CLAIMS LIMIT**

6. The Supplemental Report set out the Monitor's analysis with respect to the calculation of the Defence Costs Claims Limit, which is a component of the Claims factoring into the calculation of the Unresolved Claims Reserve. As a result of BDO becoming a Named Third Party Defendant, BDO will no longer be entitled to any distributions under the Plan



(see section 7.1(n) of the Plan). As such, the Defence Costs Claims Limit has been reduced from \$12 million to \$8 million. The ICNs have advised that they consent to the revised amount.

7. The amount of the Unresolved Claims Reserve has been reduced accordingly.



Dated this 6th day of December, 2012.

FTI Consulting Canada Inc. In its capacity as Monitor of

Sino-Forest Corporation, and not in its personal capacity

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Senior Managing Director

Jodi Porepa

Managing Director

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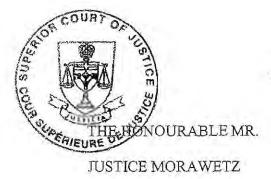
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### APPENDIX "F" - THE CLAIMS PROCEDURE ORDER

(See Attached)



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



# ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

MONDAY, THE 14th
DAY OF MAY, 2012

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

### CLAIMS PROCEDURE ORDER

THIS MOTION, made by Sino-Forest Corporation (the "Applicant") for an order establishing a claims procedure for the identification and determination of certain claims was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Applicant's Notice of Motion, the affidavit of W. Judson Martin sworn on May 2, 2012, the Second Report of FTI Consulting Canada Inc. (the "Monitor") dated April 30, 2012 (the "Monitor's Second Report") and the Supplemental Report to the Monitor's Second Report dated May 12, 2012 (the "Supplemental Report"), and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Applicant, the Applicant's directors, the Monitor, the *ad hoc* committee of Noteholders (the "Ad Hoc Noteholders"), and those other parties present, no one appearing for the other parties served with the Applicant's Motion Record, although duly served as appears from the affidavit of service, filed:

### SERVICE

1. THIS COURT ORDERS that the time for service of the Notice of Motion, the Motion Record, the Monitor's Second Report and the Supplemental Report is hereby abridged and

validated such that this Motion is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

### DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- 2. The following terms shall have the following meanings ascribed thereto:
  - (a) "2013 and 2016 Trustee" means The Bank of New York Mellon, in its capacity as trustee for the 2013 Notes and the 2016 Notes;
  - (b) "2014 and 2017 Trustee" means Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, in its capacity as trustee for the 2014 Notes and the 2017 Notes;
  - (c) "2013 Note Indenture" means the indenture dated as of July 23, 2008, by and between the Applicant, the entities listed as subsidiary guarantors thereto, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented;
  - (d) "2014 Note Indenture" means the indenture dated as of July 27, 2009 entered into by and between the Applicant, the entities listed as subsidiary guarantors thereto, and Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented;
  - (e) "2016 Note Indenture" means the indenture dated as of December 17, 2009, by and between the Applicant, the entities listed as subsidiary guarantors thereto, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented;
  - (f) "2017 Note Indenture" means the indenture dated as of October 21, 2010, by and between the Applicant, the entities listed as subsidiary guarantors thereto, and Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented;
  - (g) "2013 Notes" means the US\$345,000,000 of 5.00% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2013 issued pursuant to the 2013 Note Indenture;

- (h) "2014 Notes" means the US\$399,517,000 of 10.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes

  Due 2014 issued pursuant to the 2014 Note Indenture;
- (i) "2016 Notes" means the US\$460,000,000 of 4.25% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2016 issued pursuant to the 2016 Note Indenture;
- (j) "2017 Notes" means the US\$600,000,000 of 6.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes Due 2017 issued pursuant to the 2017 Note Indenture;
- (k) "Administration Charge" has the meaning given to that term in paragraph 37 of the Initial Order;
- (l) "BIA" means the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, as amended;
- (m) "Business Day" means a day, other than a Saturday or a Sunday, on which banks are generally open for business in Toronto, Ontario;
- (n) "CCAA" means the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended;
- (o) "CCAA Proceedings" means the proceedings commenced by the Applicant in the Court under Court File No. CV-12-9667-00CL;
- (p) "CCAA Service List" means the service list in the CCAA Proceedings posted on the Monitor's Website, as amended from time to time;
- (q) "Claim" means:
  - (i) any right or claim of any Person that may be asserted or made in whole or in part against the Applicant, 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 Directors and Officers) 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 in bankruptcy within the meaning of the BIA had the Applicant become bankrupt on the Filing Date, or an Equity Claim (each a "Prefiling Claim", and collectively, the "Prefiling Claims");

- (ii) a Restructuring Claim; and
- (iii) a Secured Claim;

provided, however, that "Claim" shall not include an Excluded Claim, a D&O Claim or a D&O Indemnity Claim;

(r) "Claimant" means any Person having a Claim, a D&O Claim or a D&O Indemnity Claim and includes the transferee or assignee of a Claim, a D&O Claim or a D&O Indemnity Claim transferred and recognized as a Claimant in accordance with paragraphs 46 and 47 hereof or a trustee, executor, liquidator, receiver, receiver and manager, or other Person acting on behalf of or through such Person;

- (s) "Claimants' Guide to Completing the D&O Proof of Claim" means the guide to completing the D&O Proof of Claim form, in substantially the form attached as Schedule "E-2" hereto;
- (t) "Claimants' Guide to Completing the Proof of Claim" means the guide to completing the Proof of Claim form, in substantially the form attached as Schedule "E" hereto;
- (u) "Claims Bar Date" means June 20, 2012;
- (v) "Class" means the National Class and the Quebec Class;
- (w) "Court" means the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List);
- (x) "Creditors' Meeting" means any meeting of creditors called for the purpose of considering and voting in respect of the Plan, if one is filed, to be scheduled pursuant to further order of the Court;
- (y) "D&O Claim" means, other than an Excluded Claim, (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 that relates to a Claim for which such Directors or Officers are by law liable to pay in their capacity as Directors or Officers, 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, 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) 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 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;

- (z) "D&O Indemnity Claim" means any existing or future right of any Director or Officer against the Applicant which arose or arises as a result of any Person filing a D&O Proof of Claim in respect of such Director or Officer for which such Director or Officer is entitled to be indemnified by the Applicant;
- (aa) "D&O Indemnity Claims Bar Date" has the meaning set forth in paragraph 19 of this Order;
- (bb) "D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim" means the indemnity proof of claim in substantially the form attached as Schedule "F" hereto to be completed and filed by a Director or Officer setting forth its purported D&O Indemnity Claim;
- (cc) "D&O Proof of Claim" means the proof of claim in substantially the form attached as Schedule "D-2" hereto to be completed and filed by a Person setting forth its purported D&O Claim and which shall include all supporting documentation in respect of such purported D&O Claim;
- (dd) "Directors" means 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 the Applicant;
- (ee) "Directors' Charge" has the meaning given to that term in paragraph 26 of the Initial Order;

- (ff) "Dispute Notice" means a written notice to the Monitor, in substantially the form attached as Schedule "B" hereto, delivered to the Monitor by a Person who has received a Notice of Revision or Disallowance, of its intention to dispute such Notice of Revision or Disallowance;
- (gg) "Employee Amounts" means all outstanding wages, salaries and employee benefits (including, employee medical, dental, disability, life insurance and similar benefit plans or arrangements, incentive plans, share compensation plans and employee assistance programs and employee or employer contributions in respect of pension and other benefits), vacation pay, commissions, bonuses and other incentive payments, termination and severance payments, and employee expenses and reimbursements, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing compensation policies and arrangements;
- (hh) "Equity Claim" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(1) of the CCAA;
- (ii) "Excluded Claim" means:
  - (i) any Claims entitled to the benefit of the Administration Charge or the Directors' Charge, or any further charge as may be ordered by the Court;
  - (ii) any Claims of the Subsidiaries against the Applicant;
  - (iii) any Claims of employees of the Applicant as at the Filing Date in respect of Employee Amounts;
  - (iv) any Post-Filing Claims;
  - (v) any Claims of the Ontario Securities Commission; and
  - (vi) any D&O Claims in respect of (i) though (v) above;
- (jj) "Filing Date" means March 30, 2012;

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- (kk) "Government Authority" means a federal, provincial, territorial, municipal or other government or government department, agency or authority (including a court of law) having jurisdiction over the Applicant;
- (ll) "Initial Order" means the Initial order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Morawetz made March 30, 2012 in the CCAA Proceedings, as amended, restated or varied from time to time;

### (mm) "Known Claimants" means:

- (i) any Persons which, based upon the books and records of the Applicant, was owed monies by the Applicant as of the Filing Date and which monies remain unpaid in whole or in part;
- (ii) any Person who has commenced a legal proceeding in respect of a Claim or D&O Claim or given the Applicant written notice of an intention to commence a legal proceeding or a demand for payment in respect of a Claim or D&O Claim, provided that where a lawyer of record has been listed in connection with any such proceedings, the "Known Claimant" for the purposes of any notice required herein or to be given hereunder shall be, in addition to that Person, its lawyer of record; and
- (iii) any Person who is a party to a lease, contract, or other agreement or obligation of the Applicant which was restructured, terminated, repudiated or disclaimed by the Applicant between the Filing Date and the date of this Order;
- (nn) "Monitor's Website" has the meaning set forth in paragraph 12(a) of this Order;
- (00) "National Class" has the meaning given to it in the Fresh As Amended Statement of Claim in the Ontario Class Action;
- (pp) "Note Indenture Trustees" means, collectively, the 2013 and 2016 Trustee and the 2014 and 2017 Trustee;

- (qq) "Notes" means, collectively, the 2013 Notes, the 2014 Notes, the 2016 Notes, and the 2017 Notes;
- (rr) "Noteholder" means a registered or beneficial holder on or after the Filing Date of a Note in that capacity, and, for greater certainty, does not include former registered or beneficial holders of Notes;
- (ss) "Notice of Revision or Disallowance" means a notice, in substantially the form attached as Schedule "A" hereto, advising a Person that the Monitor has revised or disallowed all or part of such Person's purported Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim set out in such Person's Proof of Claim, D&O Proof of Claim or D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim;
- (tt) "Notice to Claimants" means the notice to Claimants for publication in substantially the form attached as Schedule "C" hereto;
- (uu) "Officers" means 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 the Applicant;
- (vv) "Ontario Class Action: means the action commenced against the Applicant and others in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, bearing (Toronto) Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP;
- (ww) "Ontario Plaintiffs" means the Trustees of the Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada and the other named Plaintiffs in the Ontario Class Action;
- (xx) "Person" is to be broadly interpreted and includes any individual, firm, corporation, limited or unlimited liability company, general or limited partnership, association, trust, unincorporated organization, joint venture, Government Authority or any agency, regulatory body, officer or instrumentality thereof or any other entity, wherever situate or domiciled, and whether or not having legal status, and whether acting on their own or in a representative capacity;

- (yy) "Plan" means any proposed plan of compromise or arrangement filed in respect of the Applicant pursuant to the CCAA as the same may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time in accordance with its terms;
- (zz) "Post-Filing Claims" means any claims against the Applicant that arose from the provision of authorized goods and services provided or otherwise incurred on or after the Filing Date in the ordinary course of business, but specifically excluding any Restructuring Claim;
- (aaa) "Proof of Claim" means the proof of claim in substantially the form attached as Schedule "D" hereto to be completed and filed by a Person setting forth its purported Claim and which shall include all supporting documentation in respect of such purported Claim;
- (bbb) "Proof of Claim Document Package" means a document package that includes a copy of the Notice to Claimants, the Proof of Claim form, the D&O Proof of Claim form, the Claimants' Guide to Completing the Proof of Claim form, the Claimants' Guide to Completing the D&O Proof of Claim form, and such other materials as the Monitor, in consultation with the Applicant, may consider appropriate or desirable;
- (ccc) "Proven Claim" means the amount and Status of a Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim of a Claimant as determined in accordance with this Order;
- (ddd) "Quebec Class" has the meaning given to it in the statement of claim in the Quebec Class Action;
- (eee) "Quebec Class Action" means the action commenced against the Applicant and others in the Quebec Superior Court, bearing Court File No. 200-06-000132-111;
- (fff) "Quebec Plaintiffs" means Guining Liu and the other named plaintiffs in the Quebec Class Action;
- (ggg) "Restructuring Claim" means any right or claim of any Person that may be asserted or made in whole or in part against the Applicant, 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 this Order;

- (hhh) "Restructuring Claims Bar Date" means, in respect of a Restructuring Claim, the later of (i) the Claims Bar Date, and (ii) 30 days after a Person is deemed to receive a Proof of Claim Document Package pursuant to paragraph 12(e) hereof.
- (iii) "Secured Claim" means that portion of a Claim that is (i) secured by security validly charging or encumbering property or assets of the Applicant (including statutory and possessor liens that create security interests) up to the value of such collateral, and (ii) duly and properly perfected in accordance with the relevant legislation in the appropriate jurisdiction as of the Filing Date;
- (jjj) "Status" means, with respect to a Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim, or a purported Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim, whether such claim is secured or unsecured; and
- (kkk) "Subsidiaries" means all direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Applicant other than Greenheart Group Limited (Bermuda) and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, and "Subsidiary" means any one of the Subsidiaries.
- 3. THIS COURT ORDERS that all references as to time herein shall mean local time in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and any reference to an event occurring on a Business Day shall mean prior to 5:00 p.m. on such Business Day unless otherwise indicated herein.
- 4. THIS COURT ORDERS that all references to the word "including" shall mean "including without limitation".
- 5. THIS COURT ORDERS that all references to the singular herein include the plural, the plural include the singular, and any gender includes the other gender.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 6. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, in consultation with the Applicant, is hereby authorized to use reasonable discretion as to the adequacy of compliance with respect to the manner in which forms delivered hereunder are completed and executed, and may, where it is satisfied that a Claim, a D&O Claim or a D&O Indemnity Claim has been adequately proven, waive strict compliance with the requirements of this Order as to completion and execution of such forms and to request any further documentation from a Person that the Monitor, in consultation with the Applicant, may require in order to enable it to determine the validity of a Claim, a D&O Claim or a D&O Indemnity Claim.
- 7. THIS COURT ORDERS that if any purported Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim arose in a currency other than Canadian dollars, then the Person making the purported Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim shall complete its Proof of Claim, D&O Proof of Claim or D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim, as applicable, indicating the amount of the purported Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim in such currency, rather than in Canadian dollars or any other currency. The Monitor shall subsequently calculate the amount of such purported Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim in Canadian Dollars, using the Reuters closing rate on the Filing Date (as found at http://www.reuters.com/finance/currencies), without prejudice to a different exchange rate being proposed in any Plan.
- 8. THIS COURT ORDERS that a Person making a purported Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim shall complete its Proof of Claim, D&O Proof of Claim or Indemnity Proof of Claim, as applicable, indicating the amount of the purported Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim without including any interest and penalties that would otherwise accrue after the Filing Date.
- 9. THIS COURT ORDERS that the form and substance of each of the Notice of Revision or Disallowance, Dispute Notice, Notice to Claimants, the Proof of Claim, the D&O Proof of Claim, the Claimants' Guide to Completing the Proof of Claim, the Claimants' Guide to Completing the D&O Proof of Claim, and D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim substantially in the forms attached as Schedules "A", "B", "C", "D", "D-2", "E", "E-2" and "F" respectively to this Order are hereby approved. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Monitor, in consultation with the

Applicant, may from time to time make minor non-substantive changes to such forms as the Monitor, in consultation with the Applicant, considers necessary or advisable.

### MONITOR'S ROLE

- 10. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations under the CCAA and under the Initial Order, is hereby directed and empowered to take such other actions and fulfill such other roles as are authorized by this Order or incidental thereto.
- 11. THIS COURT ORDERS that (i) in carrying out the terms of this Order, the Monitor shall have all of the protections given to it by the CCAA, the Initial Order, and this Order, or as an officer of the Court, including the stay of proceedings in its favour, (ii) the Monitor shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of the carrying out of the provisions of this Order, (iii) the Monitor shall be entitled to rely on the books and records of the Applicant and any information provided by the Applicant, all without independent investigation, and (iv) the Monitor shall not be liable for any claims or damages resulting from any errors or omissions in such books, records or information.

### NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

### 12. THIS COURT ORDERS that:

- (a) the Monitor shall no later than five (5) Business Days following the making of this Order, post a copy of the Proof of Claim Document Package on its website at http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc ("Monitor's Website");
- (b) the Monitor shall no later than five (5) Business Days following the making of this Order, send on behalf of the Applicant to the Note Indenture Trustees (or to counsel for the Note Indenture Trustees as appears on the CCAA Service List if applicable) a copy of the Proof of Claim Document Package;
- (c) the Monitor shall no later than five (5) Business Days following the making of this Order, send on behalf of the Applicant to each of the Known Claimants a copy of the Proof of Claim Document Package, provided however that the

- Monitor is not required to send Proof of Claim Document Packages to Noteholders;
- (d) the Monitor shall no later than five (5) Business Days following the making of this Order, cause the Notice to Claimants to be published in (i) The Globe and Mail newspaper (National Edition) on one such day, and (ii) the Wall Street Journal (Global Edition) on one such day;
- (e) with respect to Restructuring Claims arising from the restructuring, termination, repudiation or disclaimer of any lease, contract, or other agreement or obligation, the Monitor shall send to the counterparty(ies) to such lease, contract, or other agreement or obligation a Proof of Claim Document Package no later than five (5) Business Days following the time the Monitor becomes aware of the restructuring, termination, repudiation or disclaimer of any such lease, contract, or other agreement or obligation;
- (f) the Monitor shall, provided such request is received by the Monitor prior to the Claims Bar Date, deliver as soon as reasonably possible following receipt of a request therefor a copy of the Proof of Claim Document Package to any Person requesting such material; and
- (g) the Monitor shall send to any Director of Officer named in a D&O Proof of Claim received by the Claims Bar Date a copy of such D&O Proof of Claim as soon as practicable along with an D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim form, with a copy to counsel for such Directors or Officers.
- 13. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant shall (i) inform the Monitor of all Known Claimants by providing the Monitor with a list of all Known Claimants and their last known addresses according to the books and records of the Applicant and (ii) provide the Monitor with a list of all Directors and Officers and their last known addresses according to the books and records of the Applicant.
- 14. THIS COURT ORDERS that, except as otherwise set out in this Order or other orders of the Court, neither the Monitor nor the Applicant is under any obligation to send notice to any

Person holding a Claim, a D&O Claim or a D&O Indemnity Claim, and without limitation, neither the Monitor nor the Applicant shall have any obligation to send notice to any Person having a security interest in a Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim (including the holder of a security interest created by way of a pledge or a security interest created by way of an assignment of a Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim), and all Persons (including Known Claimants) shall be bound by any notices published pursuant to paragraphs 12(a) and 12(d) of this Order regardless of whether or not they received actual notice, and any steps taken in respect of any Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim in accordance with this Order.

15. THIS COURT ORDERS that the delivery of a Proof of Claim, D&O Proof of Claim, or D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim by the Monitor to a Person shall not constitute an admission by the Applicant or the Monitor of any liability of the Applicant or any Director of Officer to any Person.

#### **CLAIMS BAR DATES**

#### Claims and D&O Claims

- 16. THIS COURT ORDERS that (i) Proofs of Claim (but not in respect of any Restructuring Claims) and D&O Proofs of Claim shall be filed with the Monitor on or before the Claims Bar Date, and (ii) Proofs of Claim in respect of Restructuring Claims shall be filed with the Monitor on or before the Restructuring Claims Bar Date. For the avoidance of doubt, a Proof of Claim or D&O Proof of Claim, as applicable, must be filed in respect of every Claim or D&O Claim, regardless of whether or not a legal proceeding in respect of a Claim or D&O Claim was commenced prior to the Filing Date.
- 17. THIS COURT ORDERS that any Person that does not file a Proof of Claim as provided for herein such that the Proof of Claim is received by the Monitor on or before the Claims Bar Date or the Restructuring Claims Bar Date, as applicable, (a) shall be and is hereby forever barred from making or enforcing such Claim against the Applicant and all such Claims shall be forever extinguished; (b) shall be and is hereby forever barred from making or enforcing such Claim as against any other Person who could claim contribution or indemnity from the Applicant; (c) shall not be entitled to vote such Claim at the Creditors' Meeting in respect of the

Plan or to receive any distribution thereunder in respect of such Claim; and (d) shall not be entitled to any further notice in, and shall not be entitled to participate as a Claimant or creditor in, the CCAA Proceedings in respect of such Claim.

18. THIS COURT ORDERS that any Person that does not file a D&O Proof of Claim as provided for herein such that the D&O Proof of Claim is received by the Monitor on or before the Claims Bar Date (a) shall be and is hereby forever barred from making or enforcing such D&O Claim against any Directors or Officers, and all such D&O Claims shall be forever extinguished; (b) shall be and is hereby forever barred from making or enforcing such D&O Claim as against any other Person who could claim contribution or indemnity from any Directors or Officers; (c) shall not be entitled to vote such D&O Claim at the Creditors' Meeting or to receive any distribution in respect of such D&O Claim; and (d) shall not be entitled to any further notice in, and shall not be entitled to participate as a Claimant or creditor in, the CCAA Proceedings in respect of such D&O Claim.

### D&O Indemnity Claims

- 19. THIS COURT ORDERS that any Director of Officer wishing to assert a D&O Indemnity Claim shall deliver a D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim to the Monitor so that it is received by no later than fifteen (15) Business Days after the date of receipt of the D&O Proof of Claim by such Director or Officer pursuant to paragraph 12(g) hereof (with respect to each D&O Indemnity Claim, the "D&O Indemnity Claims Bar Date").
- 20. THIS COURT ORDERS that any Director of Officer that does not file a D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim as provided for herein such that the D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim is received by the Monitor on or before the D&O Indemnity Claims Bar Date (a) shall be and is hereby forever barred from making or enforcing such D&O Indemnity Claim against the Applicant, and such D&O Indemnity Claim shall be forever extinguished; (b) shall be and is hereby forever barred from making or enforcing such D&O Indemnity Claim as against any other Person who could claim contribution or indemnity from the Applicant; and (c) shall not be entitled to vote such D&O Indemnity Claim at the Creditors' Meeting or to receive any distribution in respect of such D&O Indemnity Claim.

#### Excluded Claims

21. THIS COURT ORDERS that Persons with Excluded Claims shall not be required to file a Proof of Claim in this process in respect of such Excluded Claims, unless required to do so by further order of the Court.

#### PROOFS OF CLAIM

- 22. THIS COURT ORDERS that (i) each Person shall include any and all Claims it asserts against the Applicant in a single Proof of Claim, provided however that where a Person has taken assignment or transfer of a purported Claim after the Filing Date, that Person shall file a separate Proof of Claim for each such assigned or transferred purported Claim, and (ii) each Person that has or intends to assert a right or claim against one or more Subsidiaries which is based in whole or in part on facts, underlying transactions, causes of action or events relating to a purported Claim made against the Applicant shall so indicate on such Claimant's Proof of Claim.
- 23. THIS COURT ORDERS that each Person shall include any and all D&O Claims it asserts against one or more Directors or Officers in a single D&O Proof of Claim, provided however that where a Person has taken assignment or transfer of a purported D&O Claim after the Filing Date, that Person shall file a separate D&O Proof of Claim for each such assigned or transferred purported D&O Claim.
- 24. THIS COURT ORDERS that the 2013 and 2016 Trustee is authorized and directed to file one Proof of Claim on or before the Claims Bar Date in respect of each of the 2013 Notes and the 2016 Notes, indicating the amount owing on an aggregate basis as at the Filing Date under each of the 2013 Note Indenture and the 2016 Note Indenture.
- 25. THIS COURT ORDERS that the 2014 and 2017 Trustee is authorized and directed to file one Proof of Claim on or before the Claims Bar Date in respect of each of the 2014 Notes and the 2017 Notes, indicating the amount owing on an aggregate basis as at the Filing Date under each of the 2014 Note Indenture and the 2017 Note Indenture.
- 26. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Order, Noteholders are not required to file individual Proofs of Claim in respect of Claims relating solely to the debt evidenced by their

Notes. The Monitor may disregard any Proofs of Claim filed by any individual Noteholder claiming the debt evidenced by the Notes, and such Proofs of Claim shall be ineffective for all purposes. The process for determining each individual Noteholder's Claim for voting and distribution purposes with respect to the Plan and the process for voting on the Plan by Noteholders will be established by further order of the Court.

- 27. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Ontario Plaintiffs are, collectively, authorized to file, on or before the Claims Bar Date, one Proof of Claim and, if applicable, one D&O Proof of Claim, in respect of the substance of the matters set out in the Ontario Class Action, notwithstanding that leave to make a secondary market liability claim has not be granted and that the National Class has not yet been certified, and that members of the National Class may rely on the one Proof of Claim and/or one D&O Proof of Claim filed by the counsel for the Ontario Plaintiffs and are not required to file individual Proofs of Claim or D&O Proofs of Claim in respect of the Claims forming the subject matter of the Ontario Class Action.
- 28. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Quebec Plaintiffs are, collectively, authorized to file, on or before the Claims Bar Date, one Proof of Claim and, if applicable, one D&O Proof of Claim, in respect of the substance of the matters set out in the Quebec Class Action, notwithstanding that leave to make a secondary market liability claim has not be granted and that the Quebec Class has not yet been certified, and that members of the Quebec Class may rely on the one Proof of Claim and/or one D&O Proof of Claim filed by the counsel for the Quebec Plaintiffs and are not required to file individual Proofs of Claim or D&O Proofs of Claim in respect of the Claims forming the subject matter of the Quebec Class Action.

#### REVIEW OF PROOFS OF CLAIM

- 29. THIS COURT ORDERS that any Claimant filing a Proof of Claim, D&O Proof of Claim or D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim shall clearly mark as "Confidential" any documents or portions thereof that that Person believes should be treated as confidential.
- 30. THIS COURT ORDERS that with respect to documents or portions thereof that are marked "Confidential", the following shall apply:

- (a) any information that is otherwise publicly available shall not be treated as "Confidential" regardless of whether it is marked as such;
- (b) subject to the following, such information will be accessible to and may be reviewed only by the Monitor, the Applicant, any Director or Officer named in the applicable D&O Proof of Claim or D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim and each of their respective counsel, or as otherwise ordered by the Court ("Designated Persons") or consented to by the Claimant, acting reasonably; and
- (c) any Designated Person may provide Confidential Information to other interested stakeholders (who shall have provided non-disclosure undertakings or agreements) on not less than 3 Business Days' notice to the Claimant. If such Claimant objects to such disclosure, the Claimant and the relevant Designated Person shall attempt to settle any objection, failing which, either party may seek direction from the Court.
- 31. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor (in consultation with the Applicant and the Directors and Officers named in the D&O Proof of Claim, as applicable), subject to the terms of this Order, shall review all Proofs of Claim and D&O Proofs of Claim filed, and at any time:
  - (a) may request additional information from a purported Claimant;
  - (b) may request that a purported Claimant file a revised Proof of Claim or D&O
     Proof of Claim, as applicable;
  - (c) may, with the consent of the Applicant and any Person whose liability may be affected or further order of the Court, attempt to resolve and settle any issue arising in a Proof of Claim or D&O Proof of Claim or in respect of a purported Claim or D&O Claim, provided that if a Director or Officer disputes all or any portion of a purported D&O Claim, then the disputed portion of such purported D&O Claim may not be resolved or settled without such Director or Officer's consent or further order of the Court;

- (d) may, with the consent of the Applicant and any Person whose liability may be affected or further order of the Court, accept (in whole or in part) the amount and/or Status of any Claim or D&O Claim, provided that if a Director or Officer disputes all or any portion of a purported D&O Claim against such Director or Officer, then the disputed portion of such purported D&O Claim may not be accepted without such Director or Officer's consent or further order of the Court; and
- (e) may by notice in writing revise or disallow (in whole or in part) the amount and/or Status of any purported Claim or D&O Claim.
- 32. THIS COURT ORDERS that where a Claim or D&O Claim has been accepted by the Monitor in accordance with this Order, such Claim or D&O Claim shall constitute such Claimant's Proven Claim. The acceptance of any Claim or D&O Claim or other determination of same in accordance with this Order, in full or in part, shall not constitute an admission of any fact, thing, liability, or quantum or status of any claim by any Person, save and except in the context of the CCAA Proceedings, and, for greater certainty, shall not constitute an admission of any fact, thing, liability, or quantum or status of any claim by any Person as against any Subsidiary.
- 33. THIS COURT ORDERS that where a purported Claim or D&O Claim is revised or disallowed (in whole or in part, and whether as to amount and/or Status), the Monitor shall deliver to the purported Claimant a Notice of Revision or Disallowance, attaching the form of Dispute Notice.
- 34. THIS COURT ORDERS that where a purported Claim or D&O Claim has been revised or disallowed (in whole or in part, and whether as to amount and/or as to Status), the revised or disallowed purported Claim or D&O Claim (or revised or disallowed portion thereof) shall not be a Proven Claim until determined otherwise in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraphs 42 to 45 hereof or as otherwise ordered by the Court.

#### REVIEW OF D&O INDEMNITY PROOFS OF CLAIM

- 35. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, subject to the terms of this Order, shall review all D&O Indemnity Proofs of Claim filed, and at any time:
  - (a) may request additional information from a Director of Officer;
  - (b) may request that a Director or Officer file a revised D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim;
  - (c) may attempt to resolve and settle any issue arising in a D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim or in respect of a purported D&O Indemnity Claim;
  - (d) may accept (in whole or in part) the amount and/or Status of any D&O Indemnity Claim; and
  - (e) may by notice in writing revise or disallow (in whole or in part) the amount and/or Status of any purported D&O Indemnity Claim.
- 36. THIS COURT ORDERS that where a D&O Indemnity Claim has been accepted by the Monitor in accordance with this Order, such D&O Indemnity Claim shall constitute such Director or Officer's Proven Claim. The acceptance of any D&O Indemnity Claim or other determination of same in accordance with this Order, in full or in part, shall not constitute an admission of any fact, thing, liability, or quantum or Status of any claim by any Person, save and except in the context of the CCAA Proceedings, and, for greater certainty, shall not constitute an admission of any fact, thing, liability, or quantum or Status of any claim by any Person as against any Subsidiary.
- 37. THIS COURT ORDERS that where a purported D&O Indemnity Claim is revised or disallowed (in whole or in part, and whether as to amount and/or Status), the Monitor shall deliver to the Director or Officer a Notice of Revision or Disallowance, attaching the form of Dispute Notice.
- 38. THIS COURT ORDERS that where a purported D&O Indemnity Claim has been revised or disallowed (in whole or in part, and whether as to amount and/or as to Status), the revised or

disallowed purported D&O Indemnity Claim (or revised or disallowed portion thereof) shall not be a Proven Claim until determined otherwise in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraphs 42 to 45 hereof or as otherwise ordered by the Court.

39. THIS COURT ORDERS that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order, in respect of any Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim that exceeds \$1 million, the Monitor and the Applicant shall not accept, admit, settle, resolve, value (for any purpose), revise or reject such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim without the consent of the Ad-Hoc Noteholders or Order of the Court.

DISPUTE NÓTICE

- 40. THIS COURT ORDERS that a purported Claimant who intends to dispute a Notice of Revision or Disallowance shall file a Dispute Notice with the Monitor as soon as reasonably possible but in any event such that such Dispute Notice shall be received by the Monitor on the day that is fourteen (14) days after such purported Claimant is deemed to have received the Notice of Revision or Disallowance in accordance with paragraph 50 of this Order. The filing of a Dispute Notice with the Monitor within the fourteen (14) day period specified in this paragraph shall constitute an application to have the amount or Status of such claim determined as set out in paragraphs 42 to 45 of this Order.
- 41. THIS COURT ORDERS that where a purported Claimant that receives a Notice of Revision or Disallowance fails to file a Dispute Notice with the Monitor within the time period provided therefor in this Order, the amount and Status of such purported Claimant's purported Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim, as applicable, shall be deemed to be as set out in the Notice of Revision or Disallowance and such amount and Status, if any, shall constitute such purported Claimant's Proven Claim, and the balance of such purported Claimant's purported Claim, D&O Claim, or D&O Indemnity Claim, if any, shall be forever barred and extinguished.

#### RESOLUTION OF CLAIMS, D&O CLAIMS AND D&O INDEMNITY CLAIMS

42. THIS COURT ORDERS that as soon as practicable after the delivery of the Dispute Notice to the Monitor, the Monitor, in accordance with paragraph 31(c), shall attempt to resolve and settle the purported Claim or D&O Claim with the purported Claimant.

- 43. THIS COURT ORDERS that as soon as practicable after the delivery of the Dispute Notice in respect of a D&O Indemnity Claim to the Monitor, the Monitor, in accordance with paragraph 35(c), shall attempt to resolve and settle the purported D&O Indemnity Claim with the Director or Officer.
- 44. THIS COURT ORDERS that in the event that a dispute raised in a Dispute Notice is not settled within a time period or in a manner satisfactory to the Monitor, the Applicant and the applicable Claimant, the Monitor shall seek direction from the Court, on the correct process for resolution of the dispute. Without limitation, the foregoing includes any dispute arising as to whether a Claim is or is not an "equity claim" as defined in the CCAA.
- 45. THIS COURT ORDERS that any Claims and related D&O Claims and/or D&O Indemnity Claims shall be determined at the same time and in the same proceeding.

#### NOTICE OF TRANSFEREES

- 46. THIS COURT ORDERS that neither the Monitor nor the Applicant shall be obligated to send notice to or otherwise deal with a transferee or assignee of a Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim as the Claimant in respect thereof unless and until (i) actual written notice of transfer or assignment, together with satisfactory evidence of such transfer or assignment, shall have been received by the Monitor and the Applicant, and (ii) the Monitor shall have acknowledged in writing such transfer or assignment, and thereafter such transferee or assignee shall for all purposes hereof constitute the "Claimant" in respect of such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim. Any such transferee or assignee of a Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim, and such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim shall be bound by all notices given or steps taken in respect of such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim in accordance with this Order prior to the written acknowledgement by the Monitor of such transfer or assignment.
- 47. THIS COURT ORDERS that if the holder of a Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim has transferred or assigned the whole of such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim to more than one Person or part of such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim to another Person or Persons, such transfer or assignment shall not create a separate Claim, D&O

Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim and such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim shall continue to constitute and be dealt with as a single Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim notwithstanding such transfer or assignment, and the Monitor and the Applicant shall in each such case not be bound to acknowledge or recognize any such transfer or assignment and shall be entitled to send notice to and to otherwise deal with such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim only as a whole and then only to and with the Person last holding such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim in whole as the Claimant in respect of such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim. Provided that a transfer or assignment of the Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim has taken place in accordance with paragraph 46 of this Order and the Monitor has acknowledged in writing such transfer or assignment, the Person last holding such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim in whole as the Claimant in respect of such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim may by notice in writing to the Monitor direct that subsequent dealings in respect of such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim, but only as a whole, shall be with a specified Person and, in such event, such Claimant, transferee or assignee of the Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim shall be bound by any notices given or steps taken in respect of such Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim by or with respect to such Person in accordance with this Order.

48. THIS COURT ORDERS that the transferee or assignee of any Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim (i) shall take the Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim subject to the rights and obligations of the transferor/assignor of the Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim, and subject to the rights of the Applicant or Director or Officer against any such transferor or assignor, including any rights of set-off which the Applicant, Director or Officers had against such transferor or assignor, and (ii) cannot use any transferred or assigned Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim to reduce any amount owing by the transferee or assignee to the Applicant, Director or Officer, whether by way of set off, application, merger, consolidation or otherwise.

#### DIRECTIONS

49. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, the Applicant and any Person (but only to the extent such Person may be affected with respect to the issue on which directions are sought) may, at any time, and with such notice as the Court may require, seek directions from the Court with respect to this Order and the claims process set out herein, including the forms attached as Schedules hereto.

#### SERVICE AND NOTICE

- 50. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor and the Applicant may, unless otherwise specified by this Order, serve and deliver the Proof of Claim Document Package, and any letters, notices or other documents to Claimants, purported Claimants, Directors or Officers, or other interested Persons, by forwarding true copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic or digital transmission to such Persons (with copies to their counsel as appears on the CCAA Service List if applicable) at the address as last shown on the records of the Applicant or set out in such Person's Proof of Claim, D&O Proof of Claim or D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim. Any such service or notice by courier, personal delivery or electronic or digital transmission shall be deemed to have been received: (i) if sent by ordinary mail, on the third Business Day after mailing within Ontario, the fifth Business Day after mailing within Canada (other than within Ontario), and the tenth Business Day after mailing internationally; (ii) if sent by courier or personal delivery, on the next Business Day following dispatch; and (iii) if delivered by electronic or digital transmission by 6:00 p.m. on a Business Day, on such Business Day, and if delivered after 6:00 p.m. or other than on a Business Day, on the following Business Day. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph 50, Notices of Revision or Disallowance shall be sent only by (i) facsimile to a number that has been provided in writing by the purported Claimant, Director or Officer, or (ii) courier.
- 51. THIS COURT ORDERS that any notice or other communication (including Proofs of Claim, D&O Proofs of Claims, D&O Indemnity Proofs of Claim and Notices of Dispute) to be given under this Order by any Person to the Monitor shall be in writing in substantially the form, if any, provided for in this Order and will be sufficiently given only if delivered by prepaid registered mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic or digital transmission addressed to:

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Court-appointed Monitor of Sino-Forest Corporation
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Attention: Jodi Porepa Telephone: (416) 649-8094 E-mail: sfc@fticonsulting.com

Any such notice or other communication by a Person shall be deemed received only upon actual receipt thereof during normal business hours on a Business Day, or if delivered outside of a normal business hours, the next Business Day,

- 52. THIS COURT ORDERS that if during any period during which notices or other communications are being given pursuant to this Order a postal strike or postal work stoppage of general application should occur, such notices or other communications sent by ordinary mail and then not received shall not, absent further Order of the Court, be effective and notices and other communications given hereunder during the course of any such postal strike or work stoppage of general application shall only be effective if given by courier, personal delivery or electronic or digital transmission in accordance with this Order.
- 53. THIS COURT ORDERS that in the event that this Order is later amended by further order of the Court, the Monitor shall post such further order on the Monitor's Website and such posting shall constitute adequate notice of such amended claims procedure.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- 54. THIS COURT ORDERS that notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, the solicitation of Proofs of Claim, D&O Proofs of Claim and D&O Indemnity Proofs of Claim and the filing by a Person of any Proof of Claim, D&O Proof of Claim or D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim shall not, for that reason only, grant any Person any standing in the CCAA Proceedings or rights under the Plan.
- 55. THIS COURT ORDERS that the rights of the Ontario Plaintiffs and the Quebec Plaintiffs granted pursuant to paragraphs 27 and 28 of this Order are limited to filing a single Proof of

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Claim and, if applicable, a single D&O Proof in respect of each of the National Class and the Quebec Class in these proceedings, and not for any other purpose. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the filing of any Proof of Claim or D&O Proof of Claim by the Ontario Plaintiffs or the Quebec Plaintiffs pursuant to this Order:

- (a) is not an admission or recognition of their right to represent the Class for any other purpose, including with respect to settlement or voting in these proceedings, the Ontario Class Action or the Quebec Class Action; and
- (b) is without prejudice to the right of the Ontario Plaintiffs and the Quebec Plaintiffs or their counsel to seek an order granting them rights of representation in these proceedings, the Ontario Class Action or the Quebec Class Action.
- 56. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing in this Order shall constitute or be deemed to constitute an allocation or assignment of Claims, D&O Claims, D&O Indemnity Claims, or Excluded Claims into particular affected or unaffected classes for the purpose of a Plan and, for greater certainty, the treatment of Claims, D&O Claims, D&O Indemnity Claims, Excluded Claims or any other claims are to be subject to a Plan and the class or classes of creditors for voting and distribution purposes shall be subject to the terms of any proposed Plan or further Order of the Court.
- 57. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing in this Order shall prejudice the rights and remedies of any Directors or Officers or other persons under any existing Director and Officers or other insurance policy or prevent or bar any Person from seeking recourse against or payment from the Applicant's insurance and any Director's and/or Officer's liability insurance policy or policies that exist to protect or indemnify the Directors and/or Officers or other persons, whether such recourse or payment is sought directly by the Person asserting a Claim or a D&O Claim from the insurer or derivatively through the Director or Officer or Applicant; provided, however, that nothing in this Order shall create any rights in favour of such Person under any policies of insurance nor shall anything in this Order limit, remove, modify or alter any defence to such claim available to the insurer pursuant to the provisions of any insurance policy or at law.

58. THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada, the United States, Barbados, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Hong Kong, the People's Republic of China or in any other foreign jurisdiction, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Applicant, the Monitor 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 and to the Monitor, as an officer of the Court, 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 and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

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#### SCHEDULE "A"

#### NOTICE OF REVISION OR DISALLOWANCE

For Persons that have asserted Claims against Sino-Forest Corporation,

D&O Claims against the Directors or Officers of Sino-Forest Corporation or D&O

Indemnity Claims against Sino-Forest Corporation

Claim Reference Number:	
TO:	
	(Name of purported claimant)

Defined terms not defined in this Notice of Revision or Disallowance have the meaning ascribed in the Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice dated May 8, 2012 (the "Claims Procedure Order"). All dollar values contained herein are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

Pursuant to 31 of the Claims Procedure Order, the Monitor hereby gives you notice that it has reviewed your Proof of Claim, D&O Proof of Claim or D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim and has revised or disallowed all or part of your purported Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim, as the case may be. Subject to further dispute by you in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order, your Proven Claim will be as follows:

	Amount a	s submitted	Amount allowed by Monitor	
	(original currency amount)	(in Canadian dollars)	(in Canadian dollars)	
A. Prefiling Claim	\$	\$	\$	
B. Restructuring Claim	\$	\$	\$	
C. Secured Claim	\$	\$	\$	
D. D&O Claim	\$	\$	\$	
E. D&O Indemnity Claim	\$	\$	\$	
F, Total Claim	\$	\$	\$	

	Reasons	for	Revision	or	<b>Disallowance</b>
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#### SERVICE OF DISPUTE NOTICES

If you intend to dispute this Notice of Revision or Disallowance, you must, no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing time in Toronto) on the day that is fourteen (14) days after this Notice of Revision or Disallowance is deemed to have been received by you (in accordance with paragraph 50 of the Claims Procedure Order), deliver a Dispute Notice to the Monitor by registered mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic or digital transmission to the address below. In accordance with the Claims Procedure Order, notices shall be deemed to be received upon actual receipt thereof by the Monitor during normal business hours on a Business Day, or if delivered outside of normal business hours, on the next Business Day. The form of Dispute Notice is enclosed and can also be accessed on the Monitor's website at http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc.

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Attention: Jodi Porepa Telephone: (416) 649-8094 E-mail: sfc@fticonsulting.com IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A DISPUTE NOTICE WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME PERIOD, THIS NOTICE OF REVISION OR DISALLOWANCE WILL BE BINDING UPON YOU.

**DATED** at Toronto, this day of

, 2012.

FTI Consulting Canada Inc., solely in its capacity as Court-appointed Monitor of Sino-Forest Corporation and not in its personal or corporate capacity

Per: Greg Watson / Jodi Porepa

## SCHEDULE "B"

	DISPUTE NOTICE  With respect to Sino-Forest Corporation	
Claim	Reference Number:	
1.	Particulars of Claimant:	
	Full Legal Name of claimant (include trade name, if different):	
	(the "Claimant") Full Mailing Address of the Claimant:	
	Other Contract Information of the Claimant:  Telephone Number:	
	Email Address:	
	Facsimile Number:  Attention (Contact Person):	

2.	
	Particulars of original Claimant from whom you acquired the Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim:
	Claim of D&O indemnity Claim.
	Have you acquired this purported Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim by assignment?
	Yes: No:
	If yes and if not already provided, attach documents evidencing assignment.
	Full Legal Name of original Claimant(s):
3.	

Dispute of Revision or Disallowance of Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim, as the case may be:

For the purposes of the Claims Procedure Order only (and without prejudice to the terms of any plan of arrangement or compromise), claims in a foreign currency will be converted to Canadian dollars at the exchange rates set out in the Claims Procedure Order.

The Claimant hereby disagrees with the value of its Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim, as the case may be, as set out in the Notice of Revision or Disallowance and asserts a Claim, D&O Claim or D&O Indemnity Claim, as the case may be, as follows:

	Amount allowed by Monitor: (Notice of Revision or Disallowance) (in Canadian dollars)	Amount claimed by Claimant: (in Canadian Dollars)
A. Prefiling Claim	\$	\$
B. Restructuring Claim	\$	\$
C. Secured Claim	\$	S
D. D&O Claim	\$	\$
E. D&O Indemnity Claim	\$	\$
F. Total Claim	\$	\$

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#### SERVICE OF DISPUTE NOTICES

If you intend to dispute a Notice of Revision or Disallowance, you must, by no later than the date that is fourteen (14) days after the Notice of Revision or Disallowance is deemed to have been received by you (in accordance with paragraph 50 of the Claims Procedure Order), deliver to the Monitor this Dispute Notice by registered mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic or digital transmission to the address below. In accordance with the Claims Procedure Order, notices shall be deemed to be received upon actual receipt thereof by the Monitor during normal business hours on a Business Day, or if delivered outside of normal business hours, on the next Business Day.

FTI Consulting Canada Inc.
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 Telephone: (416) 649-8094 E-mail: sfc@fticonsulting.com -4-

DATED this day of	, 2012.
Name of Claimant:	
	Per:
Witness	Name:
	Title:
	(please print)

#### SCHEDULE "C"

## NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS AGAINST SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

(hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant")

## RE: NOTICE OF CLAIMS PROCEDURE FOR THE APPLICANT PURSUANT TO THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT (the "CCAA")

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this notice is being published pursuant to an Order of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario made on May 8, 2012 (the "Claims Procedure Order"). Pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order, Proof of Claim Document Packages will be sent to claimants by mail, on or before May 15, 2012, if those claimants are known to the Applicant. Claimants may also obtain the Claims Procedure Order and a Proof of Claim Document Package from the website of the Monitor at http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc, or by contacting the Monitor by telephone (416-649-8094).

Proofs of Claim (including D&O Proofs of Claim) must be submitted to the Monitor for any claim against the Applicant, whether unliquidated, contingent or otherwise, or a claim against any current or former officer or director of the Applicant, in each case where the claim (i) arose prior to March 30, 2012, or (ii) arose on or after March 30, 2012 as a result of the restructuring, termination, repudiation or disclaimer of any lease, contract, or other agreement or obligation. Please consult the Proof of Claim Document Package for more details.

Completed Proofs of Claim must be received by the Monitor by 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the applicable claims bar date, as set out in the Claims Procedure Order. It is your responsibility to ensure that the Monitor receives your Proof of Claim or D&O Proof of Claim by the applicable claims bar date.

Certain Claimants are exempted from the requirement to file a Proof of Claim. Among those claimants who do not need to file a Proof of Claim are individual noteholders in respect of Claims relating solely to the debt evidenced by their notes and persons whose Claims form the subject matter of the Ontario Class Action or the Quebec Class Action. Please consult the Claims Procedure Order for additional details.

CLAIMS AND D&O CLAIMS WHICH ARE NOT RECEIVED BY THE APPLICABLE CLAIMS BAR DATE WILL BE BARRED AND EXTINGUISHED FOREVER.

**DATED** at Toronto this • day of •, 2012.

## SCHEDULE "D"

# PROOF OF CLAIM AGAINST SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

<ol> <li>Original Claimant Identification (the "Claimant</li> </ol>	1.	<b>Original Claimant</b>	Identification	(the "Claimant"
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Name of Contr	ict	-
Phone #		
Fax #		
e-mail		
Name of Cont	act	
Phone #		
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e-mail		
	Restructuring Claim	Secured Claim
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m you assert your claim		
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Original		
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#### 4. Documentation

Provide all particulars of the Claim and supporting documentation, including amount, and description of transaction(s) or agreement(s), or legal breach(es) giving rise to the Claim.

#### 5. Certification

I hereby certify that:

- 1, I am the Claimant, or authorized representative of the Claimant.
- 2. I have knowledge of all the circumstances connected with this Claim.
- 3. Complete documentation in support of this claim is attached.

		Name	
		Title	
Dated at			
this day o	f2012	Signature	
		Witness	

## 6. Filing of Claim

This Proof of Claim must be received by the Monitor by no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on June 20, 2012, by registered mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic or digital transmission at the following address:

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Suite 2010, P.O. Box 104
Toronto, Ontario M5K 1G8

Attention: Jodi Porepa Telephone: (416) 649-8094 E-mail: sfc@fticonsulting.com

An electronic version of this form is available at http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc.

## -2-SCHEDULE "D-2"

## PROOF OF CLAIM AGAINST DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

This form is to be used only by Claimants asserting a claim against any director and/or officers of Sino-Forest Corporation, and <u>NOT</u> for claims against Sino-Forest Corporation itself. For claims against Sino-Forest Corporation, please use the form titled "Proof of Claim Against Sino-Forest Corporation", which is available on the Monitor's website at http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc.

1. Original Claimant Iden	tification (the "Claima	nt")			
Legal Name of Claimant		Name of Contact	Name of Contact		
Address					
		Fax #			
City	Prov / State				
Postal/Zip code					
2. Assignee, if D&O Claim	has been assigned				
Full Legal Name of Assignee		Name of Contact_	Name of Contact		
Address		Phone #			
		Fax #			
City	Prov / State	e-mail			
Postal/Zip code					
3. Amount of D&O Cla	im				
The Director or Officer was and still	is indebted to the Claimant	as follows:			
☐ I/we have a claim against a l	Director(s) and/or Officer	(s)			
Name(s) of Director(s) and/or		Original			
Officer(s)	Currency	Currency Amount	Amount of Claim		

## 4. Documentation

Provide all particulars of the D&O Claim and supporting documentation, including amount, and description of transaction(s) or agreement(s), or legal breach(es) giving rise to the D&O Claim.

#### 5. Certification

I hereby certify that:

1. I am the Claimant, or authorized representative of the Claimant.

- 2. I have knowledge of all the circumstances connected with this D&O Claim.
- 3. Complete documentation in support of this D&O Claim is attached.

	Name
	Title
Dated at	
thisday of2012	Signature
	Witness

## 6. Filing of D&O Claim

This Proof of Claim must be received by the Monitor by no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on June 20, 2012, by registered mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic or digital transmission at the following address:

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Attention: Jodi Porepa Telephone: (416) 649-8094 E-mail: sfc@fticonsulting.com

An electronic version of this form is available at http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc

#### SCHEDULE "E"

## GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE PROOF OF CLAIM FOR CLAIMS AGAINST SINO-FOREST-CORPORATION

This Guide has been prepared to assist Claimants in filling out the Proof of Claim with respect to Sino-Forest Corporation (the "Applicant"). If you have any additional questions regarding completion of the Proof of Claim, please consult the Monitor's website at http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc or contact the Monitor, whose contact information is shown below.

Additional copies of the Proof of Claim may be found at the Monitor's website address noted above.

Please note that this is a guide only, and that in the event of any inconsistency between the terms of this guide and the terms of the Claims Procedure Order made on May 8, 2012 (the "Claims Procedure Order"), the terms of the Claims Procedure Order will govern.

#### SECTION 1 - ORIGINAL CLAIMANT

- A separate Proof of Claim must be filed by each legal entity or person asserting a claim against the Applicant.
- 5. The Claimant shall include any and all Claims it asserts against the Applicant in a single Proof of Claim.
- 6. The full legal name of the Claimant must be provided.
- 7. If the Claimant operates under a different name, or names, please indicate this in a separate schedule in the supporting documentation.
- 8. If the Claim has been assigned or transferred to another party, Section 2 must also be completed.
- 9. Unless the Claim is assigned or transferred, all future correspondence, notices, etc. regarding the Claim will be directed to the address and contact indicated in this section.
- 10. Certain Claimants are exempted from the requirement to file a Proof of Claim. Among those claimants who do not need to file a Proof of Claim are individual noteholders in respect of Claims relating solely to the debt evidenced by their notes. Please consult the Claims Procedure Order for details with respect to these and other exemptions.

#### **SECTION 2 - ASSIGNEE**

- If the Claimant has assigned or otherwise transferred its Claim, then Section 2 must be completed.
- The full legal name of the Assignee must be provided.

- 13. If the Assignee operates under a different name, or names, please indicate this in a separate schedule in the supporting documentation.
- 14. If the Monitor in consultation with the Applicant is satisfied that an assignment or transfer has occurred, all future correspondence, notices, etc. regarding the Claim will be directed to the Assignee at the address and contact indicated in this section.

#### SECTION 3A - AMOUNT OF CLAIM OF CLAIMANT AGAINST DEBTOR

Indicate the amount the Applicant was and still is indebted to the Claimant.

## Currency, Original Currency Amount

- The amount of the Claim must be provided in the currency in which it arose.
- Indicate the appropriate currency in the Currency column.
- 18. If the Claim is denominated in multiple currencies, use a separate line to indicate the Claim amount in each such currency. If there are insufficient lines to record these amounts, attach a separate schedule indicating the required information.
- Claims denominated in a currency other than Canadian dollars will be converted into Canadian dollars in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order.

## Unsecured Prefiling Claim

20. Check this box ONLY if the Claim recorded on that line is an unsecured prefiling claim.

#### Restructuring Claim

21. Check this box ONLY if the amount of the Claim against the Applicant arose out of the restructuring, termination, repudiation or disclaimer of a lease, contract, or other agreement or obligation on or after March 30, 2012.

#### Secured Claim

Check this box ONLY if the Claim recorded on that line is a secured claim.

## SECTION 3B - CLAIM AGAINST SUBSIDIARIES

22. Check this box ONLY if you have or intend to make a claim against one or more Subsidiaries which is based in whole or in part on facts, underlying transactions, causes of action or events relating to a claim made against the Applicant above, and list the Subsidiaries against whom you assert your claim.

#### SECTION 4 - DOCUMENTATION

23. Attach to the claim form all particulars of the Claim and supporting documentation, including amount, description of transaction(s) or agreement(s) or breach(es) giving rise to the Claim.

#### SECTION 5 - CERTIFICATION

- 24. The person signing the Proof of Claim should:
  - (a) be the Claimant, or authorized representative of the Claimant.
  - (b) have knowledge of all the circumstances connected with this Claim.
  - (c) have a witness to its certification.
- 25. By signing and submitting the Proof of Claim, the Claimant is asserting the claim against the Applicant.

#### SECTION 6 - FILING OF CLAIM

26. This Proof of Claim must be received by the Monitor by no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on June 20, 2012. Proofs of Claim should be sent by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic or digital transmission to the following address:

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Court-appointed Monitor of Sino-Forest Corporation
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79 Wellington Street West
Suite 2010, P.O. Box 104
Toronto, Ontario M5K 1G8

Attention: Jodi Porepa Telephone: (416) 649-8094 E-mail: sfc@fticonsulting.com

Failure to file your Proof of Claim so that it is received by the Monitor by 5:00 p.m., on the applicable claims bar date will result in your claim being barred and you will be prevented from making or enforcing a Claim against the Applicant. In addition, you shall not be entitled to further notice in and shall not be entitled to participate as a creditor in these proceedings.

#### SCHEDULE "E-2"

## GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE PROOF OF CLAIM FOR CLAIMS AGAINST DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS OF SINO-FOREST-CORPORATION

This Guide has been prepared to assist Claimants in filling out the D&O Proof of Claim against any Directors or Officers of Sino-Forest Corporation (the "Applicant"). If you have any additional questions regarding completion of the Proof of Claim, please consult the Monitor's website at <a href="http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc">http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc</a> or contact the Monitor, whose contact information is shown below.

The D&O Proof of Claim is to be used only by Claimants asserting a claim against a director and/or officer of Sino-Forest Corporation, and NOT for claims against Sino-Forest Corporation itself. For claims against Sino-Forest Corporation, please use the form titled "Proof of Claim Against Sino-Forest Corporation", which is available on the Monitor's website at http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc.

Additional copies of the D&O Proof of Claim may be found at the Monitor's website address noted above.

Please note that this is a guide only, and that in the event of any inconsistency between the terms of this guide and the terms of the Claims Procedure Order made on May 8, 2012 (the "Claims Procedure Order"), the terms of the Claims Procedure Order will govern.

#### SECTION 1 - ORIGINAL CLAIMANT

- 27. A separate D&O Proof of Claim must be filed by each legal entity or person asserting a claim against any Directors or Officers of the Applicant.
- 28. The Claimant shall include any and all D&O Claims it asserts in a single D&O Proof of Claim.
- 29. The full legal name of the Claimant must be provided.
- 30. If the Claimant operates under a different name, or names, please indicate this in a separate schedule in the supporting documentation.
- 31. If the D&O Claim has been assigned or transferred to another party, Section 2 must also be completed.
- 32. Unless the D&O Claim is assigned or transferred, all future correspondence, notices, etc. regarding the D&O Claim will be directed to the address and contact indicated in this section.

#### SECTION 2 - ASSIGNEE

33. If the Claimant has assigned or otherwise transferred its D&O Claim, then Section 2 must be completed.

- 34. The full legal name of the Assignee must be provided.
- 35. If the Assignee operates under a different name, or names, please indicate this in a separate schedule in the supporting documentation.
- 36. If the Monitor in consultation with the Applicant is satisfied that an assignment or transfer has occurred, all future correspondence, notices, etc. regarding the D&O Claim will be directed to the Assignee at the address and contact indicated in this section.

## SECTION 3 - AMOUNT OF CLAIM OF CLAIMANT AGAINST DIRECTOR OR OFFICER

37. Indicate the amount the Director or Officer is claimed to be indebted to the Claimant and provide all other request details.

#### Currency, Original Currency Amount

- 38. The amount of the D&O Claim must be provided in the currency in which it arose.
- 39. Indicate the appropriate currency in the Currency column.
- 40. If the D&O Claim is denominated in multiple currencies, use a separate line to indicate the Claim amount in each such currency. If there are insufficient lines to record these amounts, attach a separate schedule indicating the required information.
- 41. D&O Claims denominated in a currency other than Canadian dollars will be converted into Canadian dollars in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order.

#### **SECTION 4 - DOCUMENTATION**

42. Attach to the claim form all particulars of the D&O Claim and supporting documentation, including amount, description of transaction(s) or agreement(s) or breach(es) giving rise to the D&O Claim.

#### **SECTION 5 - CERTIFICATION**

- 43. The person signing the D&O Proof of Claim should:
  - (a) be the Claimant, or authorized representative of the Claimant.
  - (b) have knowledge of all the circumstances connected with this D&O Claim.
  - (c) have a witness to its certification.
- 44. By signing and submitting the D&O Proof of Claim, the Claimant is asserting the claim against the Directors and Officers identified therein.

#### **SECTION 6 - FILING OF CLAIM**

45. The D&O Proof of Claim must be received by the Monitor by no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on June 20, 2012. D&O Proofs of Claim should be sent by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic or digital transmission to the following address:

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Attention: Jodi Porepa

Telephone: (416) 649-8094 E-mail: sfc@fticonsulting.com

Failure to file your D&O Proof of Claim so that it is received by the Monitor by 5:00 p.m., on the applicable claims bar date will result in your claim being barred and you will be prevented from making or enforcing a D&O Claim against the any directors or officers of the Applicant. In addition, you shall not be entitled to further notice in and shall not be entitled to participate as a D&O claimant in these proceedings.

### SCHEDULE "F"

## D&O INDEMNITY PROOF OF CLAIM SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

## 1. Director and /or Officer Particulars (the "Indemnitee")

Legal Name of Indemnitee			
Address		Phone #	
		Fax #	
City	Prov / Štate	e-mail	
Postal/Zip code			
2. Indemnification Cla	aim		
Position(s) Held			
Dates Position(s) Held: From	to		
Reference Number of Proof of Claim	with respect to which this	D&O Indemnity Claim is made	
Particulars of and basis for D&O Inc Claim	lemnity		

(Provide all particulars of the D&O Indemnity Claim, including all supporting documentation)

### 3 Filing of Claim

This D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim and supporting documentation are to be returned to the Monitor within ten Business Days of the date of deemed receipt by the Director or Officer of the Proof of Claim by registered mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic or digital transmission at the following address:

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Suite 2010, P.O. Box 104
Toronto, Ontario M5K 1G8

Attention: Jodi Porepa Telephone: (416) 649-8094 E-mail: sfc@fticonsulting.com

Failure to file your D&O Indemnity Proof of Claim in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order will
result in your D&O Indemnity Claim being barred and forever extinguished and you will be prohibited
from making or enforcing such D&O Indemnity Claim against the Applicant.

Dated at	, this	day of	, 2012
Per:			
Name		·	
Signature:		(Former Director an	d/or Officer)

# 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 OR COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

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

## ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

Proceedings commenced in Toronto

#### ORDER

## BENNETT JONES LLP

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Lawyers for the Applicant

## APPENDIX "G" - THE MEDIATION ORDER

(See Attached)



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

# ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

THE HONOURABLE MR.	)	WEDNESDAY, THE 25th
	)	
JUSTICE MORAWETZ	5	DAY OF JULY, 2012

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

TIN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS

ORDER (Mediation)

THIS MOTION, made by FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as monitor (the "Monitor") of Sino-Forest Corporation (the "Applicant") for a consent order concerning mediation and related relief was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Monitor's Notice of Motion dated July 13, 2012 and the Fifth Report of the Monitor dated July 13, 2012 (the "Fifth Report"), the Responding Motion Record of the Applicants and the Responding Motion Record of Pöyry Beijing (as defined below), and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Applicant, the Monitor, the ad hoc committee of Noteholders (the "Ad Hoc Noteholders"), the ad hoc group of purchasers of the Applicant's securities (the "Plaintiffs") and the other defendants in the Ontario Class Action and the Quebec Class Action (the "Third Party Defendants") and those other parties present, no one appearing for any of the other parties served with the Monitor's Motion Record, although duly served as appears from the affidavit of service of Alma Cano sworn July 13, 2012, filed.

#### SERVICE AND INTERPRETATION

- 1. THIS COURT ORDERS that the time for service of the Notice of Motion and the Motion Record, including the Fifth Report, is hereby abridged and validated such that this Motion is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.
- 2. THIS COURT ORDERS that capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning given to them in the Fifth Report.

#### MEDIATION

- 3. THIS COURT ORDERS that the parties eligible to participate in the Mediation pursuant to paragraph 5 of this Order are the Applicant, the Plaintiffs, the Third Party Defendants (which shall be read to exclude Pöyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Limited ("Pöyry Beijing")), the Monitor, the Ad Hoc Noteholders and any insurers providing coverage in respect of the Applicant and the Third Party Defendants (collectively, the "Mediation Parties").
- 4. THIS COURT ORDERS that the subject matter of the Mediation shall be the resolution of the claims of the Plaintiffs against the Applicant and the Third Party Defendants as set out in the statements of claim in the Ontario Class Action and the Quebec Class Action and any and all related claims (the "Subject Claims"), provided that for the purpose of the Mediation, the Plaintiffs shall not seek contribution from any of the Mediation Parties with respect to amounts that could have been sought by the Plaintiffs from Pöyry Beijing had the Plaintiffs not reached a settlement with Pöyry Beijing (the "Pöyry Settlement") and provided that the Plaintiffs shall provide to the Mediation Parties, within 10 days of the date of this Order or such further time as this Court may direct, a written summary of evidence proffered by Pöyry Beijing pursuant to the Pöyry Settlement, which summary shall be treated in the same manner as material in the Data Room (as defined below) pursuant to this Order.
- 5. THIS COURT ORDERS that, where practicable, the Mediation Parties shall participate in the Mediation in person and with representatives present with full authority to settle the Subject Claims (including any insurer providing coverage), provided that, where not practicable, the Mediation Parties may participate in the Mediation through counsel or other representatives, subject to those counsel or other representatives having access to representatives with full

authority and undertaking to promptly pursue instructions with respect to any proposed agreements that arise from the Mediation.

6. THIS COURT ORDERS that parties in addition to the Mediation Parties shall only have standing to participate in the Mediation on consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, acting reasonably, or by further Order of this Court.

#### **DATA ROOM**

- 7. THIS COURT ORDERS that in connection with the Mediation, as soon as practicable, but in any event no later than August 3, 2012, the Applicant shall provide access to the Mediation Parties to the existing data room maintained by Merrill (the "Data Room"), provided however that prior to access to the Data Room, all participants (other than the Applicant, the incumbent directors of the Applicant and the Monitor) shall have entered into a confidentiality agreement with the Applicant on terms reasonably acceptable to the Applicant and the Monitor.
- 8. THIS COURT ORDERS that any Mediation Parties who enter into a confidentiality agreement as contemplated by paragraph 7 of this order shall comply with the terms of such confidentiality agreement.
- 9. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant, its subsidiaries and affiliates, and their directors, officers, employees, agents and advisors, shall incur no liability in connection with causing, effecting or acquiescing in the establishment of the Data Room or disclosure in respect of such materials and the information contained therein in accordance with this Order. The materials in the Data Room shall be made available without any representation as to the truth of their contents or their completeness, and persons relying on those materials shall do so at their own risk. The disclosure of such materials and the information contained therein in accordance with this Order is not and shall not be public disclosure in any respect. Nothing in this paragraph affects any rights or causes of action that any person may have in relation to the prior disclosure of any of the contents of the Data Room, insofar as such rights or causes of action are independent from and not related to the provision of materials and information in accordance with this Order.

#### MEDIATION SCHEDULE

- 10. THIS COURT ORDER THAT, the schedule for the Mediation shall be as follows:
  - (a) the Mediation shall be conducted on September 4th and 5th, and if a third day is required, on September 10th, 2012 (the "Mediation Dates");
  - (b) additional Mediation dates shall only be added, and any adjournments of any mediation dates shall only be accepted, with the prior written consent of all Mediation Parties;
  - (c) the Mediation shall be conducted at a location to be determined by the Mediator (as defined below); and
    - (d) the Applicant, the Plaintiffs and the Third Party Defendants shall deliver their respective written position statements to each other and to the other Mediation Parties on or before August 27, 2012.

#### APPOINTMENT OF THE MEDIATOR

- 11. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Honourable Justice Newbould shall be appointed mediator (the "Mediator").
- 12. THIS COURT ORDERS that, prior to the commencement of the Mediation, the Mediator shall have the right to communicate with this Court and the Monitor from time to time as deemed necessary or advisable by the Mediator in their sole discretion.

#### TERMINATION OF THE MEDIATION

- 13. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Mediation process shall be terminated under any of the following circumstances:
  - (a) by declaration by the Mediator that a settlement has been reached;
  - (b) by declaration by the Mediator that further efforts at mediation are no longer considered worthwhile;

- (c) for any other reason determined by the Mediator;
- (d) mutual agreement by the Mediation Parties; or
- (e) further Order of this Court,

provided that, the Mediation shall in any event terminate on September 10, 2012, unless extended with the prior written consent of all Mediation Parties.

#### NO IMPACT ON OTHER PROCEEDINGS

- 14. THIS COURT ORDERS that all offers, promises, conduct statements, whether written or oral, made in the course of the Mediation are inadmissible in any arbitration or court proceeding. No person shall subpoena or require the Mediator to testify, produce records, notes or work product in any other existing or future proceedings, and no video or audio recording will be made of the Mediation. Evidence that is otherwise admissible or discoverable shall not be rendered inadmissible or non-discoverable as a result of its use in the Mediation. In the event that the Mediation Parties (or any group of them) do reach a settlement, the terms of that settlement will be admissible in any court or other proceeding required to enforce it, unless the Mediation Parties agree otherwise. Information disclosed to the Mediator by any Mediation Party at a private caucus during the Mediation shall remain confidential unless such Mediation Party authorizes disclosure.
- 15. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing in this Order nor the participation of any party in the Mediation shall provide such party with rights within these proceedings than such party may otherwise have.
- 16. THIS COURT ORDERS that, subject to any applicable stay of proceedings, nothing in this Order shall prevent the Applicant, the Monitor or any other party of standing from otherwise pursuing the resolution of claims under the Claims Procedure Order granted by this Court on May 14, 2012, or any other matter in these CCAA proceedings, including without limitation, the filing and advancement of the Meetings Order and a Plan.

#### CONFIDENTIALITY

- 17. THIS COURT ORDERS that any mediation briefs or other documents filed by the Mediation Parties shall be used only in the context of the Mediation and for no other purpose and shall be kept confidential by all such parties irrespective of whether such Mediation Parties sign a confidentiality agreement.
- 18. THIS COURT ORDERS that any mediation briefs or other documents filed by the Mediation Parties that contain information obtained from the Data Room may not be shared with or otherwise disclosed to any person or entity that has not signed a confidentiality agreement, other than the Applicant, the incumbent directors of the Applicant, the Monitor and Mediator.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

19. THIS COURT ORDERS that the terms of this Order may only be varied by further Order of this Court, which may be sought on an ex parte basis on consent of the Mediation Parties.

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

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

## ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

(PROCEEDING COMMENCED AT TORONTO)

## ORDER (Mediation)

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> Telephone: (416) 862-7525 Facsimile: (416) 862-7661

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## APPENDIX "H" - THE MEETING ORDER

(See Attached)



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



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SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMERCIAL LIST

THESDAY, THE AP DAY

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OF SEPTEMBER, 2012

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

#### PLAN FILING AND MEETING ORDER

THIS MOTION, made by Sino-Forest Corporation (the "Applicant" or "SFC") for an order, inter alia, (a) accepting the filing of the Plan, (b) authorizing the classification of creditors for purposes of voting on the Plan, (c) authorizing and directing the Applicant to call, hold and conduct a meeting of Affected Creditors to consider and vote on a resolution to approve the Plan, (d) authorizing and directing the mailing and distribution of the Meeting Materials, (e) approving the procedures to be followed with respect to the meeting of Affected Creditors, (f) setting a date for the hearing of the Applicant's motion for Court approval of the Plan and (g) amending the Claims Procedure Order to call for monetary Claims of the Ontario Securities Commission, was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Applicant's Notice of Motion, the affidavit of W. Judson Martin swom on August 14, 2012, the affidavit of Audra Hawkins swom on August 15, 2012, the affidavit of Elizabeth Fimio swom on August 27, 2012 and the Seventh Report of FTI Consulting Canada Inc. (the "Monitor") dated August 17, 2012 (the "Monitor's Seventh Report"), and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Monitor, no one appearing for the other parties served with the Applicant's Motion Record, although duly served as appears from the affidavit of service, filed;

AND FURTHER TO the endorsement of this Honourable Court made August 31, 2012 (the "Endorsement"):

#### SERVICE

1. THIS COURT ORDERS that the time for service of the Notice of Motion, the Applicant's Motion Record and the Monitor's Seventh Report is hereby abridged and validated such that this Motion is properly returnable today and service upon any interested party other than those parties served is hereby dispensed with.

#### MONITOR'S ROLE

- 2. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights and obligations under (i) the CCAA, (ii) the Initial Order, (iii) the Order of this Court dated April 20, 2012 expanding the powers of the Monitor and (iv) the Claims Procedure Order, is hereby directed and empowered to take such other actions and fulfill such other roles as are authorized by this Meeting Order.
- 3. THIS COURT ORDERS that: (i) in carrying out the terms of this Meeting Order, the Monitor shall have all the protections given to it by the CCAA, the Initial Order, the Order of this Court dated April 20, 2012 expanding the powers of the Monitor, or as an officer of the Court, including the stay of proceedings in its favour; (ii) the Monitor shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of carrying out the provisions of this Meeting Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part; (iii) the Monitor shall be entitled to rely on the books and records of the Applicant and any information provided by the Applicant without independent investigation; and (iv) the Monitor shall not be liable for any claims or damages resulting from any errors or omissions in such books, records or information.
- 4. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor and the Applicant, with the consent of the Monitor, are hereby authorized to retain such agents as they deem to be advisable to assist them in connection with calling and conducting the Meeting, including with respect to the distribution of Meeting Materials, the identification of the applicable Ordinary Affected Creditors and Noteholders, and the solicitation of proxies from Persons entitled to vote at the Meeting.

#### DEFINITIONS

- 5. THIS COURT ORDERS that any capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Plan.
- 6. THIS COURT ORDERS that for the purposes of this Meeting Order, in addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Meeting Order or in the Plan, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
  - (a) "Affected Creditor" means a Person with an Affected Creditor Claim, but only with respect to and to the extent of such Affected Creditor Claim;
  - (b) "Affected Creditor Claim" means any Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim or Noteholder Claim;
  - (c) "Beneficial Noteholder" means a beneficial owner of any Notes as at the Voting Record Date (or, if applicable, an investment advisor, manager or representative with voting discretion over the Notes owned by such beneficial owners), regardless of whether such beneficial owner is a Registered Noteholder or an Unregistered Noteholder;
  - (d) "DTC" means The Depository Trust Company, or any successor thereof;
  - (e) "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 claim that has been determined to be an Equity Claim by the Court in these proceedings,
  - (f) "Equity Claimant" means any Person having an Equity Claim, but only with respect to and to the extent of such Equity Claim;
  - (g) "Equity Claims Order" means the Order of this Court dated July 27, 2012, in respect of Shareholder Claims and Related Indemnity Claims against SFC, as such terms are defined therein;

- (h) "Information Circular" means the information circular in respect of the Plan and the Meeting substantially in the form filed by the Applicant prior to the date hereof, as the same may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time;
- (i) "Instructions to Ordinary Affected Creditors" means the instructions substantially in the form attached as Schedule "C" hereto;
- (j) "Instructions to Participant Holders" means the instructions substantially in the form attached as Schedule "B" hereto;
- (k) "Instructions to Registered Noteholders" means the instructions substantially in the form attached as Schedule "D" hereto;
- "Instructions to Unregistered Noteholders" means the instructions substantially in the form attached as Schedule "E" hereto;
- (m) "Mailing Date" means the date to be selected by the Monitor (in consultation with the Applicant and counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders) on which the Monitor shall make the mailings contemplated by paragraphs 18 and 20 of this Meeting Order, which date shall be within twenty (20) days of the date of this Meeting Order (unless extended with the consent of the Applicant and counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders);
- (n) "Meeting" means the meeting of Affected Creditors, and any extension or adjournment thereof, that is called and conducted in accordance with this Meeting Order for the purpose of considering and voting on the Plan;
- (o) "Meeting Date" means the date and time for the Meeting to be selected by the Monitor (in consultation with the Applicant and counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders), which date shall be within thirty (30) days of the Mailing Date (unless extended with the consent of the Applicant and counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders);
- (p) "Meeting Materials" means the Noteholder Meeting Materials and the Ordinary Affected Creditor Meeting Materials;

- (q) "Meeting Order" means this Order, as it may be amended by any further Order of the Court;
- (r) "Noteholder Claim" means any Claim by a Beneficial Noteholder (or a Trustee or other representative on such Beneficial Noteholder's behalf) in respect of or in relation to Notes, including all principal, Accrued Interest and any amounts payable pursuant to the Notes or the Note Indentures;
- (s) "Noteholder" means, as at the Voting Record Date, any Registered Noteholder, Unregistered Noteholder, Participant Holder or Beneficial Noteholder, as the context requires, in such capacity;
- (t) "Noteholder Meeting Materials" means copies of:
  - (i) the Notice to Affected Creditors;
  - (ii) the Plan;
  - (iii) the Information Circular;
  - (iv) the Meeting Order and Endorsement;
  - (v) a blank form of the Noteholders' Proxy;
  - (vi) the Instructions to Registered Noteholders; and
  - (vii) the Instructions to Unregistered Noteholders;
- (u) "Notcholders' Proxy" means a proxy substantially in the form of Schedule "F", to be submitted to the Monitor by any Beneficial Noteholder that wishes to vote by proxy at the Meeting;
- (v) "Notes" means, collectively, the 2013 Notes, the 2014 Notes, the 2016 Notes and the 2017 Notes;
- (w) "Notice to Affected Creditors" means the notice to Affected Creditors substantially in the form attached as Schedule "A" hereto;

- "Ordinary Affected Creditor" means a Person with an Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim;
- (y) "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);
- (z) "Ordinary Affected Creditor Meeting Materials" means copies of:
  - (i) the Notice to Affected Creditors;
  - (ii) the Plan;
  - (iii) the Information Circular;
  - (iv) the Meeting Order and Endorsement;
  - (v) a blank form of the Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy; and
  - (vi) the Instructions to Ordinary Affected Creditors;
- (aa) "Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy" means a proxy substantially in the form attached as Schedule "G" hereto, to be submitted to the Monitor by any Ordinary Affected Creditor who wishes to vote by proxy at the Meeting;
- (bb) "Participant Holder" means a Person whose name appears on any of the Participant Holders Lists as at the Voting Record Date but who is not a Beneficial Noteholder;
- (cc) "Participant Holders Lists" means the lists of DTC participant holders of Notes as at the Voting Record Date to be provided to the Monitor by DTC or any similar depository or trust company with respect to each series of Notes in accordance with paragraph 23 of this Meeting Order;
- (dd) "Plan" means the plan of compromise and reorganization proposed by the Applicant as described in the Martin Affidavit and attached as Exhibit "B" to the

- affidavit of Elizabeth Fimio, as such plan of compromise and reorganization may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms;
- (ee) "Plan Supplement" means the supplement(s) to the Plan, which shall contain draft copies of the Litigation Trust Agreement, relevant documents concerning Newco (including the terms of the Newco Shares and the Newco Notes) and such other documents as the Applicant and the Monitor may consider appropriate or necessary for purposes of the Meeting and voting on the Plan;
- (ff) "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;
- (gg) "Registered Noteholder" means a Noteholder who is the legal owner or holder of one or more Notes and whose name appears on any Registered Noteholder List;
- (hh) "Registered Noteholder List" means each list of Registered Noteholders as at the Voting Record Date provided by the Trustees to the Monitor in accordance with paragraph 21 of this Meeting Order;
- (ii) "Required Majority" means a majority in number of Affected Creditors with Voting Claims, and two-thirds in value of the Voting Claims held by such Affected Creditors, in each case who vote (in person or by proxy) on the Plan at the Meeting;
- (jj) "Sanction Hearing Date" means the date to be selected by the Monitor for the Sanction Hearing (in consultation with the Applicant and counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders), which date shall be within seven (7) days of the Meeting Date (or such other date on or after the Meeting Date as may be set by the Monitor or the Court);
- (kk) "Shareholder Claims" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the endorsement of this Court dated July 27, 2012 in these proceedings;

- "Unregistered Noteholder" means a Noteholder whose name does not appear on any Registered Noteholder List;
- (mm) "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 (i) determined to be a Voting Claim or (ii) finally disallowed;
- (nn) "Voting Claim" means an Affected Creditor Claim to the extent that such Affected Creditor Claim has been accepted by the Monitor solely for purpose of voting on the Plan (which acceptance for the purpose of voting shall have no effect on whether such Claim is a Proven Claim for purposes of the Plan), in each case in accordance with the provisions of the Claims Procedure Order or any other Order, as applicable;
- (00) "Voting Record Date" means the date of this Meeting Order; and
- (pp) "Website" means the website maintained by the Monitor in respect of the CCAA proceedings pursuant to the Initial Order at the following web address: http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc/.
- 7. THIS COURT ORDERS that all references to time herein shall mean local time in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and any reference to an event occurring on a Business Day shall mean prior to 5:00 P.M. on such Business Day unless otherwise indicated herein.
- 8. THIS COURT ORDERS that all references to the word "including" shall mean "including without limitation".
- 9. THIS COURT ORDERS that, 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.

#### THE PLAN

- 10. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Plan is hereby accepted for filing, and the Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to call and hold a meeting of Affected Creditors to vote on the Plan in the manner set forth herein.
- 11. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant may, at any time and from time to time prior to or at the Meeting, amend, restate, modify and/or supplement the Plan, subject to the terms of the Plan, provided that: (i) the Monitor, the Applicant or the Chair shall communicate the details of any such amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements to Affected Creditors present at the Meeting prior to any vote being taken at the Meeting; (ii) the Applicant shall forthwith provide notice to the service list of any such amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements and shall file a copy thereof with this Court forthwith and in any event prior to the Sanction Hearing; and (iii) the Monitor shall post an electronic copy of any such amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements on the Website forthwith and in any event prior to the Sanction Hearing.
- 12. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant shall serve and file the Plan Supplement, and the Monitor shall post the Plan Supplement on the Website, no later than seven (7) days prior to the Meeting. Thereafter, the Applicant may, at any time and from time to time prior to or at the Meeting, amend, restate, modify and/or supplement the Plan Supplement, subject to the terms of the Plan, provided that: (i) the Monitor, the Applicant or the Chair shall communicate the details of any such amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements to Affected Creditors present at the Meeting prior to any vote being taken at the Meeting; (ii) the Applicant shall forthwith provide notice to the service list of any such amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements and shall file a copy thereof with this Court forthwith and in any event prior to the Sanction Hearing; and (iii) the Monitor shall post an electronic copy of any such amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements on the Website forthwith and in any event prior to the Sanction Hearing.

#### FORMS OF DOCUMENTS

THIS COURT ORDERS that the forms of Information Circular, Notice to Affected 13. Creditors, Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy, Noteholders' Proxy, Instructions to Ordinary Affected Creditors, Instructions to Registered Noteholders, Instructions to Unregistered Noteholders and Instructions to Participant Holders are hereby approved. The Applicant, with the consent of the Monitor, may (x) make any changes to such materials as are necessary or desirable to conform the content thereof to the terms of the Plan or this Meeting Order, and (y) at any time and from time to time prior to or at the Meeting, amend, restate, modify and/or supplement any of such materials, subject to the terms of the Plan, provided that: (i) the Monitor, the Applicant or the Chair shall communicate the details of any such amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements to Affected Creditors present at the Meeting prior to any vote being taken at the Meeting; (ii) the Applicant shall forthwith provide notice to the service list of any such amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements and shall file a copy thereof with this Court forthwith and in any event prior to the Sanction Hearing; and (iii) the Monitor shall post an electronic copy of any such amendments, restatements, modifications and/or supplements on the Website forthwith and in any event prior to the Sanction Flearing.

#### VOTING BY CREDITORS

- 14. THIS COURT ORDERS that, the Affected Creditors shall constitute a single class, the "Affected Creditors Class", for the purposes of considering and voting on the Plan.
- 15. [Intentionally deleted]
- 16. [Intentionally deleted]

#### NOTICE TO ORDINARY AFFECTED CREDITORS

17. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall, no later than three (3) Business Days following the date of this Meeting Order, post an electronic copy of the Notice to Affected Creditors, the Plan and the Information Circular (in the form provided by the Applicant as at the date of this Meeting Order) on the Website.

18. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall, on the Mailing Date, deliver the Ordinary Affected Creditor Meeting Materials by courier, personal delivery or email to each Ordinary Affected Creditor with a Voting Claim and/or an Unresolved Claim at the address set out in such Ordinary Affected Creditor's Proof of Claim (or in any other written notice that has been received by the Monitor in advance of such date regarding a change of address for an Ordinary Affected Creditor).

#### NOTICE TO NOTEHOLDERS

- 19. THIS COURT ORDERS that, no later than three (3) Business Days following the date of this Meeting Order, the Monitor shall post an electronic copy of the Notice to Affected Creditors, the Plan and the Information Circular (in the form provided by the Applicant as at the date of this Meeting Order) on the Website.
- 20. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall, on the Mailing Date, deliver the Noteholder Meeting Materials by courier, personal delivery or email to the Trustees and DTC.
- 21. THIS COURT ORDERS that, no later than four (4) Business Days following the date of this Meeting Order, each of the Trustees shall provide to the Applicant and the Monitor a Registered Noteholder List for each series of Notes in respect of which such Trustee acts as trustee, each of which Registered Noteholder Lists shall list the Registered Noteholders of the applicable series of Notes as at the Voting Record Date and their respective addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses, to the extent available.
- 22. THIS COURT ORDERS that, on the later of (i) the Mailing Date and (ii) the date upon which the Monitor receives a Registered Noteholder List from any Trustee as provided for in paragraph 21, the Monitor shall send the Noteholder Meeting Materials to each Person listed on the Registered Noteholder List.
- 23. THIS COURT ORDERS that: (i) no later than four (4) Business Days following the date of this Meeting Order, DTC shall provide to the Applicant and the Monitor a Participant Holders List in respect of the Notes; and (ii) as soon as practicable following the date of this Meeting Order and in any event within four (4) Business Days of receiving notice from the Monitor of this Meeting Order, any other Registered Noteholder (if any) who holds Notes on behalf of one

or more Participant Holders shall provide to the Applicant and the Monitor a Participant Holders List in respect of the Notes. In each case the Participant Holder List so provided shall list the Participant Holders as at the Voting Record Date and their respective addresses and telephone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses, to the extent available.

- 24. THIS COURT ORDERS that, upon receipt by the Monitor of the Participant Holders Lists, the Monitor shall contact each Participant Holder listed thereon to determine the number of copies of the Noteholder Meeting Materials such Participant Holder requires in order to provide one copy of the Noteholder Meeting Materials to each of its customers or principals who are Unregistered Noteholders as at the Voting Record Date, and each Participant Holder shall provide the Monitor with a response as to the number of copies of the Noteholder Meeting Materials required within two (2) Business Days of being so contacted by the Monitor.
- 25. THIS COURT ORDERS that on the later of (i) the Mailing Date, and (ii) the date upon which the Monitor receives the information referred to in paragraph 24, the Monitor shall deliver by courier, personal delivery or email to such Participant Holder a copy of the Instructions to Participant Holders together with that number of copies of the Noteholder Meeting Materials required by such Participant Holder for distribution to the Unregistered Noteholders that are its customers or principals.
- 26. THIS COURT ORDERS that, within five (5) Business Days of any Participant Holder's receipt of the Noteholder Meeting Materials from the Monitor pursuant to paragraph 25, such Participant Holder shall: (i) complete and sign the applicable section of the Noteholders' Proxy relating to Participant Holders for each Unregistered Noteholder that has an account (directly or through an agent or custodian) with such Participant Holder; and (ii) deliver by courier or personal delivery to each such Unregistered Noteholder the Noteholders' Proxy as so completed and signed together with one copy of the Noteholder Meeting Materials. Each Participant Holder shall take any other action reasonably required to enable any Unregistered Noteholder that has an account (directly or through an agent or custodian) with such Participant Holder to provide a Noteholders' Proxy to the Monitor with respect to the Notes owned by or held for the benefit of such Unregistered Noteholder.

THIS COURT ORDERS that where: (i) a Participant Holder or its agent has a standard practice for distribution of meeting materials to Unregistered Noteholders and for the gathering of information and proxies or voting instructions from Unregistered Noteholders; (ii) the Participant Holder has discussed such standard practice in advance with the Applicant, the Monitor and counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders; and (iii) such standard practice is acceptable to the Applicant, the Monitor and counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, such Participant Holder or its agent may, in lieu of following the procedure set out in paragraph 26 above, follow such standard practice provided that all applicable proxies or voting instructions are received by the Monitor no later than 5:00 P.M. on the third Business Day before the Meeting.

### NOTICE, SERVICE AND DELIVERY

28. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor's fulfillment of the notice, delivery and Website posting requirements set out in this Meeting Order shall constitute good and sufficient notice, service and delivery thereof on all Persons who may be entitled to receive notice, service or delivery thereof or who may wish to be present or vote (in person or by proxy) at the Meeting, and that no other form of notice, service or delivery need be given or made on such Persons and no other document or material need be served on such Persons.

#### CONDUCT OF MEETING AND DELIVERY OF PROXIES

- 29. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to call the Meeting and to hold and conduct the Meeting on the Meeting Date at the offices of Bennett Jones LLP, 3400 One First Canadian Place, Toronto, Ontario, for the purpose of seeking approval of the Plan by the Affected Creditors with Voting Claims at the Meeting in the manner set forth herein. In the event that the Meeting Date is extended after the Mailing Date, the Monitor shall post notice of the extension of the Meeting Date on the Website and provide notice of the extension of the Meeting Date to the service list.
- 30. THIS COURT ORDERS that Greg Watson or another representative of the Monitor, designated by the Monitor, shall preside as the chair of the Meeting (the "Chair") and, subject to

this Meeting Order or any further Order of the Court, shall decide all matters relating to the conduct of the Meeting.

- 31. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor may appoint scrutineers for the supervision and tabulation of the attendance at, quorum at and votes cast at the Meeting (the "Scrutineers").

  A person designated by the Monitor shall act as secretary of the Meeting (the "Secretary").
- 32. THIS COURT ORDERS that the quorum required at the Meeting shall be one Affected Creditor with a Voting Claim present at the Meeting (in person or by proxy).
- 33. THIS COURT ORDERS that if the requisite quorum is not present at the Meeting, or if the Meeting is postponed by the vote of a majority in value of Voting Claims of the Affected Creditors present at the Meeting (in person or by proxy), then the Meeting shall be adjourned by the Chair to a later date, time and place as designated by the Chair. The Chair shall be entitled to adjourn and further adjourn the Meeting at the Meeting or at any adjourned Meeting. Any adjournment or adjournments described in this paragraph 33 shall be for a period of not more than thirty (30) days in total unless otherwise agreed to by the Applicant, the Monitor and counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders. In the event of any adjournment described in this paragraph 33, no Person shall be required to deliver any notice of the adjournment of the Meeting or adjourned Meeting, provided that the Monitor shall: (i) announce the adjournment at the Meeting or adjourned Meeting, as applicable; (ii) post notice of the adjournment at the originally designated time and location of the Meeting or adjourned Meeting, as applicable; (iii) forthwith post notice of the adjournment on the Website; and (iv) provide notice of the adjournment to the service list forthwith. Any Ordinary Affected Creditor Proxies and Noteholder Proxies validly delivered in connection with the Meeting shall be accepted as proxies in respect of any adjourned Meeting.
- 34. THIS COURT ORDERS that the only Persons entitled to attend and speak at the Meeting are: (i) the Affected Creditors entitled to vote at the Meeting (or, if applicable, any Person holding a valid Ordinary Creditors' Proxy or Noteholders' Proxy on behalf of one or more such Affected Creditors) and any such Affected Creditor's or valid proxyholder's legal counsel and financial advisors; (ii) the Chair, the Scrutineers and the Secretary; (iii) one or more representatives of the Monitor and the Monitor's legal counsel; (iv) one or more representatives

of the current board of directors and/or senior management of Applicant, as selected by the Applicant, and the Applicant's legal counsel and financial advisors; (v) counsel to the Directors and Officers; (vi) one or more representatives of the Initial Consenting Noteholders and the Initial Consenting Noteholders' legal counsel and financial advisors; and (vii) the Trustees and their respective legal counsel. Any other person may be admitted to the Meeting on invitation of the Chair.

35. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor may, with the consent of the Applicant, waive in writing the time limits imposed on Affected Creditors as set out in this Meeting Order (including the schedules hereto), generally or in individual circumstances, if the Monitor deems it advisable to do so.

## ASSIGNMENT OF AFFECTED CLAIMS PRIOR TO THE MEETING

36. THIS COURT ORDERS that, subject to any restrictions contained in Applicable Laws, an Ordinary Affected Creditor may transfer or assign the whole of its Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim prior to the Meeting (or any adjournment thereof), provided that neither the Applicant nor the Monitor shall be obliged to deal with any transferee or assignee thereof as an Ordinary Affected Creditor in respect of such Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim, including allowing such transferee or assignee to attend or vote at the Meeting, unless and until actual notice of the transfer or assignment, together with satisfactory evidence of such transfer or assignment, has been received and acknowledged by the Applicant and the Monitor, which receipt and acknowledgment must have occurred on or before 5 p.m. (Toronto time) on the date that is seven (7) days prior to the date of the Meeting (or any adjournment thereof), failing which the original transferor shall have all applicable rights as the "Ordinary Affected Creditor" with respect to such Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim as if no transfer of the Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim had occurred. If such receipt and acknowledgment by the Applicant and the Monitor have occurred on or before 5 p.m. (Toronto time) on the date that is seven (7) days prior to the date of the Meeting (or any adjournment thereof): (i) the transferor of the applicable Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim shall no longer constitute an Ordinary Affected Creditor in respect of such Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim; and (ii) the transferee or assignee of the applicable Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim shall, for all purposes in accordance with this Meeting Order, constitute

an Ordinary Affected Creditor in respect of such Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim and shall be bound by any and all notices previously given to the transferor or assignor in respect thereof and shall be bound by any Ordinary Creditors' Proxy duly submitted to the Monitor in accordance with this Meeting Order. For greater certainty, the Applicant and the Monitor shall not recognize partial transfers or assignments of Ordinary Affected Creditor Claims.

37. THIS COURT ORDERS that only those Beneficial Noteholders that have beneficial ownership of one or more Notes as at the Voting Record Date shall be entitled to vote at the Meeting (whether in person or by proxy). Nothing in this Meeting Order restricts the Beneficial Noteholders from transferring or assigning such Notes prior to or after the Voting Record Date, provided that if such transfer or assignment occurs after the Voting Record Date, only the original Beneficial Noteholder of such Notes as at the Voting Record Date (and not any transferee) shall be treated as a Beneficial Noteholder for purposes of this Meeting Order and the Meeting.

#### **VOTING PROCEDURE**

- 38. THIS COURT ORDERS that at the Meeting, the Chair shall direct a vote, by written ballot, on a resolution to approve the Plan and any amendments thereto.
- 39. THIS COURT ORDERS that, subject to paragraph 49, the only Persons entitled to vote at the Meeting (whether in person or by proxy) are: (i) Beneficial Noteholders with Voting Claims that have beneficial ownership of one or more Notes as at the Voting Record Date (or any such Beneficial Noteholder's validly appointed holder of its Noteholders' Proxy); and (ii) Ordinary Affected Creditors with Voting Claims as at the Voting Record Date (which, for greater certainty, includes any transferee of an Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim that is a Voting Claim, provided that such transferee has been recognized as an Ordinary Affected Creditor in respect of such transferred Ordinary Affected Creditor Claim in accordance with paragraph 36) (or any such Ordinary Affected Creditor's validly appointed holder of its Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy).

- 40. THIS COURT ORDERS that each Ordinary Affected Creditor with a Voting Claim shall be entitled to one vote as a member of the Affected Creditors Class, which vote shall have a value equal to the dollar value of such Ordinary Affected Creditor's Voting Claim.
- 41. THIS COURT ORDERS that each Beneficial Noteholder with a Voting Claim shall be entitled to one vote as a member of the Affected Creditors' Class, which vote shall have a value equal to the principal and Accrued Interest owing under the Notes owned by such Beneficial Noteholder as at the Voting Record Date. For greater certainty, with respect to voting by Beneficial Noteholders, only the Beneficial Noteholders, and not Registered Noteholders or Participant Holders (unless any such Registered Noteholder or Participant Noteholder is itself a Beneficial Noteholder), shall be entitled to vote on the Plan as provided for in this Meeting Order.
- 42. THIS COURT ORDERS that for the purpose of calculating the two-thirds majority in value of Voting Claims, the aggregate amount of Voting Claims held by all Affected Creditors that vote in favour of the Plan (in person or by proxy) shall be divided by the aggregate amount of all Voting Claims held by all Affected Creditors that vote on the Plan (in person or by proxy). For the purpose of calculating a majority in number of Affected Creditors voting on the Plan, (i) each Ordinary Affected Creditor that votes on the Plan (in person or by proxy) shall only be counted once, without duplication; and (ii) each individual Beneficial Noteholder that votes on the Plan (in person or by proxy) shall only be counted once, without duplication, even if that Beneficial Noteholder holds Notes through more than one Registered Noteholder or Participant Holder.
- 43. THIS COURT ORDERS that, for purposes of tabulating the votes cast on any matter that may come before the Meeting, the Chair shall be entitled to rely on any vote cast by a holder of an Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy and/or a Noteholders' Proxy that has been duly submitted to the Monitor in the manner set forth in this Meeting Order.
- 44. THIS COURT ORDERS that any Ordinary Affected Creditor or Beneficial Noteholder that is entitled to vote at the Meeting and that wishes to vote at the Meeting in person must: (i) duly complete and sign an Ordinary Creditors' Proxy or a Noteholders' Proxy, as applicable; (ii) identify itself in the Ordinary Creditors' Proxy or a Noteholders' Proxy, as applicable, as the

Person with the power to attend and vote at the Meeting on behalf of such Ordinary Affected Creditor or Beneficial Noteholder, as the case may be; and (iii) deliver such Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy or Noteholders' Proxy, as the case may be, to the Monitor so that it is received on or before 5:00 p.m. on the third Business Day before the Meeting (or any adjournment thereof), and such delivery must be made in accordance with the instructions accompanying such Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy or Noteholders' Proxy.

- 45. THIS COURT ORDERS that any Ordinary Affected Creditor or Beneficial Noteholder that is entitled to vote at the Meeting and that wishes to appoint a nominee to vote on its behalf at the Meeting must: (i) duly complete and sign an Ordinary Creditors' Proxy or a Noteholders' Proxy, as applicable; (ii) identify its desired nominee in the Ordinary Creditors' Proxy or a Noteholders' Proxy, as applicable, as the Person with the power to attend and vote at the Meeting on behalf of such Ordinary Affected Creditor or Beneficial Noteholder, as the case may be; and (iii) deliver such Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy or Noteholders' Proxy, as the case may be, to the Monitor so that it is received on or before 5:00 p.m. on the third Business Day before the Meeting (or any adjournment thereof), and such delivery must be made in accordance with the instructions accompanying such Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy or Noteholders' Proxy.
- 46. THIS COURT ORDERS that, in order to be effective, any Noteholders' Proxy must clearly state the name and contain the signature of the applicable Participant Holder, the applicable account number or numbers of the account or accounts maintained by the applicable Beneficial Noteholder with such Participant Holder, and the principal amount of Notes (excluding any pre-or post-filing interest) that such Beneficial Noteholder holds in each such account or accounts. Where a Beneficial Noteholder holds Notes through more than one Participant Holder, its Noteholders' Proxy is required to be executed by only one of those Participant Holders, provided that the Beneficial Noteholder shall provide the information required in its Noteholders' Proxy with respect to its Notes held with all Participant Holders to allow the Monitor to verify the aggregate amount of Notes held by such Beneficial Noteholder for the purposes of voting on the Plan.
- 47. THIS COURT ORDERS that notwithstanding anything in paragraphs 44, 45 or 46 or any minor error or omission in any Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy or Noteholders' Proxy

that is submitted to the Monitor, the Chair shall have the discretion to accept for voting purposes any Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy or Noteholders' Proxy submitted to the Monitor in accordance with the Meeting Order.

48. THIS COURT ORDERS that if there is any dispute as to the principal amount or number of Notes held by any Beneficial Noteholder, the Monitor will request the Participant Holder, if any, who maintains book entry records or other records evidencing such Beneficial Noteholder's ownership of Notes, to confirm with the Monitor the information provided by such Beneficial Noteholder. If any such dispute is not resolved by such Beneficial Noteholder and the Monitor by the date of the Meeting (or any adjournment thereof), the Monitor shall tabulate the vote for or against the Plan in respect of the disputed principal amount of such Beneficial Noteholder's Notes separately. If: (i) any such dispute remains unresolved as of the date of the Sanction Hearing; and (ii) the approval or non-approval of the Plan would be affected by the votes cast in respect of such disputed principal amount of Notes, then such result shall be reported to the Court at the Sanction Hearing and, if necessary, the Monitor may make a request to the Court for directions.

#### VOTING OF UNRESOLVED CLAIMS

- 49. THIS COURT ORDERS that notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Plan, each Affected Creditor with an Unresolved Claim as at the Voting Record Date shall be entitled to attend the Meeting and shall be entitled to one vote at the Meeting in respect of such Unresolved Claim. Any vote cast in respect of an Unresolved Claim shall be dealt with in accordance with paragraph 50, unless and until (and then only to the extent that) such Unresolved Claim is ultimately determined to be: (i) a Voting Claim, in which case such vote shall have the dollar value attributable to such Voting Claim; or (ii) disallowed, in which case such vote shall not be counted for any purpose.
- 50. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall keep a separate record of votes cast by Affected Creditors with Unresolved Claims and shall report to the Court with respect thereto at the Sanction Hearing. If approval or non-approval of the Plan by Affected Creditors would be altered by the votes cast in respect of Unresolved Claims: (i) such result shall be reported to the Court as soon as reasonably practicable after the Meeting; (ii) if a deferral of the Sanction

Hearing is deemed to be necessary or advisable by the Monitor (in consultation with the Applicant and counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders), the Monitor shall request an appropriate deferral of the Sanction Hearing; and (iii) the Monitor may make a request to the Court for directions.

- 51. THIS COURT ORDERS that each of the Third Party Defendants shall be entitled to one vote as a member of the Affected Creditors Class in respect of any Class Action Indemnity Claim that it has properly filed in respect of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims, provided that the aggregate value of all such Class Action Indemnity Claims shall, for voting purposes, be deemed to be limited to the amount of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit in the event that such Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit is in place at the time of voting. The Monitor shall keep a separate record of votes cast by the Third Party Defendants in respect of such Class Action Indemnity Claims, and the Monitor shall report to the Court with respect thereto at the Sanction Hearing, including as to whether or not a vote in favour of the Plan or against the Plan by the Third Party Defendants would have had any effect on the approval of the Plan by the Required Majority.
- 52. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant and the Monitor shall have the right to seek the assistance of the Court at any time in valuing any Unresolved Claim if required to ascertain the result of any vote on the Plan.
- 53. THIS COURT ORDERS that, pursuant to the Order of this Court dated July 27, 2012 in these proceedings, any Claims that have been properly filed by any of the Third Party Defendants against the Applicant in respect of defence costs incurred or to be incurred by the Third Party Defendants in connection with defending themselves against the Shareholder Claims ("Defence Costs Claims") shall be treated as Unresolved Claims for purposes of this Meeting Order and voting at the Meeting.

#### PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE

54. THIS COURT ORDERS that, for greater certainty, the following Persons, in such capacity, shall have no right to, and shall not, vote at the Meeting: Unaffected Creditors; Noteholder Class Action Claimants: Equity Claimants; any Person with a D&O Claim; 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 the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims); any Person with a Subsidiary Intercompany Claim; and any other Person asserting Claims against the Applicant whose Claims do not constitute Affected Creditor Claims on the Voting Record Date.

#### CLAIMS OF THE ONTARIO SECURITIES COMMISSION

- 55. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Ontario Securities Commission (the "OSC") shall (i) advise the Applicant and the Monitor as to whether it will pursue any rights or claims against the Applicant or the Directors or Officers that have or could give rise to a monetary administrative or other monetary penalty or claim ("OSC Monetary Claims") on or prior to September 13, 2012, which date shall serve in effect as a claims bar date for purposes of any OSC Monetary Claims that may be asserted by the OSC as against the Applicant or any Director or Officer, and (ii) with respect to any OSC Monetary Claims that the OSC may so assert, shall in each case specify the quantum of each such OSC Monetary Claim.
- 56. THIS COURT ORDERS that, in the event that the Applicant and the Monitor are advised of any OSC Monetary Claims pursuant to and in accordance with paragraph 55, the Monitor shall within three (3) Business Days of being so advised, deliver the Ordinary Affected Creditor Meeting Materials by courier, personal delivery or email to the OSC (or to counsel for the OSC as appears on the service list).

#### RESTRUCTURING CLAIMS

57. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall, no later than three (3) Business Days following the receipt of a Proof of Claim from any Person asserting a Restructuring Claim, deliver the Ordinary Affected Creditor Meeting Materials by courier, personal delivery or email to such Person at the address set out in any such Proof of Claim.

#### APPROVAL OF THE PLAN

58. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Plan must receive an affirmative vote of the Required Majority in order to be approved by the Affected Creditors.

59. THIS COURT ORDERS that the result of any vote at the Meeting shall be binding on all Affected Creditors, regardless of whether such Affected Creditor was present at or voted at the Meeting.

#### PLAN SANCTION

- 60. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall report to the Court the results of any votes taken at the Meeting as soon as reasonably practicable after the Meeting (or any adjournment thereof). If the Plan is approved by the Required Majority, the Applicant may apply to the Court at 10:00 A.M. on the Sanction Hearing Date for the Sanction Order (the "Sanction Hearing").
- 61. THIS COURT ORDERS that service of this Meeting Order by the Monitor or the Applicant to the parties on the service list shall constitute good and sufficient service of notice of the Sanction Hearing on all Persons entitled to receive such service and no other form of notice or service need be made and no other materials need be served in respect of the Sanction Hearing, except that any party shall also serve the service list with any additional materials that it intends to use in support of the Sanction Hearing.
- 62. THIS COURT ORDERS that any Person who wishes to oppose the Sanction Hearing shall serve on the Applicant, the Monitor and the service list a notice setting out the basis for such opposition and a copy of the materials to be used to oppose the Sanction Hearing at least four (4) days before the date set for the Sanction Hearing.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- 63. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing in this Meeting Order (including the acceptance or determination of any Claim, or any part thereof, as a Voting Claim in accordance with this Meeting Order) has the effect of determining Proven Claims for purposes of the Plan.
- 64. THIS COURT ORDERS that, for the purposes of this Meeting Order (including the calculation of the Required Majority), all Affected Creditor Claims shall be deemed to be denominated in Canadian dollars and any Affected Creditor Claims denominated in a foreign currency shall be deemed to be converted to Canadian dollars using the Reuters closing rate on

the Filing Date (as found at http://www.reuters.com/finance/currencies), without prejudice to a different exchange rate being proposed in the Plan.

65. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant or the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of their powers and duties hereunder.

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#### SCHEDULE "A"

#### NOTICE TO AFFECTED CREDITORS OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a plan of compromise and reorganization (as amended from time to time, the "Plan") has been filed with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "Court") in respect of Sino-Forest Corporation (the "Applicant") pursuant to the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA").

A copy of the Plan is set out as a schedule to the information circular dated • (the "Circular") for the Meeting (as defined below).

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of Affected Creditors (the "Meeting") will be held at 10:00 a.m. on •, 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, for the purpose of considering and, if thought advisable, passing, with or without variation, a resolution to approve the Plan (the full text of which resolution is set out as a schedule to the Circular) and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting (or any adjournment thereof). The Meeting is being held pursuant to the Order of the Court made on • (the "Meeting Order") and the endorsement of the Court made on August 31, 2012 (the "Endorsement"). Copies of the Meeting Order and the Endorsement are set out as schedules to the Circular. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this notice have the meaning ascribed to them in the Meeting Order.

The Plan must receive an affirmative vote of the Required Majority in order to be approved by the Affected Creditors. The Required Majority is a majority in number of Affected Creditors with Voting Claims, and two-thirds in value of the Voting Claims held by such Affected Creditors, in each case who vote (in person or by proxy) on the Plan at the Meeting. The Plan must also be sanctioned by a final order of the Court (the "Sanction Order") pursuant to the CCAA. Notice is also hereby given that, if the Plan is approved by the Required Majority at the Meeting, the Sanction Order will be sought in an application before the Court at 10:00 a.m. on •, 2012 (or such other date after the Meeting as may be set by the Court), to seek approval of the Plan. If the Plan is approved by the Requisite Majority and sanctioned by the Court, then,

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subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to implementation of the Plan, all Persons

referred to in the Plan (including the Affected Creditors) will receive the treatment set out in the

Plan.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN

The Applicant may, at any time and from time to time prior to or at the Meeting, amend, restate,

modify and/or supplement the Plan, subject to the terms of the Plan, provided that: (i) the

Monitor, the Applicant or the Chair shall communicate the details of any such amendment,

restatement and/or supplement to all Affected Creditors present at the Meeting prior to any vote

being taken at the Meeting; (ii) the Applicant shall provide notice to the service list of any such

amendment, restatement and/or supplement and shall file a copy thereof with this Court

forthwith and in any event prior to the Sanction Hearing; and (iii) the Monitor shall post an

electronic copy of any such amendment, restatement and/or supplement on the Website forthwith

and in any event prior to the Sanction Hearing.

COMPLETION OF PROXIES

Any Affected Creditor who is entitled to vote at the Meeting and that wishes to vote at the

Meeting must complete, sign and return the applicable form of proxy enclosed in the Circular in

the return envelope provided or by fax at the fax number below or by email in PDF format at the

email address below. In order to be effective, a proxy must be deposited with the Monitor, at the

address, fax or email below, at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. on the third Business Day before the

Meeting (or any adjournment thereof).

The Monitor's contact information for the purpose of filing forms of proxy and for obtaining any

additional information or materials related to the Meeting is:

FTI Consulting Canada Inc.

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

This notice is given by the Monitor pursuant to the Meeting Order.

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

Dated at Toronto, Ontario this • day of •, 2012.

#### SCHEDULE "B"

## INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPANT HOLDERS

#### URGENT - IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

•, 2012

#### TO: PARTICIPANT 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);
- (ii) 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")

According to the records of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or the applicable note indenture trustee, you are the holder or custodian (the "Participant Holder") on behalf of an unregistered holder of one or more of the Notes (an "Unregistered Notcholder"). You (or your agent) are required by paragraph 26 of the enclosed Court Order (the "Meeting Order") to complete and sign the applicable part of an enclosed Noteholders' Proxy (the box on page 2) for each Unregistered Noteholder for whom you act as Participant Holder and to mail it directly to each such applicable Unregistered Noteholder within five (5) Business Days.

We enclose Noteholder Meeting Materials to be forwarded by you or your agent (together with an appropriately completed and signed Noteholders' Proxy) to each of the Unregistered Noteholders recorded in your account records or book entry records. We enclose one additional copy of these materials for your use. THE MATERIALS ARE TIME SENSITIVE AND MUST BE FORWARDED TO EACH OF THE UNREGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS TOGETHER WITH THE NOTEHOLDERS' PROXY COMPLETED BY YOU FOR THAT UNREGISTERED NOTEHOLDER WITHOUT DELAY.

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.

The Noteholders' Proxy is to be completed and signed by you or your agent and by the Unregistered Noteholder and is to be provided by the Unregistered Noteholder directly to Sino-Forest's Monitor, FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in the enclosed envelope or by facsimile transmission or email.

PLEASE INSTRUCT UNREGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS TO DELIVER THEIR PROXIES <u>DIRECTLY TO FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC.</u> IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS TO UNREGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS. PROXIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC. PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE OF 5:00 P.M. ON THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING (OR ANY ADJOURNMENT THEREOF).

Before sending the Noteholders' Proxy and the other materials to an Unregistered Noteholder, please:

- 1. insert in the Noteholders' Proxy in the appropriate spaces (in the box on page 2) the name of the applicable Unregistered Noteholder, your organization's name as Participant Holder, the applicable account number and the principal amount of the Notes held in such account; and
- sign the Noteholders' Proxy as Participant Holder where indicated.

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We request that you provide any assistance that an Unregistered Noteholder may require in completing its Noteholders' Proxy. You are required by the Meeting Order to complete and forward such Noteholders' Proxies and the other materials to the applicable Unregistered

Noteholders as specified in these instructions.

If you have a standard practice for distribution of meeting materials to Unregistered Noteholders and for the gathering of information and proxies or voting instructions from Unregistered Noteholders that differs from the process described above, please contact the Monitor immediately to determine whether you are able to use such standard practice as an alternative to

the process described above.

If you have any questions regarding your obligations or the process, or require additional copies of any materials, please contact the Monitor 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

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#### SCHEDULE "C"

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO ORDINARY AFFECTED CREDITORS

#### **URGENT - IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

•, 2012

TO: ORDINARY AFFECTED CREDITORS OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

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 Circular in respect of Sino-Forest Corporation and the Plan;
- copy of the Meeting Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice dated (the "Meeting Order");
- copy of the endorsement of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice made on August 31,
   2012 (the "Endorsement"); and
- blank form of Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy, completion instructions and a return envelope.

The purpose of these materials is to enable you to consider the Plan and vote to accept or reject the resolution to approve the Plan at the Meeting of Affected Creditors of Sino-Forest Corporation to be held at 10:00 a.m. on •, 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").

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PROXIES

Ordinary Affected Creditors who wish to vote at the Meeting must complete the enclosed

Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy and provide it to the Monitor, using the enclosed envelope,

or by sending it to the Monitor 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). Any Ordinary Affected Creditor must provide the Ordinary Affected Creditors' Proxy

to the Monitor by this deadline 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

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#### SCHEDULE "D"

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS

#### URGENT - IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

•, 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);
- (ii) 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:

- Notice to Affected Creditors;
- the Plan proposed in respect of Sino-Forest Corporation;
- an Information Circular with respect to Sino-Forest Corporation and the Plan;

- copy of the Meeting Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice dated (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 ●, 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

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complete the enclosed Noteholders' Proxy and provide it to the Monitor using the enclosed envelope, or by sending it to the Monitor 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 provide the Noteholders' Proxy 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:

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Attention: Jodi Porepa

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#### SCHEDULE "E"

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO UNREGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS

#### **URGENT - IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

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(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")

You are considered an Unregistered Noteholder if your Notes are shown by the books and records of the applicable indenture trustee to be held by your broker, DTC or another similar holder (a "Participant Holder") on your behalf. If your Notes are held by a Participant Holder, these instructions apply to you.

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

Notice to Affected Creditors;

- the Plan proposed in respect of Sino-Forest Corporation;
- 3. an Information Circular with respect to Sino-Forest and the Plan;
- copy of the Meeting Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice dated (the "Meeting Order"), 2012;
  - 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 to enable you to consider the Plan and to cast your 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 ●, 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").

#### CLAIM

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL THE NOTEHOLDER CLAIMS HAS BEEN FILED BY THE NOTE INDENTURE TRUSTEES. THEREFORE, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PROVIDE A PROOF OF CLAIM. HOWEVER IF YOU WISH TO VOTE ON THE PLAN, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED NOTEHOLDERS' PROXY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS SET OUT THEREIN AND RETURN IT TO THE MONITOR PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. (TORONTO TIME) ON THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING OR ANY ADJOURNMENT THEREOF.

#### PROXY

The box on page 2 of your proxy should have been completed and signed by your Participant Holder to indicate the principal amount of Notes held by the Participant Holder on your behalf as at the Voting Record Date of •. If it has not been completed and signed, please contact your Participant Holder immediately to arrange for it to be completed and signed. You must complete your portion of the enclosed Noteholders' Proxy (including paragraph 1 of the proxy) and

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provide it to FTI Consulting Canada Inc. (the "Monitor"), using the enclosed envelope, or by sending to the Monitor 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. You must provide the completed proxy to the Monitor by this deadline if you wish to cast your vote at the Meeting of Affected Creditors.

YOU SHOULD NOT SEND THE PROXY TO YOUR PARTICIPANT HOLDER. YOUR PROXY SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC. IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED OR BY FACSIMILE OR EMAIL.

If you have any questions regarding your obligations or the process, or require additional copies of any materials please contact the Monitor at the following address:

The Monitor
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 http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc/.

#### SCHEDULE "F"

#### NOTEHOLDERS' PROXY

#### For Use by Beneficial Owners of Sino-Forest Corporation's Notes

#### MEETING OF AFFECTED CREDITORS OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

to be held pursuant to an Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the "Meeting Order")
in connection with the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization (the "Plan")
under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada) in respect of
Sino-Forest Corporation ("Sino-Forest")

on . 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

(or such other date as may be set and announced in accordance with the Meeting Order)

al:

Bennett Jones LLP, 3400 One First Canadian Place
Toronto, Ontario

and at any adjournment thereof.

Before completing this Proxy, please read carefully the instructions accompanying this Proxy for information respecting the proper completion and return of this Proxy.

THIS PROXY MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE PARTICIPANT HOLDER AND THE UNREGISTERED NOTEHOLDER AND MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE MONITOR, FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC., PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. TORONTO TIME ON THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING (OR ANY ADJOURNMENT THEREOF).

TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED	BY THE PARTICIPANT HOLDER PRIOR TO
SENDING THIS PROXY TO THE BE	ENEFICIAL OWNER OF NOTES
Name of Unregistered Noteholder	
(Client or Principal for whom Notes are I	neld):
Name of Participant Holder for this Unre	gistered
Noteholder's Notes:	
Account Number:	
Principal Amount of Notes	
Held for this Unregistered Noteholder by	series:
Participant Holder Signature:	
	(Print Name of Contact at Participant Holder)
Phone Number of Participant Holder:	By:
	(Signature of authorized signing officer of
Email Address of Participant Holder:	Participant Holder)

#### REMAINDER OF PROXY TO BE COMPLETED BY BENEFICIAL OWNER

THE UND	ERSIC	GNED I	UNREGIS	TERED NO	TEHOLI	DER hereb	y revokes	all proxies
previously	g	iven	and	nominates	co	nstitutes	and	appoints
				or, if n	person	is named,	Robert J. C	hadwick of
Goodmans	LLP (o	r his de	signee), as	nominee of t	he Unreg	stered Not	eholder, wit	th power of
substitution	, to atte	end on b	ehalf of a	nd act for the	Unregiste	ered Noteh	older at the	Meeting of
Affected Ci	reditors	of Sinc	-Forest C	orporation to	be held in	connection	n with the	Plan and at
any and all	adjoun	nments t	hereof, an	d to vote the	Unregister	ed Noteho	lder's claim	s in respect
of the Notes	s benefi	icially ov	wned by it	as follows:				
	A.	(mark	one only)					
			OTE FOR	approval of th	e Plan; or			

and -

□ VOTE AGAINST approval of the Plan;

B. vote at the nominee's discretion and otherwise act for and on behalf of the undersigned Unregistered Noteholder with respect to any amendments or variations to the Plan and to any other matters that may come before the Meeting of the Affected Creditors of Sino-Forest Corporation or any adjournment thereof.

If you do not indicate your vote in part "A" above and Robert J. Chadwick of Goodmans LLP (or his designee) is your nominee, he will vote this proxy FOR approval of the Plan.

Please provide below: (i) the Name of each Participant Holder through which the Unregistered Noteholder holds Notes; (ii) the Unregistered Noteholder's account number with each such Participant Noteholder; and (iii) the principal amount of all Notes held on behalf of the Unregistered Noteholder by each Participant Holder.

NAME AND PHONE # OF	ACCOUNT	PRINCIPAL
PARTICIPANT HOLDER	NUMBER	AMOUNT OF NOTES AND SERIES
(Please list all Participants Holders		
through which you hold Notes)		(Please identify the series of Notes)
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(If additional space is required, please attach a separate page)

The Unregistered Noteholder hereby authorizes FTI Consulting Canada Inc. to contact any Participant Holder named above to confirm that the information set out above conforms to the information contained in the records of the Participant Holder.

DATED this	day of	f, 2012.
_	-	
		(Print Name of Unregistered Noteholder)
		(Signature of Unregistered Noteholder or, if the Unregistered Noteholder is a corporation, signature of an authorized signing officer of the corporation and such officer's title)
		Phone Number of Unregistered Noteholder

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF PROXY

- Each Unregistered Noteholder has the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Noteholder) to attend, act and vote for and on the Unregistered Noteholder's behalf and such right may be exercised by inserting in the space in paragraph I the name of the person to be appointed. An individual Unregistered Noteholder wishing to attend and vote in person at the Meeting of Affected Creditors of Sino-Forest Corporation should insert the Unregistered Noteholder's own name in the space provided. If no name has been inserted in the space provided, the Unregistered Noteholder will be deemed to have appointed Robert J. Chadwick of Goodmans LLP (or his designee) as the Unregistered Noteholder's proxyholder.
- If Robert J. Chadwick of Goodmans LLP (or his designee) is appointed or deemed to be appointed as proxyholder and the Unregistered Noteholder fails to indicate on this Proxy a vote for or against the approval of the Plan, this Proxy will be voted FOR approval of the Plan.
- 3. The Unregistered Noteholder should insert the principal amount of each series of Notes owned by the Unregistered Noteholder, specifying in each case the applicable Participant Holder and the series of Notes, in the space provided on page 4.
- 4. If this Proxy is not dated in the space provided, it will be deemed to bear the date on which it is received by the Monitor.
- 5. This Proxy must be signed by the Beneficial Owner of the applicable Notes or by his or her attorney duly authorized in writing or, if the Unregistered Noteholder is a corporation, by a duly authorized officer or attorney of the corporation specifying the title of such officer or attorney.
- The Participant Holder must complete and sign the applicable portion of the Proxy (in the box on page 2) PRIOR to sending the Proxy to the Beneficial Owner.

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7. Valid proxies bearing or deemed to bear a later date will revoke this Proxy. If more than one valid proxy for the same Unregistered Noteholder and bearing or deemed to bear the same date are received with conflicting instructions, such proxies will be treated as disputed proxies and will not be counted.

8. This Proxy must be received by the Monitor by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the third Business Day before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, at the address set out below;

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#### SCHEDULE "G"

#### ORDINARY AFFECTED CREDITORS' PROXY

#### For Use by Ordinary Affected Creditors of Sino-Forest Corporation

#### MEETING OF AFFECTED CREDITORS OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

to be held pursuant to an Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the "Meeting Order")
in connection with the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization (the "Plan")
under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada) in respect of
Sino-Forest Corporation ("Sino-Forest")

on •, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

(or such other date as may be set and announced in accordance with the Meeting Order)

at:

Bennett Jones LLP, 3400 One First Canadian Place Toronto, Ontario

and at any adjournment thereof.

Before completing this Proxy, please read carefully the instructions accompanying this Proxy for information respecting the proper completion and return of this Proxy.

IN ORDER TO VOTE ON THE PLAN, THIS PROXY MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE ORDINARY AFFECTED CREDITOR AND PROVIDED TO THE MONITOR, FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC., PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. TORONTO TIME ON THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING OR ANY ADJOURNMENT THEREOF.

THE UNDERSIGNED ORDINARY AFFECTED CREDITOR hereby revokes all pr	oxies
previously given and nominates, constitutes and appoints or,	if no
person is named, [insert representative of the Monitor] (or his/her designee), as nominee	of the
Ordinary Affected Creditor, with power of substitution, to attend on behalf of and act for	or the
Ordinary Affected Creditor at the Meeting of Affected Creditors of Sino-Forest Corporation	on lo
be held in connection with the Plan and at any and all adjournments thereof, and to vo	le the
Ordinary Affected Creditor's Claim as follows:	

- A. (mark one only)
  - □ VOTE FOR approval of the Plan; or
  - □ VOTE AGAINST approval of the Plan;
    - and -
- B. vote at the nominee's discretion and otherwise act for and on behalf of the undersigned Ordinary Affected Creditor with respect to any amendments or variations to the Plan and to any other matters that may come before the Meeting of the Affected Creditors of Sino-Forest Corporation or any adjournment thereof.

If you do not indicate your vote in part "A" above and [insert representative of the Monitor] or his/her designee is your nominee, and he/she will vote this proxy FOR approval of the Plan.

Dated this	day of	, 2012.

(Print Name of Ordinary Affected Creditor)
(Signature of Ordinary Affected Creditor or, if the Voting Affected Creditor is a corporation, signature of an authorized signing officer of the corporation and such officer's name and title)
 Phone Number of Ordinary Affected Creditor

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF PROXY

- Each Ordinary Affected Creditor has the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Ordinary Affected Creditor) to altend, act and vote for and on the Ordinary Affected Creditor's behalf and such right may be exercised by inserting in the space provided the name of the person to be appointed. An individual Ordinary Affected Creditor wishing to attend and vote in person at the Meeting of Affected Creditors of Sino-Forest Corporation should insert the Ordinary Affected Creditor's own name in the space provided. If no name has been inserted in the space provided, the Ordinary Affected Creditor will be deemed to have appointed [insert representative of Monitor] (or his/her designee) as the Ordinary Affected Creditor's proxyholder.
- If [insert representative of Monitor] (or his/her designee) is appointed or deemed to be appointed as proxyholder and the Ordinary Affected Creditor fails to indicate on this Proxy a vote for or against the approval of the Plan, this Proxy will be voted FOR approval of the Plan.
- If this Proxy is not dated in the space provided, it will be deemed to bear the date on which it is received by the Monitor.
- 4. This Proxy must be signed by the Ordinary Affected Creditor or by the Ordinary Affected Creditor's attorney duly authorized in writing or, if the Ordinary Affected Creditor is a corporation, by a duly authorized officer or attorney of the corporation specifying the title of such officer or attorney.
- 5. Valid proxies bearing or deemed to bear a later date will revoke this Proxy. If more than one valid proxy for the same Ordinary Affected Creditor and bearing or deemed to bear the same date are received with conflicting instructions, such proxies will be treated as disputed proxies and will not be counted.
- 6. This Proxy must be received by the Monitor by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the third Business Day before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, at the address set out below:

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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

# ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (Commercial List)

(PROCEEDING COMMENCED IN TORONTO)

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#### APPENDIX "I" - NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF KIM ORR

(See Attached)



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

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

#### NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

The Respondents, Invesco Canada Ltd., Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P., and Comité Syndical National de Retraite Bâtirente Inc. intend to respond to this application.

December 6, 2012

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