Court File No.

### ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

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

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

**Applicant** 

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

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

### TO THE RESPONDENTS

A LEGAL PROCEEDING HAS BEEN COMMENCED by the Applicant. The claim made by the Applicant appears on the following page.

THIS APPLICATION will come on for a hearing before the Honourable Mr. Justice Morawetz on March 30, 2012 at 330 University Avenue, Toronto.

IF YOU WISH TO OPPOSE THIS APPLICATION, to receive notice of any step in the application or to be served with any documents in the application, you or an Ontario lawyer acting for you must forthwith prepare a notice of appearance in Form 38A prescribed by the Rules of Civil Procedure, serve it on the applicant's lawyer or, where the applicant does not have a lawyer, serve it on the applicant, and file it, with proof of service, in this court office, and you or your lawyer must appear at the hearing.

IF YOU WISH TO PRESENT AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO THE COURT OR TO EXAMINE OR CROSS-EXAMINE WITNESSES ON THE APPLICATION, you or your lawyer must, in addition to serving your notice of appearance, serve a copy of the evidence on the applicant's lawyer or, where the applicant does not have a lawyer, serve it on the applicant, and file it, with proof of service, in the court office where the application is to be heard as soon as possible, but not later than 2p.m. on the day before the hearing.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING, JUDGMENT MAY BE GIVEN IN YOUR ABSENCE AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO OPPOSE THIS APPLICATION BUT ARE UNABLE TO PAY LEGAL FEES, LEGAL AID MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU BY CONTACTING A LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE.

Date: March 30, 2012 Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Registrar

Address of court office:

330 University Avenue

7<sup>th</sup> Floor

Toronto, Ontario M5G 1R7

TO: THE HONOURABLE COURT

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

### RELIEF SOUGHT

- 1. The Applicant, Sino-Forest Corporation ("SFC") makes an application for:
  - (a) abridging the time for or dispensing with service on all interested parties of SFC;
  - (b) declaring that SFC is a debtor company within the meaning of the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, C. C-36, as amended (the "CCAA") and that the CCAA applies to SFC;
  - (c) staying all proceedings and remedies taken or that might be taken in respect of SFC, its current or former directors and officers, and any of SFC's property, without leave of the Court;
  - (d) staying all proceedings and remedies taken or that might be taken by any noteholder, indenture trustee or security trustee (each in respect of the notes issued by SFC) in respect of certain of SFC's subsidiaries, without leave of the Court;
  - (e) authorizing SFC to carry on its business in a manner consistent with the preservation of its property and to make certain payments in connection with its businesses and the proceedings herein without prejudice to the ability of SFC to seek further protections from the Court;
  - (f) appointing FTI Consulting Canada Inc. ("FTI") as monitor of SFC (the "Monitor");
  - (g) authorizing and directing SFC and the Monitor to engage in certain procedures to notify SFC's noteholders regarding certain issues related to the restructuring support agreement dated as of March 30, 2012 between, among others, SFC and certain of SFC's noteholders;

- (h) authorizing SFC to, in conjunction with the Monitor, develop a plan of arrangement and compromise for consideration by the creditors of SFC;
- (i) granting a directors' charge and an administration charge on certain of SFC's property;
- (j) approving the engagement letter of SFC's financial advisor, Houlihan Lokey ("Houlihan");
- (k) relieving SFC of any obligation to call and hold an annual meeting of its shareholders until further Order of the Court;
- (l) authorizing and empowering the Monitor to act as foreign representative for the purpose of having these proceedings recognized in a jurisdiction outside of Canada;
- (m) approving sale process procedures and authorizing SFC, the Monitor and Houlihan to perform their obligations thereunder;
- (n) such further and other relief as particularized in the draft orders attached as Schedule "A" and Schedule "B"; and
- (o) such further and other relief as this Honourable Court deems just.

### GROUNDS

- 2. The grounds for the application are:
  - (a) the CCAA and the equitable jurisdiction of this Honourable Court;
  - (b) SFC is a debtor company within the meaning of the CCAA;
  - (c) SFC is a corporation continued under the Canada Business Corporations Act;
  - (d) SFC intends to attempt a restructuring of its business and effect a plan of arrangement and reorganization as outlined in the affidavit of W. Judson Martin;

- (e) circumstances exist which make the order sought by SFC appropriate;
- (f) SFC intends to propose a plan of arrangement or compromise between itself and its creditors;
- (g) the orders sought by SFC will facilitate the development and submission of a plan of arrangement or compromise between SFC and its creditors;
- (h) due to the urgency of this application and the number of potentially interested parties, it has not been possible to provide all interested parties with notice;
- (i) Rule 2.03 and 14.05 of the Rules of Civil Procedure; and
- (j) such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

### **EVIDENCE**

- 3. The following documentary evidence will be used at the hearing of the application:
  - (a) the Affidavit of W. Judson Martin, sworn on March 30, 2012, together with exhibits thereto;
  - (b) the Pre-filing Report of FTI dated March 30, 2012;
  - (c) the consent of FTI to act as Monitor; and
  - (d) such further and other materials as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court allow.

March 30, 2012

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### ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

THE HONOURABLE MR.	)	FRIDAY, THE 30 <sup>th</sup>
	)	
JUSTICE MORAWETZ	)	DAY OF MARCH, 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

### 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://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/sfc (the "Monitor's Website"); and
  - the notice to be published by the Monitor pursuant to paragraph 51 of this Order shall include a statement in form and substance acceptable to the Applicant, the Monitor and counsel to the Ad Hoc Noteholders, each acting reasonably, notifying noteholders of the Support Agreement and of the deadline of 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on May 15, 2012 (the "Consent Date") by which any noteholder (other than an Initial Consenting Noteholder) who wishes to become entitled to the Early Consent Consideration pursuant to the Support Agreement (if such Early Consent Consideration becomes payable pursuant to the terms thereof) must execute and return the Joinder Agreement to the Applicant, and shall direct noteholders to the Monitor's Website where a copy of the Support Agreement (including the Joinder Agreement) can be obtained.

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

### NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE APPLICANT OR THE PROPERTY

- 17. THIS COURT ORDERS that until and including April 29, 2012, or such later date as this Court may order (the "Stay Period"), no proceeding or enforcement process in any court or tribunal (each, a "Proceeding") shall be commenced or continued against or in respect of the Applicant or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, except with the written consent of the Applicant and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Applicant or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.
- 18. THIS COURT ORDERS that until and including the Stay Period, no Proceeding shall be commenced or continued by any 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 readvance any monies or otherwise extend any credit to the Applicant. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the rights conferred and obligations imposed by the CCAA.

### PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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

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

### DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INDEMNIFICATION AND CHARGE

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

### APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR

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

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

- 29. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights and obligations under the CCAA, is hereby directed and empowered to:
  - (a) monitor the Applicant's receipts and disbursements;
  - (b) report to this Court at such times and intervals as the Monitor may deem appropriate with respect to matters relating to the Property, the Business, and such other matters as may be relevant to the proceedings herein;
  - (c) advise the Applicant in its preparation of the Applicant's 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.

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### 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 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.

### Schedule "A"

- 1. Sino-Panel Holdings Limited (BVI)
- 2. Sino-Global Holdings Inc. (BVI)
- 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)
- 13. Sino-Wood (Jiangxi) Limited (HK)
- 14. Sino-Wood (Guangdong) Limited (HK)
- 15. Sino-Wood (Fujian) Limited (HK)
- 16. Sino-Panel (Asia) Inc. (BVI)
- 17. Sino-Panel (Guangxi) Limited (BVI)
- 18. Sino-Panel (Yunnan) Limited (BVI)
- 19. Sino-Panel (North East China) Limited (BVI)
- 20. Sino-Panel [Xiangxi] Limited (BVI)
- 21. Sino-Panel [Hunan] Limited (BVI)
- 22. SFR (China) Inc. (BVI)
- 23. Sino-Panel [Suzhou] Limited (BVI)
- 24. Sino-Panel (Gaoyao) Ltd. (BVI)
- 25. Sino-Panel (Guangzhou) Limited (BVI)
- 26. Sino-Panel (North Sea) Limited (BVI)
- 27. Sino-Panel (Guizhou) Limited (BVI)
- 28. Sino-Panel (Huaihua) Limited (BVI)
- 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)

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- 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)

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

Court File No.

# ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

Proceedings commenced in Toronto

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### ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE COMMERCIAL LIST

THE HONOURABLE MR.	) FRIDAY, THE 30 <sup>th</sup>
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JUSTICE MORAWETZ	DAY OF MARCH, 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

### SALE PROCESS 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 and the Pre-Filing Report of the Proposed Monitor, FTI Consulting Canada Inc. ("FTI"), and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Applicant, the Applicant's board of directors, FTI, the Ad Hoc Noteholders, and no one else appearing for any other party,

### **DEFINED TERMS**

1. THIS COURT ORDERS that unless otherwise defined in this Order, all capitalized terms used in this Order shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Initial Order granted in these proceedings on March 30, 2012.

### SERVICE

2. THIS COURT ORDERS that the time for service of the Notice of Application and the Application Record is hereby abridged and validated so that this Application is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

### SALE PROCESS

- 3. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DIRECTS that sale process procedures substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule "A", together with all schedules, appendices and exhibits thereto (collectively, the "Sale Process Procedures"), are hereby approved and the Applicant, the Monitor and the Financial Advisor are authorized and directed to perform each of their obligations thereunder and to do all things reasonably necessary to perform their obligations thereunder.
- 4. THIS COURT ORDERS that each of the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, and their respective affiliates, partners, directors, employees, agents and controlling persons shall have no liability with respect to any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, of any nature or kind, to any person in connection with or as a result of the Sale Process Procedures, except to the extent such losses, claims, damages or liabilities result from the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the Monitor or the Financial Advisor, as applicable, in performing its obligations under the Sale Process Procedures (as determined by this Court).

### **GENERAL**

5. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant and the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions with respect to any matter relating to this Order and the Sale Process Procedures and their powers and duties in relation thereto.

6. THIS COURT ORDERS that each of the Applicant and the Monitor be at liberty and are 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.

### SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

### Sale Process Procedures

On March 30, 2012, Sino-Forest Corporation ("SFC") obtained an initial order (the "Initial Order") under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* ("CCAA") from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "Court").

On March 30, 2012, SFC also obtained a sale process order (the "Sale Process Order") under the CCAA from the Court approving the sale solicitation process (the "Sale Process") and the procedures to be followed with respect to the Sale Process set forth herein (the "Sale Process Procedures") to determine whether a Successful Bid (as defined herein) can be obtained.

Set forth below are the Sale Process Procedures to be followed with respect to the Sale Process to be undertaken to seek a Successful Bid, and if there is a Successful Bid, to complete the transactions contemplated by the Successful Bid.

All dollar amounts expressed herein, unless otherwise noted, are in United States currency. Unless otherwise indicated herein any event that occurs on a day that is not a Business Day shall be deemed to occur on the next Business Day. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in Schedule "A".

### **Solicitation Process**

- (1) The Sale Process Procedures set forth herein describe, among other things, (a) the Assets available for sale, (b) the manner in which prospective bidders may gain access to or continue to have access to due diligence materials concerning SFC, the Assets, and the SFC Business, (c) the manner in which bidders and bids become Qualified Bidders and Qualified Bids, respectively, (d) the receipt and negotiation of bids received, (e) the ultimate selection of a Successful Bidder, and (f) the approval thereof by the Court (collectively, the "Solicitation Process").
- (2) SFC, in consultation with the Financial Advisor, and with oversight by the Monitor, shall conduct the Sale Process Procedures and the Solicitation Process as outlined herein. Certain stages of the Sale Process Procedures may be conducted by SFC simultaneously to the preparation, solicitation or confirmation of a CCAA Plan by SFC. In addition, the closing of any sale may involve additional intermediate steps or transactions to facilitate consummation of such sale, including additional Court filings. If there is disagreement or clarification required as to the interpretation or application of these Sale Process Procedures, the Court will have jurisdiction to hear such matter and provide advice and directions, upon application of the Monitor, SFC or the Initial Consenting Noteholders with a hearing on no less than three (3) Business Days notice.

### **CCAA Plan**

(3) The sale of the Assets to the Successful Bidder, if any, will be completed pursuant to a plan of compromise and arrangement pursuant to the CCAA, such plan to be in form and substance acceptable to SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders (the "CCAA Plan").

### "As Is, Where Is"

(4) The sale of the Assets will be on an "as is, where is" basis and without surviving representations or warranties of any kind, nature, or description by the Financial Advisor, the Monitor, SFC or any of their respective agents, estates, advisors, professionals or otherwise, except to the extent set forth in a definitive purchase agreement with a Successful Bidder.

### Free Of Any And All Claims And Interests

(5) The sale of the Assets to the Successful Bidder, if any, will result in all of the rights, title and interests of SFC in and to the Assets to be acquired being transferred free and clear of all pledges, liens, security interests, encumbrances, claims, charges, options, and interests thereon and there against (collectively, the "Claims and Interests") pursuant to an approval and vesting order made by the Court. Contemporaneously with such approval and vesting order being made, all such Claims and Interests shall attach to the net proceeds of the sale of such property (without prejudice to any claims or causes of action regarding the priority, validity or enforceability thereof), except to the extent otherwise set forth in the relevant definitive purchase agreement with a Successful Bidder.

### **Publication Notice**

- (6) Within seven (7) days of the date the Sale Process Order is granted, (i) the Monitor shall cause a notice of the Sale Process to be published in The Globe and Mail and The Wall Street Journal, which notice shall be in substantially similar form as attached hereto as Schedule "B"; and (ii) SFC shall issue a press release regarding the Sale Process through Canada Newswire, designating dissemination in Canada and major financial centers in the United States.
- (7) [Intentionally deleted]

### Solicitation of Interest

(8) As soon as reasonably practicable after the granting of the Sale Process Order, SFC, in consultation with the Financial Advisor and the Monitor, will prepare (if not already prepared) an initial offering summary (the "Teaser Letter") notifying prospective purchasers of the Assets (both strategic and financial parties (including existing shareholders and noteholders of SFC and parties proposed by the Noteholder Advisors)) of the existence of the Solicitation Process and inviting prospective purchasers to express their interest in making an offer for the Assets.

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### **Participation Requirements**

- (9) Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, or otherwise determined by SFC (in consultation with the Monitor), in order to participate in the Solicitation Process, each interested person (a "Potential Bidder") must deliver to the Financial Advisor with a copy to the Monitor and the other parties listed on Schedule "C" at the addresses specified in Schedule "C" (by email), prior to the distribution of any confidential information by the Financial Advisor to a Potential Bidder, the following documents (the "Participation Materials"):
  - (a) an executed Confidentiality Agreement;
  - (b) a specific indication of anticipated sources of capital for the Potential Bidder and, if requested by SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, preliminary evidence of the availability of such capital, or such other form of financial disclosure and credit support or enhancement that will allow SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, to make, in its reasonable business judgment, a determination as to the Potential Bidder's financial and other capabilities to consummate an acquisition of the Assets; and
  - (c) a letter setting forth the identity of the Potential Bidder, the contact information for such Potential Bidder and, if requested by SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, full disclosure of the direct and indirect owners of the Potential Bidder and their principals.
- If it is determined by SFC, after consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, that a Potential Bidder (i) has bona fide interest in an acquisition of the Assets; (ii) has the financial capability to consummate such a transaction based on such Potential Bidder's financial information; and (iii) has provided all of the Participation Materials, such Potential Bidder will be deemed a "Phase 1 Qualified Bidder". The Financial Advisor will promptly notify the Potential Bidder of such determination, and will inform the Noteholder Advisors of any such determination with respect to a Potential Bidder.
- The determination as to whether a Potential Bidder is a Phase 1 Qualified Bidder will be made as promptly as practicable after a Potential Bidder delivers all of the Participation Materials.
- If there is no Phase 1 Qualified Bidder by the end of Phase 1, SFC shall, in consultation with the Monitor, the Financial Advisor and the Noteholder Advisors, (a) forthwith terminate the Sale Process; and (b) as soon as reasonably practicable take such steps (including bringing motions, holding meetings of creditors, etc.) as may be necessary to complete the Restructuring Transaction.
- If the Sale Process has been terminated as provided in section 12, the Financial Advisor shall notify each Potential Bidder that submitted Participation Materials that the Sale Process has been terminated.

### Confidential Information Memorandum and Due Diligence for Phase 1 Qualified Bidders

- The Confidential Information Memorandum will be made available by the Financial Advisor to Phase 1 Qualified Bidders as soon as practicable after the determination that such party is a Phase 1 Qualified Bidder.
- During Phase 1, SFC shall afford each Phase 1 Qualified Bidder (including, for greater certainty, its potential lenders or financiers and its financial and legal advisors, provided however, that such persons have also signed a Confidentiality Agreement (or are representatives for whom the relevant Phase 1 Qualified Bidder is responsible under its Confidentiality Agreement)) access to such due diligence materials and information relating to the Assets and the SFC Business as SFC, in its reasonable business judgment, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, deems appropriate, and which may include discussions with the Financial Advisor and SFC's legal advisors. Unless otherwise determined by SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, Phase 1 Qualified Bidders will not be provided access to the Data Room.
- (16)The Monitor, the Financial Advisor and SFC make no representation or warranty as to the information in the materials provided, except, in the case of SFC, to the extent contemplated under any definitive purchase agreement with a Successful Bidder. A copy of the Confidential Information Memorandum shall be provided to the Noteholder Advisors pursuant to their confidentiality agreements with SFC.

### Phase 1

### Seeking Letters of Intent by the Phase 1 Qualified Bidders

- For the period following the date of the Sale Process Order until the Phase 1 Bid Deadline (as defined below) ("Phase 1"), SFC and the Financial Advisor, under the supervision of the Monitor, will solicit non-binding letters of intent from Phase 1 Qualified Bidder to acquire the Assets from SFC pursuant to a CCAA Plan (each, a "Letter of Intent").
- A Phase 1 Qualified Bidder that desires to continue to participate in the Solicitation Process shall deliver written copies of a Letter of Intent to SFC through the Financial Advisor with a copy to the Monitor and the other parties listed on Schedule "C" at the addresses specified in Schedule "C" (by email) so as to be received by all such parties not later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on June 28, 2012 (the "Phase 1 Bid Deadline").

### **Qualified Letters of Intent**

- A Letter of Intent will be considered a Qualified Letter of Intent only if it is submitted on or before the Phase 1 Bid Deadline by a Phase 1 Qualified Bidder and contains the following information (a "Qualified Letter of Intent"):
  - a statement that the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder is offering to acquire the Assets (a) from SFC pursuant to a CCAA Plan for consideration not less than the Qualified Consideration (a "Sale Proposal");

- (b) a specific indication of (i) the purchase price range expressed in United States dollars (including details of liabilities to be assumed by the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder and the projected net proceeds to be received by SFC on closing); (ii) the structure and financing of the transaction (including, but not limited to, the sources of financing for the purchase price, preliminary evidence of the availability of such financing and the steps necessary and associated timing to obtain the financing and consummate the proposed transaction and any related contingencies, as applicable); (iii) an outline of the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder's plans for the SFC Business for the first 12 months after completion of the transaction; (iv) the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder's expectations regarding the continued employment of the employees of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of SFC; (v) the general terms of any new agreements or arrangements to be entered into with any current or former employees of SFC and its direct and indirect subsidiaries; (vi) any anticipated corporate, shareholder, internal, regulatory or other approvals required to close the transaction and the anticipated time frame and any anticipated impediments for obtaining such approvals; (vii) a description of any additional due diligence required or desired to be conducted during Phase 2; (viii) any conditions to closing that the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder may wish to impose; and (ix) any other terms or conditions of the Sale Proposal which the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder believes are material to the transaction; and
- such other information reasonably requested by SFC, in consultation with the (c) Monitor and the Financial Advisor.
- SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, will assess each such Letter of Intent received by the Phase 1 Bid Deadline, if any, and determine whether it is a Qualified Letter of Intent. Such determination will be made as promptly as practicable but no later than seven (7) Business Days after the receipt of any such Letter of Intent. For the purpose of such consultations and assessments, SFC, the Financial Advisor and/or the Monitor may seek clarification from any Phase 1 Qualified Bidder with respect to the terms of such Letter of Intent.
- Notwithstanding section 19, in respect of any non-compliant Letter of Intent, SFC may, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, waive compliance with any one or more of the requirements specified herein and deem such non-compliant Letter of Intent to be a Qualified Letter of Intent; provided that, SFC shall not, without the consent of the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, waive the requirement that the consideration offered by the Phase 1 Qualified Bidder must be not less than the Qualified Consideration. A Phase 1 Qualified Bidder shall only be deemed a "Qualified Bidder" if it submits a Qualified Letter of Intent.
- If SFC (a) has received one or more Qualified Letters of Intent prior to the Phase 1 Bid Deadline; and (b) in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, determines that there is a reasonable prospect of obtaining a Qualified Bid, the Sale Process will continue until the Phase 2 Bid Deadline in accordance with these Sale Process Procedures ("Phase 2").
- Subject to the terms of the Sale Process Order, SFC shall, in consultation with the Monitor, the Financial Advisor and the Noteholder Advisors, terminate the Sale Process at the end of Phase 1 if:

- (a) no Qualified Letter of Intent was received by SFC by the Phase 1 Bid Deadline;
- (b) SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, determines that there is no reasonable prospect that any Qualified Letter of Intent received will result in a Qualified Bid that is likely to be consummated; or
- (c) SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, determines that continuing with the Sale Process is not in the best interests of SFC.
- (24) If the Sale Process is terminated by SFC in accordance with section 23, or pursuant to an order of the Court, SFC shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, take such steps (including bringing motions, holding meetings of creditors, etc.) as may be necessary to complete the Restructuring Transaction.
- (25) If the Sale Process has been terminated as provided in section 23, the Financial Advisor shall notify each Phase 1 Qualified Bidder that submitted a Letter of Intent that the Sale Process has been terminated.

### Phase 2

### **Seeking Qualified Bids by Qualified Bidders**

- (26) A Qualified Bidder wishing to continue to participate in the Solicitation Process must deliver written copies of a Qualified Bid to SFC through the Financial Advisor with a copy to the Monitor and the other parties listed on Schedule "C" at the addresses specified in Schedule "C" (by email) so as to be received by all such parties not later than 5:00 pm (Toronto time) on September 26, 2012 (the "Phase 2 Bid Deadline").
- Ouring Phase 2, SFC shall afford each Qualified Bidder (including, for greater certainty, its potential lenders or financiers and its financial and legal advisors, provided, however, that such persons have also signed a Confidentiality Agreement (or are representatives for whom the relevant Qualified Bidder is responsible under its Confidentiality Agreement)) access to such due diligence materials and information relating to the Assets and the SFC Business as SFC, in its reasonable business judgment, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, deems appropriate, including, as appropriate, meetings with senior management of SFC, access to the Data Room and site tours.
- (28) The Monitor, the Financial Advisor and SFC make no representation or warranty as to the information in the materials provided, except, in the case of SFC, to the extent contemplated under any definitive purchase agreement with a Successful Bidder.

### **Qualified Bids**

(29) SFC shall make available to each Qualified Bidder a form of purchase agreement developed by SFC in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor (the "Form of Purchase Agreement") no later than 20 days after the Phase 1 Bid Deadline.

- A bid submitted by a Qualified Bidder will be considered a Qualified Bid only if it (30)complies with all of the following (a "Qualified Bid"):
  - it includes a letter stating that the Qualified Bidder's bid is irrevocable until the (a) earlier of (x) the approval by the Court of the Successful Bid by the Successful Bidder and (y) the Outside Date, provided that if such Qualified Bidder is selected as the Successful Bidder, its offer shall remain irrevocable until the earlier of (i) the closing of the sale of the Assets to the Successful Bidder and (ii) the Outside Date:
  - (b) it includes a duly authorized and executed purchase agreement substantially in the form of the Form of Purchase Agreement, including the purchase price, expressed in United States dollars, the net proceeds to be paid to SFC on closing, together with all exhibits and schedules thereto, and such ancillary agreements as may be required by the Qualified Bidder with all exhibits and schedules thereto as well as copies of such materials marked to show those amendments and modifications to the Form of Purchase Agreement and such ancillary agreements;
  - it provides for the acquisition of the Assets from SFC pursuant to a CCAA Plan (c) for consideration not less than the Qualified Consideration;
  - (d) it includes written evidence of a firm, irrevocable commitment for all required funding and/or financing to consummate the proposed transaction, including the sources and uses of capital, or other evidence satisfactory to SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor that will allow SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, to make a reasonable determination as to the Qualified Bidder's financial and other capabilities to consummate the transaction contemplated by the bid;
  - it is not conditioned on (i) the outcome of unperformed due diligence by or on (e) behalf of the Qualified Bidder and/or (ii) obtaining any financing or capital;
  - it outlines any anticipated regulatory and other approvals required to close the (f) transaction and the anticipated time frame and any anticipated impediments for obtaining such approvals;
  - (g) it provides a timeline to closing that is no later than the Outside Date, with critical milestones;
  - (h) it fully discloses the identity of each entity that is bidding or that will be sponsoring, participating or beneficially interested in the bid, and the complete terms of any such sponsorship, participation or beneficial interest;
  - (i) it includes an acknowledgement and representation that the Qualified Bidder (i) has relied solely upon its own independent review, investigation and/or inspection of the documents and/or the assets to be acquired and liabilities to be assumed in making its bid; (ii) did not rely upon any written or oral statements, representations, promises, warranties or guaranties whatsoever, whether express

or implied (by operation of law or otherwise), regarding the Assets to be acquired or liabilities to be assumed or the completeness of any information provided in connection therewith, except as expressly stated in the purchase agreement; (iii) is a sophisticated party capable of making its own assessments in respect of making its bid; and (iv) has had the benefit of independent legal advice in connection with its bid:

- it includes evidence, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to SFC, in (j) consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, of authorization and approval from the Qualified Bidder's board of directors (or comparable governing body) with respect to the submission, execution, delivery and closing of the transaction contemplated by the bid;
- (k) it is accompanied by a deposit in the form of a wire transfer (to a bank account specified by the Monitor), or such other form acceptable to SFC and the Monitor, payable to the order of the Monitor, in trust, of US\$10 million (or any other currency acceptable to the Monitor) to be held and dealt with in accordance with these Sale Process Procedures (the "Deposit");
- (1) if the Qualified Bidder is an entity newly formed for the purpose of the transaction or otherwise has limited net assets and/or operating history, the bid shall contain an equity or debt commitment letter from the parent entity or sponsor, which is satisfactory to SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor;
- (m) it contains any other information reasonably requested by SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor; and
- (n) it is received by the Phase 2 Bid Deadline and otherwise in accordance with section 26; provided, however, that SFC reserves the right following the Phase 2 Bid Deadline to conduct negotiations with each Qualified Bidder with respect to the terms and provisions of a bid and any qualifications or modifications that SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, may seek in order for such bid to be classified as a Qualified Bid.
- Notwithstanding section 30, in respect of any non-compliant bid, SFC may, with the consent of the Monitor, waive compliance with any one or more of the requirements specified herein; provided, however, if such consent is not obtained, SFC may seek authority from the Court to waive compliance with any one or more of the requirements specified herein, provided that, in no circumstances shall the requirements in Sections (30)(a) (only with respect to the requirement that if such Qualified Bidder is selected as the Successful Bidder, its offer shall remain irrevocable until the earlier of (i) the closing of the sale of the Assets to the Successful Bidder and (ii) the Outside Date), (30)(c), (30)(d), (30)(g), (30)(k) and (30)(n) be waived, without the consent of the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders.
- SFC will, in consultation with the Monitor, the Financial Advisor and the Noteholder Advisors, review each bid received by the Phase 2 Bid Deadline, if any, as set forth herein, and

determine whether it is a Qualified Bid. Such determination will be made as promptly as practicable but no later than seven (7) Business Days after the receipt of any such bid.

### No Qualified Bids

- (33) If at any point during the Sale Process, SFC determines, in consultation with the Monitor, the Financial Advisor and the Noteholder Advisors, that a Qualified Bid will not be obtained by the Phase 2 Bid Deadline, SFC shall (a) forthwith terminate the Sale Process; and (b) as soon as reasonably practicable take such steps (including bringing motions, holding meetings of creditors, etc.) as may be necessary to complete the Restructuring Transaction.
- (34) If the Sale Process has been terminated as provided in section 33, the Financial Advisor shall notify each Qualified Bidder that the Sale Process has been terminated.

### **Evaluation and Selection of Successful Bid**

- Evaluation criteria with respect to a Qualified Bid may include, but are not limited to items such as: (a) the purchase price (including assumed liabilities and other obligations to be performed or assumed by the bidder) and the net cash proceeds provided by such bid; (b) the claims likely to be created by such bid in relation to other bids; (c) the counterparties to, and the parties beneficially interested in, the transaction; (d) the proposed revisions to the Form of Purchase Agreement and the terms of the transaction documents (any such revisions to be acceptable to SFC in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor); (e) other factors affecting the speed, certainty and value of the transaction (including any regulatory or other approvals required to close the transaction); (f) the bidder's plans for the SFC Business for the first 12 months after completion of the transaction; (g) the bidder's expectations regarding the continued employment of the employees of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of SFC; (h) the terms of any new agreements or arrangements to be entered into with any current or former employees of the SFC and its direct and indirect subsidiaries; and (i) the likelihood and timing of consummating the transaction.
- (36) If one or more Qualified Bids is received, SFC will, after consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, identify the highest or otherwise most favourable Qualified Bid (the "Selected Superior Offer") by October 5, 2012. SFC shall then finalize a definitive agreement in respect of the Selected Superior Offer by October 17, 2012, conditional upon approval of the Court, a vote of affected creditors (if not already obtained) and on the Selected Superior Offer closing on or before the Outside Date.
- (37) Once a definitive agreement has been finalized and settled in respect of the Selected Superior Offer and approved by order of the Court in accordance with the provisions hereof, the Selected Superior Offer shall be the "Successful Bid" hereunder and the Qualified Bidder who made the Selected Superior Offer shall be the "Successful Bidder" hereunder.
- (38) All Qualified Bids (other than the Successful Bid) shall be deemed rejected by SFC on and as of the date of approval of the Successful Bid by order of the Court.
- (39) Notwithstanding anything contained herein, SFC, in consultation with the Monitor, the Financial Advisor and the Noteholder Advisors, may terminate the Sale Process at any time and

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may reject one or more Qualified Bids, if SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, determines that the Sale Process or any such Qualified Bid is not in the best interests of SFC.

- If the Sale Process is terminated by SFC in accordance with section 39, SFC shall as soon as reasonably practicable take such steps (including bringing motions, holding meetings of creditors, etc.) as may be necessary to complete the Restructuring Transaction.
- If the Sale Process has been terminated as provided in section 39, the Financial Advisor (41)shall notify each Qualified Bidder that the Sale Process has been terminated.

### **Approval Motion**

- (42)The hearing to, among other things, (a) approve the Successful Bid; (b) authorize SFC's entering into of agreements with respect to the Successful Bid; and (c) authorize SFC's completing the transaction contemplated thereby including, without limitation, seeking an order directing that a meeting of creditors of SFC be held to consider the CCAA Plan to implement the Successful Bid (the "Approval Motion") will be held on a date to be scheduled by the Court upon application by SFC. Subject to SFC's covenants under the Support Agreement, the Approval Motion may be adjourned or rescheduled by SFC with the consent of the Monitor, without further notice by an announcement of the adjourned date at the Approval Motion. If the Successful Bid is not, or, in the reasonable determination of SFC, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, is not likely to be, consummated on or before Outside Date, then SFC shall, and any other party in interest may, seek direction from the Court in regard to the Sale Process, after notice and a hearing, subject to the respective rights of SFC and all parties in interest, including the Initial Consenting Noteholders, to be heard regarding such relief.
- If following approval of the Successful Bid by the Court, the Successful Bidder fails to consummate the transaction for any reason, SFC shall as soon as reasonably practicable after such failure take such steps (including bringing motions, holding meetings of creditors, etc.) as may be necessary to complete the Restructuring Transaction.

### **Deposits**

- All Deposits shall be retained by the Monitor and invested in an interest bearing (if available) trust account. If there is a Successful Bid, the Deposit (plus any accrued interest) paid by the Successful Bidder whose bid is approved at the Approval Motion shall be non-refundable and applied to the purchase price to be paid by the Successful Bidder upon closing of the approved transaction. The Deposits (plus any accrued interest) of Qualified Bidders not selected as the Successful Bidder shall be returned to such bidders within five (5) Business Days of the date upon which the Successful Bid is approved by the Court. If there is no Successful Bid, all Deposits (plus any accrued interest) shall be returned to the bidders within five (5) Business Days of the date upon which the Sale Process is terminated in accordance with these Sale Process Procedures.
- If a Successful Bidder breaches its obligations to close the transaction subsequent to the approval by the Court of the Successful Bid, it shall forfeit the Deposit, provided however, that

the forfeit of such Deposit shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other rights in law or equity that SFC has against such breaching entity.

### Approvals

(46)For greater certainty, the approvals required pursuant to the terms hereof are in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other approvals required by the CCAA or any other statute or as otherwise required at law in order to implement the Successful Bid.

### Amendments/Extensions of Time

There shall be no amendments to this Sale Process, including, for greater certainty the (47)process and procedures set out herein, without the prior written consent of the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders unless otherwise ordered by the Court upon application and appropriate notice, including to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, the Noteholder Advisors and each of the parties listed in Schedule "C". Dates or deadlines set forth herein may be amended or extended by SFC with the prior written consent of the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, unless otherwise ordered by the Court upon application and appropriate notice, including to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, the Noteholder Advisors and each of the parties listed in Schedule "C". Notwithstanding the foregoing, SFC may, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, decrease the length of time of Phase 1, and increase or decrease the length of time of Phase 2; provided that in no case shall the number of days in Phases 1 and 2 exceed 180 days in the aggregate.

### Consultation

SFC will keep the Noteholder Advisors generally informed regarding the status of the Sale Process and, if determined advisable by SFC in its discretion, may, in consultation with the Monitor and the Financial Advisor, provide the Noteholder Advisors with an opportunity for the Noteholder Advisors to participate in material discussions with interested parties in relation to the Sale Process.

### **Initial Consenting Noteholder Consent**

For the purposes of these Sale Process Procedures, any matter requiring agreement, waiver, consent or approval of the consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders shall require the agreement, waiver, consent or approval, as the case may be, of Initial Consenting Noteholders representing at least 66 2/3% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes held by the Initial Consenting Noteholders. SFC shall be entitled to rely on written confirmation from the Noteholder Advisors that the Initial Consenting Noteholders representing at least the foregoing percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Notes held by the Initial Consenting Noteholders have agreed, waived, consented to or approved a particular matter.

### **Further Orders**

(50)At any time during the Sales Process, SFC or the Monitor may, following consultation with the Financial Advisor and the Noteholder Advisors, and upon notice to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, the Noteholder Advisors and each of the parties listed in Schedule "C",

apply to the Court for advice and directions with respect to the discharge of their respective powers and duties hereunder following a hearing. For greater certainty, nothing herein provides any Qualified Bidder with any rights other than as expressly set forth herein.

### SCHEDULE "A"

### **DEFINED TERMS**

In these Sale Process Procedures:

- "Approval Motion" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 42;
- "Assets" means all of SFC's right, title and interest in and to its properties, assets and rights of every kind and description (including, without limitation, all restricted and unrestricted cash, contracts, real property, receivables or other debt owed to SFC, intellectual property, the SFC name and all related marks, all of its shares in its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, all of the shares of the Direct Subsidiaries) and all intercompany debt owed to SFC by any of its subsidiaries), other than the Excluded Assets;
- "Business Day" means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are generally open for business in Toronto, Ontario and Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;
- "CCAA" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals to these Sale Process Procedures;
- "CCAA Plan" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3;
- "Claims and Interest" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 5;
- "Confidential Information Memorandum" means the memorandum relating to the SFC Business and the opportunity to acquire the Assets to be distributed to Phase 1 Qualified Bidders as part of the Sale Process;
- "Confidentiality Agreement" means an executed confidentiality agreement in favor of SFC, in form and substance satisfactory to the Monitor, the Financial Advisor and SFC, which shall inure to the benefit of SFC and any purchaser of the Assets (including a purchaser pursuant to the Restructuring Transaction);
- "Consenting Noteholders" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Support Agreement;
- "Court" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals to these Sale Process Procedures;
- "Data Room" means the virtual data room maintained by SFC through the facilities of Merrill Corporation.
- "**Deposit**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 30(k);
- "Direct Subsidiaries" means Sino-Panel Holdings Limited, Sino-Global Holdings Inc., Sino-Panel Corporation, Sino-Wood Partners, Sino-Capital Global Inc., Sino-Forest International (Barbados) Corporation and Sino-Forest Resources Inc. (BVI);

"Excluded Assets" means cash equal to \$20 million, the claims of SFC to be transferred to the Litigation Trust and any other assets and rights of SFC that are not transferred to the Successful Bidder pursuant to the Successful Bid as determined by SFC and the Successful Bidder and identified in the CCAA Plan:

"Financial Advisor" means Houlihan Lokey;

"Form of Purchase Agreement" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 29;

"Initial Consenting Noteholders" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Support Agreement;

"Initial Order" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals to these Sale Process Procedures;

"Letter of Intent" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 17;

"Litigation Trust" means the litigation trust to be established pursuant to the CCAA Plan pursuant to which all claims of SFC and its subsidiaries against any Person shall be transferred on the implementation date of the CCAA Plan.

"Meeting Order" means the order of the Court establishing the procedures for voting on the CCAA Plan, which shall be in form and substance satisfactory to SFC and the Noteholder Advisors, each acting reasonably, as such order may be amended at any time prior to the time the sale transaction that forms part of a Successful Bid is implemented with the consent of SFC and the Noteholder Advisors.

"Monitor" means FTI Consulting Canada Inc., in its capacity as monitor pursuant to the Initial Order and not in its personal or corporate capacity;

"NI 51-102" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section Error! Reference source not found.;

"Noteholder Advisors" means Goodmans LLP, Hogan Lovells LLP, Moelis & Company LLC and Moelis & Company Asia Limited, in their capacity as advisors to the Initial Consenting Noteholders:

"Notes" means the 5% Convertible Senior Notes due 2013 issued by SFC, the 10.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes due 2014 issued by SFC, the 4.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2016 issued by SFC and the 6.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes due 2017 issued by SFC;

"Outside Date" means November 30, 2012, as the same may be amended with the consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

"Participation Materials" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 9;

"Person" means any individual, sole proprietorship, limited or unlimited liability corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, unincorporated syndicate, unincorporated organization, body corporate, joint venture, trust, pension fund, union, governmental entity, and a natural person including in such person's capacity as trustee, heir, beneficiary, executor, administrator or other legal representative;

- "Phase 1" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 17;
- "Phase 1 Bid Deadline" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 18;
- "Phase 1 Qualified Bidder" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 10;
- "Phase 2" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 22;
- "Phase 2 Bid Deadline" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 26;
- "Potential Bidder" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 9;
- "Qualified Bid" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 30;
- "Qualified Bidder" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 21;
- "Qualified Consideration" means cash consideration payable to SFC (or such other form of consideration as may be acceptable to SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders) in an amount equal to 85% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes, plus all accrued and unpaid interest on Notes, at the regular rates provided therefor pursuant to the Note indentures, up to and including March 30, 2012;
- "Qualified Letter of Intent" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 19;
- "Restructuring Transaction" means the restructuring transaction contemplated by the Support Agreement in the event a Successful Bid is not obtained and/or SFC does not consummate the sale transaction:
- "Sale Process" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals to these Sale Process Procedures;
- "Sale Process Order" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals to these Sale Process Procedures;
- "Sale Process Procedures" has the meaning ascribed thereto the recitals to these Sale Process Procedures;
- "Sale Proposal" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 19(a);
- "Selected Superior Offer" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 36;
- "SFC" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the recitals to these Sale Process Procedures;
- "SFC Business" means the business carried on by SFC and its direct and indirect subsidiaries;
- "Solicitation Process" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 1;
- "Successful Bid" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 37;
- "Successful Bidder" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 37;

"Support Agreement" means the support agreement dated March 30, 2012, between SFC and the Initial Consenting Noteholders and the other Consenting Noteholders, as amended from time

"Teaser Letter" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 8; and

to time;

"Voting Deadline" means the deadline for voting on the CCAA Plan, as established by the Meeting Order.

### **SCHEDULE "B"**

### FORM OF NOTICE OF SALE PROCESS

TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to an order (the "Order") of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the "Court") issued on March 30, 2012 under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, Sino-Forest Corporation obtained Court approval to conduct a sale solicitation process (the "Sale Process").

Pursuant to the Sale Process, Sino-Forest Corporation's financial advisor, Houlihan Lokey, is soliciting proposals from prospective strategic and financial parties to acquire substantially all of the property, assets and business of Sino-Forest Corporation and its subsidiaries, other than certain excluded assets. Sino-Forest Corporation is a leading commercial forest plantation operator in China. Its principal businesses include the ownership and management of tree plantations, the sale of standing timber and wood logs, and the complementary manufacturing of downstream engineered-wood products.

Interested parties can obtain additional information by contacting Houlihan Lokey at:

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### SCHEDULE "C"

### **NOTICE PARTIES**

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