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(Stay Extension Motion, Returnable September 28, 2012)

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The applicant, Sino-Forest Corporation ("SFC"), will make a motion to Justice Morawetz of the Commercial List court on Friday, September 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon after that time as the motion can be heard, at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

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

THE MOTION IS FOR AN ORDER:

- (a) Abridging the time for service of the Notice of Motion and Motion Record in respect of this motion and dispensing with further service thereof;
- (b) Extending the Stay Period (as defined in the Initial Order in the proceedings pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, (Canada) R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA") granted by this Honourable Court on March 30, 2012 (the "Initial Order")) to October 11, 2012.

- (c) Such further and other relief as counsel may request and this Honourable Court deems just.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE MOTION ARE:

BACKGROUND

- a) On March 30, 2012, this Honourable Court made an Initial Order granting the CCAA stay of proceedings against the Applicant and certain of its subsidiaries and appointing FTI Consulting Canada Inc. as the Monitor in the CCAA proceedings;
- b) Also on March 30, 2012, this Honourable Court made the Sale Process Order approving sale process procedures in the form attached thereto (the "Sale Process Procedures") and authorizing and directing SFC, the Monitor and Houlihan Lokey (the "Financial Advisor") to perform each of their obligations thereunder and to do all things reasonably necessary to perform their obligations thereunder;
- c) On May 31, 2012, this Honourable Court extended the CCAA Stay to September 28, 2012;

EVENTS SINCE MAY 31, 2012

- d) Since the commencement of the CCAA proceedings, the Applicant has taken several steps in the CCAA proceedings in order to further the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization.

EXTENSION OF THE STAY PERIOD

- e) The Applicant is proceeding in good faith with due diligence;
- f) The Applicant requires an extension of the Stay Period while it continues to work towards implementing the Plan;

MISCELLANEOUS

- g) The provisions of the CCAA;
- h) Such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court permit.

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

- a) The affidavit of W. Judson Martin sworn September 24, 2012;
- b) The Eighth Report of the Monitor; and
- c) Such further or other material as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF W. JUDSON MARTIN
(Sworn September 24, 2012)**

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

1. I am the Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sino-Forest Corporation ("SFC"). 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. Capitalized terms not defined in this affidavit are as defined in my affidavit sworn March 30, 2012 (the "Initial Order Affidavit"). A copy of my Initial Order Affidavit (without exhibits) is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

BACKGROUND

3. On March 30, 2012, this Honourable Court made an Initial Order granting the CCAA stay of proceedings against SFC and certain of its subsidiaries (the "CCAA Stay") and appointing FTI Consulting Canada Inc. as the Monitor in the CCAA proceedings. A copy of the Initial Order is attached as Exhibit "**B**".

4. On May 31, 2012, this Honourable Court extended the CCAA Stay to September 28, 2012 (the "Stay Extension Order"). A copy of the May 31 Stay Extension Order is attached as Exhibit "**C**".

DEVELOPMENTS SINCE MAY 31, 2012

i. Developments in the CCAA Proceedings

5. Since the May 31 Stay Extension Order, there have been a number of developments in the CCAA proceedings.

6. First, on June 26, 2012, this Honourable Court heard a motion brought by SFC seeking directions that claims against SFC, which result from the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest in SFC, and indemnification claims related thereto, are "equity claims" as defined by the CCAA. In reasons released on July 27, 2012, a copy of which are attached as Exhibit "**D**", this Honourable Court substantially granted the relief sought. A copy of the Order issued in connection with that motion is attached as Exhibit "**E**".

7. Second, pursuant to a consent order issued by this Honourable Court on July 25, 2012, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "**F**", the parties to the Canadian class action proceedings

participated in a two-day mediation. That mediation was conducted by the Honourable Justice Newbould, and was held at the offices of Bennett Jones LLP from September 4-5, 2012. The mediation did not result in a settlement.

8. Third, in connection with that mediation, SFC consented to certain relief sought by class counsel in connection with the mediation. The relief sought involved the production of otherwise confidential documents to the parties to the mediation for the sole purpose of use in that mediation and pursuant to the terms and conditions set out in confidentiality agreements executed by each of the parties to the mediation. A copy of the consent Order of this Honourable Court dated July 30, 2012 (the "Mediation Documents Order") is attached as Exhibit "G".

9. I am advised by counsel that tens of thousands of documents were made available in the data room pursuant to the Mediation Documents Order. I am further advised by counsel that there have been no suggestions that there was anything less than full compliance with the Mediation Documents Order by SFC.

10. Fourth, on August 31, 2012, this Honourable Court issued a Plan Filing and Meeting Order, which accepted SFC's draft Plan of Compromise and Reorganization for filing, required certain meeting material to be sent to creditors, and called for a meeting. A copy of the Plan Filing and Meeting Order is attached as Exhibit "H".

11. The Plan Filing and Meeting Order was made on the basis that a number of objections that were raised on the motion for the Plan Filing and Meeting Order would be heard at a later time, at the sanction hearing stage (assuming those objections continue to be maintained at that time),

after creditors had had a chance to consider and vote upon the Plan. Attached as Exhibit "I" is a copy of the endorsement of this Honourable Court setting out these terms.

ii. Further Steps with Respect to the CCAA Plan

12. As set out in the Plan Filing and Meeting Order, the meeting material was to be distributed to affected creditors entitled to vote on the Plan within twenty days of the order, unless that date was extended by the Monitor with the consent of SFC and counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders. On September 20, 2012, the Monitor extended the mailing date to on or before October 3, 2012 with the consent of SFC and counsel to the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

13. The delay in mailing the meeting materials is attributable to the fact that certain steps and issues necessary to be completed prior to the mailing of the Plan are still in the process of being completed and certain terms of the Plan itself are and continue to be subject to refinement and negotiation.

14. Under the Plan Filing and Meeting Order, the Meeting Date is to be within 30 days of the mailing of the meeting materials. Assuming the mailing occurs on October 3, 2012, that would mean that the meeting of creditors will occur no later than November 2, 2012.

iii. Ontario Securities Commission

15. Staff ("Staff") of the Ontario Securities Commission (the "Commission") have been cooperative in assisting SFC to take steps necessary to advance the Plan. As was described in my initial affidavit filed in this proceeding, the Commission issued a temporary cease trade order ("TCTO") ceasing trading in the securities of SFC.

16. At Staff's request, SFC brought an application before the Commission to vary the TCTO to permit the mailing to creditors as ordered by this Honourable Court. Staff believed that the act of mailing the meeting materials could be considered an "act in furtherance of a trade", which would be contrary to the TCTO.

17. On September 18, 2012, Vice-Chair Mary Condon of the Commission heard SFC's motion to vary the TCTO to permit the mailing. Counsel for the Monitor, the Ad Hoc Committee of Noteholders and Staff were present at that hearing. Vice-Chair Condon granted the relief sought. A copy of the Order dated September 18, 2012 is attached as Exhibit "J".

18. Also on September 18, 2012, SFC gave notice to the Commission that it would seek a further variation of the TCTO to allow for the implementation of further steps in connection with the Plan, including holding the Meeting itself, and taking the steps contemplated by the Plan, if it is approved by creditors and this Honourable Court. A copy of SFC's notice is attached as Exhibit "K". While the date is still being finalized, it is anticipated that that application will be heard on October 26, 2012, in advance of the Meeting.

iv. The Class Proceedings

19. Pursuant to an Order dated May 8, 2012, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "L", this Honourable Court granted leave to the Ontario class plaintiffs to seek certain relief with respect to a settlement entered into between them and Poyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Limited ("Poyry").

20. The motion to approve the settlement with Poyry was scheduled to be heard by the Honourable Justice Perell on September 21, 2012. The parties agreed on the form of an Order

for that settlement approval and submitted it to Justice Perell for approval. A copy of that Order is attached as Exhibit "M".

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21. As set out at a 9:30 chambers attendance with this Honourable Court on September 18, 2012, the class plaintiffs have stated that they intend to bring three motions on October 8-9, 2012. One of those motions is to lift the stay of proceedings against certain defendants in the Ontario class proceedings. In order to avoid any argument about prejudicing class plaintiffs' position on that motion, SFC is seeking an extension of the stay only through to October 10, 2012. I am advised by counsel that the class plaintiffs (and to the knowledge of SFC, any of the parties) do not oppose an extension to that date.

22. The Monitor's Eighth Report, which will be filed in connection with this motion, sets out updated cash flows. The updated cash forecast shows that SFC has sufficient funds to fund the proceedings through the proposed stay extension period.

23. Since the issuance of the Stay Extension Order, SFC has acted and continues to act in good faith and with due diligence.

24. The extension of the Stay Period is necessary in order to provide stability to Sino-Forest's business while SFC, with the assistance of its advisors and the Monitor, works diligently on completing the steps and Plan refinements necessary to enable the mailing of meeting materials to creditors as required by the Plan Filing and Meeting Order.

25. I do not believe that any creditor will suffer any material prejudice if the Stay Period is extended.

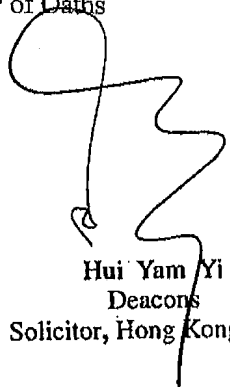
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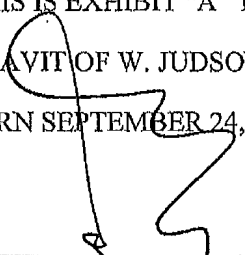
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2. This affidavit is sworn in support of an application by SFC for an initial order (the "Initial Order") pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (the "CCAA"), a sale process order (the "Sale Process Order") and other requested relief. In preparing this affidavit, I have consulted with other members of SFC's senior management team and, where necessary, members of the senior management teams of certain of SFC's subsidiaries.

3. All references to dollar amounts contained in this affidavit are to United States Dollars unless otherwise stated.

I. OVERVIEW

4. SFC is a Canadian corporation and is the direct or indirect parent of approximately 140 subsidiaries, the majority of which are incorporated in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). The terms "Sino-Forest Companies" and "Sino-Forest" refer to the global enterprise as a whole (but, for greater certainty, do not include the Greenheart Group, defined below).

5. Sino-Forest is a major integrated forest plantation operator and forest products company. Its principal businesses include the ownership and management of plantation forests, the sale of standing timber and wood logs, and the complementary manufacturing of downstream engineered-wood products. The majority of Sino-Forest's plantations are located in the southern and eastern regions of the PRC, primarily in inland regions suitable for large-scale replanting.

6. Sino-Forest's business operations are mainly in the PRC with corporate offices in Hong Kong and Ontario, Canada.

7. On June 2, 2011, Muddy Waters, LLC ("Muddy Waters"), which held a short position on SFC's shares, published a report (the "MW Report") alleging that Sino-Forest, among other things, was a "near total fraud" and a "Ponzi scheme." SFC's board of directors (the "Board") appointed an independent committee (the "IC") to investigate the Muddy Waters allegations.

8. While the IC has been able to address certain of the allegations made by Muddy Waters, the MW Report has had a ripple effect in causing substantial damage to SFC, its business, and future prospects for viability. As part of the fallout from the MW Report, (i) SFC now finds

itself embroiled in multiple class action proceedings across Canada and in the U.S., (ii) SFC is the subject of Ontario Securities Commission ("OSC"), Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission ("HKSF"), and Royal Canadian Mounted Police ("RCMP") investigations, and (iii) SFC's Audit Committee recommended, and the Board agreed, that SFC should defer the release of SFC's third quarter 2011 financial statements (the "Q3 Results") until certain issues could be resolved to the satisfaction of the Board and SFC's external auditor

9. Significantly, SFC's inability to file its Q3 Results resulted in a default under its note indentures, which could have resulted in the acceleration and enforcement of approximately \$1.8 billion in notes issued by SFC and guaranteed by many of its subsidiaries.

10. Following extensive discussions with an ad hoc committee of noteholders (the "Ad Hoc Noteholders"), holders of a majority in principal amount of SFC's senior notes agreed to waive the default arising from SFC's failure to release the Q3 Results on a timely basis, on certain terms and conditions that were set forth in waiver agreements between certain of the noteholders and SFC, which were made publicly available on January 12, 2012 and are attached as Exhibit "A".

11. While the waiver agreements prevented the indenture trustees under the relevant note indentures from accelerating and enforcing the note indebtedness as a result of SFC's failure to file its Q3 Results, those waiver agreements will expire on the earlier of April 30, 2012 and any earlier termination of the waiver agreements in accordance with their terms. In addition, SFC's pending failure to file its audited financial statements for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 (the "2011 Results") by March 30, 2012 will again put the indenture trustees in a position

to accelerate and enforce the bond indebtedness, creating additional uncertainty around Sino-Forest's business.

12. SFC has made considerable efforts to address issues identified by SFC's Audit Committee and the IC and by its external auditor, Ernst & Young LLP, as requiring resolution in order for SFC to be in a position to obtain an audit opinion in relation to its 2011 financial statements.

13. However, notwithstanding SFC's best efforts, many of these issues cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of SFC's auditor or cannot be resolved within a timeframe that would protect and preserve the value of the business, and that would allow SFC to comply with its obligations under its note indentures. Therefore, absent a resolution with the noteholders, the indenture trustees would be in a position to enforce their legal rights as early as April 30, 2012.

14. Following extensive arm's length negotiations between SFC and the Ad Hoc Noteholders, the parties agreed on the framework for a consensual resolution of SFC's defaults and the restructuring of its business, and entered into a support agreement (the "Support Agreement") on March 30, 2012, which was executed by holders of SFC's notes holding approximately 40% of the notes. The Support Agreement contemplates, and in fact provides an incentive for, additional noteholders becoming party to the Support Agreement by way of joinder agreements. Accordingly, I fully expect that noteholders holding more than 50% of each series of notes will ultimately sign up to the Support Agreement.

15. The Support Agreement provides that SFC will pursue a plan of arrangement or compromise (the "Plan") on the terms set out in the Support Agreement in order to implement the agreed-upon restructuring transaction as part of this CCAA proceeding which would, among other things, (i) see SFC's business operations conveyed to, and revitalized under, a new entity to

be owned primarily by the noteholders ("SF Newco"), (ii) provide stakeholders of SFC with claims ranking behind the noteholders (the "Junior Constituents") with certain participation rights in SF Newco, and (iii) create (and provide funding for) a framework for the prosecution of certain litigation claims for the benefit of certain of SFC's stakeholders. The agreement also provides that each noteholder that is a signatory thereto (the "Consenting Noteholders") will vote its notes in favour of the Plan at any meeting of creditors.

16. The Support Agreement further provides that SFC will undertake a sale process (the "Sale Process") in accordance with the sale process procedures (the "Sale Process Procedures") which have been developed in consultation with the proposed monitor, and have been accepted by the parties to the Support Agreement.

17. The Sale Process is intended to provide a "market test" by which third parties may propose to acquire Sino-Forest's business operations through a CCAA Plan (in a manner that would under certain scenarios potentially allow Junior Constituents to share in the proceeds of a sale even though the noteholders may not be paid in full) as an alternative to the SF Newco restructuring transaction between SFC and its noteholders, described above.

18. A redacted copy of the Support Agreement (redacted to preserve confidentiality of the parties only) is attached as Exhibit "B" and will be posted on SEDAR and the proposed monitor's website at <http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc>.

19. As described in greater detail below, SFC's business operations are primarily in the PRC and are held by SFC through intermediate holding companies incorporated (for the most part) in either the British Virgin Islands ("BVI") or Hong Kong. Most of these intermediate holding companies are guarantors of SFC's note indebtedness.

20. As further described below, as a result of the uncertainty created by the MW Report, Sino-Forest's business has been severely curtailed, and Sino-Forest's ability to grow its business has been severely reduced. Therefore, SFC now needs to be restructured in order to continue the development of the business and unlock the value of its asset base for the benefit of its stakeholders. Further, although the PRC government has been generally cooperative and encouraging of Sino-Forest to date, it has expressed increasing concern as to the future of Sino-Forest in the PRC. As discussed below, the ongoing support and relationship with the PRC government (on all levels) is crucial to Sino-Forest's operations.

21. Among other things, the Sino-Forest Companies are (i) having a difficult time maintaining existing and obtaining new credit in the PRC to help fund the PRC-based business operation and in Hong Kong for the imported log trading business, (ii) making very few purchases of new timber (and therefore not expanding their asset base), (iii) finding it difficult to collect their accounts receivables, and (iv) receiving increasing demands on their accounts payable. I believe that, if Sino-Forest's business is to be saved in a manner beneficial to SFC's stakeholders, it is imperative that SFC take steps to demonstrate that Sino-Forest's business is being separated from the uncertainty created by the MW Report.

22. Accordingly, and for the reasons set out herein, the commencement of a restructuring and the Sale Process is urgently required and should be pursued to preserve SFC's business as a going concern and thus the inherent value of the enterprise.

23. This application has been authorized by the Board.

II. PERSONAL BACKGROUND

24. I began my career with PricewaterhouseCoopers in 1979. In 1982 I joined Trizec Corporation Ltd. ("Trizec"), a Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") listed commercial real estate company then controlled by the Brascan Group. During my 13 years with the group of companies controlled by the Brascan Group, I held several senior positions, including Vice President, Finance and Treasurer of Trizec, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Brookfield Development Corporation, and President and CEO of Trilon Securities Corporation.

25. After leaving the Brascan Group, I joined MDC Corporation, where my positions included Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer, and a member of the company's board of directors.

26. In 1999, I was appointed Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Alliance Atlantis Communications Inc. ("Alliance Atlantis"), then Canada's leading entertainment and broadcasting company that was then listed on the TSX and on the NASDAQ. I ceased to be an executive and employee of Alliance Atlantis in 2005 due to health reasons and thereafter acted as a consultant to Alliance Atlantis until 2007.

27. I have been a director of SFC since 2006. I joined the Board in 2006 as an independent, external director. I was appointed Lead Director in 2007, a position I held until June 2010, when I became an employee of SFC responsible for its acquisition of Greenheart Group Limited (Bermuda) ("Greenheart") and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Greenheart Group"). At that time I became Executive Vice-Chairman of SFC and, following SFC's acquisition of a majority interest in Greenheart in August 2010, I became the CEO and an Executive Director of

Greenheart and in 2011 was appointed Chairman of Greenheart. On August 26, 2011, I was appointed as CEO of SFC. I have lived and worked out of Hong Kong since becoming an employee of SFC in 2010.

III. SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

A. Overview

28. SFC was formed under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) upon the amalgamation of Mt. Kearsage Minerals Inc. and 1028412 Ontario Inc. pursuant to articles of amalgamation dated March 14, 1994. The articles of amalgamation were amended by articles of amendment filed on July 20, 1995 and May 20, 1999 to effect certain changes in the provisions attaching to SFC's class A subordinate-voting shares and SFC's class B multiple-voting shares.

29. On June 25, 2002, SFC filed articles of continuance to continue under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* (the "CBCA"). On June 22, 2004, SFC filed articles of amendment whereby its class A subordinate-voting shares were reclassified as common shares and its class B multiple-voting shares were eliminated. A copy of the articles of continuance referred to above is attached as Exhibit "C".

30. Subject to paragraph 31 below, copies of all SFC financial statements prepared during the year preceding the application for the Initial Order are attached as Exhibit "D". In considering these financial statements, the Court should be aware that SFC cautioned in a January 10, 2012 press release, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "E", that its historic financial statements (upon which portions of this affidavit are based) and related audit reports should not be relied upon. The circumstances giving rise to the press release are discussed below.

31. Attached as Exhibit "F" is a copy of the management-prepared unaudited financial statements for the third quarter of 2011. These statements have not been approved by SFC's Audit Committee or the Board and are subject to the limitations described in the January 10, 2012 press release. Moreover, they have not been subject to the same level of internal and external review and analysis as SFC's prior annual audited and quarterly financial statements. These financial unaudited statements have not previously been publicly disclosed.

32. Sino-Forest is a publicly listed major integrated forest plantation operator and forest products company, with assets predominantly in the PRC. Its principal businesses include the sale of standing timber and wood logs, the ownership and management of forest plantation trees, and the complementary manufacturing of downstream engineered-wood products. As at December 31, 2010, Sino-Forest reported approximately 788,700 hectares of forest plantations under management, located primarily in the southern and eastern regions of the PRC.

33. In addition, SFC holds an indirect majority interest in Greenheart, a Hong Kong listed investment holding company, which, together with its subsidiaries, as at March 31, 2011, owned certain rights and managed approximately 312,000 hectares of hardwood forest concessions in the Republic of Suriname ("Suriname") and 11,000 hectares of a radiata pine plantation on 13,000 hectares of freehold land in New Zealand.

34. While Greenheart is an indirect subsidiary of SFC, it has its own distinct operations and financing arrangements and is not party to or a guarantor of the notes issued by SFC. Greenheart Group and SFC operate out of separate office buildings in Hong Kong.

35. Greenheart Group was not implicated in the allegations made against Sino-Forest by Muddy Waters on June 2, 2011, discussed below. As such, the Greenheart Group and matters

relating thereto are not intended to be affected by or included in this proceeding. Greenheart Group has nevertheless been impacted by the allegations made against Sino-Forest. Among other things, Greenheart Group has previously relied on funding from SFC and could be negatively impacted if SFC's business ceases to operate as a going concern. This in turn could negatively impact the value of SFC's investment in Greenheart.

36. Since 1995, SFC has been a publicly listed company on the TSX with its shares traded under the symbol "TRE". SFC's registered office is in Mississauga, Ontario and its principal executive office is in Hong Kong. Two of SFC's senior financial officers reside in Ontario, as do three of its external directors.

37. SFC has issued four series of notes which have a combined principal amount outstanding of approximately \$1.8 billion. Two of the series of notes are supported by guarantees from 64 of SFC's subsidiaries (none of which are incorporated in the PRC), and the other two series of notes are supported by guarantees from 60 of those same subsidiaries and share pledges from 10 of those same subsidiaries.

38. Certain other Sino-Forest Companies have their own distinct banking facilities which are not intended to be affected by or included in this proceeding. In particular, none of the subsidiaries incorporated in the PRC are party to or guarantors of SFC's notes and are not intended to be affected by or included in this proceeding.

B. Corporate Structure

39. SFC is the sole shareholder of Sino-Panel Holdings Limited (incorporated in the BVI), Sino-Global Holdings Inc. (incorporated in the BVI), Sino-Panel Corporation (incorporated in Canada), Sino-Wood Partners Limited (incorporated in Hong Kong), Sino-Capital Global Inc.

(incorporated in the BVI), and Sino-Forest International (Barbados) Corporation (incorporated in Barbados). SFC also holds all of the preference shares of Sino-Forest Resources Inc. (incorporated in the BVI). Some of these subsidiaries have further direct and indirect subsidiaries. A copy of the Sino-Forest corporate organization chart is attached as Exhibit "G" (which includes certain major subsidiaries of Greenheart).

40. A total of 137 entities make up the Sino-Forest Companies: 67 PRC incorporated entities (with 12 branch companies), 58 BVI incorporated entities, 7 Hong Kong incorporated entities, 2 Canadian entities and 3 entities incorporated in other jurisdictions. A list of all subsidiaries with addresses is attached as Exhibit "H" (which does not include subsidiaries of Greenheart, but does contain Sino-Forest branch companies).

C. Capital Structure

1. Equity

41. The authorized share capital of SFC consists of an unlimited number of common shares and an unlimited number of preference shares issuable in series. Each holder of common shares is entitled to one vote at meetings of shareholders other than meetings of the holders of another class of shares.

42. Each holder of common shares is also entitled to receive dividends if, as and when declared by the Board. Holders of common shares are also entitled to participate in any distribution of net assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up on an equal basis per share. There are no pre-emptive, redemption, retraction, purchase or conversion rights attaching to the common shares.

43. As at June 30, 2011, a total of 246,095,926 common shares were issued and outstanding. No preference shares have been issued.

2. Debt

44. SFC has issued four series of notes which remain outstanding. The four series of notes mature at various times between 2013 and 2017. The note indenture for each series of notes provides that it is governed by New York law. Each note indenture contains a "no suits by holders" clause. Other than the debt outstanding under the notes, SFC does not have any significant levels of normal course payables.

(a) 2017 Senior Notes

45. On October 21, 2010, SFC issued guaranteed senior notes in the principal amount of \$600 million. These notes mature on October 21, 2017, and interest is payable semi-annually, on April 21 and October 21, at a rate of 6.25% per annum. These notes are listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange and are supported by guarantees from 60 subsidiaries of SFC and share pledges from 10 of those same subsidiaries. A copy of the relevant indenture is attached as Exhibit "I".

(b) 2016 Convertible Notes

46. On December 17, 2009, SFC issued convertible guaranteed notes in the principal amount of \$460 million. These notes mature on December 15, 2016, and interest is payable semi-annually, on June 15 and December 15, at a rate of 4.25% per annum. These notes are supported by guarantees from 64 subsidiaries of SFC. A copy of the relevant indenture is attached as Exhibit "J".

(c) 2014 Senior Notes

47. On July 27, 2009, SFC issued guaranteed senior notes in the principal amount of \$399,187,000. These notes mature on July 28, 2014, and interest is payable semi-annually, on January 26 and July 26, at a rate of 10.25% per annum. These notes are listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange and are supported by guarantees from 60 subsidiaries of SFC and share pledges from 10 of those same subsidiaries. A copy of the relevant indenture is attached as Exhibit "K".

(d) 2013 Convertible Notes

48. On July 23, 2008, SFC issued convertible guaranteed notes in the principal amount of \$345 million. These notes mature on August 1, 2013, and interest is payable semi-annually, on February 1 and August 1, at a rate of 5% per annum. These notes are supported by guarantees from 64 subsidiaries of SFC. A copy of the relevant indenture is attached as Exhibit "L".

49. In addition to the four series of notes issued by SFC, many of SFC's subsidiaries (including the Greenheart Group and many of those incorporated in the PRC) have their own distinct banking facilities, including lending facilities, which are not intended to be affected by this proceeding.

D. The Business Model**1. Plantation / Timber Rights in the PRC**

50. There are four types of rights associated with plantations in the PRC, namely (i) plantation land ownership, (ii) plantation land use rights, (iii) timber ownership, and (iv) timber use rights. All of these are separate rights and can be separately owned by different parties.

51. Generally, private enterprises cannot own plantation land in the PRC but may hold plantation land use rights for a specified duration (up to 70 years but typically 30 to 50 years), timber ownership and timber use rights. However, foreign enterprises cannot acquire land use rights and can instead only acquire timber ownership or timber use rights.

52. The various rights associated with plantations in the PRC and the limitations on which entities can hold which rights were the driving forces behind Sino-Forest's complex business models discussed below.

53. For its timber business in the PRC, Sino-Forest utilizes two models, one involving BVI entities ("BVIs"), and the other involving subsidiaries incorporated in the PRC as wholly foreign owned enterprises ("WFOEs").

2. The BVI Model

54. Until 2004, due to restrictions on foreign companies carrying on business in the PRC, and foreign ownership restrictions on land ownership and use rights, the BVI structure was the model primarily used by Sino-Forest for its forestry business in the PRC. Sino-Forest has established 58 BVI companies, 55 of which are guarantors of at least certain of SFC's notes. Not all of these BVIs are involved in the BVI model or standing timber business. Of the 58, there are 20 involved in the BVI standing timber business while the remaining BVIs are either holding companies or used in Sino-Forest's log trading business.

55. The Sino-Forest BVI entities involved in the standing timber business acquire standing timber from suppliers. The suppliers are usually aggregators who acquire the standing timber and, typically, land use rights from other suppliers or from original timber owners, such as villagers or collectives, or from smaller aggregators. As non-PRC companies, the BVIs could

not and did not acquire land use rights in the PRC, and instead only acquired the rights to timber in the PRC pursuant to the relevant standing timber purchase contracts.

56. Due to restrictions under PRC laws, foreign companies are not permitted to conduct business in the PRC without business licenses granted by competent governmental authorities. Therefore, the Sino-Forest BVI entities do not sell standing timber directly to customers. Instead, for historical and commercial reasons, they conduct the sale of standing timber through "authorized intermediaries" ("AIs", which are also called "entrusted sales agents" in the BVI model) pursuant to "entrusted sales agreements". The AIs serve as Sino-Forest's customers under the BVI model of its standing timber business.

57. Pursuant to the entrusted sales agreements entered into with the AIs, the AIs are obliged to deduct and remit all of the applicable taxes on behalf of Sino-Forest. Sino-Forest is not, however, in a position to know whether or not the AIs have in fact remitted applicable taxes on behalf of Sino-Forest.

58. As at June 30, 2011, Sino-Forest therefore accumulated and recognized a provision, based on a probability-weighted average of the amounts that the PRC tax authorities might seek to recover under various scenarios, of \$204,722,000 in its reported financial results to account for this potential tax liability. The method used to calculate this provision is explained at note 18 of SFC's 2011 second quarter financial statements, which were previously attached. A similar provision was included in SFC's 2010 Audited Financial Statements and was audited by SFC's external auditors.

59. BVIs are not allowed to have bank accounts in the PRC and money flowing in and out of the PRC is strictly controlled through foreign exchange controls. As a result, the Sino-Forest

BVI entities do not directly pay the suppliers or receive payments from the AIs. Instead, they are instructed to make set-off payments under which, pursuant to the instructions of Sino-Forest, AIs directly or indirectly make payments directly or indirectly to Sino-Forest's suppliers for amounts owed by Sino-Forest BVI entities to those suppliers. As a result, no cash actually flows directly through the BVIs. SFC then receives confirmations from the suppliers confirming that payments have been made.

60. The BVI structure is the central driver of asset value, revenue and income for Sino-Forest. As at December 31, 2010, it accounted for \$2.476 billion of book value (466,826 hectares of timber assets, representing approximately 59.2% of Sino-Forest's timber holdings by area and 89.2% of its timber holdings by book value), \$1.326 billion in revenue (representing approximately 70% of Sino-Forest's revenue), and approximately \$622 million of gross profit (representing approximately 92.6% of Sino-Forest's gross profits) for the year then ended.

61. The cashless nature of the BVI model means that Sino-Forest cannot obtain cash from its operations or monetize its assets without engaging in the complicated on-shoring process which is discussed further below. Furthermore, the set-off payment system necessitated by the BVI model impaired the IC's efforts to verify the flow of funds during its investigation.

3. The WFOE Model

62. Commencing in 2004, the PRC's Ministry of Commerce permitted foreign investors to invest in PRC-incorporated trading companies and to participate in most areas of the commodity distribution industry, including the purchase of standing timber and land use rights throughout the PRC. Prior to this time, WFOEs were prohibited from engaging in the commodity distribution industry.

63. Since 2004, almost all of Sino-Forest's new capital invested in timber assets has been employed through the WFOE model (as opposed to the BVI model).

64. Unlike BVIs, WFOEs can acquire land use rights or land leases as well as standing timber rights, and can have bank accounts in the PRC. Because of the WFOEs' direct presence in the PRC, they can also obtain financing from PRC banks to finance their operations. WFOEs can log the timber and sell both logs and standing timber to end customers, which means they do not need (and do not use) AIs. The WFOEs directly pay the suppliers for the standing timber and directly receive payment from end customers instead of utilizing the set-off arrangement used by Sino-Forest's BVI entities in the BVI model.

65. As at December 31, 2010, Sino-Forest's WFOEs held approximately 244,000 hectares of purchased plantations (representing approximately 30.9% of Sino-Forest's timber holdings by area) and 77,700 hectares of planted plantations (representing approximately 9.9% of Sino-Forest's timber holdings by area). Purchased plantations and planted plantations are discussed in further detail below. The WFOE standing timber assets accounted for approximately 10.8% of Sino-Forest's timber holdings by book value, and represented approximately \$298.6 million of book value, \$74 million in revenue, and \$10 million of income for the 2010 year before the allocation of corporate overhead.

66. None of Sino-Forest's WFOEs are guarantors of SFC's notes, nor have their shares been pledged by their BVI parents.

4. On-shoring Plan

67. Given the inherent problems with the BVI structure and the relative advantages of the WFOE structure, Sino-Forest has explored various methods of migrating or "on-shoring" its BVI

timber assets into WFOE structures. The successful transition of assets from a BVI structure to a WFOE structure has many merits including, significantly, providing a foreign parent an ability to have direct access to the cash generated from the sale of BVI timber assets.

68. The on-shoring process is expected to be a multi-year process due to (i) the volume of assets that need to be moved into the WFOE model, (ii) the large number of different locations in which Sino-Forest has timber assets in the PRC, (iii) the likely multiple rounds of negotiations required with the various stakeholders in each location, and (iv) SFC's limited resources.

E. Operations

69. Sino-Forest's operations are comprised of three core business segments. Wood fibre operations and log trading are the primary revenue contributors, while manufacturing and other operations enhance the value of the fibre operations by producing downstream products.

1. Wood Fibre Operations

70. Sino-Forest's wood fibre operations consists of acquiring, cultivating and selling standing timber or logs from purchased and planted plantations in nine provinces across the PRC.

71. Sino-Forest's upstream wood fibre operations generate the majority of its revenue, accounting for 96.4% of total revenue in the year ended December 31, 2010. Most of the standing timber and logs sold by Sino-Forest come from Sino-Forest's tree plantations, located primarily in the southern and eastern regions of the PRC.

72. Sino-Forest operates plantations for the wood fibre operations using two principal business models: purchased and planted, each of which is explained in greater detail below. The purchased plantation model operates through two legal structures: the BVI/AI legal structure

and, to a lesser but growing extent, the WFOE legal structure. The planted plantations model is operated exclusively through the WFOE legal structure, although the WFOEs themselves are typically held indirectly through a BVI holding structure. Many foreign investors, including well known multi-national companies, hold their investments in the PRC in special purpose vehicles established overseas in jurisdictions with a familiar and internationally accepted system of corporate governance. For example, over 75% of blue chip companies listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (Hang Seng Index constituent stocks excluding the Finance Sub-Index) utilize BVI holding structures, including for their investments in the PRC.

(a) Purchased Plantation Model

73. The purchased plantation model under the BVI/AI legal structure involves the purchase of standing timber and sale of standing timber pursuant to standardized timber purchase agreements and "entrusted sale agreements". The standing timber purchased is generally on land owned by collectives or villages, not PRC state-owned land. When conducted through the BVI/AI legal structure, of which 20 BVIs hold all of the BVI timber assets, the timber purchases are arranged through suppliers.

74. The BVI structure does not involve the BVIs concurrently purchasing land use rights or leases with the purchase of standing timber, as the BVIs cannot legally acquire land use rights. However, the BVIs' supply contracts typically contain a right of first refusal for the BVIs to acquire, or nominate an affiliate to acquire, the plantation land use rights after the timber has been harvested. Despite such common contractual provisions, such right has rarely, if ever, been exercised.

75. The BVIs do not sell standing timber directly to customers. They sell under contract to the AI (customer) who usually resells the standing timber to its own customers. The BVIs' timber sales accounts receivables are settled by the AI making payments to suppliers (directly or indirectly to other parties on their behalf) on behalf of Sino-Forest. The AI does not pay the same supplier for the same trees it is selling to its customers. It pays a supplier for trees newly purchased by Sino-Forest from that supplier. These payments made by way of set-off enable the BVIs to acquire further standing timber from suppliers, which is matured and later sold. All BVI purchases are funded through the set-off mechanism using accounts receivable owed to Sino-Forest. This is a recognized legal structure in the PRC.

76. WFOEs are also engaged in the purchase and sale of standing timber. When conducted through a WFOE, purchases of standing timber are sometimes accompanied by concurrently obtaining plantation land use rights or leases (which are purchased plantations). WFOE standing timber transactions do not involve payments by way of set-off. They are conducted on a direct fund transfer basis.

77. In both the BVI and WFOE structure, the purchase price of the trees takes into account a variety of factors such as the trees' species, yield, age, size, quality and location. Other considerations include soil and weather conditions for replanting, log prices, and regional market location and demand. Sino-Forest does not typically need to conduct extensive plantation management work with respect to the trees growing on the purchased plantations, but does take measures to ensure that the trees are protected from pests, disease and theft.

78. SFC's approach is to purchase plantations in remote parts of the PRC that the PRC government has identified in its five year plans as being areas for future development. As a result, physical access to the plantations is often very challenging.

79. As at December 31, 2010, the purchased plantations under Sino-Forest management in the PRC consisted of approximately 711,000 hectares. These plantations consisted of a diverse mix of tree species, predominantly pine, Chinese fir and eucalyptus. Purchasing trees allows Sino-Forest to quickly expand its plantation portfolio geographically, as well as its inventory of harvestable fibre and leasable land.

(b) Planted Plantation Model

80. The planted plantation model is conducted by WFOEs, and involves obtaining plantation land use rights, sometimes with standing timber and sometimes as bare land suitable for planting. Sales from these planted plantations do not utilize the AI model but rather generally involve direct fund transfers to and from the WFOEs' suppliers and customers. As of December 31, 2010, SFC's planted plantations in the PRC operated through WFOEs comprised approximately 77,700 hectares.

81. Sino-Forest leases suitable land on a long-term basis, typically 30 to 50 years, and applies scientifically advanced seedling technology and silviculture techniques to improve tree growth. The mature trees are sold as standing timber or as harvested logs, and then Sino-Forest replants the land with seedlings.

82. Sino-Forest's operating model allows for the sale of fibre either as standing timber or harvested logs, depending on its customers' preferences and market demand.

83. Sino-Forest's planted plantations consist primarily of eucalyptus trees, a fast-growing high yielding species. According to the seventh five-year National Forest Inventory released by the State Forestry Administration (2004 to 2008), it is estimated that the PRC has 195 million hectares of forest resources, with approximately 120 million hectares of natural forest and 62 million hectares of plantation forest. The density of its total forest area was only 70 cubic metres per hectare in the PRC.

84. The PRC government encourages the development of the plantation industry in the PRC. In June 2003, the PRC State Council promulgated "The Notice on the Decision to Speed Up the Development of Plantation Industry". Subsequently, in August 2007, "The Key Elements of the Policies in Forestry Industry" was jointly promulgated by seven ministries including the State Forestry Administration, National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, State Administration of Taxation, China Banking Regulatory Commission and China Securities Regulatory Commission to develop the non-state owned plantation industry, and to encourage the participation of foreign investors in the plantation industry, either solely or jointly with others.

85. The planted plantation model is generally viewed more favourably by the PRC government because it demonstrates a long-term commitment to the forestry business. That long-term commitment is very important from the perspective of the PRC government in light of the fact that demand for wood fibre in the PRC is approximately double that of available supply.

2. Log Trading Operations

86. Sino-Forest's operations in the trading of wood logs includes the sourcing of wood logs and wood-based products from the PRC and globally, and selling them in the domestic PRC market.

87. These wood-based products consist primarily of large diameter logs, sawn timber, veneers and other wood-based products sourced from the PRC, Thailand, Suriname, Papua New Guinea, Brazil, Vietnam, Russia and New Zealand. In these transactions, Sino-Forest purchases wood-based products that correspond to the requirements of wood dealers, and sells directly to these dealers. Sino-Forest's customers in these transactions are primarily wood dealers in the PRC.

3. Manufacturing and Other Operations

88. Sino-Forest currently has manufacturing operations in six provinces in the PRC that produce various wood-based products. In addition, Sino-Forest has greenery and nursery operations based in Jiangsu Province, which were established to source, supply and manage landscaping products for property developers and other organizations.

89. In order to maximize and increase the value of Sino-Forest's forestry products, Sino-Forest has been investing in research and development ("R&D"). On January 12, 2010, Sino-Forest announced its acquisition of HOMIX LIMITED ("HOMIX") in order to enhance its R&D portfolio. HOMIX has an R&D laboratory and two engineered-wood production operations based in Guangdong and Jiangsu provinces, covering eastern and southern PRC wood product markets. HOMIX develops a number of new technologies suitable for domestic plantation logs including poplar and eucalyptus species. HOMIX specializes in curing, drying and dyeing methods for engineered-wood and has the know-how to produce recomposed wood products and laminated veneer lumber. Recomposed wood technology is considered to be environmentally friendly and versatile, as it uses fibre from forest plantations, recycled wood and/or wood residue.

90. The goal of Sino-Forest's R&D efforts has been to improve tree plantation yields and the quality of the trees grown on Sino-Forest's plantations. While performing R&D activities, Sino-Forest from time to time collaborates with, and receives assistance from, research and academic institutions in the PRC. Sino-Forest's R&D efforts are viewed very positively in the PRC as they also demonstrate a long-term commitment to the forestry business in the PRC and can help address the significant shortage of wood fibre in the PRC.

F. Sales

91. Substantially all of Sino-Forest's sales are generated in the PRC. In the year ended December 31, 2010, sales to customers in the PRC were \$1.8723 billion and sales to customers located in other countries were \$51.3 million. In the year ended December 31, 2010, sales to customers in the PRC of standing timber, logs and other wood-based products accounted for substantially all of Sino-Forest's revenue.

G. Suppliers

92. Logs and wood-based products supplied through Sino-Forest's trading activities are sourced primarily from suppliers outside the PRC. These products are also sourced for Sino-Forest trading activities from overseas, primarily from Thailand, Suriname, Papua New Guinea, Brazil, Vietnam, Russia and New Zealand. The credit terms granted by suppliers of these products generally range from one to three months on open account and by letters of credit. Standing timber is sourced primarily from local suppliers in the PRC.

93. As discussed above, the PRC based suppliers are usually aggregators who acquire standing timber and/or land use rights from other suppliers or from original timber owners such as villagers or collectives who have certified title to the land.

H. Employees

94. SFC currently has 3 employees. Collectively, the Sino-Forest Companies employ a total of approximately 3553 employees, with approximately 3460 located in the PRC and approximately 90 located in Hong Kong. The Greenheart Group employs an additional approximately 273 employees.

I. Assets & Liabilities

95. The unconsolidated book values of SFC's assets and liabilities as at June 30, 2011 are listed below.¹ However, given that, as described below, SFC is in default under the notes and the indenture trustees would be in a position to accelerate and enforce on the notes but for the waiver agreements (subject to sending the appropriate notices and the cure period expiring), I have categorized the full amount of the notes (including the non-current portion and the derivative financial instrument, as opposed to just the current portion) as a current liability below.

| <u>Current Assets</u> | | <u>Current Liabilities</u> | |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents ² | \$5,676,040 | Notes (current portion) | \$87,670,000 |
| Prepayments ³ | \$1,173,553 | Notes ⁴ (non-current) | \$1,541,744,429 |
| Other Receivables ⁵ | \$188,575 | Notes Derivative Financial Instrument | \$31,858,210 |
| Due from Intercompany ⁶ | <u>\$109,813,620</u> | Trade Payable | \$2,202 |
| | | Others Payable | \$231,723 |
| | | Accrued Liabilities | \$39,687,268 |
| | | Due to Intercompany | <u>\$1,818,313</u> |
| Total Current Assets | \$116,851,788 | Total Current Liabilities | \$1,703,012,145 |

¹ The chart only reflects the assets and liabilities of SFC, and therefore does not accord with the consolidated quarterly financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2011.

² Mainly represents cash on hand, cash at bank and short-term deposits with a maturity of three months or less.

³ Mainly represents prepaid legal and professional fees and insurance.

⁴ The Notes (current portion), Notes (non-current) and Notes Derivative Financial Instrument do not equate on this balance sheet to approximately \$1.8 billion (the face value of the notes) due to the accounting treatment of financing costs and the carrying value of the convertible notes.

⁵ Mainly represents HST receivables, staff advances and deposits.

⁶ Non-interest bearing with no fixed date of repayment.

| <u>Non-Current Assets</u> | | <u>Non-Current Liabilities</u> | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Property, Plant & Equipment ⁷ | \$1,166 | | |
| Investment in Subsidiaries ⁸ | \$1,589,153,984 | Intercompany Loans | <u>\$235,000,000</u> |
| Intercompany Loans ⁹ | <u>\$1,582,781,672</u> | | |
| Total Non-Current Assets | \$3,171,936,822 | Total Non-Current Liabilities | \$235,000,000 |
| Total Assets | \$3,288,518,610 | Total Liabilities | \$1,938,012,145 |

96. With respect to the assets, while they reflect an accurate implementation of the relevant accounting policies, I do not believe that the book values of the assets reflect the realizable value of those assets for a number of reasons, including the complexities associated with the business, the significant amount of intercompany loans owing to SFC, and the costs and potential PRC tax liabilities that may be payable if the assets were realized on. SFC is not able to simply monetize its assets in the short term in order to satisfy its obligations under the notes as a result of, among other things, the hard to quantify potential PRC tax liability previously discussed at paragraph 58 above and the stringent currency exchange controls in the PRC.

97. As discussed above, Sino-Forest is not in a position to know whether or not the AIs have in fact remitted applicable taxes on behalf of Sino-Forest. Although Sino-Forest recognized a provision as at June 30, 2011 of \$204,722,000 in its reported financial results to account for this potential tax liability, I am advised by SFC's counsel in the PRC, Ching Wo Ng at King & Wood Mallesons, that the amount of the tax liabilities under PRC law arising from the operation of the BVIs could be significantly higher if responsible tax authorities take different views than that of management in respect of a number of tax issues, including, without limitation, whether by their

⁷ Mainly represents office equipment.

⁸ Historical cost for interests in subsidiaries.

⁹ Interest bearing with defined terms of repayment date.

operation the BVIs have formed an establishment in the PRC, whether value added tax is payable, the likelihood and severity of a tax penalty, the applicable default interests on late payments, the numbers of years to "look back", whether certain tax preferential treatments apply to foreign companies such as BVI entities, and other relevant matters. The views on these issues may also differ from locality to locality.

98. In addition, as a result of the currency exchange controls in the PRC, all cash to be repatriated from the PRC is subject to approval from the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (the "SAFE"). I am advised by SFC's counsel in the PRC, Ching Wo Ng at King & Wood Mallesons, that for normal and regular foreign exchange transactions in the PRC which require the approval of SAFE, the applications for such approvals can normally be processed within the time limits prescribed by law. However, the transactions undertaken by the BVIs in respect of their forestry assets in the PRC are very dissimilar to those contemplated by the relevant rules and regulations of the PRC. Therefore, there is no assurance that any application to SAFE for repatriation of funds by the BVIs can be processed within the time limits prescribed by law, or within a reasonable time thereafter.

99. As a result of Sino-Forest, among other things, operating in a critical natural resource sector with insufficient supply in the PRC, investing in research and development initiatives in the PRC, and employing a significant number of people in the PRC, it has generally enjoyed positive working relationships with all levels of government in the PRC. However, I believe that if Sino-Forest were to cease operating under a business strategy that is consistent with and supportive of PRC government policy, including its policy on sustainable forestry, for example, investing in research and development or employing a significant number of people in the PRC, Sino-Forest would enjoy much less favourable treatment from PRC government officials, and

would likely have greater difficulties resolving the issues discussed above relating to tax liabilities and repatriation of cash. This is particularly true in respect of the BVI structure where, among other things, the ability to access cash is further impaired and Sino-Forest is not in a position to know whether or not the AIs have remitted applicable taxes on behalf of Sino-Forest.

J. Importance of Relationships to Doing Business in the PRC

100. From my time with SFC I have come to understand the importance of relationships to doing business in the PRC. This is particularly true in relation to those doing business in the forestry sector.

101. The PRC has extensive resource needs, including in the forestry sector. Historically, forestry resources in the PRC have been collectively owned at a local level. Forestry resources have largely been managed without the resources necessary to increase yields and allow for harvesting at a commercial level from a western forestry perspective.

102. Part of Sino-Forest's success has been attributable to its ability to acquire forestry resources from local sources of supply, at a good price, and to resell them at a good profit. In relation to Sino-Forest's planted plantation model, Sino-Forest also has benefited from the application of advanced silviculture techniques to those resources. Based on my interactions with PRC government officials, I understand that the PRC government recognizes that for the industry to mature, become efficient, and improve yields to reduce the fiber deficit, forest asset management has to be consolidated.

103. A good relationship with the various levels of PRC government is important to doing business successfully in the PRC. Historically, Sino-Forest's relationships with these governments have been important to Sino-Forest's success in the PRC. Loss of their support

could, correspondingly, have significant negative consequences for Sino-Forest, for its ability to continue to do business in the PRC, and its ability to continue to control its PRC-based assets for the benefit of its stakeholders.

104. Sino-Forest's most important relationships have been and continue to be through Allen Chan ("Chan"). From my observations and experience, Chan has established significant relationships in the PRC, and my understanding is that this is a direct result of his long-standing personal contribution to the development of the forestry sector both through Sino-Forest and in a personal capacity as an informal advisor to various relevant industry bodies.

105. Following the MW Report, Chan was requested to meet with officials in the PRC State Forestry Administration ("SFA") and other senior officials on multiple occasions in Beijing. I have been introduced to some officials and attended some of these meetings.

106. My observation from my personal involvement in these discussions and meetings is that Chan continues to be consulted and respected within the PRC government as an expert in the forestry industry. I therefore believe his continued participation will be extremely helpful in allowing SFC to unlock value in the PRC for the benefit of its stakeholders.

107. Notwithstanding the allegations in the MW Report (which have received widespread coverage in the PRC and in Hong Kong), Chan has continued to be honoured within the PRC. In November 2011, at the 2nd China Forestry Expo, Chan was presented an "Outstanding Achievement" award from the China National Forestry Industry Federation (the "CNFIF"). In recognition of his contribution to the forestry industry in the PRC, Chan was the first keynote speaker following the Minister of the SFA at the China Forestry Expo.

108. Chan was also appointed Vice President of the CNFIF in 2010. The CNFIF is an affiliate of the SFA and is chaired by the Minister of the SFA or the Director of the SFA. The SFA is the PRC government ministry responsible for its forests and forest management.

109. In 2007, Chan was appointed an Honourable Director of Renmin University (also known as the People's University of China), one of the most prestigious universities in the PRC with a distinct focus on humanities and social sciences, and highly regarded by top leaders in the PRC. In addition, Chan is a member of the Jiangxi Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

110. In February 2012, Chan was presented with the "2011 China Forestry Persons of the Year" award by the CNFIF.

111. Many of the PRC's commercially attractive forestry resources are in areas of sensitivity within the PRC, including areas that are sensitive from a military perspective. Private air travel is prohibited or strictly controlled in many of the areas in which Sino-Forest does business.

112. The strategic significance attaching to Sino-Forest's forestry assets in the PRC increases the importance to SFC of maintaining positive relationships with authorities in the PRC. If Sino-Forest is to monetize its PRC based assets for the benefit of stakeholders, I strongly believe that the outcome of this process must be acceptable to relevant authorities in the PRC.

113. In the course of its 18 years of operations, Sino-Forest has been viewed by the Minister of the SFA positively and as a model for privately owned enterprises carrying on business in the PRC and promoting PRC policies. For that reason, Sino-Forest has enjoyed a positive relationship with the PRC. Even since June of last year, the Minister of the SFA has remained

cooperative and encouraging of a solution for Sino-Forest. However, recently, the government has expressed increasing concern and interest as to what the solution is for Sino-Forest. As a result, not only do I believe that any solution needs to be acceptable to the authorities in the PRC, such solution needs to be presented in the very near future.

IV. THE MUDDY WATERS ALLEGATIONS: CHRONOLOGY AND RESPONSES

114. On June 2, 2011, Muddy Waters, which admitted to holding a short position on SFC's shares, published the MW Report alleging, among other things, that Sino-Forest is a "near total fraud" and a "Ponzi scheme."

115. While the allegations contained in the MW Report are diverse and far-reaching, the IC set out to address the issues raised in three core areas: (i) the verification of timber assets reported by Sino-Forest, (ii) the value of the timber assets held by Sino-Forest, and (iii) revenue recognition.

116. Among other things, the MW Report alleged that Sino-Forest does not hold the full amount of timber assets that it reports, that the timber assets actually held by Sino-Forest have been overstated, and that Sino-Forest overstated its revenue. In addition, the MW Report alleged that Sino-Forest has engaged in unreported related-party transactions. A copy of the MW Report is attached as Exhibit "M". Two subsequent reports by Muddy Waters relating to Sino-Forest are attached as Exhibit "N". These reports are attached to provide context to the Court and definitely not because I agree with their contents.

A. The IC, OSC, RCMP and HKSFC Investigations

117. On June 2, 2011, the same day that the MW Report was released, the Board appointed the IC, a Board committee consisting exclusively of independent directors, which in turn retained

independent legal and financial advisors in Canada, Hong Kong and the PRC, to investigate the allegations set out in the MW Report.

118. On June 8, 2011, the OSC publicly announced that it was investigating matters related to SFC. That investigation has been active and is ongoing.

119. Later in June 2011, the HKSFC commenced an investigation into Greenheart Group. As a company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and headquartered in Hong Kong, the HKSFC is Greenheart's primary securities regulator. I believe that the HKSFC's investigation was largely reactive to the allegations against Sino-Forest, SFC's control position in relation to Greenheart Group, and to the fact that the principal offices of Sino-Forest and Greenheart Group are located in Hong Kong. As indicated above, SFC had acquired a majority interest in Greenheart Group less than a year earlier, and had separate management and premises.

120. In addition to its investigation of Greenheart Group, the HKSFC has been assisting the OSC with its investigation. I am advised by Gary Solway of Bennett Jones LLP, counsel to SFC, that the HKSFC has a mutual-assistance treaty with the OSC. The OSC has conducted witness interviews in Hong Kong with the assistance of and out of the premises of the HKSFC.

121. Sino-Forest believes that it has attempted to cooperate with the OSC, HKSFC and RCMP investigations. Sino-Forest has made extensive production of documents, in particular to the OSC, including documents sourced from jurisdictions outside of the OSC's power to compel production.

122. Sino-Forest also has facilitated interviews by the OSC with Sino-Forest personnel. In circumstances where OSC staff sought to examine Sino-Forest personnel resident in the PRC

(where neither the OSC nor the HKSFCA had the ability to compel their attendance at interviews), Sino-Forest arranged to bring individuals to Hong Kong to be examined.

123. Sino-Forest has responded to extensive inquiries, the most far-reaching coming from the OSC, and has provided periodic oral briefings to OSC staff. The IC reports were provided to OSC staff on an unredacted basis, as discussed below.

124. The scope of the IC's review was significant, reflecting the wide range of allegations contained in the MW Report. The IC and its advisors worked to compile and analyze the vast amount of data required for their comprehensive review of Sino-Forest's operations and business, the relationships between Sino-Forest and other entities, and Sino-Forest's ownership of assets.

125. At the beginning of the IC's investigation, the IC informed the Board that the review would likely take at least two to three months to complete. On August 10, 2011, the IC delivered its first interim report to the Board (the "First Interim Report"). A redacted copy of the First Interim Report is attached as Exhibit "O".

126. SFC has publicly disclosed on SEDAR and on its website redacted versions of the First Interim Report and the two subsequent reports of the IC. The three reports have been redacted to protect information that the Board believes is commercially sensitive, the disclosure of which could be harmful to Sino-Forest's business and operations, especially in the PRC. These redactions have not been made to conceal information from regulatory scrutiny. Each of the three reports has been produced without redactions to OSC staff pursuant to a compelled process designed to allow OSC staff to receive information relevant to its investigation, while at the same time protecting SFC's sensitive information.

127. The First Interim Report was the result of the IC and its advisors assembling and organizing significant data from Sino-Forest's records, and reviewing Sino-Forest's cash holdings, revenue and relationships. In the First Interim Report, while the IC did not determine that there was any validity to the allegations in the MW Report, its findings were limited as the investigation was still ongoing.

128. Also in its First Interim Report, the IC's accounting advisors confirmed Sino-Forest's cash balances in specific accounts as at June 13, 2011, for accounts located inside and outside of the PRC. A total of 293 accounts controlled by Sino-Forest in Hong Kong were confirmed, representing 100% of the expected cash position in Hong Kong. However, Sino-Forest had 267 accounts in the PRC, so the logistics and requirements of in-person/in-branch verification in the PRC led the IC advisors to confirm 28 accounts, representing approximately 81% of the expected cash position in the PRC. The IC was satisfied based on this verification that Sino-Forest's expected cash position in the PRC existed as at the date of confirmation.

129. The First Interim Report was delivered to the Board shortly before the Board was asked to authorize the release of SFC's 2011 quarterly financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2011 (the "Q2 Results"). The Q2 Results were released on August 15, 2011.

130. Almost immediately after the Q2 Results were released, the IC's advisors identified and brought to the attention of the IC just under 60 documents, some of which raised potential conduct issues and others of which raised questions as to whether Sino-Forest's relationships with some of its AIs and suppliers were conducted at arm's length.

131. The IC concluded that interviews concerning the documents should be conducted with relevant Sino-Forest personnel. The interviews were conducted from August 24 to 26, 2011 in Hong Kong.

132. As part of its efforts to cooperate with OSC staff, on August 24, 2011, before the documents were shown to relevant Sino-Forest personnel and those personnel were provided with an opportunity to comment, the IC's advisors provided copies of the documents to OSC staff. The IC's advisors and SFC's external counsel also provided oral briefings about the interviews to OSC staff from August 24 to 26, 2011, as the interviews were being conducted.

133. Seen in their proper context, and with the benefit of fuller explanations, I believe that the documents identified by the IC's advisors and provided to OSC staff at that time fall well short of the misconduct alleged in the MW Report.

134. However, as a result of the documents and interviews, Sino-Forest placed three employees on administrative leave, and a fourth senior employee was requested to act solely on my instructions. It was my decision in each case to take this action.

135. SFC's Board met on the morning of Friday August 26, 2011, Toronto time (which was Friday evening Hong Kong time) to hear reports about the interviews and about communications between SFC and OSC staff. The Board was told that Chan had agreed to resign as Chairman, CEO and as a director of SFC pending the completion of the review by the IC of the allegations in the MW Report. He was appointed Founding Chairman Emeritus and I was appointed as CEO.

136. On August 26, 2011, the OSC issued a cease trade order with respect to the securities of SFC and with respect to certain senior management personnel. A copy of the cease trade order dated August 26, 2011 (as corrected by the OSC later that day) is attached as Exhibit "P". The Board first learned of the cease trade order during the Board meeting that day, after Chan tendered his resignation.

137. With the consent of SFC, the cease trade order was extended by subsequent orders of the OSC, copies of which are attached as Exhibit "Q". The cease trade order continues in force to this date.

138. Based on my review of the IC's second interim report to the Board (the "Second Interim Report", which is discussed below) and discussions I have had with William Ardell, Board Chair and Chair of the IC, I understand that in late August 2011, counsel for the IC received an inquiry from the RCMP requesting cooperation from the IC in connection with an investigation into the allegations in the MW Report. Representatives of the IC met with and provided information to the RCMP from time to time. The RCMP also has made information requests from time to time. It has been SFC's intention to cooperate with the RCMP in connection with its investigation.

139. On November 13, 2011, the IC delivered its Second Interim Report to the Board, a redacted copy of which is attached as Exhibit "R".

140. Subject to the limitations described therein, the Second Interim Report confirmed registered title or contractual or other rights to Sino-Forest's stated timber assets, reconciled the book value of the BVI timber assets and Sino-Forest WFOE standing timber assets as set out in the 2010 financial statements to the purchase prices for such assets as set out in the BVI and

WFOE standing timber purchase contracts reviewed by the IC advisors, reconciled reported total revenue to sales contracts, and addressed certain allegations regarding related-party transactions.

141. Subject to the scope limitations described in the Second Interim Report, the IC confirmed 99.3% of Sino-Forest's timber area to its satisfaction and that Sino-Forest had registered title to 100% of its disclosed planted timber holdings by area, and contractual or other rights to approximately 81.3% of its disclosed purchased timber holdings by area. The IC reported that it or its advisors had reviewed originals or copies of purchase contracts for the acquisition by Sino-Forest of virtually all of its disclosed timber holdings as at December 31, 2010.

142. The IC indicated in its Second Interim Report that it viewed its work to be substantially complete and that it expected to deliver its final report prior to the end of 2011.

B. Failure to Release Q3 Results and Default Under the Notes

143. Subsequent to August 26, 2011, the IC's advisors identified additional documents that raised issues meriting comment and explanation from SFC's management. Also, SFC's external counsel, in responding to requests from the OSC, also identified documents of a similar nature. Further documents meriting comment and explanation were identified by SFC's external auditors and in interviews conducted by OSC staff.

144. As SFC reached the November 15, 2011 deadline to release its 2011 third quarter financial statements (the "Q3 Results"), the Audit Committee recommended and the Board agreed that SFC should defer the release of the Q3 Results until certain issues could be resolved to the satisfaction of the Board and SFC's auditor. The issues included (i) determining the nature and scope of the relationships between Sino-Forest and certain of its AIs and suppliers, as discussed in the Second Interim Report, and (ii) the satisfactory explanation and resolution of issues raised

by certain documents identified by the IC's advisors, SFC's counsel, SFC's external auditors, and/or by OSC staff.

145. On November 15, 2011, the date upon which SFC's Q3 Results were due, SFC issued a press release announcing that the IC had delivered its Second Interim Report to the Board. A copy of the November 15, 2011 press release is attached as Exhibit "S". The executive summary to the Second Interim Report is attached as a schedule to the press release.

146. The November 15, 2011 press release also stated that the Board had concluded that, as a result of ongoing work arising from the allegations raised in the MW Report, it was not in a position to authorize the release of the Q3 Results at that time. The release stated that SFC would try to release the Q3 Results within 30 days.

147. SFC's failure to file the Q3 Results and provide a copy of the Q3 Results to the trustee and to its noteholders under its senior and convertible note indentures on or before November 15, 2011 constituted a default under those note indentures. Pursuant to the indentures, an event of default would have occurred if SFC failed to cure that breach within 30 days in the case of the senior notes, and 60 days in the case of the convertible notes, after having received written notice of such default from the relevant indenture trustee or the holders of 25% or more in aggregate principal amount of a given series of notes.

148. While SFC worked diligently to try to resolve the outstanding issues, it became clear that SFC was not going to be able to release the Q3 Results within that timeframe. On December 12, 2011, SFC issued a press release announcing that it would not be able to release the Q3 Results within the 30-day period originally indicated.

149. Moreover, in the press release, SFC announced that, in the circumstances, there was no assurance that it would be able to release the Q3 Results, or, if able, as to when such release would occur. In the December 12, 2011 press release, SFC also announced that the Board had determined not to make the \$9.775 million interest payment on SFC's 2016 convertible notes that was due on December 15, 2011. A copy of the December 12, 2011 press release is attached as Exhibit "T".

150. As disclosed in the December 12, 2011 press release, the circumstances that caused SFC to be unable to release the Q3 Results also could impact SFC's historic financial statements and SFC's ability to obtain an audit for its 2011 fiscal year.

151. SFC's failure to make the \$9.775 million interest payment on the 2016 convertible notes when due on December 15, 2011 constituted a default under that indenture. Under the terms of that indenture, SFC had 30 days to cure its default and make the required interest payment in order to prevent an event of default from occurring, which could have resulted in the acceleration and enforcement of the approximately \$1.8 billion in notes which have been issued by SFC and guaranteed by many of its subsidiaries outside of the PRC.

152. On December 18, 2011, SFC announced that it had received written notices of default dated December 16, 2011, in respect of its senior notes due 2014 and its senior notes due 2017. The notices, which were sent by the trustees under the senior note indentures, referenced SFC's previously-disclosed failure to release the Q3 Results on a timely basis. SFC reiterated in the December 18, 2011 press release that it did not expect to be able to file the Q3 Results and cure the default within the 30 day cure period. A copy of the December 18, 2011 press release is attached as Exhibit "U".

153. In response to the receipt of the notices of default, among other considerations, on December 16, 2011, the Board established a Special Restructuring Committee of the Board (the "Restructuring Committee") comprised exclusively of directors independent of management of SFC, for the purpose of supervising, analyzing and managing strategic options available to SFC. The members of the Restructuring Committee are William Ardell, Chair of the Board, who is also Chair of the Restructuring Committee and Garry West. James Hyde, Chair of the Audit Committee and an independent director, while not a member of the Restructuring Committee, has attended meetings of the Restructuring Committee and participated fully in its deliberations.

154. Following discussions with its external auditors, on January 10, 2012, SFC issued a press release cautioning that its historic financial statements and related audit reports should not be relied upon. The January 10, 2012 press release is previously attached.

C. The Waiver Agreements

155. On January 12, 2012, SFC announced that following extensive discussions with the Ad Hoc Noteholders, holders of a majority in principal amount of SFC's senior notes due 2014 and its senior notes due 2017 agreed to waive the default arising from SFC's failure to release the Q3 Results on a timely basis. A copy of the January 12, 2012 press release, together with the waiver agreements, is attached as Exhibit "V".

156. Pursuant to the waiver agreements, SFC agreed to, among other things, make the \$9.775 million interest payment on its 2016 convertible notes that was due on December 15, 2011, curing that default. That payment was made in accordance with the waiver agreements.

157. While the waiver agreements prevented the indenture trustees under the relevant note indentures from accelerating and enforcing the note indebtedness as a result of SFC's failure to

file its Q3 Results, those waiver agreements expire on the earlier of April 30, 2012 and any earlier termination of the waiver agreements in accordance with their terms. In addition, should SFC fail to file its 2011 Results by March 30, 2012 (and upon the necessary notices being sent and cure periods expiring), the indenture trustees would again be in a position to accelerate and enforce.

D. The IC's Final Report and Verification of SFC's Assets

158. On January 31, 2012, SFC publicly released a redacted version of the final report of the IC (the "Final Report"). A copy of the redacted Final Report is attached as Exhibit "W".

159. Following the delivery of the Final Report, and in accordance with the waiver agreements, the Board adopted a resolution instructing the IC to cease its investigative, review and oversight activities. Any issues within the authority of the IC that remained outstanding were referred to SFC's Audit Committee or Restructuring Committee.

160. In its January 31, 2012 press release, attached as Exhibit "X", announcing the release of the Final Report, SFC also disclosed the results of a "proof of concept" exercise undertaken to determine if the standing timber referenced in particular purchase contracts could be located and quantified by an independent forestry expert engaged to undertake the exercise. The exercise was undertaken to address the issue raised in the Second Interim Report regarding the absence of maps in the possession of SFC's BVI subsidiaries to show the precise location of the timber subject to plantation purchase contracts.

161. As disclosed in the January 31, 2012 press release, the proof of concept exercise was confined to two compartments. The selection criteria limited the sample to purchased timber assets located in Yunnan province. The candidate assets were acquired prior to the allegations in

the MW Report. They were listed as being held by BVIs and not by WFOEs. At the IC's request, the consultants selected a shortlist of ten possible compartments covering multiple forestry bureaus and meeting the criteria above, avoiding any prospect that the sampling involved personnel from Sino-Forest. Multiple county forestry bureaus were represented in the shortlist, and the IC made the final selection of compartments to ensure more than one county forestry bureau was represented.

162. As described in the Final Report and the accompanying press release, maps for the two compartments were obtained from the relevant forestry bureaus in the PRC by the contracted survey companies and made available to the consultants. Using the techniques described in the Final Report, compartment boundaries were superimposed on recent high resolution satellite imagery which allowed for the measurement of each compartment's forest cover. The consultants compared the net stocked area of forest cover that they assessed for each compartment with that stated in the Sino-Forest purchase contracts and forest survey reports. The consultants found that the net stocked area of forest cover in each compartment was up to six percent greater than that stated in the relevant purchase contracts and forest survey reports, with the current assessed area for each compartment exceeding the purchase contract area.

163. While the consultant report and press release cautioned against extrapolation of these findings over Sino-Forest's broader forestry assets, I took considerable comfort from these findings. In relation to two randomly-selected contracts held through the BVI structure, the property descriptions and expected forest cover in the contracts matched the boundaries and forest cover on the ground.

164. Subsequent to January 31, 2012, Sino-Forest has taken steps to see the proof of concept process applied over a statistically relevant sampling of Sino-Forest's forest assets. That work is ongoing.

E. Gating Issues to an Audit

165. SFC has worked diligently to address issues identified by SFC's Audit Committee, the IC and by its external auditor, Ernst & Young LLP, as requiring resolution in order for SFC to be in a position to obtain an audit opinion in relation to the 2011 Results. Many of the same issues also impact SFC's ability to release the Q3 Results.

166. As SFC has publicly disclosed in its press releases, the gating issues to the release of the Q3 Results and to obtaining an audit of the 2011 Results include (i) determining the nature and scope of the relationships between Sino-Forest and certain of its AIs and suppliers, and (ii) the satisfactory explanation and resolution of issues raised by certain documents identified by the IC's advisors, SFC's counsel, SFC's auditors, and/or by OSC staff.

167. The "relationship issues" described above are discussed extensively in the Second Interim Report and in the Final Report of the IC. Relationship issues were prominent in the approximately 60 documents provided to OSC staff on August 24, 2011, and relationships continue to be an issue that SFC has been unable to resolve.

168. As part of the IC's investigative process a significant amount of electronic data was extracted and reviewed by the IC and its advisors. The same data also has been reviewed by counsel for SFC and SFC's advisors. Over one million electronic records have been reviewed.

169. The search of electronic records and other inquiries have not produced evidence to support the allegations made in the MW Report that Sino-Forest is a near total fraud or Ponzi scheme. The searches and inquiries have produced some evidence of possible lesser improper conduct that SFC has been making efforts to investigate, address and quantify.

170. There is no single theme among the documents and issues that SFC has been taking steps to address. In some cases, the documents speak to efforts to deal with foreign currency exchange restrictions applicable to the PRC. The documents suggest that in some cases SFC personnel may have received personal benefits at Sino-Forest's expense and may have appropriated some of Sino-Forest's assets. They also show that, in a few cases, whistleblower complaints in some subsidiaries alleging misconduct by certain personnel in those subsidiaries appear not to have been adequately investigated and addressed.

171. The record-keeping of SFC's subsidiaries in the PRC appeared to be adequate prior to the recent heightened scrutiny being focused on companies with significant operations in the PRC. The nature of SFC's books and records, combined with the inability to compel disclosure and participation by third party PRC companies, primarily SFC's customers (AIs) and suppliers, and the unwillingness of these companies to become involved in an investigation, makes it difficult to definitively assess some of the explanations offered by Sino-Forest personnel.

172. In light of this heightened scrutiny, SFC's subsidiaries in the PRC do not have the scope of books and records that might be used to definitively address some issues raised by potentially problematic email communications. The nature of SFC's BVI structure, and the absence of contractual rights to examine the books and records of customers and suppliers, deprives SFC of

access to information that may be necessary to allow SFC to determine whether some of the documents and issues identified are material from a financial reporting perspective.

173. Notwithstanding SFC's best efforts, many of these issues may not be capable of resolution, and certainly not within a timeframe that would allow SFC to comply with its obligations under its note indentures and securities laws. Consequently, absent a resolution with the noteholders, the indenture trustees would be in a position to enforce their legal rights as early as April 30, 2012.

174. However extensive and challenging the work done to respond to the MW Report has been, the simple fact is that the uncertainty it has created has caused Sino-Forest's business to deteriorate. Repairing the damage to the business simply cannot wait any longer. Without decisive action in the immediate term, I fear that the ability to save the business for the benefit of SFC and its stakeholders will be irreparably lost.

175. As described in greater detail herein, even though the allegations set out in the MW Report and the OSC cease trade orders are unproven, the allegations have had a catastrophic negative impact on Sino-Forest's business activities and have created substantial uncertainty regarding the future of Sino-Forest's business in the minds of the Sino-Forest Companies' stakeholders in the PRC, including its lenders, customers, suppliers, employees, and governmental officials. The allegations made against SFC have resulted in a substantial erosion of Sino-Forest's business. The business in the PRC continues to deteriorate with every passing day and it has become clear to SFC that the Sino-Forest business needs to be separated from the cloud that continues to hang over SFC if there is any future for that business (and thus value for SFC's stakeholders) to be preserved.

V. IMPACT OF MUDDY WATERS ALLEGATIONS ON SINO-FOREST

A. Class Action Lawsuits

176. SFC and certain of its officers, directors and employees, along with SFC's current and former auditors, technical consultants and various underwriters involved in prior equity and debt offerings, have been named as defendants in eight class action lawsuits.

177. Five of these class action lawsuits, commenced by three separate groups of counsel, were filed in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on June 8, 2011, June 20, 2011, July 20, 2011, September 26, 2011 and November 14, 2011. A carriage motion in relation to these actions was heard on December 20 and 21, 2011, and by Order dated January 6, 2012, Justice Perell appointed Koskie Minsky LLP and Siskinds LLP as class counsel. As a result, Koskie Minsky LLP and Siskinds LLP discontinued their earliest action, and their other two actions have been consolidated and will move forward as one proceeding. The other two Ontario actions, commenced by other counsel, have been stayed. Pursuant to Justice Perell's January 6, 2012 Order, Koskie Minsky LLP and Siskinds LLP have filed a fresh as amended Statement of Claim in the consolidated proceeding. A copy of this Statement of Claim is attached as Exhibit "Y".

178. The action purports to be brought on behalf of noteholders. The plaintiffs and plaintiff law firms have not complied with the prerequisites to bringing suit in the relevant note indentures, which each contain a "no suits by holders" clause.

179. Parallel class actions have been filed in Quebec and Saskatchewan. Copies of the originating documents in those actions are attached as Exhibit "Z".

180. Additionally, on January 27, 2012, a class action was commenced against SFC and other defendants in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, U.S.A. The complaint alleges that

the action is brought on behalf of persons who purchased SFC shares on the over-the-counter market and on behalf of non-Canadian purchasers of SFC debt securities. The quantum of damages sought is not specified in the complaint. A copy of the complaint in this action is attached as Exhibit "AA".

181. Additional law firms in both the United States and Canada have announced that they are investigating SFC and certain directors and officers thereof with respect to potential additional class action lawsuits.

B. Effects of MW Report and Related Events

182. The allegations set forth in the MW Report, despite being denied by SFC, have had catastrophic negative effects on the reputation and business of Sino-Forest. As a result, Sino-Forest's ability to conduct its operations in the normal course of business has been materially affected. For example: creditors are increasing legal demands with respect to accounts payable; at the same time, collections of accounts receivables is increasingly difficult due to a widespread belief that Sino-Forest will not survive; sales in the WFOE model have also slowed substantially in response to views on accounts receivable payments; cash flow issues have resulted in a cessation of any expansion or modernization; the inability to fund purchases of raw materials has caused a slowdown in production or, in many cases, a shutdown; certain timber assets have been frozen as Sino-Forest has been unable to keep current with payments; deposits put down on standing timber purchases by WFOEs, of approximately \$27 million, may be unrealizable due to an inability to generate cash to pay off outstanding payables under those contracts; offshore banking facilities have been repaid and frozen or cancelled, leading to substantial damage in Sino-Forest's trading business; relationships with local governments and plantation land owners have become strained; Sino-Forest is unable to complete various projects, contracts and

acquisitions; and the PRC government is expressing increased concern over SFC and is becoming less inclined to be supportive of Sino-Forest, making the ability to obtain legal documents for Sino-Forest's operations increasingly difficult.

1. Diversion of Operational Resources & Effects on Operations

183. The investigations being conducted by the OSC, the HKSFC and the RCMP, the examination by the IC (and now the Audit Committee and Restructuring Committee), and the class action lawsuits have required, and will continue to require, significant resources to be expended by the directors, officers and employees of Sino-Forest. As a result, the diversion of such resources has affected Sino-Forest's ability to conduct its operations in the normal course of business. Sino-Forest's timber and trading businesses have effectively been frozen and have ground to a halt.

184. Since the MW Report was released, in order to conserve cash, Sino-Forest has only completed cash purchases which were previously committed to and has not made any new commitments (i.e. in the WFOE structure), despite having been presented with some attractive buying opportunities. Sino-Forest has therefore not grown its asset base as it would have but for the MW Report.

185. Also, the Sino-Forest Companies have had an extremely difficult time collecting outstanding receivables as a result of the perceived uncertainty surrounding them in the PRC. The total amount of outstanding receivables in the WFOE structure was approximately \$130.5 million as at February 29, 2012, with more than 83.5% of those receivables being over 90 days. Sino-Forest's counsel in the PRC, KaiTong Law Firm, has sent legal demand letters to 12 BVI trading companies for accounts receivable totaling approximately \$126 million and five WFOE

companies totaling approximately RMB 224.5 million. Additional legal demand letters for smaller accounts are also in process, and other accounts receivable are being negotiated.

186. At the same time that the Sino-Forest Companies are having a difficult time collecting outstanding receivables, they are receiving increased demands on their payables. Certain of Sino-Forest's creditors in the PRC have taken aggressive collection tactics in the PRC, including filing court claims in an effort to be paid amounts owed to them by Sino-Forest. If the uncertainty related to SFC is allowed to continue to affect Sino-Forest's business operations, Sino-Forest expects increasing legal actions from other creditors.

187. Sino-Forest has not been able to secure or renew certain existing onshore banking facilities and has been unable to obtain offshore letters of credit to facilitate Sino-Forest's trading business. All offshore banking facilities have been repaid and frozen, or cancelled. Since June 2, 2011, all Hong Kong banks have asked for voluntary repayment of outstanding loans. Banking facilities with a total credit amount of \$67.9 million were terminated by four banks between June 10, 2011 and August 29, 2011. Facilities of \$152.3 million were frozen upon full repayment. In the PRC, facilities totaling RMB 159.6 million were asking for voluntary repayments. For the PRC banks providing facilities, Sino-Forest was requested to increase its cash deposits so as to demonstrate financial strength. This has led to substantial damage in Sino-Forest's operations, and affects Sino-Forest's ability to complete obligations under existing contracts, resulting in losses potentially in excess of \$100 million.

188. Various projects and contracts, such as nursery projects in certain provinces with a contract value of approximately RMB 1 billion, have been stopped or are unable to be fulfilled.

189. Due to the allegations in the MW Report, the PRC government is expressing increased concern over SFC and is becoming less inclined to be supportive of Sino-Forest, making the ability to obtain legal documents more difficult. For example, the PRC government has withheld cutting licenses resulting in lower harvesting volumes. Relationships with local government and local plantation suppliers have also become strained, resulting in many difficulties and obstacles in Sino-Forest's operations including an inability to complete certain acquisitions of plantations. For example, in the Anqing, Anhui area in the PRC, the local government no longer showed support to Sino-Forest and the plantation land owner refused to honour the plantation purchase contracts.

2. Fees and Expenses

190. SFC has and will continue to incur a substantial amount of fees and expenses in connection with the examination by the IC (and now the Audit Committee and Restructuring Committee), the investigations by the OSC and the RCMP, and the class action lawsuits. Further, pursuant to indemnification agreements between SFC and its directors and certain officers as well as with auditors, underwriters and other parties, SFC may be obligated to indemnify such individuals for additional legal and other expenses pursuant to such proceedings. The aggregate of such fees and expenses is substantial and has had an extremely negative effect on Sino-Forest's operating results.

3. Value of Common Shares and Credit Rating

191. Prior to the release of the MW Report on June 2, 2011, SFC's common shares had a 20-day volume weighted average price of CDN \$19.58 for a total market capitalization of approximately CDN \$4.8 billion. In the weeks that followed the release of the MW Report, the value of SFC's common shares plunged to a low of CDN \$1.29 for a total market capitalization of

approximately CDN \$300 million. As at August 25, 2011, the day prior to the OSC cease trading SFC's common shares, its shares were trading at CDN \$4.81 for a total market capitalization of approximately CDN \$1.2 billion.

192. The allegations set forth in the MW Report have resulted in a material decline in the market value of SFC's common shares and notes. On June 30, 2011, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services lowered its long-term corporate credit rating on SFC to 'B+' from 'BB', lowered the issue ratings on SFC's outstanding senior notes and convertible notes to 'B+', and lowered the Greater China scale credit ratings on SFC and its notes to 'cnBB' from 'cnBBB-'. On August 29, 2011, Standard & Poor downgraded to 'CCC-', then withdrew its ratings. Fitch Ratings withdrew its Foreign Currency Issuer Default Rating and senior debt rating of 'BB-' on July 14, 2011, after placing SFC on Negative Watch on June 20, 2011. On July 19, 2011, Moody's Investors Service downgraded the corporate family and senior unsecured debt ratings of SFC to 'B1' from 'Ba2'. On August 29, 2011, Moody's downgraded to 'Caa1' from 'B1', and on December 14, 2011, Moody's downgraded to 'Ca1' and withdrew its rating.

193. Sino-Forest's primary sources of funding have been short-term and long-term borrowings, equity offerings and cash generated by operating activities. However, as a result of the reputational damage that the MW Report inflicted on SFC, I believe that SFC has no ability to access the capital markets at the present time, including to refinance its notes.

VI. CLAIM AGAINST MUDDY WATERS

194. On March 29, 2012, SFC commenced a claim in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against Muddy Waters, its principal, and persons who traded with prior knowledge of the MW Report. A copy of SFC's claim against Muddy Waters *et al* is attached as Exhibit "**BB**".

195. In this action, SFC seeks total damages in the sum of CDN \$4 billion in relation to harm caused to SFC as a result of the allegations made by Muddy Waters. If SFC is successfully restructured as contemplated, it is anticipated that the action will be funded by the litigation trust provided for in the Support Agreement described below, and the benefits of the action will be shared as contemplated by the Support Agreement.

VII. PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING TRANSACTIONS

196. Following extensive arm's length negotiations between SFC and the Ad Hoc Noteholders, the parties entered into the Support Agreement. The Support Agreement contains, among other things, the summary terms and conditions of a going concern restructuring of SFC (the "Restructuring Transaction"). A copy of the Support Agreement is previously attached.

197. The Support Agreement provides that SFC will file the Plan in order to implement the Restructuring Transaction as part of this CCAA proceeding, and that the Consenting Noteholders will vote their notes in favour of the Plan at any meeting of creditors, each subject to certain conditions.

198. From a commercial perspective, the Restructuring Transaction contemplated by the Support Agreement is intended to accomplish the following objectives:

- (a) the separation of Sino-Forest's business operations from the problems facing SFC outside of the PRC by transferring the intermediate holding companies which own "the business" and SFC's intercompany claims against its subsidiaries (which include the entire substantive operations of the Sino-Forest Companies) to the noteholders in compromise of their claims against SFC (if the Sale Process does not generate a superior transaction, as described below);

- (b) the Sale Process being undertaken to determine if any person or group of persons will purchase Sino-Forest's business operations pursuant to the Plan for an amount of consideration acceptable to SFC and the noteholders, with the potential for excess above such amount being directed to Junior Constituents. The Sale Process is intended to ensure that SFC is pursuing all avenues to maximize value for its stakeholders;
- (c) a structure (including funding) that will enable litigation claims to be pursued for the benefit of SFC's stakeholders in accordance with the Support Agreement against a number of potential defendants (including Muddy Waters, its principal, and any persons who benefited from the allegations made by Muddy Waters in a coordinated way); and
- (d) if the Sale Process does not result in a sale, the Junior Constituents recovering some "upside" in the form of a profit participation if Sino-Forest's business operations acquired by the noteholders are monetized within seven years from the date of the implementation of the Plan at a profit, as further described in the Support Agreement.

199. The decision to enter into the Support Agreement was given careful consideration by SFC and the Board and was not taken lightly. However, the inability to obtain an audit creates a default under the note indentures which simply cannot be cured within a reasonable timeframe, if at all.

200. More significantly, it has become clear that the problems facing SFC outside of the PRC are causing Sino-Forest's business operations in the PRC to deteriorate and that, unless decisive

steps are taken to restructure Sino-Forest, the PRC business operations will continue to deteriorate to the point that they will cease to be capable of being turned around, which will further diminish the value that can be realized for SFC and its stakeholders. While there remains substantial work ahead in the PRC to turn the business around and convince stakeholders in the PRC (including customers, suppliers, employees and PRC governmental officials of all levels) that the Sino-Forest business built up over the past 18 years is here to stay, I firmly believe that the transactions which SFC proposes to initiate pursuant to the CCAA will show a path out of the uncertainty which it has faced since last June.

201. The Support Agreement provides that SFC will make an application under the CCAA in order to implement the Plan. The Consenting Noteholders executed the Support Agreement on the basis that a restructuring of SFC as proposed would be undertaken pursuant to the CCAA.

202. But for the negotiation and execution of the Support Agreement, SFC would be unable to prevent the acceleration and enforcement of the rights of the noteholders as soon as April 30, 2012, in which case SFC would be unable to continue as a going concern, and is thus insolvent. Accordingly, and for the reasons set out herein, a restructuring is urgently required and should be pursued to preserve its enterprise value.

203. SFC has reached an agreement on a consensual restructuring transaction with the Ad Hoc Noteholders. SFC is seeking a stay of proceedings under the CCAA in order to allow it time to proceed to develop the Plan which, if approved by the creditors and this Honourable Court, would, among other things, allow for a going concern emergence of Sino-Forest's business.

VIII. THE SALE PROCESS

204. Under the Sale Process, SFC, through its financial advisor, Houlihan Lokey ("Houlihan"), and with the oversight of the monitor, will seek qualified purchasers (including existing shareholders and noteholders) of SFC's assets on a global basis and attempt to engage them in the Sale Process. The Sale Process Procedures, which were agreed to by the parties to the Support Agreement in consultation with the proposed monitor, provide that SFC will have up to 90 days to solicit letters of intent, and if qualified letters of intent are received, a further 90 days to solicit qualified bids. A copy of the Sale Process Procedures is attached as Schedule D to the Support Agreement.

205. I believe it is critically important that the Sale Process Order be granted at this time for a variety of reasons. First and most importantly, it is very important that SFC conclude a restructuring by the end of the third fiscal quarter. The business of the Sino-Forest Companies is seasonal, and the vast majority of transactions (both purchases and sales) typically occur in the third and fourth quarters. All stakeholders will therefore be prejudiced if SFC cannot complete a restructuring by the end of the third quarter, or soon thereafter, as the business will continue to be frozen through the critical fourth quarter.

206. With that target end date in mind, the process must begin immediately. I understand that in other insolvency filings in Canada, sale processes have been done on much shorter timetables than what SFC is proposing; however, I believe the proposed timetable is necessary and appropriate in light of the specific circumstances. In fact, given the critical timing of this process, I am aware that Houlihan has already been in contact with parties who may be interested parties in this Sale Process.

207. The assets being sold, especially given the allegations in the MW Report, are extremely complex and are being offered for sale without current audited financial statements. Potential buyers therefore need to be afforded sufficient time to do due diligence.

208. In addition, there are limited potential buyers for these assets. I believe that potential buyers will need to have, in addition to the significant capital to complete a transaction of this size, an in-depth and intimate knowledge of the PRC market. I do not expect that the ultimate buyer for these assets, if any, will be a typical buyer of distressed assets in an insolvency proceeding.

209. Accordingly, given that a transaction must be implemented as soon as possible, and given the complexity of the assets and the fact that there is a limited universe of potential buyers, I believe it is necessary that the Sale Process Order be granted at this time, and that the Sale Process provides the best potential for recovery for SFC's stakeholders.

210. I have no reason to believe that any creditors have a *bona fide* reason to object to the Sale Process.

IX. SFC MEETS CCAA STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

211. I am advised by Gary Solway of Bennett Jones LLP, counsel to SFC, that the CCAA applies in respect of a "debtor company" if the claims against the debtor company or affiliated debtor companies total more than CDN \$5 million. I am further advised by Gary Solway that a "debtor company" is a company incorporated under an Act of Parliament or the legislature of a province which has, among other things, become bankrupt or insolvent.

A. SFC is a "Company" Under the CCAA

212. SFC is a "company" to which the CCAA applies as it is a company continued under the CBCA. A copy of SFC's articles of continuance was previously attached.

B. SFC has Claims Against it in Excess of \$5 Million

213. As discussed above, SFC has debts against it far in excess of the CDN \$5 million statutory requirement.

C. SFC is Insolvent

214. I am advised by Gary Solway of Bennett Jones LLP, counsel to SFC, that under section 2 of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (and a similar definition exists under sections 192(2) and 208 of the CBCA), an insolvent person is one whose liabilities to creditors exceeds CDN \$1,000 and (i) is for any reason unable to meet his obligations as they generally become due, (ii) has ceased paying his current obligations in the ordinary course of business as they generally become due, or (iii) the aggregate of whose property is not, at a fair valuation, sufficient, or, if disposed of at a fairly conducted sale under legal process, would not be sufficient to enable payment of all his obligations, due and accruing due.

215. As discussed herein, the holders of SFC's senior notes entered into waiver agreements wherein they agreed not to have the indenture trustees demand immediate payment of the principal amount of the senior notes. Such waiver agreements expire on the earlier of April 30, 2012 and any earlier termination of the waiver agreements in accordance with their terms. Moreover, in addition to the default dealt with pursuant to the waiver agreements in respect of the Q3 Results, SFC will be in further default on April 30, 2012 as a result of the fact that it will

fail to file its audited 2011 Results. As discussed in greater detail herein, SFC will be unable to cure such default in the immediate to near term (if ever).

216. But for the execution of the Support Agreement and the standstill provided for therein, the indenture trustees under the notes could be entitled to accelerate and enforce the rights of the noteholders as soon as April 30, 2012. Without the liquidity provided by the waiver agreements, SFC would be unable to meet its obligations as they come due or continue as a going concern and is thus insolvent.

X. RELIEF SOUGHT

A. Stay of Proceedings

217. SFC needs a stay of proceedings to pursue and implement the Restructuring Transaction in an attempt to complete a going concern restructuring of its businesses. In the interim, the class actions lawsuits, as well as any other potential actions, need to be stayed so that the Restructuring Committee can focus on formulating the Plan.

B. Appointment of Monitor

218. FTI Consulting Canada Inc. ("FTI") has consented to act as the monitor of SFC (the "Monitor") in the CCAA proceedings, and I believe that FTI is qualified and competent to so act.

219. FTI will be filing a pre-filing report with the Court as prospective monitor in conjunction with SFC's request for relief under the CCAA.

C. Payments During CCAA Proceeding

220. During the course of this CCAA proceeding, SFC intends to make payments for goods and services supplied post-filing as set out in the cash flow projections described below and as permitted by the draft Initial Order.

D. Administration Charge

221. It is contemplated that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, counsel to SFC, counsel to the Board, Houlihan, FTI Consulting (Hong Kong) Limited, counsel to the Ad Hoc Noteholders and the financial advisor to the Ad Hoc Noteholders would be granted a first priority Court-ordered charge on the assets, property and undertakings of SFC, other than SFC's assets which are subject to *Personal Property Security Act* registrations (the "SFC Property") in priority to all other charges (the "Administration Charge") up to the maximum amount of CDN \$15 million in respect of their respective fees and disbursements, incurred at standard rates and charges. SFC believes the Administration Charge is fair and reasonable in the circumstances.

222. The nature of the Sino-Forest Companies' business requires the expertise, knowledge and continuing participation of the proposed beneficiaries of the Administration Charge in order to complete a successful restructuring. I believe this Administration Charge is necessary to ensure their continued participation.

223. I do not believe that there is any unwarranted duplication of roles between the proposed beneficiaries of the Administration Charge.

E. Directors' Charge

224. A successful restructuring of SFC will only be possible with the continued participation of the Board. These personnel are essential to the viability of the continuing business of Sino-Forest. SFC's Board members have specialized expertise and relationships with Sino-Forest's suppliers, employees and other stakeholders, as well as knowledge gained throughout the IC process that cannot be replicated or replaced.

225. The directors of SFC have indicated that due to the potential for significant personal liability, they cannot continue their service in this restructuring unless the Initial Order grants a charge on the SFC Property in priority to all other charges except the Administration Charge, as security for SFC's indemnification obligations for the potential obligations and liabilities they may incur after the commencement of these proceedings. It is proposed that the directors of SFC be granted a directors' charge in the amount of CDN \$3.2 million (the "Directors' Charge") over the SFC Property. SFC believes the Directors' Charge is fair and reasonable in the circumstances.

226. SFC, for itself and its subsidiaries, currently has primary insurance coverage of \$10 million and five separate excess insurance policies collectively providing CDN \$45 million (the "2012 Insurance Policies"), for a total of CDN \$55 million of coverage in place to attempt to protect SFC and its directors and officers. The 2012 Insurance Policies were put in place and became effective after prior policies of insurance were not renewed following their expiry on December 31, 2011, by the insurers who had issued the policies (the "2011 Insurance Policies"). Although coverage is being provided to SFC and certain of its directors and officers under the 2011 Insurance Policies for claims that were advanced or threatened prior to the expiry of the 2011 Insurance Policies on December 31, 2011, those policies provide no coverage or protection to SFC or its officers and directors for new claims that are made after December 31, 2011 which are based on new events or allegations unrelated to the subject matter of the claims that have already been advanced or threatened.

227. As was the case with the 2011 Insurance Policies, the 2012 Insurance Policies provide for three types of coverage: (i) director and officer liability, (ii) corporate liability for indemnifiable loss, and (iii) corporate liability arising from securities claims. The 2012 Insurance Policies expire on December 31, 2012 and exclude coverage for directors' liabilities for wages. There are

also other exclusions and limitations of coverage which may leave SFC's directors and officers without coverage under the 2012 Insurance Policies. Depending on the circumstances of any particular claim, the insurers which have issued the 2012 Insurance Policies may deny coverage on the basis that the 2012 Insurance Policies exclude such other claims, that coverage limits have been exhausted by claims made against the 2012 Insurance Policies, or that the matters reported fall within the coverage provided by the 2011 Insurance Policies (which are already responding to a number of significant claims that have the potential to exhaust or exceed the applicable limits). Finally, there is no guarantee that SFC will be able to renew the 2012 Insurance Policies when they expire at the end of the year.

228. Contractual indemnities have been provided by SFC to its directors. SFC does not have sufficient funds to satisfy those indemnities should the directors of SFC incur obligations and liabilities in that regard after the commencement of these proceedings.

229. The Directors' Charge is necessary so that SFC may benefit from its directors' experience, knowledge and ability to guide SFC's restructuring efforts. It is critical to the restructuring efforts that SFC's directors remain with SFC in order to assist SFC in achieving the Restructuring Transaction to benefit SFC's stakeholders.

230. As such, it is proposed that the priorities of the Administration Charge and the Directors' Charge be as follows:

- (a) First – Administration Charge; and
- (b) Second – Directors' Charge.

231. Based on the books and records of SFC, and to the best of my knowledge, there are no secured creditors who are likely to be affected by the Administration Charge or the Directors' Charge.

F. Postponement of Annual Shareholders' Meeting

232. As previously mentioned, SFC is a public company under the CBCA. I am advised by Gary Solway of Bennett Jones LLP, counsel to SFC, that, as such, SFC is required, pursuant to paragraph 133(1)(b) of the CBCA, to call an annual meeting of its shareholders by no later than June 30, 2012, being six months after the end of its preceding financial year which ended on December 31, 2011. Accordingly, SFC is required to call its annual general meeting no later than June 30, 2012. SFC's annual general meeting has typically been held in the month of May.

233. However, the management of SFC and other Sino-Forest Companies are presently devoting their efforts to stabilizing the business with a view to implementing the Restructuring Transaction in accordance with the terms of the Support Agreement.

234. Preparing the proxy materials required for an annual meeting of shareholders (which must be prepared well in advance of any meeting so that they can be mailed to shareholders in advance of the meeting) and holding the annual meeting of shareholders would divert the attention of senior management of the Sino-Forest Companies away from implementing the Restructuring Transaction, would require significant financial resources, and could impede SFC's ability to achieve a restructuring under the CCAA.

235. In addition, pursuant to section 155 of the CBCA, SFC is required to place before the annual meeting financial statements of SFC for a period ended not more than six months prior to

the date of the annual meeting. SFC has been unable to complete its financial statements for the reasons already discussed.

236. I am advised by Gary Solway of Bennett Jones LLP, counsel to SFC, that, under subsection 106(6) of the CBCA, if directors are not elected at an annual meeting, the incumbent directors will continue to hold office until their successors are elected.

237. Certain financial and other information is and will continue to be available to the public through SFC's court filing which will be easily accessible on the proposed Monitor's website (<http://cfcanda.fticonsulting.com/sfc>). Consequently, the failure to hold an annual general meeting within the time prescribed by the CBCA will not deprive shareholders of access to the financial information of SFC that is publicly available from SFC.

238. Under the circumstances, I believe it is impractical for SFC to call and hold an annual meeting of shareholders during this CCAA proceeding.

G. Foreign Proceedings

239. SFC is seeking in the Initial Order to have the Monitor authorized, as the foreign representative of SFC, to apply for 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* (the "Chapter 15 Proceedings"). The initial effect of the Chapter 15 Proceedings would be to give effect to the Initial Order in the United States.

H. Financial Advisor Agreement

240. It became clear to SFC at the beginning of September 2011, that it would greatly benefit from the expertise of a financial advisor. Accordingly, SFC invited four reputable global financial advisory firms to make presentations for the role on or about September 14, 2011. Houlihan was selected as SFC's first choice as a result of, among others, its significant experience in debt restructurings, its strong presence and reputation in both the North American and Asian markets, and its strong standing with the global noteholders community, especially those event driven funds which customarily play a leadership role in these situations.

241. On or about September 26, 2011, Bennett Jones LLP, as counsel to SFC, entered into an agreement with Houlihan relating to Houlihan's provision of financial advisory and investment banking services to SFC. That agreement was amended and replaced by an agreement dated as of December 22, 2011 (the "Financial Advisor Agreement"). A copy of the Financial Advisor Agreement is attached as Exhibit "CC".

242. The Financial Advisor Agreement provides, among other things, that if SFC commences any proceedings under the CCAA or similar legislation or statute, SFC will promptly seek to have the Court approve (i) the Financial Advisor Agreement, and (ii) Houlihan's retention by SFC under the terms of the Financial Advisor Agreement, including the payment to be made to Houlihan thereunder. As such, the draft Initial Order provides for such approvals.

243. It is my belief that Houlihan's significant restructuring experience and expertise in the area of debt restructuring has greatly benefited SFC. The proposed Restructuring Transaction would not have been achievable without the advice and assistance of Houlihan. Houlihan was also instrumental in assisting SFC in obtaining the waiver agreements described herein.

244. Houlihan has spent approximately seven months working closely with senior management of SFC and its other advisors. Houlihan has greatly assisted SFC in its restructuring efforts to date and has gained a thorough and intimate understanding of the Sino-Forest business. If SFC was deprived of the benefit of Houlihan's continued advice and assistance and was required to retain a new financial advisor, it would likely take a significant period of time for such a financial advisor to acquire a similar working knowledge of the business and would make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to implement the Restructuring Transaction in the currently contemplated time frame. Thus, I believe that the continued involvement of Houlihan is essential to the completion of the Restructuring Transaction.

245. It is also my belief that the quantum and nature of the remuneration provided for in the Financial Advisor Agreement is fair and reasonable. Specifically, the restructuring fees payable to Houlihan are only payable if a restructuring transaction is completed and the quantum of those fees is dependent on various factors intended to measure the success of the restructuring.

XI. 13 WEEK CASH FLOW FORECAST

246. As set out in the cash flow forecast attached as Exhibit "DD", SFC's principal uses of cash during the next 13 weeks will consist of the payment of ongoing day-to-day operational expenses, the costs associated with the ongoing investigation into the MW Report, the costs associated with responding to demands from the OSC, HKSFC and RCMP for information, and professional fees and disbursements in connection with these CCAA proceedings.

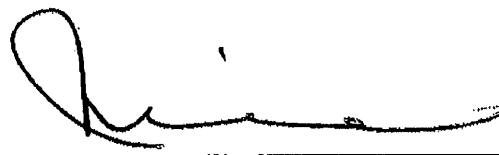
247. As at March 29, 2012, SFC had approximately \$67.8 million available cash on hand. SFC's cash flow forecast projects that, subject to obtaining the relief outlined herein, it will have sufficient cash to fund its projected operating costs for the next 13 weeks.

XII. CONCLUSION

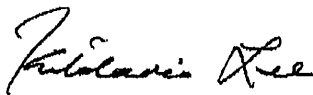
248. I am confident that granting the Initial Order and Sale Process Order sought by SFC is in the best interests of SFC and its stakeholders. SFC requires the stay of proceedings to pursue and implement the Restructuring Transaction in an attempt to complete a going concern restructuring of its businesses. The Ad Hoc Noteholders support this application and SFC's pursuit of the Plan in this CCAA proceeding.

249. Without the stay of proceedings and the opportunity to effect the Restructuring Transaction (including the Sale Process), Sino-Forest faces a possible cessation of going concern operations, the liquidation of its assets, and the loss of employment for a significant number of employees worldwide. The granting of the requested stay of proceedings will assist an orderly restructuring of SFC.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of Hong
Kong, Special Administrative Region,
People's Republic of China, this 30th day of
March, 2012



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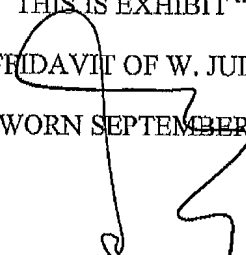
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ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

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

INITIAL ORDER

THIS APPLICATION, made by Sino-Forest 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, Ontario.

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. ("FTI") (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 Affidavit).

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 giving 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://cfoanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc> (the "Monitor's Website"); and
- (b) 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 noteholder, indenture trustee or security trustee (each in respect of the notes issued by the Applicant, collectively, the "Noteholders") 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 Noteholder 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 entities (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 Noteholders 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 oral 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 re-advance 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 cash 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 creditor 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 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 *pari 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 created 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 foreign 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, 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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1. Sino-Panel Holdings Limited (BVI)
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3. Sino-Wood Partners, Limited (HK)
4. Grandeur Winway Limited (BVI)
5. Sinowin Investments Limited (BVI)
6. Sinowood Limited (Cayman Islands)
7. Sino-Forest Bio-Science Limited (BVI)
8. Sino-Forest Resources Inc. (BVI)
9. Sino-Plantation Limited (HK)
10. Suri-Wood Inc. (BVI)
11. Sino-Forest Investments Limited (BVI)
12. Sino-Wood (Guangxi) Limited (HK)
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20. Sino-Panel [Xiangxi] Limited (BVI)
21. Sino-Panel [Hunan] Limited (BVI)
22. SFR (China) Inc. (BVI)
23. Sino-Panel [Suzhou] Limited (BVI)
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29. Sino-Panel (Qinzhou) Limited (BVI)
30. Sino-Panel (Yongzhou) Limited (BVI)
31. Sino-Panel (Fujian) Limited (BVI)
32. Sino-Panel (Shaoyang) Limited (BVI)
33. Amplemax Worldwide Limited (BVI)
34. Ace Supreme International Limited (BVI)
35. Express Point Holdings Limited (BVI)
36. Glory Billion International Limited (BVI)
37. Smart Sure Enterprises Limited (BVI)
38. Expert Bonus Investment Limited (BVI)
39. Dynamic Profit Holdings Limited (BVI)
40. Alliance Max Limited (BVI)
41. Brain Force Limited (BVI)
42. General Excel Limited (BVI)
43. Poly Market Limited (BVI)
44. Prime Kinetic Limited (BVI)
45. Trillion Edge Limited (BVI)
46. Sino-Panel (China) Nursery Limited (BVI)

47. Sino-Wood Trading Limited (BVI)
48. Homix Limited (BVI)
49. Sino-Panel Trading Limited (BVI)
50. Sino-Panel (Russia) Limited (BVI)
51. Sino-Global Management Consulting Inc. (BVI)
52. Value quest International Limited (BVI)
53. Well Keen Worldwide Limited (BVI)
54. Harvest Wonder Worldwide Limited (BVI)
55. Cheer Gold Worldwide Limited (BVI)
56. Regal Win Capital Limited (BVI)
57. Rich Choice Worldwide Limited (BVI)
58. Sino-Forest International (Barbados) Corporation
59. Mandra Forestry Holdings Limited (BVI)
60. Mandra Forestry Finance Limited (BVI)
61. Mandra Forestry Anhui Limited (BVI)
62. Mandra Forestry Hubei Limited (BVI)
63. Sino-Capital Global Inc. (BVI)
64. Elite Legacy Limited (BVI)

Schedule "B"

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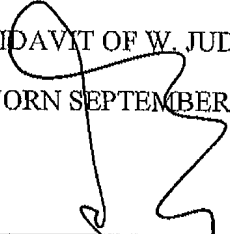
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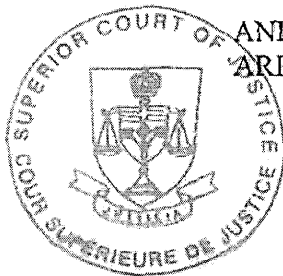
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IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS*
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AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR
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ORDER
(Stay Extension)

THIS MOTION, made by Sino-Forest Corporation ("SFC") for the relief set out in SFC's notice of motion dated May 25, 2012 was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the affidavit of W. Judson Martin sworn May 25, 2012 (the "Martin Affidavit") and the Exhibits thereto and the third report of FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as monitor (the "Monitor") dated May 25, 2012 (the "Third Report") and on hearing submissions of counsel for SFC, the Monitor, the board of directors of SFC, the Ad Hoc Notcholders and those other parties present,

SERVICE

1. THIS COURT ORDERS that the time for the service of the Notice of Motion, the Third Report and the Motion Record is hereby abridged so 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 Martin Affidavit.

EXTENSION OF THE STAY PERIOD

3. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Stay Period (as defined in the Initial Order) be and is hereby extended to September 28, 2012.

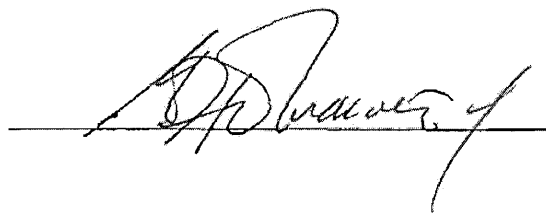
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4. THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada, the United States, Barbados, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Hong Kong, the People's Republic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

5. 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.

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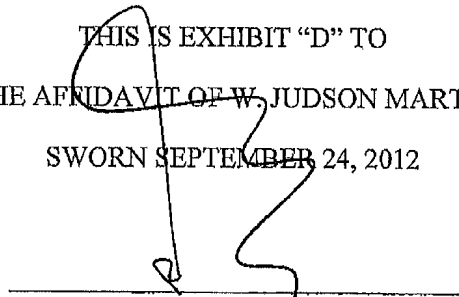
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BEFORE: MORAWETZ J.

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Kenneth Dekker, for BDO Limited

Peter Griffin and Peter Osborne, for Ernst & Young LLP

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

James Grout, for the Ontario Securities Commission

Emily Cole and Joseph Marin, for Allen Chan

Simon Bieber, for David Horsley

David Bish, John Fabello and Adam Slavens, for the Underwriters Named in the Class Action

Max Starnino and Kirk Baert, for the Ontario Plaintiffs

Larry Lowenstein, for the Board of Directors

HEARD: June 26, 2012

ENDORSEMENT

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Overview

[1] Sino-Forest Corporation (“SFC” or the “Applicant”) seeks an order directing that claims against SFC, which result from the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest in SFC, are “equity claims” as defined in section 2 of the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act* (“CCAA”) including, without limitation: (i) the claims by or on behalf of current or former shareholders asserted in the proceedings listed in Schedule “A” (collectively, the “Shareholder Claims”); and (ii) any indemnification claims against SFC related to or arising from the Shareholder Claims, including, without limitation, those by or on behalf of any of the other defendants to the proceedings listed in Schedule “A” (the “Related Indemnity Claims”).

[2] SFC takes the position that the Shareholder Claims are “equity claims” as defined in the CCAA as they are claims in respect of a monetary loss resulting from the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest in SFC and, therefore, come within the definition. SFC also takes the position that the Related Indemnity Claims are “equity claims” as defined in the CCAA as they are claims for contribution or indemnity in respect of a claim that is an equity claim and, therefore, also come within the definition.

[3] On March 30, 2012, the court granted the Initial Order providing for the CCAA stay against SFC and certain of its subsidiaries. FTI Consulting Canada Inc. was appointed as Monitor.

[4] On the same day, the Sales Process Order was granted, approving Sales Process procedures and authorizing and directing SFC, the Monitor and Houlihan Lokey to carry out the Sales Process.

[5] On May 14, 2012, the court issued a Claims Procedure Order, which established June 20, 2012 as the Claims Bar Date.

[6] The stay of proceedings has since been extended to September 28, 2012.

[7] Since the outset of the proceedings, SFC has taken the position that it is important for these proceedings to be completed as soon as possible in order to, among other things, (i) enable the business operated in the Peoples Republic of China (“PRC”) to be separated from SFC and put under new ownership; (ii) enable the restructured business to participate in the Q4 sales season in the PRC market; and (iii) maintain the confidence of stakeholders in the PRC (including local and national governmental bodies, PRC lenders and other stakeholders) that the business in the PRC can be successfully separated from SFC and operate in the ordinary course in the near future.

[8] SFC has negotiated a Support Agreement with the Ad Hoc Committee of Noteholders and intends to file a plan of compromise or arrangement (the “Plan”) under the CCAA by no later than August 27, 2012, based on the deadline set out in the Support Agreement and what they submit is the commercial reality that SFC must complete its restructuring as soon as possible.

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[9] Noteholders holding in excess of \$1.296 billion, or approximately 72% of the approximately \$1.8 billion of SFC's noteholders' debt, have executed written support agreements to support the SFC CCAA Plan as of March 30, 2012.

Shareholder Claims Asserted Against SFC

(i) Ontario

[10] By Fresh as Amended Statement of Claim dated April 26, 2012 (the "Ontario Statement of Claim"), the Trustees of the Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada and other plaintiffs asserted various claims in a class proceeding (the "Ontario Class Proceedings") against SFC, certain of its current and former officers and directors, Ernst & Young LLP ("E&Y"), BDO Limited ("BDO"), Poyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Limited ("Poyry") and SFC's underwriters (collectively, the "Underwriters").

[11] Section 1(m) of the Ontario Statement of Claim defines "class" and "class members" as:

All persons and entities, wherever they may reside who acquired Sino's Securities during the Class Period by distribution in Canada or on the Toronto Stock Exchange or other secondary market in Canada, which securities include those acquired over the counter, and all persons and entities who acquired Sino's Securities during the Class Period who are resident of Canada or were resident of Canada at the time of acquisition and who acquired Sino's Securities outside of Canada, except the Excluded Persons.

[12] The term "Securities" is defined as "Sino's common shares, notes and other securities, as defined in the OSA". The term "Class Period" is defined as the period from and including March 19, 2007 up to and including June 2, 2011.

[13] The Ontario Class Proceedings seek damages in the amount of approximately \$9.2 billion against SFC and the other defendants.

[14] The thrust of the complaint in the Ontario Class Proceedings is that the class members are alleged to have purchased securities at "inflated prices during the Class Period" and that absent the alleged misconduct, sales of such securities "would have occurred at prices that reflected the true value" of the securities. It is further alleged that "the price of Sino's Securities was directly affected during the Class Period by the issuance of the Impugned Documents".

(ii) Quebec

[15] By action filed in Quebec on June 9, 2011, Guining Liu commenced an action (the "Quebec Class Proceedings") against SFC, certain of its current and former officers and directors, E&Y and Poyry. The Quebec Class Proceedings do not name BDO or the Underwriters as defendants. The Quebec Class Proceedings also do not specify the quantum of damages sought, but rather reference "damages in an amount equal to the losses that it and the other members of the group suffered as a result of purchasing or acquiring securities of Sino at inflated prices during the Class Period".

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[16] The complaints in the Quebec Class Proceedings centre on the effect of alleged misrepresentations on the share price. The duty allegedly owed to the class members is said to be based in "law and other provisions of the *Securities Act*", to ensure the prompt dissemination of truthful, complete and accurate statements regarding SFC's business and affairs and to correct any previously-issued materially inaccurate statements.

(iii) Saskatchewan

[17] By Statement of Claim dated December 1, 2011 (the "Saskatchewan Statement of Claim"), Mr. Allan Haigh commenced an action (the "Saskatchewan Class Proceedings") against SFC, Allen Chan and David Horsley.

[18] The Saskatchewan Statement of Claim does not specify the quantum of damages sought, but instead states in more general terms that the plaintiff seeks "aggravated and compensatory damages against the defendants in an amount to be determined at trial".

[19] The Saskatchewan Class Proceedings focus on the effect of the alleged wrongful acts upon the trading price of SFC's securities:

The price of Sino's securities was directly affected during the Class Period by the issuance of the Impugned Documents. The defendants were aware at all material times that the effect of Sino's disclosure documents upon the price of its Sino's [sic] securities.

(iv) New York

[20] By Verified Class Action Complaint dated January 27, 2012, (the "New York Complaint"), Mr. David Leopard and IMF Finance SA commenced a class proceeding against SFC, Mr. Allen Chan, Mr. David Horsley, Mr. Kai Kit Poon, a subset of the Underwriters, E&Y, and Ernst & Young Global Limited (the "New York Class Proceedings").

[21] SFC contends that the New York Class Proceedings focus on the effect of the alleged wrongful acts upon the trading price of SFC's securities.

[22] The plaintiffs in the various class actions have named parties other than SFC as defendants, notably, the Underwriters and the auditors, E&Y, and BDO, as summarized in the table below. The positions of those parties are detailed later in these reasons.

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Legal Framework

[23] Even before the 2009 amendments to the CCAA dealing with equity claims, courts recognized that there is a fundamental difference between shareholder equity claims as they relate to an insolvent entity versus creditor claims. Essentially, shareholders cannot reasonably expect to maintain a financial interest in an insolvent company where creditor claims are not being paid in full. Simply put, shareholders have no economic interest in an insolvent enterprise: *Blue Range Resource Corp. (Re)*, (2004) 4 W.W.R. 738 (Alta. Q.B.) [*Blue Range Resources*]; *Stelco Inc. (Re)*, (2006) CanLII 1773 (Ont. S.C.J.) [*Stelco*]; *Royal Bank of Canada v. Central Capital Corp.* (1996), 27 O.R. (3d) 494 (C.A.).

[24] The basis for the differentiation flows from the fundamentally different nature of debt and equity investments. Shareholders have unlimited upside potential when purchasing shares. Creditors have no corresponding upside potential: *Nelson Financial Group Limited (Re)*, 2010 ONSC 6229 [*Nelson Financial*].

[25] As a result, courts subordinated equity claims and denied such claims a vote in plans of arrangement: *Blue Range Resource, supra*; *Stelco, supra*; *EarthFirst Canada Inc. (Re)* (2009), 56 C.B.R. (5th) 102 (Alta. Q.B.) [*EarthFirst Canada*]; and *Nelson Financial, supra*.

[26] In 2009, significant amendments were made to the CCAA. Specific amendments were made with the intention of clarifying that equity claims are subordinated to other claims.

[27] The 2009 amendments define an “equity claim” and an “equity interest”. Section 2 of the CCAA includes the following definitions:

“Equity Claim” means a claim that is in respect of an equity interest, including a claim for, among others, (...)

(d) a monetary loss resulting from the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest or from the rescission, or, in Quebec, the annulment, of a purchase or sale of an equity interest, or

(e) contribution or indemnity in respect of a claim referred to in any of paragraphs (a) to (d);

“Equity Interest” means

(a) in the case of a company other than an income trust, a share in the company – or a warrant or option or another right to acquire a share in the company – other than one that is derived from a convertible debt,

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[28] Section 6(8) of the CCAA prohibits a distribution to equity claimants prior to payment in full of all non-equity claims.

[29] Section 22(1) of the CCAA provides that equity claimants are prohibited from voting on a plan unless the court orders otherwise.

Position of Ernst & Young

[30] E&Y opposes the relief sought, at least as against E&Y, since the E&Y proof of claim evidence demonstrates in its view that E&Y's claim:

- (a) is not an equity claim;
- (b) does not derive from or depend upon an equity claim (in whole or in part);
- (c) represents discreet and independent causes of action as against SFC and its directors and officers arising from E&Y's direct contractual relationship with such parties (or certain of such parties) and/or the tortious conduct of SFC and/or its directors and officers for which they are in law responsible to E&Y; and
- (d) can succeed independently of whether or not the claims of the plaintiffs in the class actions succeed.

[31] In its factum, counsel to E&Y acknowledges that during the periods relevant to the Class Action Proceedings, E&Y was retained as SFC's auditor and acted as such from 2007 until it resigned on April 5, 2012.

[32] On June 2, 2011, Muddy Waters LLC ("Muddy Waters") issued a report which purported to reveal fraud at SFC. In the wake of that report, SFC's share price plummeted and Muddy Waters profited from its short position.

[33] E&Y was served with a multitude of class action claims in numerous jurisdictions.

[34] The plaintiffs in the Ontario Class Proceedings claim damages in the aggregate, as against all defendants, of \$9.2 billion on behalf of resident and non-resident shareholders and noteholders. The causes of action alleged are both statutory, under the *Securities Act (Ontario)* and at common law, in negligence and negligent misrepresentation.

[35] In its factum, counsel to E&Y acknowledges that the central claim in the class actions is that SFC made a series of misrepresentations in respect of its timber assets. The claims against E&Y and the other third party defendants are that they failed to detect these misrepresentations and note in particular that E&Y's audit did not comply with Canadian generally accepted accounting standards. Similar claims are advanced in Quebec and the U.S.

[36] Counsel to E&Y notes that on May 14, 2012 the court granted a Claims Procedure Order which, among other things, requires proofs of claim to be filed no later than June 20, 2012. E&Y takes issue with the fact that this motion was then brought notwithstanding that proofs of claim and D&O proofs of claim had not yet been filed.

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[37] E&Y has filed with the Monitor, in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order, a proof of claim against SFC and a proof of claim against the directors and officers of SFC.

[38] E&Y takes the position that it has contractual claims of indemnification against SFC and its subsidiaries and has statutory and common law claims of contribution and/or indemnity against SFC and its subsidiaries for all relevant years. E&Y contends that it has stand-alone claims for breach of contract and negligent and/or fraudulent misrepresentation against the company and its directors and officers.

[39] Counsel submits that E&Y's claims against Sino-Forest and the SFC subsidiaries are:

- (a) creditor claims;
- (b) derived from E&Y retainers by and/or on behalf of Sino-Forest and the SFC subsidiaries and E&Y's relationship with such parties, all of which are wholly independent and conceptually different from the claims advanced by the class action plaintiffs;
- (c) claims that include the cost of defending and responding to various proceedings, both pre- and post-filing; and
- (d) not equity claims in the sense contemplated by the CCAA. E&Y's submission is that equity holders of Sino-Forest have not advanced, and could not advance, any claims against SFC's subsidiaries.

[40] Counsel further contends that E&Y's claim is distinct from any and all potential and actual claims by the plaintiffs in the class actions against Sino-Forest and that E&Y's claim for contribution and/or indemnity is not based on the claims against Sino-Forest advanced in the class actions but rather only in part on those claims, as any success of the plaintiffs in the class actions against E&Y would not necessarily lead to success against Sino-Forest, and vice versa. Counsel contends that E&Y has a distinct claim against Sino-Forest independent of that of the plaintiffs in the class actions. The success of E&Y's claims against Sino-Forest and the SFC subsidiaries, and the success of the claims advanced by the class action plaintiffs, are not co-dependent. Consequently, counsel contends that E&Y's claim is that of an unsecured creditor.

[41] From a policy standpoint, counsel to E&Y contends that the nature of the relationship between a shareholder, who may be in a position to assert an equity claim (in addition to other claims) is fundamentally different from the relationship existing between a corporation and its auditors.

Position of BDO Limited

[42] BDO was auditor of Sino-Forest Corporation between 2005 and 2007, when it was replaced by E&Y.

[43] BDO has a filed a proof of claim against Sino-Forest pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order.

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[44] BDO's claim against Sino-Forest is primarily for breach of contract.

[45] BDO takes the position that its indemnity claims, similar to those advanced by E&Y and the Underwriters, are not equity claims within the meaning of s. 2 of the CCAA.

[46] BDO adopts the submissions of E&Y which, for the purposes of this endorsement, are not repeated.

Position of the Underwriters

[47] The Underwriters take the position that the court should not decide the equity claims motion at this time because it is premature or, alternatively, if the court decides the equity claims motion, the equity claims order should not be granted because the Related Indemnity Claims are not "equity claims" as defined in s. 2 of the CCAA.

[48] The Underwriters are among the defendants named in some of the class actions. In connection with the offerings, certain Underwriters entered into agreements with Sino-Forest and certain of its subsidiaries providing that Sino-Forest and, with respect to certain offerings, the Sino-Forest subsidiary companies, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Underwriters in connection with an array of matters that could arise from the offerings.

[49] The Underwriters raise the following issues:

- (i) Should this court decide the equity claims motion at this time?
- (ii) If this court decides the equity claims motion at this time, should the equity claims order be granted?

[50] On the first issue, counsel to the Underwriters takes the position that the issue is not yet ripe for determination.

[51] Counsel submits that, by seeking the equity claims order at this time, Sino-Forest is attempting to pre-empt the Claims Procedure Order, which already provides a process for the determination of claims. Until such time as the claims procedure in respect of the Related Indemnity Claims is completed, and those claims are determined pursuant to that process, counsel contends the subject of the equity claims motion raises a merely hypothetical question as the court is being asked to determine the proper interpretation of s. 2 of the CCAA before it has the benefit of an actual claim in dispute before it.

[52] Counsel further contends that by asking the court to render judgment on the proper interpretation of s. 2 of the CCAA in the hypothetical, Sino-Forest has put the court in a position where its judgment will not be made in the context of particular facts or with a full and complete evidentiary record.

[53] Even if the court determines that it can decide this motion at this time, the Underwriters submit that the relief requested should not be granted.

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Position of the Applicant

[54] The Applicant submits that the amendments to the CCAA relating to equity claims closely parallel existing U.S. law on the subject and that Canadian courts have looked to U.S. courts for guidance on the issue of equity claims as the subordination of equity claims has long been codified there: see e.g. *Blue Range Resources, supra*, and *Nelson Financial, supra*.

[55] The Applicant takes the position that based on the plain language of the CCAA, the Shareholder Claims are "equity claims" as defined in s. 2 as they are claims in respect of a "monetary loss resulting from the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest".

[56] The Applicant also submits the following:

- (a) the Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan and New York Class Actions (collectively, the "Class Actions") all advance claims on behalf of shareholders.
- (b) the Class Actions also allege wrongful conduct that affected the trading price of the shares, in that the alleged misrepresentation "artificially inflated" the share price; and
- (c) the Class Actions seek damages relating to the trading price of SFC shares and, as such, allege a "monetary loss" that resulted from the ownership, purchase or sale of shares, as defined in s. 2 of the CCAA.

[57] Counsel further submits that, as the Shareholder Claims are "equity claims", they are expressly subordinated to creditor claims and are prohibited from voting on the plan of arrangement.

[58] Counsel to the Applicant also submits that the definition of "equity claims" in s. 2 of the CCAA expressly includes indemnity claims that relate to other equity claims. As such, the Related Indemnity Claims are equity claims within the meaning of s. 2.

[59] Counsel further submits that there is no distinction in the CCAA between the source of any claim for contribution or indemnity; whether by statute, common law, contractual or otherwise. Further, and to the contrary, counsel submits that the legal characterization of a contribution or indemnity claim depends solely on the characterization of the primary claim upon which contribution or indemnity is sought.

[60] Counsel points out that in *Return on Innovation Capital v. Gandi Innovations Limited*, 2011 ONSC 5018, leave to appeal denied, 2012 ONCA 10 [*Return on Innovation*] this court characterized the contractual indemnification claims of directors and officers in respect of an equity claim as "equity claims".

[61] Counsel also submits that guidance on the treatment of underwriter and auditor indemnification claims can be obtained from the U.S. experience. In the U.S., courts have held that the indemnification claims of underwriters for liability or defence costs constitute equity claims that are subordinated to the claims of general creditors. Counsel submits that insofar as

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the primary source of liability is characterized as an equity claim, so too is any claim for contribution and indemnity based on that equity claim.

[62] In this case, counsel contends, the Related Indemnity Claims are clearly claims for “contribution and indemnity” based on the Shareholder Claims.

Position of the Ad Hoc Noteholders

[63] Counsel to the Ad Hoc Noteholders submits that the Shareholder Claims are “equity claims” as they are claims in respect of an equity interest and are claims for “a monetary loss resulting from the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest” per subsection (d) of the definition of “equity claims” in the CCAA.

[64] Counsel further submits that the Related Indemnity Claims are also “equity claims” as they fall within the “clear and unambiguous” language used in the definition of “equity claim” in the CCAA. Subsection (e) of the definition refers expressly and without qualification to claims for “contribution or indemnity” in respect of claims such as the Shareholder Claims.

[65] Counsel further submits that had the legislature intended to qualify the reference to “contribution or indemnity” in order to exempt the claims of certain parties, it could have done so, but it did not.

[66] Counsel also submits that, if the plain language of subsection (e) is not upheld, shareholders of SFC could potentially create claims to receive indirectly what they could not receive directly (*i.e.*, payment in respect of equity claims through the Related Indemnity Claims) – a result that could not have been intended by the legislature as it would be inconsistent with the purposes of the CCAA.

[67] Counsel to the Ad Hoc Noteholders also submits that, before the CCAA amendments in 2009 (the “CCAA Amendments”), courts subordinated claims on the basis of:

- (a) the general expectations of creditors and shareholders with respect to priority and assumption of risks; and
- (b) the equitable principles and considerations set out in certain U.S. cases: see *e.g.* *Blue Range Resources, supra*.

[68] Counsel further submits that, before the CCAA Amendments took effect, courts had expanded the types of claims characterized as equity claims; first to claims for damages of defrauded shareholders and then to contractual indemnity claims of shareholders: see *Blue Range Resources, supra* and *EarthFirst Canada, supra*.

[69] Counsel for the Ad Hoc Noteholders also submits that indemnity claims of underwriters have been treated as equity claims in the United States, pursuant to section 510(b) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. This submission is detailed at paragraphs 20-25 of their factum which reads as follows:

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20. The desire to more closely align the Canadian approach to equity claims with the U.S. approach was among the considerations that gave rise to the codification of the treatment of equity claims. Canadian courts have also looked to the U.S. law for guidance on the issue of equity claims where codification of the subordination of equity claims has been long-standing.

Janis Sarra at p. 209, Ad Hoc Committee's Book of Authorities, Tab 10.

Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce, "Debtors and Creditors Sharing the Burden: A Review of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* and the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*" (2003) at 158, [...]

Blue Range [Resources] at paras. 41-57 [...]

21. Pursuant to § 510(b) of the *U.S. Bankruptcy Code*, all creditors must be paid in full before shareholders are entitled to receive any distribution. § 510(b) of the *U.S. Bankruptcy Code* and the relevant portion of § 502, which is referenced in § 510(b), provide as follows:

§ 510. Subordination

(b) For the purpose of distribution under this title, a claim arising from rescission of a purchase or sale of a security of the debtor or of an affiliate of the debtor, for damages arising from the purchase or sale of such a security, or for reimbursement or contribution allowed under 502 on account of such a claim, shall be subordinated to all claims or interests that are senior to or equal the claim or interest represented by such security, except that if such security is common stock, such claim has the same priority as common stock.

§ 502. Allowance of claims or interests

(e) (1) Notwithstanding subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section and paragraph (2) of this subsection, the court shall disallow any claim for reimbursement or contribution of an entity that is liable with the debtor on or has secured the claim of a creditor, to the extent that

...

(B) such claim for reimbursement or contribution is contingent as of the time of allowance or disallowance of such claim for reimbursement or contribution; or

...

(2) A claim for reimbursement or contribution of such an entity that becomes fixed after the commencement of the case shall be determined,

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and shall be allowed under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section, or disallowed under subsection (d) of this section, the same as if such claim had become fixed before the date of the filing of the petition.

22. U.S. appellate courts have interpreted the statutory language in § 510(b) broadly to subordinate the claims of shareholders that have a nexus or causal relationship to the purchase or sale of securities, including damages arising from alleged illegality in the sale or purchase of securities or from corporate misconduct whether predicated on pre or post-issuance conduct.

Re Telegroup Inc. (2002), 281 F. 3d 133 (3rd Cir. U.S. Court of Appeals) [...]

American Broadcasting Systems Inc. v. Nugent, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Case Number 98-17133 (24 January 2001) [...]

23. Further, U.S. courts have held that indemnification claims of underwriters against the corporation for liability or defence costs when shareholders or former shareholders have sued underwriters constitute equity claims in the insolvency of the corporation that are subordinated to the claims of general creditors based on: (a) the plain language of § 510(b), which references claims for "reimbursement or contribution" and (b) risk allocation as between general creditors and those parties that play a role in the purchase and sale of securities that give rise to the shareholder claims (i.e., directors, officers and underwriters).

In re Mid-American Waste Sys., 228 B.R. 816, 1999 Bankr. LEXIS 27 (Bankr. D. Del. 1999) [*Mid-American*] [...]

In re Jacom Computer Servs., 280 B.R. 570, 2002 Bankr. LEXIS 758 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2002) [...]

24. In *Mid-American*, the Court stated the following with respect to the "plain language" of § 510(b), its origins and the inclusion of "reimbursement or contribution" claims in that section:

... I find that the plain language of § 510(b), its legislative history, and applicable case law clearly show that § 510(b) intends to subordinate the indemnification claims of officers, directors, and underwriters for both liability and expenses incurred in connection with the pursuit of claims for rescission or damages by purchasers or sellers of the debtor's securities. The meaning of amended § 510(b), specifically the language "for reimbursement or contribution . . . on account of [a claim arising from rescission or damages arising from the purchase or sale of a security]," can be discerned by a plain reading of its language.

... it is readily apparent that the rationale for section 510(b) is not limited to preventing shareholder claimants from improving their position vis-a-

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vis general creditors; Congress also made the decision to subordinate based on risk allocation. Consequently, when Congress amended § 510(b) to add reimbursement and contribution claims, it was not radically departing from an equityholder claimant treatment provision, as NatWest suggests; it simply added to the subordination treatment new classes of persons and entities involved with the securities transactions giving rise to the rescission and damage claims. The 1984 amendment to § 510(b) is a logical extension of one of the rationales for the original section — because Congress intended the holders of securities law claims to be subordinated, why not also subordinate claims of other parties (e.g., officers and directors and underwriters) who play a role in the purchase and sale transactions which give rise to the securities law claims? As I view it, in 1984 Congress made a legislative judgment that claims emanating from tainted securities law transactions should not have the same priority as the claims of general creditors of the estate. [emphasis added]

[...]

25. Further, the U.S. courts have held that the degree of culpability of the respective parties is a non-issue in the disallowance of claims for indemnification of underwriters; the equities are meant to benefit the debtor's direct creditors, not secondarily liable creditors with contingent claims.

In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Group, 148 B.R. 982, 1992 Bankr. LEXIS 2023 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1992) [...]

[70] Counsel submits that there is no principled basis for treating indemnification claims of auditors differently than those of underwriters.

Analysis

Is it Premature to Determine the Issue?

[71] The class action litigation was commenced prior to the CCAA Proceedings. It is clear that the claims of shareholders as set out in the class action claims against SFC are "equity claims" within the meaning of the CCAA.

[72] In my view, this issue is not premature for determination, as is submitted by the Underwriters.

[73] The Class Action Proceedings preceded the CCAA Proceedings. It has been clear since the outset of the CCAA Proceedings that this issue — namely, whether the claims of E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters as against SFC, would be considered "equity claims" — would have to be determined.

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[74] It has also been clear from the outset of the CCAA Proceedings, that a Sales Process would be undertaken and the expected proceeds arising from the Sales Process would generate proceeds insufficient to satisfy the claims of creditors.

[75] The Claims Procedure is in place but, it seems to me that the issue that has been placed before the court on this motion can be determined independently of the Claims Procedure. I do not accept that any party can be said to be prejudiced if this threshold issue is determined at this time. The threshold issue does not depend upon a determination of quantification of any claim. Rather, its effect will be to establish whether the claims of E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters will be subordinated pursuant to the provisions of the CCAA. This is independent from a determination as to the validity of any claim and the quantification thereof.

Should the Equity Claims Order be Granted?

[76] I am in agreement with the submission of counsel for the Ad Hoc Noteholders to the effect that the characterization of claims for indemnity turns on the characterization of the underlying primary claims.

[77] In my view, the claims advanced in the Shareholder Claims are clearly equity claims. The Shareholder Claims underlie the Related Indemnity Claims.

[78] In my view, the CCAA Amendments have codified the treatment of claims addressed in pre-amendment cases and have further broadened the scope of equity claims.

[79] The plain language in the definition of "equity claim" does not focus on the identity of the claimant. Rather, it focuses on the nature of the claim. In this case, it seems clear that the Shareholder Claims led to the Related Indemnity Claims. Put another way, the inescapable conclusion is that the Related Indemnity Claims are being used to recover an equity investment.

[80] The plain language of the CCAA dictates the outcome, namely, that the Shareholder Claims and the Related Indemnity Claims constitute "equity claims" within the meaning of the CCAA. This conclusion is consistent with the trend towards an expansive interpretation of the definition of "equity claims" to achieve the purpose of the CCAA.

[81] In *Return on Innovation*, Newbould J. characterized the contractual indemnification claims of directors and officers as "equity claims". The Court of Appeal denied leave to appeal. The analysis in *Return on Innovation* leads to the conclusion that the Related Indemnity Claims are also equity claims under the CCAA.

[82] It would be totally inconsistent to arrive at a conclusion that would enable either the auditors or the Underwriters, through a claim for indemnification, to be treated as creditors when the underlying actions of the shareholders cannot achieve the same status. To hold otherwise would indeed provide an indirect remedy where a direct remedy is not available.

[83] Further, on the issue of whether the claims of E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters fall within the definition of equity claims, there are, in my view, two aspects of these claims and it is necessary to keep them conceptually separate.

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[84] The first and most significant aspect of the claims of E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters constitutes an "equity claim" within the meaning of the CCAA. Simply put, but for the Class Action Proceedings, it is inconceivable that claims of this magnitude would have been launched by E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters as against SFC. The class action plaintiffs have launched their actions against SFC, the auditors and the Underwriters. In turn, E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters have launched actions against SFC and its subsidiaries. The claims of the shareholders are clearly "equity claims" and a plain reading of s. 2(1)(e) of the CCAA leads to the same conclusion with respect to the claims of E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters. To hold otherwise, would, as stated above, lead to a result that is inconsistent with the principles of the CCAA. It would potentially put the shareholders in a position to achieve creditor status through their claim against E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters even though a direct claim against SFC would rank as an "equity claim".

[85] I also recognize that the legal construction of the claims of the auditors and the Underwriters as against SFC is different than the claims of the shareholders against SFC. However, that distinction is not, in my view, reflected in the language of the CCAA which makes no distinction based on the status of the party but rather focuses on the substance of the claim.

[86] Critical to my analysis of this issue is the statutory language and the fact that the CCAA Amendments came into force after the cases relied upon by the Underwriters and the auditors.

[87] It has been argued that the amendments did nothing more than codify pre-existing common law. In many respects, I accept this submission. However, I am unable to accept this submission when considering s. 2(1) of the CCAA, which provides clear and specific language directing that "equity claim" means a claim that is in respect of an equity interest, including a claim for, among other things, "(e) contribution or indemnity in respect of a claim referred to in any of paragraphs (a) to (d)".

[88] Given that a shareholder claim falls within s. 2(1)(d), the plain words of subsections (d) and (e) lead to the conclusions that I have set out above.

[89] I fail to see how the very clear words of subsection (e) can be seen to be a codification of existing law. To arrive at the conclusion put forth by E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters would require me to ignore the specific words that Parliament has recently enacted.

[90] I cannot agree with the position put forth by the Underwriters or by the auditors on this point. The plain wording of the statute has persuaded me that it does not matter whether an indemnity claim is seeking no more than allocation of fault and contribution at common law, or whether there is a free-standing contribution and indemnity claim based on contracts.

[91] However, that is not to say that the full amount of the claim by the auditors and Underwriters can be characterized, at this time, as an "equity claim".

[92] The second aspect to the claims of the auditors and underwriters can be illustrated by the following hypothetical: if the claim of the shareholders does not succeed against the class action defendants, E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters will not be liable to the class action plaintiffs. However, these parties may be in a position to demonstrate that they do have a claim against

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SFC for the costs of defending those actions, which claim does not arise as a result of "contribution or indemnity in respect of an equity claim".

[93] It could very well be that each of E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters have expended significant amounts in defending the claims brought by the class action plaintiffs which, in turn, could give rise to contractual claims as against SFC. If there is no successful equity claim brought by the class action plaintiffs, it is arguable that any claim of E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters may legitimately be characterized as a claim for contribution or indemnity but not necessarily in respect of an equity claim. If so, there is no principled basis for subordinating this portion of the claim. At this point in time, the quantification of such a claim cannot be determined. This must be determined in accordance with the Claims Procedure.

[94] However, it must be recognized that, by far the most significant part of the claim, is an "equity claim".

[95] In arriving at this determination, I have taken into account the arguments set forth by E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters. My conclusions recognize the separate aspects of the Related Indemnity Claims as submitted by counsel to the Underwriters at paragraph 40 of their factum which reads:

...it must be recognized that there are, in fact, at least two different kinds of Related Indemnity Claims:

- (a) indemnity claims against SFC in respect of Shareholder Claims against the auditors and the Underwriters; and
- (b) indemnity claims against SFC in respect of the defence costs of the auditors and the Underwriters in connection with defending themselves against Shareholder Claims.

Disposition

[96] In the result, an order shall issue that the claims against SFC resulting from the ownership, purchase or sale of equity interests in SFC, including, without limitation, the claims by or on behalf of current or former shareholders asserted in the proceedings listed in Schedule "A" are "equity claims" as defined in s. 2 of the CCAA, being claims in respect of monetary losses resulting from the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest. It is noted that counsel for the class action plaintiffs did not contest this issue.

[97] In addition, an order shall also issue that any indemnification claim against SFC related to or arising from the Shareholders Claims, including, without limitation, by or on behalf of any of the other defendants to the proceedings listed in Schedule "A" are "equity claims" under the CCAA, being claims for contribution or indemnity in respect of a claim that is an equity claim. However, I feel it is premature to determine whether this order extends to the aspect of the Related Indemnity Claims that corresponds to the defence costs of the Underwriters and the auditors in connection with defending themselves against the Shareholder Claims.

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[98] A direction shall also issue that these orders are made without prejudice to SFC's rights to apply for a similar order with respect to (i) any claims in the statement of claim that are in respect of securities other than shares and (ii) any indemnification claims against SFC related thereto.



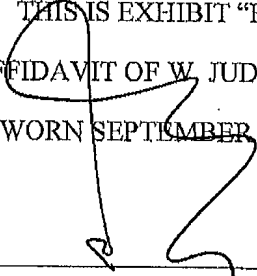
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Date: July 27, 2012

SCHEDULE "A" – SHAREHOLDER CLAIMS

1. *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.* (Quebec Superior Court, Court File No.: 200-06-000132-111)
3. *Allan Haigh v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al.* (Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench, Court File No. 2288 of 2011)
4. *David Leopard et al. v. Allen T.Y. Chan et al.* (District court of the Southern District of New York, Court File No. 650258/2012)

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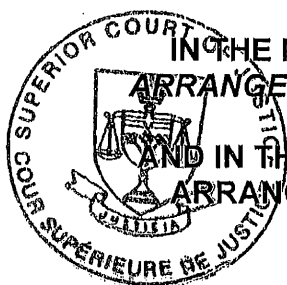
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS
ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c.C-36, AS AMENDED
AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR
ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION**

ORDER

THIS MOTION made by the Applicant, Sino-Forest Corporation ("**SFC**") regarding the status of shareholder claims and related indemnity claims was heard this day, at the courthouse at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario,

ON READING the Motion Record of the Applicant, the Responding Motion Record of Ernst & Young LLP, the Book of Previously Filed Materials and Court Orders, and the Responding Motion Record of BDO Limited and the facts of the parties, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Moving Party, Sino-Forest Corporation, the Monitor, the Ad Hoc Committee of Noteholders, Ernst & Young, BDO, and certain underwriters named as defendants in the Ontario Class Action:

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that further service of the Notice of Motion and Motion Record on any party not already served is hereby dispensed with, such that this motion is properly returnable today.
2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the claims against SFC resulting from the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest in SFC, including, without

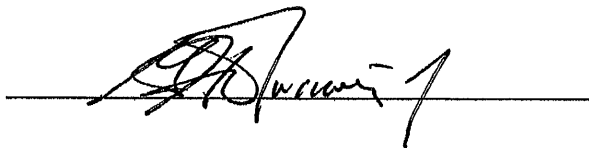
limitation, the claims by or on behalf of current or former shareholders asserted in the proceedings listed in Schedule "A", (collectively, the "Shareholder Claims") are "equity claims" as defined in section 2 of the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (the "CCAA"), being claims in respect of monetary losses resulting from the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any indemnification claims against SFC related to or arising from the Shareholder Claims, including, without limitation, by or on behalf of any of the other defendants to the proceedings listed in Schedule "A", (the "Related Indemnity Claims") are "equity claims" under the CCAA, being claims for contribution or indemnity in respect of claims that are equity claims.
4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing in paragraph 3 determines whether this Order extends to the aspect of any Related Indemnity Claims that corresponds to defence costs in connection with the defence of any Shareholder Claims.
5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the order is without prejudice to SFC's right to apply for a similar order with respect to (i) any claims that are in respect of Securities other than shares and (ii) any indemnification claims against SFC related thereto.

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Schedule "A"

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2. *Guining Liu v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al.* (Quebec Superior Court, Court File No: 200-06-000132-111)
3. *Allan Haigh v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al.* (Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench, Court File No. 2288 of 2011)
4. *David Leopard et al. v. Allen T.Y. Chan et al.* (District Court of the Southern District of New York, Court File No. 650258/2012)

**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

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ORDER

**(Regarding the Status of Shareholder
Claims and Related Indemnity Claims
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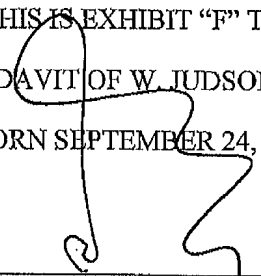
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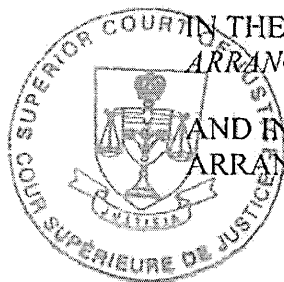
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IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS*
ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

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

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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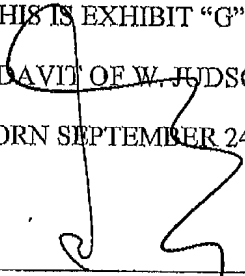
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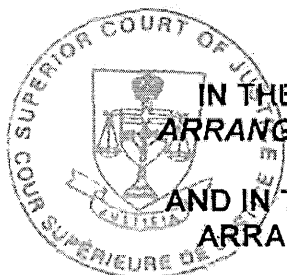
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ORDER

THIS MOTION made by the Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant's Securities (the "**Moving Party**"), for the production of certain documents in the possession, control and power of the Applicant, was heard this day, at the courthouse at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario,

ON READING the Motion Record and factum of the Moving Party, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Moving Party, Sino-Forest Corporation, the Monitor, an ad hoc Committee of Bondholders, Ernst & Young, BDO, and certain underwriters named as defendants in the Ontario Class Action,

AND ON BEING ADVISED that the Applicant consents to the relief contained herein and that the Monitor supports the granting of relief contained herein;

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that further service of the Notice of Motion and Motion Record on any party not already served is hereby dispensed with, such that this motion is properly returnable today.

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** the Applicant to make the documents listed in Schedule "A" hereto (the "Documents") available to the Moving Party and the other Mediation Parties (as defined in the order of this court dated July 25, 2012 (the "Mediation Order")), subject to: (i) the provisions of the Mediation Order applicable to information made available through the electronic data room referenced in the Mediation Order (the "Data Room"), including without limitation the requirement for confidentiality agreements; and (ii) any claims of privilege; and provided, for greater certainty, that the Applicant need not produce any audit-related documents created after June 2, 2011.
3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Documents shall be added to the Data Room by the Applicant as and when they become available, but the Applicant shall make best efforts to add the Documents to the Data Room by August 16, 2012, and that, in any event, the Applicant shall add the Documents to the Data Room by no later than August 23, 2012.
4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, promptly following the addition of any Documents to the Data Room, the Applicant shall notify or shall cause to be notified, by email, those persons who have executed the Confidentiality Agreement pursuant to this Court's Mediation Order that such Documents have been added to the Data Room, but in no event shall the Applicant be required to provide such notification more than one time per day.
5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, to the extent that the Applicant withholds production of any Documents on the basis of a claim of privilege, the Applicant shall produce an itemized list describing each of the documents in the form of or substantially similar to a Schedule "B" of an affidavit of documents, with sufficient specificity to establish the Applicant's claim for privilege, including, without limitation, identifying information for each document, the nature of the privilege being asserted in respect of the document, and, if litigation privilege is being asserted, reasonable identifying

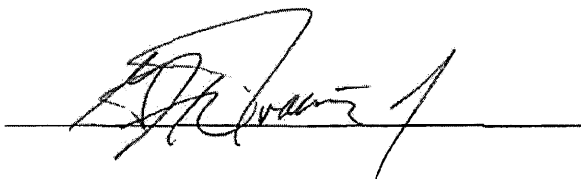
information regarding the litigation that gives rise to the privilege (the "Privilege Log"). The Applicant shall add the Privilege Log to the Data Room by August 27, 2012, unless the Court orders otherwise.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Documents specified in clauses 1, 2(s), 3 and 4 of Schedule "A" hereto shall be in the English language.

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Schedule "A"

1. the unconsolidated financial statements of Sino-Forest Corporation and its subsidiaries prepared prior to June 2, 2011;
2. the following documents relating to Sino-Forest audits, for each of the fiscal years 2006 through 2010, inclusive, for each audited entity:
 - a) Information request list for each year's audit, detailing the documents to be provided by the company to the auditor;
 - b) The Year End Communication or Report of the Auditor to the Audit Committee from BDO or E&Y, including:
 - i) Audit scope and findings report;
 - ii) Significant matters discussed with management;
 - iii) Management's analysis and response;
 - iv) Significant judgments and estimates;
 - v) Audit risks encountered/identified and audit response; and
 - vi) Summary of corrected and uncorrected financial statement misstatements;
 - c) Communications between the auditors and the company regarding any disagreements with management;
 - d) The unadjusted (pre-audit) trial balance;
 - e) Proposed Adjustments presented by the auditor following each year's audit (listing adjusting journal entries, analysis and explanations);
 - f) List of related parties provided to the auditor each year;
 - g) Correspondence with the auditor concerning related parties and related party transactions;
 - h) Accounting policy manuals or documented accounting policies of the company for each year;

- i) Process and procedure manuals of the company for each year, particularly pertaining to the sales cycle and purchase/acquisition cycle;
- j) Ledgers and subledgers for the following accounts:
 - i) Cash;
 - ii) Sales;
 - iii) Timber Inventory; and
 - iv) Cost of Goods Sold;
- k) Sale transaction documents provided to (requested by) the auditors in respect of timber transactions:
 - i) Sales order (or purchase order from customer) or Sales contract/agreement;
 - ii) Invoice; and
 - iii) Proof of collection;
- l) Purchase transaction documents provided to (requested by) the auditors in respect of timber transactions:
 - i) Purchase order (or contract/agreement);
 - ii) Invoice; and
 - iii) Proof of payment;
- m) Transaction documents provided to auditor in respect of Sino's "set-off" agreements on timber transactions;
- n) Correspondence with auditors regarding confirmation of transactions with authorized intermediaries and suppliers (or authorization provided to Auditors to confirm directly with the AIs and Suppliers);
- o) Documentation concerning the auditors' procedures to independently examine timber assets, including on-site physical inspection, inventory counts, examination of transaction documentation, etc.;

- p) Internal worksheets, analyses and calculations supporting the "related party transactions" disclosure in each year's financial statements (e.g., see Note 23 of the 2009 financial statements);
 - q) Any additional information provided to/requested by the auditor regarding related party transactions;
 - r) Drafts and correspondence regarding the preparation of the Cash Flow Statement;
 - s) A statement of the total fees paid to the Applicant's auditors in respect of each of the 2006-2010 fiscal years; in addition, the Applicant shall make best efforts to break down such fees by audit-related and non-audit-related work (if any), and if non-audit related work was performed by the Applicant's auditors in any such year, a reasonably detailed description of the non-audit-related work performed by the auditors in such year;
 - t) Minutes of all meetings in which the auditors and members of management participated; and
 - u) BDO and E&Y presentations to the board of directors and management.
3. a summary of the coverage positions of the insurers of the Applicant and its directors and officers, and an approximation of the remaining insurance coverage; and
 4. the claims register as provided by the Monitor .

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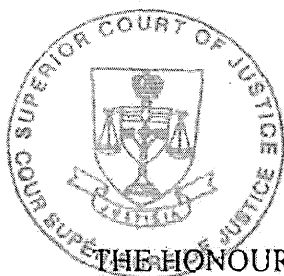
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IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS*
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PLAN FILING AND MEETING ORDER

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 sworn on August 14, 2012, the affidavit of Audra Hawkins sworn on August 15, 2012, the affidavit of Elizabeth Fimio sworn 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;

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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;

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- (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;
- (l) “**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;

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- (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) “**Noteholders’ 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;

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- (x) “**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

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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;

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- (ll) “**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;
- (oo) “**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

13. THIS COURT ORDERS that the forms of Information Circular, Notice to Affected 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 Hearing.

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

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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.

27. 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

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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).

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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

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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

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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.

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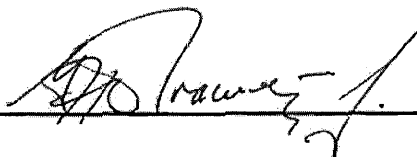
63. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing in this Meeting Order (including the acceptance or determination of any Claim, or any part thereof, as a Voting Claim in accordance with this Meeting Order) has the effect of determining Proven Claims for purposes of the Plan.

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

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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

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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://cfcanda.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 Notcholder for whom you act as Participant Holder and to mail it directly to each such applicable Unregistered Notcholder **within five (5) Business Days**.

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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 DIRECTLY TO FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC. 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
2. 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:

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Attention: Jodi Porepa
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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;
4. copy of the Meeting Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice dated ● (the "**Meeting Order**");
5. copy of the endorsement of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice made on August 31, 2012 (the "**Endorsement**"); and
6. 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**").

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:

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Monitor of Sino-Forest Corporation
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Toronto, Ontario M5K 1G8

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

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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:

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

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4. copy of the Meeting Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice dated ● (the “**Meeting Order**”);
5. 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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Toronto, Ontario M5K 1G8

Attention: Jodi Porepa
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Fax: (416) 649-8101

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SCHEDULE "E"

INSTRUCTIONS TO UNREGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS

URGENT – IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

●, 2012

TO: UNREGISTERED HOLDERS OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION'S:

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- (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")

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:

1. Notice to Affected Creditors;

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2. the Plan proposed in respect of Sino-Forest Corporation;
3. an Information Circular with respect to Sino-Forest and the Plan;
4. copy of the Meeting Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice dated ● (the “**Meeting Order**”), 2012;
5. 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:

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FTI Consulting Canada Inc., the Court-appointed
Monitor of Sino-Forest Corporation
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Attention: Jodi Porepa
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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)

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.

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 BENEFICIAL OWNER OF NOTES

Name of Unregistered Noteholder

(Client or Principal for whom Notes are held):

Name of Participant Holder for this Unregistered

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
Participant Holder)

Email Address of Participant Holder:

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REMAINDER OF PROXY TO BE COMPLETED BY BENEFICIAL OWNER

THE UNDERSIGNED UNREGISTERED NOTEHOLDER hereby revokes all proxies previously given and nominates, constitutes and appoints _____ or, if no person is named, Robert J. Chadwick of Goodmans LLP (or his designee), as nominee of the Unregistered Noteholder, with power of substitution, to attend on behalf of and act for the Unregistered Noteholder at the Meeting of Affected Creditors of Sino-Forest Corporation to be held in connection with the Plan and at any and all adjournments thereof, and to vote the Unregistered Noteholder's claims in respect of the Notes beneficially owned by it 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 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.

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| NAME AND PHONE # OF PARTICIPANT HOLDER (Please list all Participants Holders through which you hold Notes) | ACCOUNT NUMBER | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOTES AND SERIES (Please identify the series of Notes) |
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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 _____, 2012.

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| | (Print Name of Unregistered Noteholder) |
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| | (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

1. 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 1 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.**
2. **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.
6. 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.

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THE UNDERSIGNED ORDINARY AFFECTED CREDITOR hereby revokes all proxies 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 the Ordinary Affected Creditor at the Meeting of Affected Creditors of Sino-Forest Corporation to be held in connection with the Plan and at any and all adjournments thereof, and to vote 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.

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Dated this _____ day of _____, 2012.

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| | (Print Name of Ordinary Affected Creditor) |
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| | (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

1. Each Ordinary Affected Creditor has the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Ordinary Affected Creditor) to attend, 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.**
2. **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.**
3. 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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FTI Consulting Canada Inc., the Court-appointed Monitor of Sino-Forest Corporation

TD Waterhouse Tower
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Attention: Jodi Porepa
Email: sfc@fticonsulting.com
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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

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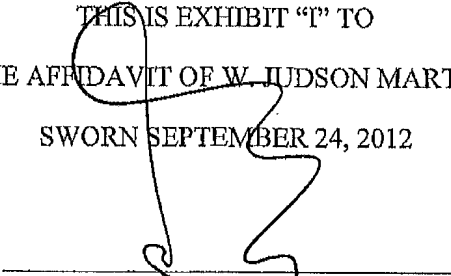
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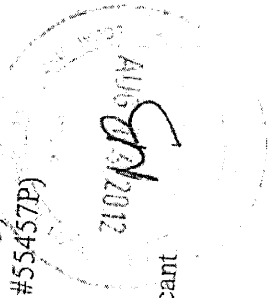
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MOTION RECORD
(Motion Approving Plan Filing and
Meeting Order Returnable
August 28, 2012)

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Aug 31, 2012.

The parties have reached agreement that the requested relief should focus on the issues relating to Plan Filing and a Treaty Order. This will result in a modified order from that originally contemplated.

The Treaty Order is being made on the basis that there has been no determination of (a) the text for approval of the Plan, including

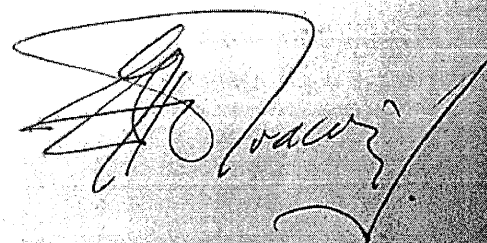
- (i) the jurisdiction to approve the Plan in its current form,
- (ii) whether the Plan complies

with the CCAR, and (ii) whether any aspect of or term of the Plan is fair and reasonable,

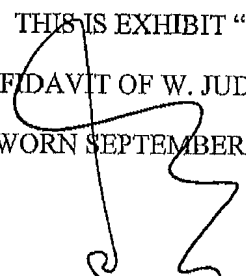
- (b) the validity or quantum of any claims, or
 (c) The classification of creditors for voting purposes.

Further, nothing in the order should be interpreted as preventing or restricting or otherwise limiting the ability of any party to oppose a motion for entry of the Plan.

Monitors counsel to attend on Tuesday September 4, 2012 with a form of order for my review.



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**IN THE MATTER OF THE *SECURITIES ACT*,
R.S.O. 1990, c. S.5, AS AMENDED**

- AND -

**IN THE MATTER OF
SINO-FOREST CORPORATION, ALLEN CHAN, ALBERT IP, ALFRED C.T. HUNG,
GEORGE HO AND SIMON YEUNG**

**ORDER
(Section 144)**

WHEREAS the securities of Sino-Forest Corporation (the "**Issuer**") currently are subject to a temporary cease trade order made by the Commission, pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection 127(1) of the *Securities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. S.5, as amended (the "**Act**") on August 26, 2011, and extended until October 15, 2012, pursuant to subsections 127(7) and (8) of the Act, that trading in securities of the Issuer cease (the "**Temporary Order**");

AND WHEREAS the Issuer has made an application pursuant to section 144 of the Act for an order varying the Temporary Order to allow the distribution of the certain meeting materials to all potential creditors, including beneficial owners of the Issuer's 5% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2013, 10.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes Due 2014, 4.25% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2016 and 6.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes Due 2017 (the "**Noteholders**");

AND UPON the Issuer having represented to the Commission as follows:

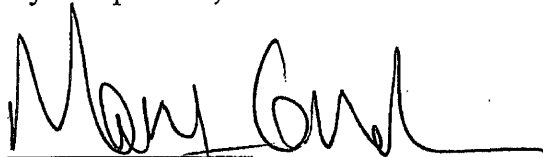
1. The Issuer is a federally incorporated corporation having its head office in the Province of Ontario and, up until August 26, 2011, the Issuer had its shares listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The Issuer is a reporting issuer under the Act.
2. On March 30, 2012, the Issuer applied for and obtained an initial order under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36 (the "**CCAA**") from the Superior Court of Justice (Ontario) (the "**CCAA Proceedings**").
3. On August 31, 2012, the Superior Court of Justice (Ontario) granted an order in the CCAA Proceedings (the "**Meeting Order**") relating to the calling of a meeting of the Issuer's creditors (the "**Meeting**") to consider a Plan of Arrangement and Compromise under the CCAA and the *Canada Business Corporations Act* (the "**Plan**").
4. The Issuer and the court-appointed monitor in the CCAA Proceedings intend to distribute various meeting materials as contemplated by the Meeting Order, which materials include a Notice of Meeting and Information Circular, along with proxy materials and any amendments and supplements thereto (collectively, the "**CCAA Materials**") to all potential creditors, including Noteholders of the Issuer.
5. The distribution of the CCAA Materials could be considered an act in furtherance of a trade of the securities of the Issuer.

6. It is a condition of implementation of the Plan that the Issuer obtain an order varying the Temporary Order to permit certain transactions contemplated by the Plan which may constitute trades, which order the Issuer intends to seek at a future date (prior to the Meeting).

AND UPON the Commission being satisfied that it would not be prejudicial to the public interest;

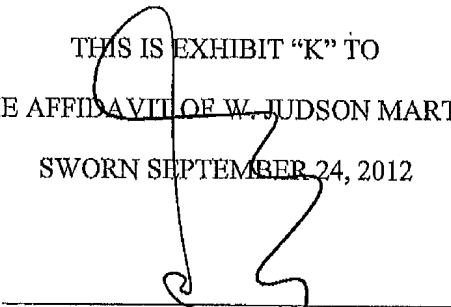
IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to section 144 of the Act, that the Temporary Order be and is hereby varied solely to permit the distribution of the CCAA Materials to all potential creditors, including Noteholders of the Issuer.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario this 18th day of September, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary G. Condon", written over a horizontal line.

Mary G. Condon

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September 18, 2012

BY EMAIL

Ontario Securities Commission
20 Queen Street West
Suite 1903
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Attention: John Stevenson, Secretary to the Commission

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

Re: Sino-Forest Corporation

We are counsel to Sino-Forest Corporation (the "**Company**").

Further to our letter dated September 14, 2012, we are writing to advise that, in addition to the relief described in that letter, the Company will also be seeking a second order to vary the cease trade order imposed by the Ontario Securities Commission (the "**Commission**") on trading in the securities of the Company to allow for implementation of the Plan of Compromise and Reorganization (the "**Plan**") under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36 (the "**CCAA**").

Specifically, the Company will ask the Commission to vary the temporary order issued on August 26, 2011, as extended, pursuant to section 144(1) of the *Securities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. S.5, as amended to permit the implementation of certain steps of the Plan, including without limitation (a) the assignment, transfer and conveyance of claims by holders of notes of Sino-Forest ("Sino-Forest Notes") in respect of or in relation to the Sino-Forest Notes to a new corporation to be incorporated pursuant to the Plan ("Newco") in consideration for common shares and notes of Newco pursuant to Section 6.3(i) of the Plan, (b) the cancellation of the outstanding common shares of Sino-Forest, and (c) the creation and issuance of a new class of shares of Sino-Forest, may involve trades in the securities of Sino-Forest (collectively, the "Sino-Forest Trades"). The Commission will further be asked to make such further orders as the Commission considers appropriate.

It is anticipated that the hearing for the relief described above will be heard on October 16, 2012, and the Company intends to rely on material already filed for the motion before the Commission returnable September 18, 2012 in connection with the second motion. The Company reserves its

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rights to serve and file such supplemental material as is appropriate to provide such further facts as are necessary that relate to the Meeting of Creditors and any other subsequent developments.

Yours truly,

BENNETT JONES LLP

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Derek J. Bell

cc. OSC Service List

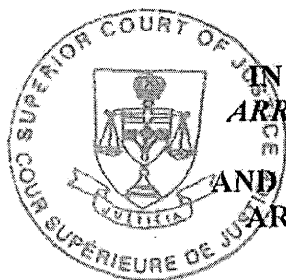
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| THE HONOURABLE MR. |) | TUESDAY, THE 8 TH |
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| JUSTICE MORAWETZ |) | DAY OF MAY, 2012 |



**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 OR
ARRANGEMENT OF SINO-FOREST CORPORATION**

ORDER

(Pöyry Settlement Leave Motion)

THIS MOTION made by the Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of the Applicant's Securities (the "**Moving Party**"), for advice and direction regarding the impact of the stay of proceedings herein on certain proceedings in the action styled as Trustees of the Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada et al. (the "**Ontario Plaintiffs**") v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al., bearing (Toronto) Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP (the "**Ontario Class Action**") and in the action styled as Guining Liu (the "**Quebec Plaintiff**") v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al., bearing (Quebec) Court File No. 200-06-000132-111 (the "**Quebec Class Action**"), was heard this day, at the courthouse at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario,

ON READING the materials summarized in Schedule "A" to the factum dated May 7, 2012, filed on behalf of the Monitor, as amended, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for FTI Consulting Canada Inc. in its capacity as monitor (the "**Monitor**") and in the presence of counsel for the Moving Party, Pöyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Limited ("**Pöyry**"), Sino-Forest Corporation, the directors and officers named as defendants (the "**Directors**") in the Ontario Class Action, Ernst & Young LLP, BDO Limited, the Underwriters named as defendants

in the Ontario Class Action, and an ad hoc Committee of Bondholders and those other parties present, no one appearing for the other parties served with notice of this motion, although duly served as appears from the affidavit of service, filed:

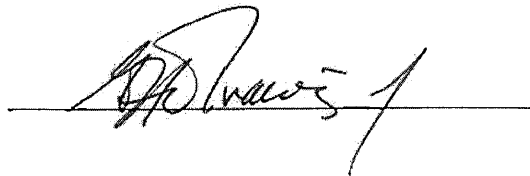
1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that further service of the Notice of Motion and Motion Record on any party not already served is hereby dispensed with, such that this motion is properly returnable today.
2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that:
 - a. the Ontario Plaintiffs may proceed on May 17, 2012 in the Ontario Class Action only for the relief sought in paragraphs (f) and, to the extent required, paragraph (g) of the prayer for relief set out in the notice of motion dated April 2, 2012 in Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP filed in the Ontario Class Action, which notice of motion is in respect of a settlement between the Ontario Plaintiffs, Quebec Plaintiff and Pöyry (the “**Ontario Pöyry Settlement Motion**”); and,
 - b. the Quebec Plaintiff may proceed with similar relief as described in paragraph 2(a) of this order on a similar schedule in a companion motion (the “**Quebec Pöyry Settlement Motion**”) brought in the Quebec Class Action.
3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Ontario Plaintiffs and the Quebec Plaintiff may proceed after September 1, 2012 with (1) the balance of the relief sought in the Ontario Pöyry Settlement Motion and the Quebec Pöyry Settlement Motion, (2) a motion for approval of the settlement between the Ontario Plaintiffs, the Quebec Plaintiff and Pöyry and (3) any motions that are necessary to give effect to the motions mentioned in (1) and (2) above, on dates to be fixed by the Courts supervising the Ontario Class Action and the Quebec Class Action, such motions to be brought on notice to the parties in the Ontario Class Action and the Service List.
4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this order is without prejudice to the defendants' rights to oppose in the Ontario Class Action and Quebec Class Action the relief

sought in the Ontario Pöyry Settlement Motion, Quebec Pöyry Settlement Motion or a motion for approval of the settlement between the Ontario Plaintiffs, Quebec Plaintiff and Pöyry.

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

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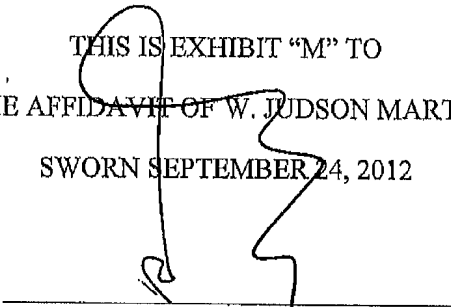
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THE HONOURABLE) FRIDAY, THE 21ST DAY
JUSTICE PERELL) OF SEPTEMBER, 2012

B E T W E E N :

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

Plaintiffs

- and -

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

Defendants

Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992***ORDER**

THIS MOTION made by the Plaintiffs for an Order i) certifying this action as a class proceeding for settlement purposes as against Pöyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Limited (the “Settling Defendant”); ii) approving the settlement agreement made as of March 20, 2012, between the plaintiffs and the Settling Defendant (the “Settlement Agreement”); iii) approving the form of notice to class members of the certification of this action and the approval of the

Settlement Agreement (“Long-Form Approval Notice”) and the summary notice to class members of the certification of this action and the approval of the Settlement Agreement (“Short-Form Approval Notice”) (together, the “Approval Notices”); iv) approving the form of notice to class members of the Approval Notices (“Notice Plan”); and v) dismissing the action as against the Settling Defendant, was heard on September 21, 2012, in Toronto, Ontario.

WHEREAS the Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendant have entered into the Settlement Agreement in respect of the Plaintiffs’ claims against the Settling Defendant,

AND WHEREAS notice of the Settlement Approval Hearing in this proceeding was provided pursuant to the Order dated May 17, 2012,

AND WHEREAS the defendant Sino-Forest Corporation (“Sino-Forest”) has delivered to counsel for the plaintiffs a list of holders of Sino-Forest’s securities as of June 2, 2011 (the “June 2, 2011 Shareholder List”);

AND ON READING the materials filed, including the Settlement Agreement attached to this Order as Schedule “A”, and on hearing submissions of counsel for the Plaintiffs, counsel for the Settling Defendant, and counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants (as defined in the Settlement Agreement):

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the plaintiffs are granted leave to bring this motion.
2. **THIS COURT DECLARES** that for the purposes of this Order the definitions set out in the Settlement Agreement apply to and are incorporated into this Order.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this proceeding be, and hereby is, certified as a class proceeding, for purposes of settlement only, pursuant to the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*, SO 1992, c 6, (“CPA”) sections 2 and 5.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Settlement Class is defined as:

all persons and entities, wherever they may reside, who acquired Sino-Forest Corporation common shares, notes, or other securities, as defined in the Ontario *Securities Act*, during the period from and including March 19, 2007 to and including June 2, 2011

(a) by distribution in Canada or on the Toronto Stock Exchange or other secondary market in Canada, which includes securities acquired over-the-counter or

(b) who are residents of Canada or were residents of Canada at the time of acquisition and who acquired Sino-Forest Corporation’s securities outside of Canada,

excluding the defendants, their past and present subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, senior employees, partners, legal representatives, heirs, predecessors, successors and assigns, and any individual who is a member of the immediate family of an individual defendant;

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that 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 be and hereby are appointed as the representative plaintiffs for the Settlement Class.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the claims asserted on behalf of the Settlement Class as against the Settling Defendant are: (a) negligence in connection with Sino-Forest’s share and note offerings during the class period; (b) the statutory cause of action in section 130 of the *Securities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.S.5 (“OSA”) for alleged

misrepresentations in Sino-Forest's June 2009 and December 2009 prospectuses; and (c) the statutory cause of action in Part XXIII.1 of the *OSA* in connection with Sino-Forest's continuous disclosure documents;

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, for the purposes of settlement, the Ontario Proceeding be and hereby is certified on the basis of the following common issue:

Did the Settling Defendant make misrepresentations as alleged in this Proceeding during the Class Period concerning the assets, business or transactions of Sino-Forest. If so, what damages, if any, did Settlement Class Members suffer?

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that NPT Ricepoint Class Action Services be and is hereby appointed as the Opt-Out Administrator for purposes of the proposed settlement and for carrying out the duties assigned to the Opt-Out Administrator under the Settlement Agreement.
9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any putative Settlement Class Member may opt out of the Settlement Class in accordance with section 4.1 of the Settlement Agreement.
10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any Settlement Class Member who validly opts out of the Settlement Agreement in accordance with paragraph 9 of this Order is not bound by the Settlement Agreement and may no longer participate in any continuation or settlement of the within action.
11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Settlement Agreement, in its entirety (including the Recitals, the Definitions set out in Section 1, and the Schedules), forms part of this Order, shall be implemented in accordance with its terms, and is binding upon the Plaintiffs, the Settling Defendant, the Opt-Out Administrator and all Settlement Class Members,

including those persons who are minors or mentally incapable, who did not validly opt out of the Settlement Class in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, and that the requirements of Rules 7.04(1) and 7.08(4) of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, RRO 1990, Reg 194 are dispensed with in respect of the within action.

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that any Settlement Class Member who does not validly opt out of the Settlement Class in accordance with paragraph 9 of this Order shall be deemed to have elected to participate in the settlement and be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement and all related court Orders.
13. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that each Settlement Class Member who does not opt out of the Settlement Class in accordance with paragraph 9 of this Order shall consent and shall be deemed to have consented to the dismissal, without costs and with prejudice, of any other action the Settlement Class Member has commenced against the Releasees, or any of them, in relation to a Released Claim (an “Other Action”).
14. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that each Other Action commenced in Ontario by any Settlement Class Member who does not opt out of the Settlement Class in accordance with paragraph 9 of this Order is dismissed against the Releasees, without costs and with prejudice.
15. **THIS COURT DECLARES** that, subject to the terms of this Order, the settlement as set forth in the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of the Settlement Class Members.

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to the terms of this Order, the Settlement Agreement be and is hereby is approved pursuant to s. 29 of the *CPA* and that it shall be implemented in accordance with its terms.
17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the form and content of the Long-Form Approval Notice, the Short-Form Approval Notice, and the opt out forms attached hereto as Schedules “B”, “C”, and “D” respectively, be and are hereby approved and shall be published, subject to the right of the plaintiff and the Settling Defendant to make minor non-material amendments to such forms, by mutual agreement, as may be necessary or desirable, or for the purpose of creating an online opt out form at the Opt-Out Administrator’s website.
18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Approval Notices shall be disseminated as follows:
- (a) A copy of the Long-Form Approval Notice will be provided by Koskie Minsky LLP, Siskinds LLP, and Siskinds Desmeules, sncrl (together, “Class Counsel”) and the Opt-Out Administrator to all individuals or entities that have contacted Class Counsel regarding this action, and to any person that requests it;
 - (b) Within 10 days of the Order of the Québec Court approving the Settlement Agreement (the “Québec Approval Order”), the Long-Form Approval Notice will be posted on the websites of Sino-Forest Corporation (on its main page), Class Counsel, and the Opt-Out Administrator;
 - (c) Within 20 days of the Québec Approval Order, the Long-Form Approval Notice will be sent directly to the addresses of class members listed on the June 2, 2011 Shareholder List;
 - (d) Within 20 days of the Québec Approval Order, the Long-Form Approval Notice will be sent to a list of all brokers known to the Opt-Out Administrator, with a cover letter containing the following statement:

Nominee purchasers are directed, within ten (10) days of the receipt of this Notice (a) to provide the Opt-Out Administrator with lists of names and addresses of beneficial owners; or (b) to request additional copies of the Notice from the Opt-Out Administrator, to mail the Notice to the beneficial owners. Nominee purchasers who elect to send the Notice to their beneficial owners shall send a statement to the Opt-Out Administrator that the mailing was completed as directed

- (e) Within 30 days of the Québec Approval Order, the Short-Form Approval Notice will be published in the following print publications:
- (i) *The Globe and Mail*, in English, in one weekday publication;
 - (ii) *National Post*, in English, in one weekday publication;
 - (iii) *La Presse*, in French, in one weekday publication; and
 - (iv) *Le Soleil*, in French, in one weekday publication.
19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the cost of distributing the Approval Notices shall be borne solely by the Settling Defendant up to \$100,000 and equally between the plaintiffs and the Settling Defendant for any costs in excess of \$100,000, subject to review or readjustment by agreement between the plaintiffs and the Settling Defendant.
20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that no Settlement Class Member may opt out of this class proceeding after the date which is sixty (60) days after the date on which the Approval Notices are first published (the “Opt-Out Deadline”) except with leave of this court.
21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, within fifteen (15) days of the Opt-Out Deadline, the Opt-Out Administrator shall serve on the parties and file with the court an affidavit listing all persons or entities that have opted out.
22. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the Court shall retain jurisdiction over the Plaintiffs, the Opt-Out Administrator, the Settlement Class Members, the Pöyry Parties (as defined in paragraph 27 hereof), Pöyry PLC and Pöyry Finland OY for all matters relating to the within proceeding, including the administration, interpretation, effectuation, and/or enforcement of the Settlement Agreement and this Order and that all of these parties are hereby deemed to have attorned to the jurisdiction of this Court in relation thereto.

23. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that approval of the Settlement Agreement is contingent upon the issuance by the Superior Court of Québec of an Order approving the Settlement Agreement. If such Order is not secured in Québec, this Order shall be null and void and without prejudice to the rights of the parties to proceed with this action and any agreement between the parties incorporated in this Order shall be deemed in any subsequent proceedings to have been made without prejudice.
24. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND ADJUDGES** that upon the date the Settlement Agreement becomes final, the Releasors fully, finally, and forever release the Releasees from the Released Claims.
25. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that, subject to paragraph 30 below, all claims for contribution, indemnity or other claims over, including, without limitation, potential third party claims, at common law, equity or pursuant to the *OSA* or other statute, whether asserted, unasserted or asserted in a representative capacity or in any other capacity, inclusive of interest, costs, expenses, class administration expenses, penalties, legal fees and taxes, relating to the Released Claims, which were or could have been brought in the within proceedings or otherwise, or could in the future be brought on the basis of the same events, actions and omissions underlying the within proceedings or otherwise, by any Non-Settling Defendant or any Party or any Releasor against all or any of the Releasees are barred, prohibited, and enjoined in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and this Order (the "Bar Order").
26. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that if the Court determines that there is a right of contribution and indemnity or other claims over, including, without limitation, potential third party claims, at common law, equity or pursuant to the *OSA* or other

statute, whether asserted, unasserted or asserted in a representative capacity or in any other capacity, inclusive of interest, costs, expenses, class administration expenses, penalties, legal fees and taxes, relating to the Released Claims:

- (a) the Settlement Class Members shall not be entitled to claim or recover from the Non-Settling Defendants that portion of any damages (including punitive damages, if any), restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits, interest and costs that corresponds to the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees proven at trial or otherwise; and
- (b) this Court shall have full authority to determine the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees at the trial or other disposition of this action, whether or not the Releasees appear at the trial or other disposition and the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees shall be determined as if the Releasees are parties to this action and any determination by this Court in respect of the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees shall only apply in this action and shall not be binding on the Releasees in any other proceedings.

27. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that, after all appeals or times to appeal from the certification of this action against the Non-Settling Defendants have been exhausted, any Non-Settling Defendant is entitled to the following:

- (a) documentary discovery and an affidavit of documents in accordance with the *Rules of Civil Procedure* from any and all of the Settling Defendant, Pöyry (Beijing) Consulting Company Ltd. - Shanghai Branch, Pöyry Management Consulting (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., Pöyry Forest Industry Ltd., Pöyry Forest

Industry Pte. Ltd, Pöyry Management Consulting (Australia) Pty. Ltd., Pöyry Management Consulting (NZ) Ltd., JP Management Consulting (Asia-Pacific) Ltd., and any successor entities (collectively, the “Pöyry Parties”, each a “Pöyry Party”);

- (b) oral discovery of a representative of any Pöyry Party in accordance with the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, the transcript of which may be read in at trial solely by the Non-Settling Defendants as part of their respective cases in defending the Plaintiffs' allegations concerning the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees and in connection with any potential claim by a Non-Settling Defendant against a Pöyry Party for contribution and indemnity that may arise out of an Order made under paragraph 30 below;
- (c) leave to serve a request to admit on any Pöyry Party in respect of factual matters and/or documents in accordance with the *Rules of Civil Procedure*;
- (d) the production of a representative of any Pöyry Party to testify at trial in accordance with the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, with such witness or witnesses to be subject to cross-examination by counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants; and
- (e) leave to serve *Evidence Act* notices on any Pöyry Party.

The discovery set out in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above shall proceed pursuant to an agreement between the Non-Settling Defendants and the Pöyry Parties in respect of a discovery plan, or failing such agreement, a further Order of this Court in respect of a discovery plan.

28. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the Pöyry Parties, Pöyry PLC and Pöyry Finland OY shall, on a best efforts basis, take steps to collect and preserve all documents relevant to the matters at issue in the within proceeding and any proceeding contemplated by paragraph 30, until such time as the within proceeding and any proceeding contemplated by paragraph 30 have been finally disposed of and all appeals or times to appeal from any Order finally disposing of the within proceeding and any proceeding contemplated by paragraph 30 have been exhausted.
29. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that service on any Pöyry Party, Pöyry PLC and Pöyry Finland OY of any court documents relating to the within proceeding, including, but not limited to notices of examination, requests to inspect or admit, *Evidence Act* notices and summons, may be served on counsel for the Settling Defendant, John Pirie of Baker & McKenzie LLP, or such other counsel as may replace current counsel as counsel for the Settling Defendant in respect of this proceeding and that such service shall be deemed to be sufficient service under the *Rules of Civil Procedure*.
30. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that if any Pöyry Party fails to satisfy its reasonable obligations arising under paragraph 27 above, a Non-Settling Defendant may make a motion to this Court on at least fifteen (15) days notice to compel reasonable compliance by the alleged non-compliant Pöyry Party or for such other alternative relief as the Court may consider just and appropriate. If such an Order is made, and not adhered to by the Pöyry Party at issue, a Non-Settling Defendant may then bring a motion on at least twenty (20) days notice to lift the Bar Order under paragraph 25 above with respect to the Pöyry Party at issue and to advance a claim for contribution, indemnity or other claims over against the Pöyry Party at issue.

31. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that any Pöyry Party affected or potentially affected by a motion brought under paragraph 30 above shall have the right to oppose any such motion.
32. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that if an Order is made under paragraph 30 above permitting a claim to be advanced against a Pöyry Party by a Non-Settling Defendant:
- (a) any limitation period applicable to such a claim, whether in favour of a Pöyry Party or a Non-Settling Defendant, shall be deemed to have been tolled as of the date of this Order and shall continue as of the date of any Order permitting a claim to be advanced against any Pöyry Party pursuant to paragraph 30 above;
 - (b) any Pöyry Party that is subject to a claim permitted under paragraph 30 above shall have all procedural and substantive rights available to it at law to defend and challenge such a claim, including, *inter alia*, the right to bring a motion for summary judgment or to strike out a pleading on the ground that it discloses no reasonable cause of action; and
 - (c) no Pöyry Party shall advance or raise any *res judicata* or issue estoppel argument or defence with respect to any claim permitted under paragraph 30 above.
33. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that nothing in this Order shall be taken as a waiver of any rights that a Pöyry Party may have, now or in the future, to challenge any claim or proceeding brought against a Pöyry Party by a Non-Settling Defendant.
34. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that after all appeals or times to appeal from the certification of this action against the Non-Settling Defendants have been

exhausted, any Non-Settling Defendant may bring a motion to this Court on at least twenty (20) days notice seeking a determination from the Court as to whether Pöyry PLC and/or Pöyry Finland OY shall be subject to the Non-Settling Defendants' procedural entitlements set out in subparagraphs 27(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above. Pöyry PLC, Pöyry Finland OY and/or any Pöyry Party affected or potentially affected by a motion brought under this paragraph shall have the right to oppose any such motion.

35. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that if an Order is made under paragraph 34 above requiring Pöyry PLC and/or Pöyry Finland OY to be subject to the Non-Settling Defendants' procedural entitlements set out in subparagraphs 27(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), then Pöyry PLC and/or Pöyry Finland OY, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be a Pöyry Party and the relief set out in paragraphs 22, 27, 30, 31, 32 and 33 above shall apply to Pöyry PLC and/or Pöyry Finland OY as if each entity was a Pöyry Party.
36. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND ADJUDGES** that, upon the Effective Date, the within proceeding is dismissed against the Settling Defendant without costs and with prejudice.

Date:

THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE PERELL

The Trustees of the Labourer's Pension Fund
of Central and Eastern Canada, et al.
Plaintiffs

Sino-Forest Corporation, et al.

and

Defendants

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

ORDER

THIS MOTION, made by Sino-Forest Corporation ("SFC") for the relief set out in SFC's notice of motion dated September 21, 2012 was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the affidavit of W. Judson Martin sworn September 24, 2012 (the "Martin Affidavit") and the Exhibits thereto and the Eighth Report of the Monitor and on hearing submissions of counsel for SFC, the Monitor, the board of directors of SFC, the Ad Hoc Noteholders and those other parties present,

SERVICE

1. THIS COURT ORDERS that the time for the service of the Notice of Motion, the Eighth Report and the Motion Record is hereby abridged so 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 Martin Affidavit.

EXTENSION OF THE STAY PERIOD

3. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Stay Period (as defined in the Initial Order) be and is hereby extended to October 10, 2012.

FOREIGN PROCEEDINGS

4. 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 foreign proceeding, or to assist the Applicant and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

5. 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.

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