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

### MOTION RECORD OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

(Motion for Leave to Appeal)

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### AFFIDAVIT OF ELIZABETH FIMIO (Sworn February 22, 2013)

- I, ELIZABETH FIMIO, of the City of Burlington, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, MAKE OATH AND SAY:
- 1. I am an assistant at Bennett Jones LLP, counsel for Sino-Forest Corporation, and as such, have personal knowledge of the matters set out below, except where otherwise stated. Where I do not possess personal knowledge, I have stated the source of my information and I believe such information to be true.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit "A" is a copy of the Initial Order of Justice Morawetz dated March 30, 2012.
- 3. Attached as Exhibit "B" is a copy of the Affidavit of W. Judson Martin, sworn January 11, 2013, without exhibits.

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SWORN FEBRUARY 22, 2013

A Commissioner, etc.

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# ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

)	FRIDAY, THE 30 <sup>th</sup>
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#### INITIAL ORDER

THIS APPLICATION, made by Sino-Ferest Corporation (the "Applicant"), pursuant to the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA") was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontarlo.

ON READING the affidavit of W. Judson Martin sworn March 30, 2012 and the Exhibits thereto (the "Martin Affidavit") and the Pre-Filing Report of the Proposed Monitor, FTI Consulting Canada Inc. ("FTT") (the "Monitor's Pre-Filing Report"), and on being advised that there are no secured creditors who are likely to be affected by the charges created herein, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Applicant, the Applicant's directors, FTI, the *ad hoc* committee of holders of notes issued by the Applicant (the "Ad Hoc Noteholders"), and no one else appearing for any other party, and on reading the consent of FTI to act as the Monitor,

#### SERVICE

1. THIS COURT ORDERS that the time for service of the Notice of Application, the Application Record and the Monitor's Pre-Filing Report is hereby abridged and validated so that this Application is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

#### APPLICATION

2. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES that the Applicant is a company to which the CCAA applies.

#### PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT

- 3. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant shall have the authority to file and may, subject to further order of this Court, file with this Court a plan of compromise or arrangement (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan").
- 4. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant shall be entitled to seek any ancillary or other relief from this Court in respect of any of its subsidiaries in connection with the Plan or otherwise in respect of these proceedings.

#### POSSESSION OF PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS

- 5. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant shall remain in possession and control of its current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate including all proceeds thereof (the "Property"). Subject to further Order of this Court, the Applicant shall continue to carry on business in a manner consistent with the preservation of its business (the "Business") and Property. The Applicant shall be authorized and empowered to continue to retain and employ the employees, consultants, agents, experts, accountants, counsel and such other persons (collectively "Assistants") currently retained or employed by it, with liberty to retain such further Assistants as it deems reasonably necessary or desirable in the ordinary course of business or for the carrying out of the terms of this Order,
- 6. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant shall be entitled but not required to pay the following expenses, whether incurred prior to or after this Order:

- (a) all outstanding and future wages, salaries, employee and pension benefits, vacation pay and expenses payable on or after the date of this Order, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing compensation policies and arrangements;
- (b) the fees and disbursements of any Assistants retained or employed by the Applicant in respect of these proceedings, at their standard rates and charges;
- (c) the fees and disbursements of the directors and counsel to the directors, at their standard rates and charges; and
- (d) such other amounts as are set out in the March 29 Forecast (as defined in the Monitor's Pre-Filing Report and attached as Exhibit "DD" to the Martin Affidayit).
- 7. THIS COURT ORDERS that, except as otherwise provided to the contrary herein, the Applicant shall be entitled but not required to pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Applicant in carrying on the Business in the ordinary course after this Order, and in carrying out the provisions of this Order, which expenses shall include, without limitation:
  - (a) all expenses and capital expenditures reasonably necessary for the preservation of the Property or the Business including, without limitation, payments on account of insurance (including directors and officers insurance), maintenance and security services; and
  - (b) payment for goods or services actually supplied to the Applicant following the date of this Order.
- 8. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant shall remit, in accordance with legal requirements, or pay:
  - (a) any statutory deemed trust amounts in favour of the Crown in right of Canada or of any Province thereof or any other taxation authority which are required to be deducted from employees' wages, including, without limitation, amounts in respect of (i) employment insurance, (ii) Canada Pension Plan, (iii) Quebec Pension Plan, and (iv) income taxes;

- (b) all goods and services or other applicable sales taxes (collectively, "Sales Taxes") required to be remitted by the Applicant in connection with the sale of goods and services by the Applicant, but only where such Sales Taxes are accrued or collected after the date of this Order, or where such Sales Taxes were accrued or collected prior to the date of this Order but not required to be remitted until on or after the date of this Order; and
- (c) any amount payable to the Crown in right of Canada or of any Province thereof or any political subdivision thereof or any other taxation authority in respect of municipal realty, municipal business or other taxes, assessments or levies of any nature or kind which are entitled at law to be paid in priority to claims of secured creditors and which are attributable to or in respect of the carrying on of the Business by the Applicant.
- 9. THIS COURT ORDERS that until a real property lease is disclaimed or resiliated in accordance with the CCAA, the Applicant shall pay all amounts constituting rent or payable as rent under real property leases (including, for greater certainty, common area maintenance charges, utilities and realty taxes and any other amounts payable to the landlord under the lease) or as otherwise may be negotiated between the Applicant and the landlord from time to time ("Rent"), for the period commencing from and including the date of this Order, twice-monthly in equal payments on the first and fifteenth day of each month, in advance (but not in arrears). On the date of the first of such payments, any Rent relating to the period commencing from and including the date of this Order shall also be paid.
- 10. THIS COURT ORDERS that, except as specifically permitted herein, the Applicant is hereby directed, until further Order of this Court: (a) to make no payments of principal, interest thereon or otherwise on account of amounts owing by the Applicant to any of its creditors as of this date; (b) to grant no security interests, trust, liens, charges or encumbrances upon or in respect of any of its Property; and (c) to not grant credit or incur liabilities except in the ordinary course of the Business.

#### RESTRUCTURING

- 11. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant shall, subject to such requirements as are imposed by the CCAA and such covenants as may be contained in the Support Agreement (as defined below), have the right to:
  - (a) permanently or temporarily cease, downsize or shut down any of its business or operations, and to dispose of redundant or non-material assets not exceeding .

    US\$500,000 in any one transaction or US\$1,000,000 in the aggregate;
  - (b) terminate the employment of such of its employees or temporarily lay off such of its employees as it deems appropriate; and
  - (c) pursue all avenues of refinancing of its Business or Property, in whole or part, subject to prior approval of this Court being obtained before any material refinancing

all of the foregoing to permit the Applicant to proceed with an orderly restructuring of the Business.

- 12. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant shall provide each of the relevant landlords with notice of the Applicant's intention to remove any fixtures from any leased premises at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the intended removal. The relevant landlord shall be entitled to have a representative present in the leased premises to observe such removal and, if the landlord disputes the Applicant's entitlement to remove any such fixture under the provisions of the lease, such fixture shall remain on the premises and shall be dealt with as agreed between any applicable secured creditors, such landlord and the Applicant, or by further Order of this Court upon application by the Applicant on at least two (2) days notice to such landlord and any such secured creditors. If the Applicant disclaims or resiliates the lease governing such leased premises in accordance with Section 32 of the CCAA, it shall not be required to pay Rent under such lease pending resolution of any such dispute (other than Rent payable for the notice period provided for in Section 32(5) of the CCAA), and the disclaimer or resiliation of the lease shall be without prejudice to the Applicant's claim to the fixtures in dispute,
- 13. THIS COURT ORDERS that if a notice of disclaimer or resiliation is delivered pursuant to Section 32 of the CCAA, then (a) during the notice period prior to the effective time of the

disclaimer or resiliation, the landlord may show the affected leased premises to prospective tenants during normal business hours, on glving the Applicant and the Monitor 24 hours' prior written notice, and (b) at the effective time of the disclaimer or resiliation, the relevant landlord shall be entitled to take possession of any such leased premises without waiver of or prejudice to any claims or rights such landlord may have against the Applicant in respect of such lease or leased premises and such landlord shall be entitled to notify the Applicant of the basis on which it is taking possession and to gain possession of and re-lease such leased premises to any third party or parties on such terms as such landlord considers advisable, provided that nothing herein shall relieve such landlord of its obligation to mitigate any damages claimed in connection therewith.

#### RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT

- 14. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant and the Monitor are authorized and directed to engage in the following procedures to notify noteholders of the restructuring support agreement dated as of March 30, 2012 (the "Support Agreement") between, among others, the Applicant and certain noteholders (the "Initial Consenting Noteholders"), appended as Exhibit "B" to the Martin Affidavit, to enable any additional noteholders to execute a Joinder Agreement in the form attached as Schedule "C" to the Support Agreement and to become bound thereby as Consenting Noteholders (as defined in the Support Agreement):
  - (a) the Monitor shall without delay post a copy of the Support Agreement on its website at http://ofcanada.ftlconsulting.com/sfc (the "Monitor's Website"); and
  - the notice to be published by the Monitor pursuant to paragraph 51 of this Order shall include a statement in form and substance acceptable to the Applicant, the Monitor and counsel to the Ad Hoc Noteholders, each acting reasonably, notifying noteholders of the Support Agreement and of the deadline of 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on May 15, 2012 (the "Consent Date") by which any noteholder (other than an Initial Consenting Noteholder) who wishes to become entitled to the Early Consent Consideration pursuant to the Support Agreement (if such Early Consent Consideration becomes payable pursuant to the terms thereof) must execute and return the Joinder Agreement to the Applicant, and shall direct noteholders to the Monitor's Website where a copy of the Support Agreement (including the Joinder Agreement) can be obtained.

- 15. THIS COURT ORDERS that any noteholder (other than an Initial Consenting Noteholder) who wishes to become a Consenting Noteholder and become entitled to the Early Consent Consideration (if such Early Consent Consideration becomes payable pursuant to the terms thereof, and subject to such noteholder demonstrating its holdings to the Monitor in accordance with the Support Agreement) must execute a Joinder Agreement and return it to the Applicant and the Noteholder Advisors (as defined below) in accordance with the instructions set out in the Support Agreement such that it is received by the Applicant and the Noteholder Advisors prior to the Consent Deadline and, upon so doing, such noteholder shall become a Consenting Noteholder and shall be bound by the terms of the Support Agreement.
- 16. THIS COURT ORDERS that as soon as practicable after the Consent Deadline, the Applicant shall provide to the Monitor copies of all executed Joinder Agreements received from noteholders prior to the Consent Deadline.

#### NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE APPLICANT OR THE PROPERTY

- 17. THIS COURT ORDERS that until and including April 29, 2012, or such later date as this Court may order (the "Stay Period"), no proceeding or enforcement process in any court or tribunal (each, a "Proceeding") shall be commenced or continued against or in respect of the Applicant or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Applicant or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.
- 18. THIS COURT ORDERS that until and including the Stay Period, no Proceeding shall be commenced or continued by any notcholder, indenture trustee or security trustee (each in respect of the notes issued by the Applicant, collectively, the "Notcholders") against or in respect of any of the Applicant's subsidiaries listed on Schedule "A" (each a "Subsidiary Guarantor", and collectively, the "Subsidiary Guarantors"), except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way by a Notcholder against or in respect of any Subsidiary Guarantors are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.

#### NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES

- 19. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, all rights and remedies of any individual, firm, corporation, governmental body or agency, or any other entitles (all of the foregoing, collectively being "Persons" and each being a "Person") against or in respect of the Applicant or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended and shall not be commenced, proceeded with or continued, except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall (i) empower the Applicant to carry on any business which the Applicant is not lawfully entitled to carry on, (ii) affect such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by Section 11.1 of the CCAA, (iii) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest, (iv) prevent the registration of a claim for lien, or (v) prevent the exercise of any termination rights of the Consenting Noteholders under the Support Agreement.
- 20. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, all rights and remedies of the Notcholders against or in respect of the Subsidiary Guarantors are hereby stayed and suspended and shall not be commenced, proceeded with or continued, except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall (i) empower any Subsidiary Guarantor to carry on any business which such Subsidiary Guarantor is not lawfully entitled to carry on, (ii) affect such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by Section 11.1 of the CCAA, (iii) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest, or (iv) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

#### NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS

21. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, no Person shall discontinue, fail to honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, terminate or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Applicant, except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or leave of this Court.

#### CONTINUATION OF SERVICES

22. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, all Persons having eral or written agreements with the Applicant or statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods and/or services, including without limitation all computer software; communication and other data services, centralized banking services, payroll services, insurance, transportation services, utility or other services to the Business or the Applicant, are hereby restrained until further Order of this Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with or terminating the supply of such goods or services as may be required by the Applicant or exercising any other remedy provided under such agreement or arrangements, and that the Applicant shall be entitled to the continued use of its current premises, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses and domain names, provided in each case that the normal prices or charges for all such goods or services received after the date of this Order are paid by the Applicant in accordance with normal payment practices of the Applicant or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and each of the Applicant and the Monitor, or as may be ordered by this Court.

#### NON-DEROGATION OF RIGHTS

23. THIS COURT ORDERS that, notwithstanding anything else in this Order, no Person shall be prohibited from requiring immediate payment for goods, services, use of lease or licensed property or other valuable consideration provided on or after the date of this Order, nor shall any Person be under any obligation on or after the date of this Order to advance or readvance any monies or otherwise extend any credit to the Applicant. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the rights conferred and obligations imposed by the CCAA.

#### PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

24. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, and except as permitted by subsection 11.03(2) of the CCAA, no Proceeding may be commenced or continued against any of the former, current or future directors or officers of the Applicant with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date hereof and that relates to any obligations of the Applicant whereby the directors or officers are alleged under any law to be liable in their capacity as directors or officers for the payment or performance of such

obligations, until a compromise or arrangement in respect of the Applicant, if one is filed, is sanctioned by this Court or is refused by the affected creditors of the Applicant or this Court.

#### DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INDEMNIFICATION AND CHARGE

- 25. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant shall (i) indemnify its directors and officers against obligations and liabilities that they may incur as directors or officers of the Applicant after the commencement of the within proceedings, and (ii) make payments of amounts for which its directors and officers may be liable as obligations they may incur as directors or officers of the Applicant after the commencement of the within proceedings, except to the extent that, with respect to any officer or director, the obligation or liability was incurred as a result of the director's or officer's gross negligence or wilful misconduct.
- 26. THIS COURT ORDERS that the directors and officers of the Applicant shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "Directors' Charge") on the Property (other than the Applicant's assets which are subject to the Personal Property Security Act registrations on Schedule "B" hereto (the "Excluded Property")), which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$3,200,000, as security for the indemnity provided in paragraph 25 of this Order. The Directors' Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 38 and 40 herein.
- 27. THIS COURT ORDERS that, notwithstanding any language in any applicable insurance policy to the contrary, (a) no insurer shall be entitled to be subrogated to or claim the benefit of the Directors' Charge, and (b) the Applicant's directors and officers shall only be entitled to the benefit of the Directors' Charge to the extent that they do not have coverage under any directors' and officers' insurance policy, or to the extent that such coverage is insufficient to pay amounts indemnified in accordance with paragraph 25 of this Order.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR

28. THIS COURT ORDERS that FTI is hereby appointed pursuant to the CCAA as the Monitor, an officer of this Court, to monitor the business and financial affairs of the Applicant with the powers and obligations set out in the CCAA or set forth herein and that the Applicant and its shareholders, officers, directors, and Assistants shall advise the Monitor of all material steps taken by the Applicant pursuant to this Order, and shall co-operate fully with the Monitor

in the exercise of its powers and discharge of its obligations and provide the Monitor with the assistance that is necessary to enable the Monitor to adequately carry out the Monitor's functions.

- 29. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights and obligations under the CCAA, is hereby directed and empowered to:
  - (a) monitor the Applicant's receipts and disbursements;
  - (b) report to this Court at such times and intervals as the Monitor may deem appropriate with respect to matters relating to the Property, the Business, and such other matters as may be relevant to the proceedings herein;
  - (c) advise the Applicant in its preparation of the Applicant's each flow statements, as required from time to time;
  - (d) advise the Applicant in its development of the Plan and any amendments to the Plan;
  - (e) assist the Applicant, to the extent required by the Applicant, with the holding and administering of creditors' or shareholders' meetings for voting on the Plan, as applicable;
  - (f) have full and complete access to the Property, including the premises, books, records, data, including data in electronic form, and other financial documents of the Applicant to the extent that is necessary to adequately assess the Applicant's business and financial affairs or to perform its duties arising under this Order;
  - (g) be at liberty to engage independent legal counsel or such other persons as the Monitor deems necessary or advisable respecting the exercise of its powers and performance of its obligations under this Order;
  - (h) carry out and fulfill its obligations under the Support Agreement in accordance with its terms; and
  - (i) perform such other duties as are required by this Order or by this Court from time to time.

- 30. THIS COURT ORDERS that without limiting paragraph 29 above, in carrying out its rights and obligations in connection with this Order, the Monitor shall be entitled to take such reasonable steps and use such services as it deems necessary in discharging its powers and obligations, including, without limitation, utilizing the services of FTI Consulting (Hong Kong) Limited ("FTI HK").
- 31. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall not take possession of the Property (or any property or assets of the Applicant's subsidiaries) and shall take no part whatsoever in the management or supervision of the management of the Business (or any business of the Applicant's subsidiaries) and shall not, by fulfilling its obligations hereunder, be deemed to have taken or maintained possession or control of the Business or Property, or any part thereof (or of any business, property or assets, or any part thereof, of any subsidiary of the Applicant).
- 32. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing herein contained shall require the Monitor to occupy or to take control, care, charge, possession or management (separately and/or collectively, "Possession") of any of the Property (or any property of any subsidiary of the Applicant) that might be environmentally contaminated, might be a pollutant or a contaminant, or might cause or contribute to a spill, discharge, release or deposit of a substance contrary to any federal, provincial or other law respecting the protection, conservation, enhancement, remediation or rehabilitation of the environment or relating to the disposal of waste or other contamination including, without limitation, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, the Ontario Environmental Protection Act, the Ontario Water Resources Act, or the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and regulations thereunder (the "Environmental Legislation"), provided however that nothing herein shall exempt the Monitor from any duty to report or make disclosure imposed by applicable Environmental Legislation. The Monitor shall not, as a result of this Order or anything done in pursuance of the Monitor's duties and powers under this Order, be deemed to be in Possession of any of the Property (or of any property of any subsidiary of the Applicant) within the meaning of any Environmental Legislation, unless it is actually in possession.
- 33. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall provide any oreditor of the Applicant with information provided by the Applicant in response to reasonable requests for information made in writing by such creditor addressed to the Monitor. The Monitor shall not have any

responsibility or liability with respect to the information disseminated by it pursuant to this paragraph. In the case of information that the Monitor has been advised by the Applicant is confidential, the Monitor shall not provide such information to creditors unless otherwise directed by this Court or on such terms as the Monitor and the Applicant may agree.

- 34. THIS COURT ORDERS that, in addition to the rights and protections afforded the Monitor under the CCAA or as an officer of this Court, the Monitor shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of its appointment or the carrying out of the provisions of this Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the protections afforded the Monitor by the CCAA or any applicable legislation.
- 35. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, counsel to the Applicant, counsel to the directors, Houlihan Lokey Capital Inc. (the "Financial Advisor"), FTI HK, counsel to the Ad Hoc Noteholders and the financial advisor to the Ad Hoc Noteholders (together with counsel to the Ad Hoc Noteholders, the "Noteholder Advisors") shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case at their standard rates and charges, by the Applicant, whether incurred prior to or subsequent to the date of this Order, as part of the costs of these proceedings. The Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Monitor, counsel for the Applicant, counsel to the directors, the Financial Advisor, FTI HK, and the Noteholder Advisors on a weekly basis or otherwise in accordance with the terms of their engagement letters.
- 36. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor and its legal counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time, and for this purpose the accounts of the Monitor and its legal counsel are hereby referred to a judge of the Commercial List of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.
- 37. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, the Applicant's counsel, counsel to the directors, the Financial Advisor, FTI HK, and the Noteholder Advisors shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "Administration Charge") on the Property (other than the Excluded Property), which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$15,000,000 as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred at their respective standard rates and charges in respect of such services, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings. The Administration Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 38 and 40 hereof.

#### VALIDITY AND PRIORITY OF CHARGES CREATED BY THIS ORDER

38. THIS COURT ORDERS that the priorities of the Directors' Charge and the Administration Charge, as between them, shall be as follows:

First - Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$15,000,000); and Second - Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$3,200,000).

- 39. THIS COURT ORDERS that the filing, registration or perfection of the Directors' Charge or the Administration Charge (collectively, the "Charges") shall not be required, and that the Charges shall be valid and enforceable for all purposes, including as against any right, title or interest filed, registered, recorded or perfected subsequent to the Charges coming into existence, notwithstanding any such failure to file, register, record or perfect.
- 40. THIS COURT ORDERS that each of the Charges shall constitute a charge on the Property (other than the Excluded Property) and shall rank in priority to all other security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, claims of secured creditors, statutory or otherwise (collectively, "Encumbrances") in favour of any Person.
- 41. THIS COURT ORDERS that except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, or as may be approved by this Court, the Applicant shall not grant any Encumbrances over any Property that rank in priority to, or *part passu* with, any of the Charges, unless the Applicant also obtains the prior written consent of the Monitor, the beneficiaries of the Directors' Charge and the beneficiaries of the Administration Charge, or further Order of this Court.
- 42. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Charges shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the chargees entitled to the benefit of the Charges (collectively, the "Chargees"), shall not otherwise be limited or impaired in any way by (a) the pendency of these proceedings and the declarations of insolvency made herein; (b) any application(s) for bankruptcy order(s) issued pursuant to the BIA, or any bankruptcy order made pursuant to such applications; (c) the filing of any assignments for the general benefit of creditors made pursuant to the BIA; (d) the provisions of any federal or provincial statutes; or (e) any negative covenants, prohibitions or other similar provisions with respect to borrowings, incurring debt or the creation of Encumbrances, contained in any existing loan documents, lease, sublease, offer to lease or

other agreement (collectively, an "Agreement") which binds the Applicant, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:

- (a) neither the creation of the Charges nor the execution, delivery, perfection, registration or performance of any documents in respect thereof shall create or be deemed to constitute a breach by the Applicant of any Agreement to which it is a party;
- (b) none of the Chargees shall have any liability to any Person whatsoever as a result of any breach of any Agreement caused by or resulting from the creation of the Charges; and
- (c) the payments made by the Applicant pursuant to this Order and the granting of the Charges, do not and will not constitute preferences, fraudulent conveyances, transfers at undervalue, oppressive conduct, or other challengeable or voidable transactions under any applicable law.
- 43. THIS COURT ORDERS that any Charge oreated by this Order over leases of real property in Canada shall only be a Charge in the Applicant's interest in such real property leases,

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR AGREEMENT

- 44. THIS COURT ORDERS that the letter agreement dated as of December 22, 2012 with respect to the Financial Advisor in the form attached as Exhibit "CC" to the Martin Affidavit (the "Financial Advisor Agreement") and the retention of the Financial Advisor under the terms thereof, including the payments to be made to the Financial Advisor thereunder, are hereby approved.
- 45. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant is authorized and directed to make the payments contemplated in the Financial Advisor Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof.

#### POSTPONEMENT OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

46. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant be and is hereby relieved of any obligation to call and hold an annual meeting of its shareholders until further Order of this Court.

#### FOREIGN PROCEEDINGS

- 47. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor is hereby authorized and empowered to act as the foreign representative in respect of the within proceedings for the purpose of having these proceedings recognized in a jurisdiction outside of Canada.
- 48. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor is hereby authorized, as the foreign representative of the Applicant and of the within proceedings, to apply for foreign recognition of these proceedings, as necessary, in any jurisdiction outside of Canada, including as "Foreign Main Proceedings" in the United States pursuant to Chapter 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.
- 49. 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 this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order, to grant representative status to the Monitor in any fereign proceeding, or to assist the Applicant and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.
- 50. THIS COURT ORDERS that each of the Applicant and the Monitor be at liberty and is hereby authorized and empowered to apply to any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body, wherever located, for the recognition of this Order and for assistance in carrying out the terms of this Order and any other Order issued in these proceedings.

#### SERVICE AND NOTICE

- 51. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall (i) without delay, publish in the Globe and Mail and the Wall Street Journal a notice containing the information prescribed under the CCAA, (ii) within seven days after the date of this Order, (A) make this Order publicly available in the manner prescribed under the CCAA, (B) send, in the prescribed manner, a notice to every known creditor who has a claim against the Applicant of more than \$1,000, and (C) prepare a list showing the names and addresses of those creditors and the estimated amounts of those claims, and make it publicly available in the prescribed manner, all in accordance with Section 23(1)(a) of the CCAA and the regulations made thereunder.
- 52. THIS COURT ORDERS that each of the Applicant and the Monitor be at liberty to serve this Order, any other materials and orders in these proceedings, any notices or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery, facsimile transmission or email to the Applicant's creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the Applicant and that any such service or notice by courier, personal delivery or electronic transmission shall be deemed to be received on the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof, or if sent by ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing.
- 53. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant, the Monitor, and any party who has filed a Notice of Appearance may serve any court materials in these proceedings by e-mailing a PDF or other electronic copy of such materials to counsels' email addresses as recorded on the Service List from time to time, and the Monitor may post a copy of any or all such materials on the Monitor's Website.

#### GENERAL

- 54. 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 its powers and duties hereunder.
- 55. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing in this Order shall prevent the Monitor from acting as an interim receiver, a receiver and manager, or a trustee in bankruptcy of the Applicant, the Business or the Property.

- 56. THIS COURT ORDERS that any interested party (including the Applicant and the Monitor) may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order on not less than seven (7) days notice to any other party or parties likely to be affected by the order sought or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.
- 57. THIS COURT ORDERS that this Order and all of its provisions are effective as of 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard/Daylight Time on the date of this Order.

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- 4. Grandeur Winway Limited (BVI)
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- 7. Sino-Porest Bio-Science Limited (BVI)
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Schedule "B"

### PERSONAL PROPERTY SECURITY REGISTRATION SYSTEM SEARCH RESULTS

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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 SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

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#### ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

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# THIS IS EXHIBIT "B" TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF ELIZABETH FIMIO SWORN FEBRUARY 22, 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.e-36, AS AMENDED

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

Applicant

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

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

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

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

- 3. Terms not defined in this affidavit are as defined in my affidavit sworn March 30, 2012 in support of the application for the initial order made in this proceeding, my affidavit sworn August 14, 2012 in support of the filing of a draft plan of compromise and arrangement, and/or my affidavit sworn November 29, 2012 in support of a motion for sanction of the Plan. I adopt and repeat for the purposes of this motion the statements I made in my earlier affidavits. Copies of these three affidavits are attached hereto (without exhibits) as Exhibits "A," "B," and "C" respectively.
- I have sworn numerous affidavits in this CCAA Proceeding, in my capacity as Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant including those referred to above. In addition to my responsibility for the operational and financial affairs of the Applicant, I have been intimately involved in this restructuring, instructing Applicant's counsel (Bennett Jones LLP) and have worked with FTI Consulting Inc. in its capacity as court-appointed Monitor as well as with the Ad Hoc Committee of Sino-Forest Noteholders (the "Noteholders"), and their respective counsel.
- 5. In addition, I was involved in the formulation and finalization of the Plan ultimately sanctioned by this Court on December 10, 2012 (the "Sanction Order").
- 6. As I have explained previously, Sino-Forest itself has no operating assets, and its business in standing timber is conducted through its direct and indirect subsidiaries (collectively the "Sino-Forest Subsidiaries"). All of the standing timber assets of the Sino-Forest companies (of which there are many) are held through the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, as a result of which

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

- 7. As I described in my affidavit sworn November 29, 2012, the Plan provides (for the reasons expressed) that substantially all of Sino-Forest's assets, including the shares in the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, will be transferred (according to the terms of the Plan) to Newco for the benefit of Affected Creditors.
- 8. This necessarily required that the claims filed pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order made in this CCAA Proceeding be identified and addressed. That is one reason why Sino-Forest requested, and this Court granted, the term of the Claims Procedure Order requiring claimants to identify potential claims against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, notwithstanding that Sino-Forest itself was the sole Applicant.
- 9. I am generally familiar with the most significant claims filed against the Applicant and the directors and officers of Sino-Forest, and in particular the claims of Ernst & Young, the syndicate of underwriters involved in the various debt and equity offerings of Sino-Forest (the "Underwriters") and BDO Limited ("BDO"). Those claims, advanced against Sino-Forest and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, individually and in the aggregate, total in the billions of dollars. Those claims had to be addressed as part of this restructuring.
- 10. As I stated at paragraph 124 of my affidavit sworn November 29, 2012, there could be no effective restructuring of Sino-Forest's business and separation from the Canadian parent (which Sino-Forest has said from the outset was the objective at the commencement of these proceedings) if the claims asserted against the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries arising out of, or

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

- 11. In addition, and as counsel for Sino-Forest has previously submitted to this Court and as has been observed by the court-appointed Monitor, timing and delay were critical factors in this restructuring. I believe that delays and the passage of time negatively impact on the value of Sino-Forest assets and the recovery by stakeholders, and I certainly understand this to be the view of the Noteholders, as has been expressed to me and to Sino-Forest by the Noteholders and their counsel on numerous occasions.
- 12. Accordingly, it was and remains critical to the success of this restructuring, to the maximization of value and to the preservation of assets that:
  - (a) the claims against Sino-Forest and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries be determined or resolved such that the assets held by the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries were not subject to these contingent claims; and
  - (b) that this be achieved as quickly as possible.
- 13. It was for these reasons, among others, that Sino-Forest, supported by the Noteholders, has continued its efforts to advance this restructuring as soon as possible. Sino-Forest welcomed the initiative by the supervising CCAA Judge, Justice Morawetz, to urge and encourage the principal stakeholders to engage in a constructive dialogue with a view to attempting to resolve disputes on a consensual basis, including the claims against Sino-Forest and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries.

- 14. For these reasons, Sino-Forest welcomed the Mediation Order made in these proceedings and the ensuing mediation, described in my earlier affidavits. As stated above, the Court-ordered mediation involving the parties to the Ontario Class Action, the Noteholders and the Monitor was consistent with the direction and encouragement from the supervising CCAA Judge that the principal stakeholders should focus their efforts on the resolution of claims. As I understand it, this was a continuing theme in these proceedings.
- 15. While the global mediation conducted by Justice Newbould did not resolve all litigation claims at that time, it did represent the genesis of a substantive dialogue among the key stakeholders and was, I believe, the catalyst for discussions that continued after the conclusion of the formal mediation. Both the global mediation and the subsequent settlement discussions were consistent with the objectives of the Applicant in this restructuring.
- 16. I understand that Ernst & Young continued discussions with the Ontario Plaintiffs, ultimately resulting in the Minutes of Settlement which define the terms of the Ernst & Young Settlement.
- 17. Sino-Forest was and remains of the view that the Ernst & Young Settlement is a positive development in this restructuring for the reasons expressed below. As a result, the Applicant was amenable to amending the draft Plan to provide for the mechanics and framework for the Ernst & Young Settlement and the Ernst & Young Release in order that it could be voted on at the meeting of creditors and sanctioned by this Court.
- 18. In my affidavit sworn November 29, 2012, I discussed the Equity Claims Decision (as defined in that affidavit). Notwithstanding the Equity Claims Decision, I am advised by my counsel, Bennett Jones LLP, and believe that, absent a resolution on terms acceptable to Ernst &

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

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

- claims were ultimately resolved in its favour and not subordinated; and
- Potentially extending the timelines to complete the restructuring of Sino-Forest;
- (c) Ernst & Young has agreed not to receive any distributions of any kind under the Plan in respect of Noteholder Class Action Claims, as have the other Third Party Defendants. Without that agreement, the Unresolved Claims Reserve would have materially increased, with the potential for a corresponding dilution of consideration paid to the Affected Creditors; and
- (d) Although the allocation of the settlement funds has yet to be determined, any portion allocated to the equity holders of Sino-Forest will significantly increase the recovery to a class of stakeholders that would not otherwise receive any amount under the Plan.
- 20. Sino-Forest, the only Applicant in the CCAA Proceeding, is a holding company and its only material assets are the shares of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries. The release of claims by Ernst & Young assisted in allowing the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries to contribute, unencumbered by claims totalling billions of dollars, their assets to the overall restructuring.
- 21. For these reasons among others, I believe that the Ernst & Young Settlement contributed in a significant and positive way to the timeliness of the Sanction Order, and ultimately to the implementation of the Plan.
- 22. I understand that the terms of the Ernst & Young Settlement include the provision of a release in favour of Ernst & Young in respect of all claims related to Sino-Forest. The Plan (as

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

- 23. The Plan provides for the mechanics and framework for other third party settlements, should those occur in the future. The inclusion of these provisions in the Plan facilitated the support of the Plan by the Underwriters and withdrawal of objections to the Plan by BDO. From the course of the negotiations over the relevant period I believe that the Ernst & Young Settlement was a catalyst to those other parties withdrawing their objections to the Plan. Ultimately, except for the group of securities holders now opposing the Ernst & Young Settlement, the Plan was approved without opposition.
- 24. In conclusion, for the reasons described above, the Applicant believes that the Ernst & Young Settlement represented a significant contribution to the Plan and to a successful restructuring, and the Applicant supports the motion for approval of the Ernst & Young Settlement.

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

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