



No. S-157585  
Vancouver Registry

*In the Supreme Court of British Columbia*

Between

**DANIEL KLEIN**

Plaintiff

and

**PANASONIC CORPORATION, PANASONIC CORPORATION OF NORTH AMERICA, PANASONIC INDUSTRIAL DEVICES SALES COMPANY OF AMERICA, PANASONIC CANADA INC.; KOA CORPORATION, KOA SPEER ELECTRONICS, INC., MURATA MANUFACTURING CO., LTD., MURATA ELECTRONICS NORTH AMERICA, INC., ROHM CO. LTD., ROHM SEMICONDUCTOR U.S.A., LLC, VISHAY INTERTECHNOLOGY, INC., YAGEO CORPORATION, AND YAGEO AMERICA CORPORATION**

Defendants

BROUGHT UNDER THE *CLASS PROCEEDINGS ACT*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 50

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**ORDER MADE AFTER APPLICATION  
RE CERTIFICATION FOR SETTLEMENT AND  
NOTICE OF OPT-OUT AND SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARING**

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BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MYERS

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ON THE APPLICATION of Plaintiff, Daniel Klein, without a hearing, and on reading the materials filed including the settlement agreement entered into with Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America, and Panasonic Canada Inc. (collectively the "**Settling Defendants**"), dated July 7, 2020 (the "**Settlement Agreement**") and attached to this Order as **Schedule "A"**;

AND ON BEING ADVISED that RicePoint Administration Inc. (“**RicePoint**”) has consented to being appointed as notice provider in accordance with the terms of this Order;

AND ON BEING ADVISED that the Plaintiff and the Settling Defendants consent to this Order and that the Non-Settling Defendants take no position on this application;

THIS COURT ORDERS that:

1. except to the extent that they are modified by this Order, the definitions set out in the Settlement Agreement apply to and are incorporated into this Order;
2. the BC Action is certified as a class proceeding as against the Settling Defendants for settlement purposes only;
3. the BC Settlement Class is defined as:

All Persons in British Columbia who purchased Linear Resistors or a product containing Linear Resistors between July 9, 2003 and September 14, 2015 except Excluded Persons;

4. Daniel Klein is appointed as the representative plaintiff for the BC Settlement Class;
5. the BC Action is certified on the basis of the following issue which is common to the BC Settlement Class:

Did the Settling Defendants conspire to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the price of, or allocate markets and customers of, Linear Resistors directly or indirectly in Canada during the Class Period? If so, what damages, if any, did Settlement Class Members suffer?;

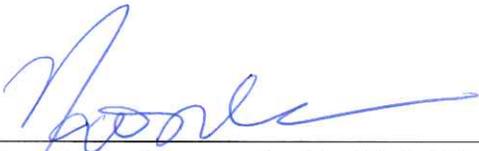
6. this Order, including but not limited to the certification of this action against the Settling Defendants for settlement purposes and the definitions of the BC Settlement Class, Class Period and Common Issue, and any reasons given by the Court in connection with this Order, is without prejudice to the rights and defences of the Non-Settling Defendants in connection with the ongoing BC

Action and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may not be relied on by any Person to establish jurisdiction, the criteria for certification (including class definition) or the existence or elements of the causes of action asserted in the BC Action, as against the Non-Settling Defendants. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the efficacy of the opt-out process provided for in this Order;

7. BC Settlement Class members who wish to opt-out of this action must do so by sending a written election to opt-out, signed by the Person or the Person's designee, together with the information required in the Settlement Agreement to Class Counsel or their duly appointed agent, by pre-paid mail, courier, fax or e-mail received on or before the Opt-Out Deadline;
8. any BC Settlement Class member who has validly opted-out of this action shall no longer participate or have the opportunity in the future to participate in this action;
9. any BC Settlement Class member who has not validly opted-out of this action will be bound by any Settlement Agreement approved by the Court and may not opt-out of this action in the future;
10. the notices of certification and settlement approval hearing (collectively the "**Notices of Hearing**") are hereby approved substantially in the form attached hereto as **Schedule "B"**;
11. the plan of dissemination of the Notices of Hearing (the "**Plan of Dissemination**") is hereby approved in the form attached hereto as **Schedule "C"** and that the Notices of Hearing shall be disseminated in accordance with the Plan of Dissemination;
12. RicePoint is appointed to disseminate the Notices of Hearing in accordance with the terms of this Order;

13. this Order is contingent upon a parallel order being made by the Ontario Court and the Quebec Court, and the terms of this Order shall not be effective unless and until such order is made by the Ontario Court and the Quebec Court;
14. If the Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated in accordance with its terms or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason, this Order, including certification for settlement purposes and all opt-out notices delivered pursuant to the Order, shall be set aside and declared null and void and of no force or effect, without the need for any further Order of this Court. In those circumstances, a case management conference shall be convened to seek directions, including in respect of the need for and form and content of additional notice to BC Settlement Class members and to any Person that delivered an opt-out notice pursuant to the Order;
15. Endorsement of this Order by counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants shall be dispensed with.

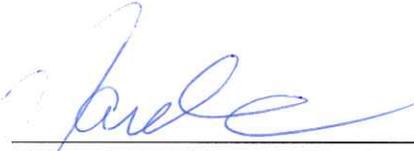
THE FOLLOWING PARTIES APPROVE THE FORM OF THIS ORDER AND  
CONSENT TO EACH OF THE ORDERS, IF ANY, THAT ARE INDICATED ABOVE AS  
BEING BY CONSENT:



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Signature of lawyer for the Plaintiff  
Reidar Mogerman Q.C.

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Signature of lawyer for Panasonic  
Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of  
North America, and Panasonic Canada  
Inc.  
Emrys Davis

for

By the Court

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Registrar

**LINEAR RESISTORS CLASS ACTION  
NATIONAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Between:

**SEAN ALLOTT, DANIEL KLEIN, OPTION CONSOMMATEURS  
AND KARINE ROBILLARD**

(the "Plaintiffs")

and

**PANASONIC CORPORATION, PANASONIC CORPORATION OF NORTH AMERICA,  
AND PANASONIC CANADA INC.**

(the "Settling Defendants")

Executed July 7, 2020

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**RECITALS**

- A. WHEREAS the Proceedings were commenced by the Ontario Plaintiff in London, Ontario, the BC Plaintiff in Vancouver, British Columbia and the Québec Plaintiffs in Montreal, Québec;
- B. WHEREAS the Plaintiffs allege in the Proceedings that certain companies, including the Settling Defendants, participated in an unlawful conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the price of Linear Resistors in Canada, contrary to Part VI of the *Competition Act* and the common law and/or civil law;
- C. WHEREAS the Settling Defendants do not admit, through the execution of this Settlement Agreement or otherwise, any allegation of unlawful conduct alleged in the Proceedings, or otherwise;
- D. WHEREAS the Plaintiffs, Class Counsel and the Settling Defendants agree that neither this Settlement Agreement nor any statement made in the negotiation thereof shall be deemed or construed to be an admission by or evidence against the Settling Defendants or evidence of the truth of any of the Plaintiffs' allegations against the Settling Defendants, which allegations are expressly denied by the Settling Defendants;
- E. WHEREAS the Settling Defendants are entering into this Settlement Agreement in order to achieve a final and nationwide resolution of all Released Claims asserted or which could have been asserted against the Releasees by the Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class in the Proceedings, and to avoid further expense, inconvenience and the distraction of burdensome and protracted litigation;
- F. WHEREAS the Settling Defendants are the first to settle in these Proceedings, and have agreed to provide meaningful early cooperation to Plaintiffs in addition to the Settlement Amount, which cooperation is a material factor to the Plaintiffs in the formulation of the terms of this Settlement Agreement;
- G. WHEREAS the Settling Defendants do not hereby attorn to the jurisdiction of the Courts or any other court or tribunal in respect of any civil, criminal or administrative process

except to the extent they have previously done so in the Proceedings or as expressly provided in this Settlement Agreement with respect to the Proceedings;

- H. WHEREAS Counsel for the Settling Defendants and Class Counsel have engaged in extensive arm's-length settlement discussions and negotiations, lasting several months, resulting in this Settlement Agreement relating to Canada;
- I. WHEREAS as a result of these settlement discussions and negotiations, the Settling Defendants and the Plaintiffs have entered into this Settlement Agreement, which embodies all of the terms and conditions of the settlement between the Settling Defendants and the Plaintiffs, both individually and on behalf of the Settlement Classes they represent or seek to represent, subject to approval of the Courts;
- J. WHEREAS Class Counsel have reviewed and fully understand the terms of this Settlement Agreement and, based on their analyses of the facts and law applicable to the Plaintiffs' claims, having regard to the burdens and expense in prosecuting the Proceedings, including the risks and uncertainties associated with trials and appeals, and having regard to the value of the Settlement Agreement, the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have concluded that this Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of the Plaintiffs and the Settlement Classes they represent or seek to represent;
- K. WHEREAS the Parties therefore wish to and hereby finally resolve on a national basis, without admission of liability, the Proceedings as against the Settling Defendants;
- L. WHEREAS, on or about September 30, 2016, the Québec Plaintiff filed an Amended Motion to Institute a Class Action by which Karine Robillard was to be substituted for Option consommateurs as plaintiff in the Québec Action;
- M. WHEREAS, on or about October 12, 2016, the Québec Action was suspended by the Québec Court;
- N. WHEREAS for the purposes of settlement only, the Parties now consent to certification or authorization of the Proceedings as class proceedings and to the Settlement Classes and a Common Issue in respect of each of the Proceedings solely for the purposes of implementing this Settlement Agreement in a coordinated and consistent manner across Canada and contingent on approvals by the Courts as provided for in this Settlement Agreement, on the express understanding that such certification or authorization shall not

derogate from the respective rights of the Parties in the event that this Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason; and

- O. WHEREAS the Plaintiffs assert that they are adequate class representatives for the Settlement Classes they seek to represent and will seek to be appointed representative plaintiffs in their respective Proceedings;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants, agreements and releases set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, it is agreed by the Parties that the BC Action and the Ontario Action be settled and dismissed with prejudice as to the Settling Defendants who are named as Defendants only, without costs as to the Parties, or the Releasees, and that the Québec Action shall be settled out of court without costs as to the Settling Defendant who is named as Defendant, subject to the approval of the Courts, on the following terms and conditions:

#### SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Settlement Agreement only, including the Recitals and Schedules hereto:

- (1) **Administration Expenses** means all fees, disbursements, expenses, costs, taxes and any other amounts incurred or payable by the Plaintiffs, Class Counsel or otherwise for the approval, implementation and operation of this Settlement Agreement, including the costs of notices and the costs of claims administration, but excluding Class Counsel Fees.
- (2) **Approval Hearings** mean the hearings to approve the motions brought by Class Counsel for the Courts' approval of the settlement provided for in this Settlement Agreement.
- (3) **BC Action** means the proceeding commenced by the BC Plaintiff before the BC Court that is identified in Schedule "A" to this Settlement Agreement.
- (4) **BC Counsel** means Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman <sup>LLP</sup>.
- (5) **BC Court** means the Supreme Court of British Columbia.
- (6) **BC Plaintiff** means Daniel Klein.
- (7) **BC Settlement Class** means the settlement class in respect of the BC Action that is defined in Schedule "A" to this Settlement Agreement.

- (8) **Class Counsel** means Ontario Counsel, Québec Counsel and BC Counsel.
- (9) **Class Counsel Disbursements** include the disbursements and applicable taxes incurred by Class Counsel in the prosecution of the Proceedings, as well as any adverse costs awards issued against the Plaintiffs in the Proceedings.
- (10) **Class Counsel Fees** include the fees of Class Counsel, GST or HST (as the case may be) and other applicable taxes or charges thereon, including any amounts payable by Class Counsel or the Settlement Class Members to any other body or Person, including the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives in Québec, as a result of the Settlement Agreement.
- (11) **Class Period** means July 9, 2003 to September 14, 2015.
- (12) **Common Issue** means: Did the Settling Defendants conspire to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the price of, or allocate markets and customers of, Linear Resistors directly or indirectly in Canada during the Class Period? If so, what damages, if any, did Settlement Class Members suffer?
- (13) **Counsel for the Settling Defendants** means Bennett Jones <sup>LLP</sup>.
- (14) **Courts** means the Ontario Court, the Québec Court and the BC Court.
- (15) **COVID-19 Pandemic** means the novel coronavirus and the limitations imposed by governments on the conduct of their citizens, including limitations to international travel and meeting size.
- (16) **Defendants** means the entities named as defendants in any of the Proceedings as set out in Schedule "A" to this Settlement Agreement, and any Persons added as defendants in the Proceedings in the future. For greater certainty, Defendants includes, without limitation, the Settling Defendants.
- (17) **Distribution Protocol** means the plan to be developed by Class Counsel for distributing the Settlement Amount, plus accrued interest and less approved Administration Expenses and Class Counsel Fees, to Settlement Class Members, as approved by the Courts.
- (18) **Documents** means all papers, computer or electronic records, or other materials within the scope of Rule 1.03(1) and Rule 30.01(1) of the Ontario *Rules of Civil Procedure* and

any copies, reproductions or summaries of the foregoing, including microfilm copies and computer images.

- (19) **Effective Date** means the date when the Final Orders have been received from all Courts approving this Settlement Agreement.
- (20) **Excluded Person** means each Defendant, the directors and officers of each Defendant, the subsidiaries or affiliates of each Defendant, the entities in which each Defendant or any of that Defendant's subsidiaries or affiliates have a controlling interest and the legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns of each of the foregoing, and those Persons who opt out of the Proceedings in accordance with the orders of the applicable Courts.
- (21) **Execution Date** means the date on the cover page, as of which the Parties have executed this Settlement Agreement.
- (22) **Final Order(s)** means a final judgment entered by a Court approving this Settlement Agreement in accordance with its terms, once the time to appeal such judgment has expired without any appeal being taken, if an appeal lies, or once there has been affirmation of the approval of this Settlement Agreement in accordance with its terms, upon a final disposition of all appeals.
- (23) **Linear Resistors** means electronic components that provide a specific amount of resistance to an electronic circuit, in which the current produced is directly proportional to the applied voltage, including without limitation, chip and other fixed resistors, and variable resistors.
- (24) **Non-Settling Defendant(s)** means any Defendant that is not: (i) a Settling Defendant; (ii) a Settled Defendant; or (iii) a Defendant against whom the Proceedings have been dismissed or discontinued and is not a Releasee, either before or after the Execution Date.
- (25) **Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings** means the form or forms of notice, agreed to by the Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants, or such other form or forms of notice as may be approved by the Courts, which informs the Settlement Class of: (i) the certification or authorization of the Proceedings as class proceedings for settlement purposes; (ii) the right to opt-out of the certified or authorized Proceedings and the process

for doing so; (iii) the dates and locations of the Approval Hearings; and, (iv) the process by which a Settlement Class Member may object to the settlement.

- (26) **Ontario Action** means the proceeding commenced by the Ontario Plaintiff before the Ontario Court as identified in Schedule "A" to this Settlement Agreement.
- (27) **Ontario Counsel** means Foreman & Company Professional Corporation and Siskinds<sup>LLP</sup>.
- (28) **Ontario Court** means the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.
- (29) **Ontario Plaintiff** means Sean Allott.
- (30) **Ontario Settlement Class** means the settlement class in respect of the Ontario Action that is defined in Schedule "A" to this Settlement Agreement.
- (31) **Opt-Out Deadline** means the date which is sixty (60) days after the date on which the Notice of Certification and of Settlement Approval Hearings is first published.
- (32) **Other Actions** means any other actions or proceedings, excluding the Proceedings, relating to Released Claims commenced by a Settlement Class Member either before or after the Effective Date.
- (33) **Party and Parties** means the Settling Defendants, the Plaintiffs, and, where necessary, the Settlement Class Members.
- (34) **Person(s)** means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, trust, trustee, executor, beneficiary, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any other business or legal entity and their heirs, predecessors, successors, representatives, or assignees.
- (35) **Plaintiffs** means the Ontario Plaintiff, the Québec Plaintiffs and the BC Plaintiff.
- (36) **Proceedings** means the Ontario Action, the Québec Action, and the BC Action as defined in Schedule "A" to this Settlement Agreement.
- (37) **Proportionate Liability** means the proportion of any judgment that, had the Settling Defendants not settled, the Ontario or the BC Court, as applicable, would have

apportioned to the Settling Defendants and the other Releasees in respect of the Released Claims.

- (38) **Québec Action** means the proceeding commenced by the Québec Plaintiffs before the Québec Court identified in Schedule “A” to this Settlement Agreement.
- (39) **Québec Counsel** means Belleau Lapointe s.e.n.c.r.l.
- (40) **Québec Court** means the Superior Court of Québec.
- (41) **Québec Plaintiffs** means Option Consommateurs and Karine Robillard.
- (42) **Québec Settlement Class** means the settlement class in respect of the Québec Action that is defined in Schedule “A” to this Settlement Agreement.
- (43) **Recitals** means the recitals to this Settlement Agreement.
- (44) **Released Claims** means any and all manner of claims, demands, actions, suits, causes of action, whether class, individual or otherwise in nature, whether personal or subrogated, damages whenever incurred, liabilities of any nature whatsoever, including interest, costs, expenses, class administration expenses (including Administration Expenses), penalties, and lawyers’ fees (including Class Counsel Fees and Class Counsel Disbursements), known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, and liquidated or unliquidated, in law, under statute or in equity, in this or any other Canadian or foreign jurisdiction (all of the foregoing, collectively, “Claims” or, individually, a “Claim”), that the Releasors, or any of them, whether directly, indirectly, derivatively, or in any other capacity, ever had, now have, or hereafter can, shall or may have, relating in any way to any conduct that is alleged or that could have been alleged in the Proceedings or that is arising from their factual predicate, during the Class Period, including, without limitation, any Claims, whether in Canada or elsewhere, as a result of or in connection with an alleged conspiracy or other unlawful agreement or any other horizontal or vertical, or unilateral or coordinated, anti-competitive conduct (whether that conduct occurred in Canada or elsewhere) in connection with the purchase, sale, pricing, discounting, marketing or distributing of Linear Resistors in Canada during the Class Period, including, without limitation, any claims for consequential, subsequent or follow on harm that arise after the Class Period in respect of any agreement or conduct arising from the factual predicate of the Proceedings, or any amended complaint or pleading therein,

that occurred during the Class Period. For greater certainty, nothing herein shall be construed to release any Claims arising from breach of contract, for negligence, bailment, failure to deliver, lost goods, delayed or damaged goods or any similar claim between the Releasees and Releasers relating to Linear Resistors.

- (45) **Releasee(s)** means, jointly and severally, individually and collectively, the Settling Defendants and all of their present and former, direct and indirect, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, partners, insurers, and all other Persons, partnerships or corporations with whom any of the former have been, or are now, affiliated and all of their past, present and future officers, directors, employees, agents, shareholders, attorneys, trustees, servants and representatives, and the predecessors, successors, purchasers, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of each of the foregoing. No other Defendants are Releasees.
- (46) **Releasers** means, jointly and severally, individually and collectively, the Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves and any Person or entity claiming by or through them as a present or former, direct or indirect, parent, subsidiary, affiliate, division or department, predecessor, successor, shareholder, partner, director, owner of any kind, agent, principal, employee, contractor, attorney, heir, executor, administrator, insurer, devisee, assignee, trustee, servant, contractor or representative of any kind, other than Persons who opt out of the Proceedings in accordance with orders of the Courts.
- (47) **Schedules** means the schedules to this Settlement Agreement.
- (48) **Settled Defendant(s)** means any Defendant (excluding the Settling Defendants) that executes its own settlement agreement in the Proceedings and whose settlement agreement becomes effective in accordance with its terms, whether or not such settlement agreement is in existence at the Execution Date.
- (49) **Settlement Agreement** means this agreement, including the Recitals and Schedules.
- (50) **Settlement Amount** means the sum of Two Million Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Canadian Dollars (CAD \$2,350,000.00).
- (51) **Settlement Class(es)** means all Persons included in the Ontario Settlement Class, the Québec Settlement Class and the BC Settlement Class.

- (52) **Settlement Class Member(s)** means a member of a Settlement Class.
- (53) **Settling Defendant(s)** means Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America, and Panasonic Canada Inc.
- (54) **Trust Account** means a guaranteed investment vehicle, liquid money market account or equivalent security offered by a Canadian Schedule I bank (a bank listed in Schedule I of the *Bank Act*, SC 1991, c 46) or a Provincially Registered Credit Union (listed under the Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act, 1994, S.O. 1994, c. 11) held at a Canadian financial institution under the control of Ontario Counsel for the benefit of the Settlement Class Members or the Settling Defendants, as provided for in this Settlement Agreement.
- (55) **U.S. Litigation** means the direct and indirect purchaser class proceedings in the United States which pertain to Linear Resistors which have been consolidated and were proceeding as class action litigations under the general style of cause, for both direct and indirect purchaser class proceedings, *In re: Resistors Antitrust Litigation*, case number 3:15-cv-03820-JD, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. These proceedings have since been concluded.

## SECTION 2 - SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

### 2.1 Best Efforts

- (1) The Parties shall use their best efforts to implement this Settlement Agreement and to secure the prompt, complete and final dismissal with prejudice of the Proceedings as against the Settling Defendants who are named as Defendants in the Ontario Action and BC Action, and a prompt, complete declaration of settlement out of court of the Québec Action as against the Settling Defendant who is named as Defendant in the Québec Action.

### 2.2 Motions Seeking Approval of Notice and Certification or Authorization

- (1) Subject to subsection 2.2(2), the Plaintiffs shall bring motions before the Courts, as soon as practicable after the Execution Date, for orders approving the Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings and certifying or authorizing each of the Proceedings commenced in their respective jurisdictions as a class proceeding as against the Settling Defendants (for settlement purposes only). At the hearing before the Québec Court,

Québec Plaintiffs shall apply for an order confirming the substitution of Karine Robillard by Option consommateurs as plaintiff in the Québec Action.

- (2) The Ontario order approving the Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings and certifying the Ontario Action for settlement purposes shall be proposed to the Ontario Court substantially in the form attached as Schedule “B”. The form and content of the Québec and BC orders approving the Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings and authorizing or certifying the Québec and BC Actions for settlement purposes shall be agreed upon by the Parties and shall mirror the substance and, where possible, the form of the Ontario order attached as Schedule “B”, as may be modified by the Ontario Court.

### **2.3 Motions Seeking Approval of the Settlement**

- (1) As soon as practicable after the orders referred to in subsection 2.2(1) have been granted and the Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings has been published and no later than sixty (60) days after the Opt-Out Deadline, the Plaintiffs shall bring motions before the Courts for orders approving this Settlement Agreement.
- (2) The Ontario order approving this Settlement Agreement shall be proposed to the Ontario Court substantially in the form attached as Schedule “C”. The Québec and BC orders approving this Settlement Agreement shall be agreed upon by the Parties and shall mirror the substance and, where possible, the form of the Ontario order attached as Schedule “C”, as may be modified by the Ontario Court.
- (3) This Settlement Agreement shall only become final on the Effective Date.

### **2.4 Pre-Motion Confidentiality**

- (1) Until the first of the motions required by subsection 2.2 is brought, the Parties shall keep all of the terms of the Settlement Agreement confidential and shall not disclose them without the prior consent of Counsel for the Settling Defendants and Class Counsel, as the case may be, except to legal counsel or as required for the purposes of financial reporting or the preparation of financial records (including tax returns and financial statements), as necessary to give effect to the terms of this Settlement Agreement, or as otherwise required by law.

### **SECTION 3 - SETTLEMENT BENEFITS**

#### **3.1 Payment of Settlement Amount**

- (1) On the Execution Date, Class Counsel shall provide the necessary deposit information or wiring information, whichever is necessary to remit payment, to Counsel for the Settling Defendants. Within forty five (45) days of the Execution Date, the Settling Defendants shall pay the Settlement Amount to Class Counsel for deposit into the Trust Account.
- (2) The Settlement Amount shall be inclusive of all amounts, including interest and costs. The Settlement Amount and other consideration to be provided in accordance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be provided in full satisfaction of the Released Claims against the Releasees.
- (3) The Releasees shall have no obligation to pay any amount in addition to the Settlement Amount in respect to the Released Claims, for any reason, pursuant to or in furtherance of this Settlement Agreement or the Proceedings.
- (4) Ontario Counsel or its duly appointed agent shall maintain the Trust Account as provided for in this Settlement Agreement.
- (5) Ontario Counsel or its duly appointed agent shall not pay out all or any part of the monies in the Trust Account, except in accordance with this Settlement Agreement, or in accordance with an order of the Courts obtained after notice to the Parties.

#### **3.2 Taxes and Interest**

- (1) Except as hereinafter provided, all interest earned on the Settlement Amount shall accrue to the benefit of the Settlement Class and shall become and remain part of the Trust Account.
- (2) Subject to subsection 3.2(3), all taxes payable on any interest which accrues on the Settlement Amount in the Trust Account shall be the responsibility of the Settlement Class. Ontario Counsel or its duly appointed agent shall be solely responsible to fulfill all tax reporting and payment requirements arising from the monies in the Trust Account, including any obligation to report taxable income and make tax payments. All taxes (including interest and penalties) due with respect to the income earned on the monies in the Trust Account shall be paid from the Trust Account.

- (3) The Settling Defendants shall have no responsibility to make any filings relating to the Trust Account and will have no responsibility to pay tax on any income earned by the monies in the Trust Account or pay any taxes on the monies in the Trust Account, unless this Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect, in which case the interest earned on the Settlement Amount in the Trust Account shall be paid to the Settling Defendants who, in such case, shall be responsible for the payment of all taxes on such interest not previously paid by Ontario Counsel or its duly appointed agent.

#### **SECTION 4 - COOPERATION**

##### **4.1 Extent of Cooperation**

- (1) Within thirty (30) days after the Execution Date or at a time mutually agreed upon by the Parties acting reasonably, but prior to the settlement approval motions contemplated in subsection 2.3, the Settling Defendants shall provide to Class Counsel:
- (a) an oral evidentiary proffer, through a meeting between Class Counsel and Counsel for the Settling Defendants, including their U.S. Litigation counsel, which will set out the Settling Defendants' relevant and non-privileged information derived from their investigation and factual inquiries in respect of the matters at issue in the Proceedings, including information derived from business records, testimonial transcripts and employee or witness interviews (if applicable), including, without limitation:
    - (i) any information regarding how the alleged conspiracy was formed, implemented and enforced, including specific examples of methods employed by the Defendants in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy;
    - (ii) any information regarding the duration of the alleged conspiracy;
    - (iii) any information regarding products involved in the alleged conspiracy and the source of that information, and, to the extent in the Settling Defendants' possession, the provision of copies of those source documents to Class Counsel;

- (iv) answers to Class Counsel's questions and identification of the conduct, involvement, and role of each Defendant, to the extent known, in the alleged conspiracy;
  - (v) disclose to Class Counsel the identities and any known particulars (if permitted by law) of the key former officers, directors, and employees who witnessed and/or participated in the alleged conspiracy; and,
  - (vi) the identification of "key" documents relevant to the alleged conspiracy in Canada and to the conduct of specific Defendants as requested and to the extent known, and, to the extent in the Settling Defendants' possession, the provision of copies of those documents to Class Counsel.
- (b) The method and meeting place of the oral evidentiary proffer shall be agreed upon between the Parties due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and may be conducted virtually through a secure virtual meeting platform. Counsel for the Settling Defendants shall make themselves available for reasonable follow-up questions by Class Counsel.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Settlement Agreement, and for greater certainty, it is agreed that all statements made and information provided by Counsel for the Settling Defendants as part of the oral evidentiary proffer are privileged, will be kept strictly confidential, and may not be directly or indirectly disclosed to any other Person, unless disclosure is ordered by a Court. Further, absent a Court order, Class Counsel will not attribute any factual information obtained from the proffer to the Settling Defendants and/or Counsel for the Settling Defendants. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Class Counsel may: (i) use information obtained from the proffer in the prosecution of the Proceedings, including for the purpose of developing the Distribution Protocol or any other allocation plan relating to any settlement or judgment proceeds, except the prosecution of any claims against Releasees; and (ii) rely on such information to certify that, to the best of Class Counsel's knowledge, information and belief, such information has evidentiary support or will likely have evidentiary support after reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery, but, absent a court order, the Plaintiffs shall not introduce any information from a proffer into the record or subpoena any Counsel for the Settling Defendants related to a proffer.

- (2) It is understood that the evidentiary proffer described in Section 4.1(1) might take place before the Effective Date. In such event:
- (a) any Documents or information provided in the course of that evidentiary proffer shall be subject to the terms and protections of this Settlement Agreement; and
  - (b) in the event that this Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated, or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason, the Documents and information provided during the evidentiary proffer shall not be used by the Plaintiffs or Class Counsel, whether directly or indirectly, in any way for any reason, including, without limitation, against the Settling Defendants as an admission or evidence of any violation of any statute or law, or of any liability or wrongdoing by the Settling Defendants or of the truth of any claims or allegations in the Proceedings, and such information shall not be discoverable by any Person or treated as evidence of any kind, unless otherwise ordered by a Court. In order to give effect to this agreement, Class Counsel agrees to make reasonable efforts to return all copies of any Documents received during, and destroy all copies of any notes taken during (or subsequent reports provided about), the evidentiary proffer and to provide written confirmation to the Settling Defendants of having done so.
- (3) Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, or at a time mutually agreed upon by the Parties acting reasonably, the Settling Defendants shall make reasonable efforts to provide to Class Counsel:
- (a) copies of all Documents, together with any pre-existing translations of those Documents, produced by the Settling Defendants to the Canadian Competition Bureau, the U.S. Department of Justice and/or in the U.S. Litigation, all to be provided in electronic form if available. The U.S. Litigation Documents will, to the extent possible, be produced with the same document numbers utilized in the U.S. Litigation and shall include any pre-existing and non-privileged electronic coding or metadata produced in the U.S. Litigation;
  - (b) any deposition transcripts for depositions of current or former employees, officers or directors of the Releasees in the U.S. Litigation (including exhibits thereto), including deposition transcripts of any future depositions given by the Settling

Defendants in the U.S. Litigation, all to be provided in electronic form if available and any pre-existing translations of the foregoing;

- (c) electronic copies of any declarations or affidavits of current or former employees, officers or directors of the Releasees, including all exhibits thereto, taken in the U.S. Litigation, and any pre-existing translations; electronic copies of any responses to written interrogatories by the Releasees, including all schedules thereto, taken in the U.S. Litigation, and any pre-existing translations into English;
  - (d) electronic copies of any responses to requests to admit provided by the Releasees in the U.S. Litigation and any pre-existing translations into English;
  - (e) disclosure of all customer and sales data produced in the US litigation. The Settling Defendants agree to provide reasonable assistance to Class Counsel and to answer reasonable questions in respect of the sales and customer data that is produced; and
  - (f) disclosure to Class Counsel the identities and any known particulars of the major global original equipment manufacturers reasonably known to the Settling Defendants that purchased Linear Resistors that were incorporated into products sold to customers in Canada within the Class Period.
- (4) Within ninety (90) days of a request from Class Counsel, not to be made until the Proceedings are certified or authorized on a contested basis against the Non-Settling Defendants, the Settling Defendants agree to make reasonable efforts to provide:
- (a) documentation available to the Settling Defendants that outlines and/or details finished products containing Linear Resistors sold in Canada during the Class Period including such products sold by the Settling Defendants or their subsidiaries or related companies in Canada during the Class Period, including, but not limited to, product bids and actual sales data; and
  - (b) to the extent not already provided under Section 4.1(3)(e), additional sales information regarding the Settling Defendants' sales of Linear Resistors in North America for the full duration of the Class Period plus two years before and after it and cost information associated with those sales.

- (5) Within thirty (30) days of a request from Class Counsel, not to be made until Class Counsel proposes to distribute funds to Settlement Class Members through the Distribution Protocol, the Settling Defendants agree to use reasonable efforts to provide a list of finished products containing Linear Resistors sold by the Settling Defendants in Canada during the Class Period, the names and contact information for the purchasers of those finished products, and the total units sold and revenues associated with the sale of those finished products.
- (6) The Documents to be delivered pursuant to Section 4.1(3)(b)-(3)(f) shall be delivered as a separate production from the Documents to be delivered pursuant to Section 4.1(3)(a) or identified by Bates number as part of the production of Documents to be delivered pursuant to Section 4.1(3)(a).
- (7) If requested by Class Counsel, the Settling Defendants agree to provide a voluntary video or telephone interview with Counsel for the Settling Defendants and one current employee of the Settling Defendants with knowledge of the alleged conspiracy within sixty (60) days after the Proceedings have been certified on a contested basis. The voluntary interview shall not be under oath but may be recorded by electronic means, provided the Plaintiffs so elect, and provided reasonable advanced notice of no less than thirty (30) days is given to the Settling Defendants. Costs incurred by, and the expenses of, the employee(s) of the Settling Defendants in relation to such interview, including any cost for a translator, shall be the responsibility of the Settling Defendants. The interview time shall be on a date mutually agreed upon by the Parties acting reasonably.
- (8) The Settling Defendants agree to use reasonable efforts to:
  - (a) authenticate any of their Documents or data produced in accordance with subsection 4.1(3) to the extent the Settling Defendants can establish their authenticity and that the Plaintiffs require their authentication for their admission and use at any point in the Proceedings; and
  - (b) make available one current employee, officer or director of the Settling Defendants with relevant knowledge of the alleged conspiracy to provide affidavit or testimonial evidence on the certification motion, summary judgment or at the trial or as the Parties may otherwise agree, to the extent that such evidence is required by the Plaintiffs, at a location to be mutually agreed upon as the circumstances require.

The parties agree to collaborate in respect of the costs incurred by, and the expenses of, the employee of the Settling Defendants in relation to such testimony, including any cost for a translator, and agree that Class Counsel shall assume these costs.

- (9) The obligation to produce and authenticate Documents produced pursuant to subsection 4.1(3) shall be a continuing one to the extent that additional Documents are provided by the Settling Defendants to the Canadian Competition Bureau, the U.S. Department of Justice or in the context of the U.S. Litigation regarding Linear Resistors which is at issue in the Proceedings. Class Counsel and the Plaintiffs shall, in reference to this continuing obligation, consult with Counsel for the Settling Defendants and seek to utilize the least burdensome, costly and intrusive means for the Settling Defendants to discharge their obligation under this provision.
- (10) Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall require, or shall be construed to require, the Settling Defendants, or any representative or employee of the Settling Defendants, to disclose or produce any Documents or information that is legally privileged or to disclose or produce any Documents or information in breach of any order, non-disclosure, privacy or confidentiality obligation, regulatory directive, rule or law of this or any jurisdiction, it being understood and agreed that no non-disclosure or confidentiality obligation applies or shall apply to prevent the productions contemplated by section 4.1(1), (3) and (4).
- (11) If any of the Documents referenced in 4.1(10) are accidentally or inadvertently disclosed or produced, such Documents shall be promptly returned to the Settling Defendants and the Documents and the information contained therein shall not be disclosed or used, directly or indirectly, except with the express written permission of the Settling Defendants, and the production of such Documents shall in no way be construed to have waived in any manner any privilege, doctrine, law, or protection attached to such Documents.
- (12) The obligations of the Settling Defendants to cooperate as particularized in Section 4.1 shall not be affected by the release provisions contained in Section 7 of this Settlement Agreement. The obligations of the Settling Defendants to cooperate shall cease at the date of final judgment in the Proceedings as against all Defendants. For greater certainty, the Plaintiffs' failure to strictly enforce any of the deadlines for the Settling Defendants to provide cooperation pursuant to this Section 4.1 is not a waiver of the cooperation rights granted by Section 4.1.

- (13) If the Settling Defendants materially breach this Section 4.1, the Plaintiffs may move before the Courts to enforce the terms of this Settlement Agreement or set aside the approval of the Settlement Agreement or a part thereof, and may exercise any rights they have to seek or obtain testimony, discovery, information or Documents from current officers, directors and/or employees of the Settling Defendants.
- (14) Subject to subsection 4.1(13), the provisions set forth in this subsection 4.1 are the exclusive means by which the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel may obtain discovery, information or Documents from the Settling Defendants and other Releasees, including the officers, directors or employees of the Settling Defendants and other Releasees as at the Effective Date, and the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel agree that they shall not pursue any other means of discovery against, or seek to compel the evidence of, the Settling Defendants and the other Releasees or their current officers, directors, employees, agents, or counsel, whether in Canada or elsewhere and whether under the rules or laws of any Canadian or foreign jurisdiction.
- (15) For greater clarity, the Plaintiffs do not in any case waive any rights they have to seek or obtain testimony, discovery, information or Documents from those officers, directors and/or employees of the Settling Defendants and other Releasees who, as at the Effective Date, are former officers, directors and/or employees of the Settling Defendants and other Releasees.

#### **4.2 Limits on Use of Documents**

- (1) It is understood and agreed that all Documents and information made available or provided by the Settling Defendants to the Plaintiffs under this Settlement Agreement, shall be used only in connection with the prosecution of the claims in the Proceedings, and shall not be used directly or indirectly for any other purpose, except to the extent that the Documents or information are or become publicly available. The Plaintiffs and Class Counsel agree they will not disclose the Documents and information provided by the Settling Defendants except: (i) to experts, consultants or third-party service providers retained by them in connection with the Proceedings who have agreed to comply with the provisions of this Settlement Agreement and any confidentiality orders issued pursuant to subsection 4.2(2); (ii) to the extent that the Documents or information are or become publicly available; (iii) as necessary for the prosecution of the Proceedings; or (iv) as otherwise required by law. Subject to the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall

take reasonable precautions to ensure and maintain the confidentiality of such Documents and information, and of any work product of Class Counsel that discloses such Documents and information, except to the extent that the Documents and information are or become publicly available.

- (2) If the Plaintiffs intend to produce for discovery or file in the Proceedings any Documents or other information provided by the Settling Defendants as cooperation under the Settlement Agreement (and there is not already a confidentiality order that applies), the Plaintiffs shall provide the Settling Defendants with an advance description of the Documents or other information sought to be produced or filed at least thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed production or filing, in order that the Settling Defendants may move to obtain a sealing or confidentiality order or similar relief. If, within the thirty (30) day period, the Settling Defendants do not so move, the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel can produce or file the information or Documents in the ordinary course. If, within that thirty (30) day period, the Settling Defendants so move, the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall not disclose the confidential Documents or information until the Settling Defendants' motion has been decided and all applicable appeal periods have expired, except, so as not to delay prosecution of the Proceedings, Class Counsel may: (i) provide, on an interim basis, Documents or information to counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants provided that counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants agree that, until the Settling Defendants' motion has been decided and all applicable appeal periods have expired, they will keep the Documents or information on an external counsel only basis and will only disclose such Documents or information to independent expert(s) retained by a Party for the purposes of the Proceedings, as well as secretarial, clerical or other support personnel of such expert(s) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary. An independent expert may not be an employee of a Plaintiff or Defendant in the Proceedings, or a competitor of the Settling Defendants; and (ii) file such Documents or information with the relevant Court in sealed envelopes or other appropriate containers, segregated from the public record, endorsed with the title of the Proceeding and the following statement: "This envelope/box/container containing documents which are filed by [name of Party] and subject to a pending confidentiality motion is not to be opened nor the contents thereof to be displayed or revealed to any non-Court personnel except by order of the Court" and such records shall not form part of the public record in the relevant Proceeding except upon order of the relevant Court or by agreement of all Parties and/or the Settling Defendants whose confidential information is contained therein.

- (3) In the event that a Person applies for an order requiring the Plaintiffs to disclose or produce any Documents or information provided by the Settling Defendants as cooperation under this Settlement Agreement, the Plaintiffs shall notify the Settling Defendants of such application promptly upon becoming aware of it and no later than ten (10) days after disclosure or production is sought, in order that the Settling Defendants may move to oppose such disclosure or production. In no circumstances shall the Plaintiffs or Class Counsel apply for or consent to such an application for disclosure or production. The Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall not disclose the confidential information or Documents until the Settling Defendants' motion has been decided and a final order has been issued requiring the Plaintiffs and/or Class Counsel to produce the relevant information or Documents, except: (i) to the extent such information or Documents are or become otherwise publicly available; (ii) as ordered to do so by a Court; or (iii) in the event that the Person making the request is a Non-Settling Defendant, so as not to delay prosecution of the relevant Proceeding(s), Class Counsel may provide, on an interim basis, Documents or information to counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants provided that counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants agree and give assurances that, until a final order has been issued requiring the Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel to produce the relevant information or Documents, and all applicable appeal periods have expired, the Documents or information will remain with external counsel and will only be disclosed to independent expert(s) retained by a Party for the purposes of the relevant Proceeding, as well as secretarial, clerical or other support personnel of such expert(s) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary. An independent expert may not be an employee of a Plaintiff or Defendant in the relevant Proceeding, or a competitor of the Settling Defendants.

#### **4.3 Intervention in the U.S. Litigation**

- (1) The Settling Defendants and other Releasees shall not oppose any application that may be brought by or on behalf of the Plaintiffs to: (i) intervene in the U.S. Litigation (if such intervention is possible) in order to gain access to discovery, depositions, documents and other Documents and information subject to a protective order that are relevant to the Proceedings; or (ii) compel a U.S. resident to "give his testimony or statement or to produce a document or other thing for use in a proceeding in a foreign or international tribunal" pursuant to Title 28 of the United States Code §1782 for the prosecution of the Proceedings, provided such application is not otherwise inconsistent with the terms of this Settlement Agreement, including subsection 4.1(14). However, it is understood and

agreed that neither the Settling Defendants nor the other Releasees have any obligation to bring or otherwise participate in such an application.

## **SECTION 5 - DISTRIBUTION OF THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT AND ACCRUED INTEREST**

### **5.1 Distribution Protocol**

- (1) After the Effective Date, at a time wholly within the discretion of Class Counsel, but on notice to the Settling Defendants, Class Counsel will make an application seeking orders from the Courts approving the Distribution Protocol.

## **SECTION 6 - OPTING-OUT**

### **6.1 Procedure**

- (1) A Person may opt-out of the Proceedings by sending a written election to opt-out, signed by the Person or the Person's designee, by pre-paid mail, courier, fax, or e-mail to Class Counsel or their duly appointed agent at an address to be identified in the Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings.
- (2) An election to opt-out will only be effective if it is received by Class Counsel or their duly appointed agent on or before the Opt-Out Deadline.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsections 6.1(1) and 6.1(2), members of the Québec Settlement Class who wish to opt-out may also do so by informing the clerk of the Québec Court on or before the Opt-Out Deadline.
- (4) The written election to opt-out must contain the following information in order to be effective:
  - (a) the Person's full name and current address;
  - (b) if the Person seeking to opt-out is a corporation, the name of the corporation and the position of the individual submitting the request to opt-out on behalf of the corporation; and
  - (c) a statement to the effect that the Person wishes to be excluded from the Proceedings.

- (5) Persons who opt-out of the Proceedings shall have no further right to participate in the Proceedings or to share in the distribution of any funds received as a result of a judgment or settlement in the Proceedings.
- (6) Persons who do not validly opt-out of the Proceedings, in the manner and time prescribed above, shall be deemed to have elected to participate in the Proceedings and no further right to opt out of the Proceedings will be provided.
- (7) Members of the Québec Settlement Class who have commenced or commence proceedings against any of the Defendants with respect to the matters at issue in the Québec Action, and fail to discontinue such proceedings by the Opt-Out Deadline, shall be deemed to have opted-out.

## **6.2 Opt-Out Report**

- (1) Within thirty (30) days of the Opt-Out Deadline, Class Counsel shall provide to the Settling Defendants a report containing the names of each Person who has validly and timely opted-out of the Proceedings.

## **SECTION 7 - RELEASES AND DISMISSALS**

### **7.1 Release of Releasees**

- (1) Upon the Effective Date, subject to subsection 7.2, in consideration of payment of the Settlement Amount and for other valuable consideration set forth in this Settlement Agreement, the Releasers forever and absolutely release and forever discharge the Releasees from the Released Claims.

### **7.2 Covenant Not to Sue**

- (1) Notwithstanding subsection 7.1, upon the Effective Date, for any Settlement Class Members resident in any province or territory where the release of one tortfeasor is a release of all other tortfeasors, the Releasers do not release the Releasees, but instead covenant and undertake not to make any claim in any way or to threaten, commence, participate in or continue any proceeding in any jurisdiction against the Releasees in respect of or in relation to the Released Claims.

### **7.3 No Further Claims**

- (1) Upon the Effective Date, the Releasors and Class Counsel shall not now or hereafter institute, continue, provide assistance for or maintain or assert, either directly or indirectly, whether in Canada or elsewhere, on their own behalf or on behalf of any class or any other Person, any action, suit, cause of action, claim or demand against any Releasee, or against any other Person who may claim contribution or indemnity or other claims over relief from any Releasee, in respect of any Released Claim, except for the continuation of the Proceedings against the Non-Settling Defendants or unnamed co-conspirators that are not Releasees or, if the Proceedings are not certified or authorized, the continuation of the claims asserted in the Proceedings on an individual basis or otherwise against any Non-Settling Defendants or unnamed co-conspirator that is not a Releasee. For the purposes of this subsection 7.3(1), Class Counsel includes anyone currently employed by or a partner with Class Counsel.
- (2) Subsection 7.3 shall be inoperative to the extent that it requires any lawyer who is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia to breach his or her obligations under section 3.2-10 of the Law Society of British Columbia's *Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia* by refraining from participation or involvement in any claim or action in a British Columbia court.

### **7.4 Dismissal of the Proceedings**

- (1) Upon the Effective Date, the Ontario Action and the BC Action shall be dismissed, with prejudice and without costs, as against the Settling Defendants who are named as Defendants in the Ontario Action and the BC Action.
- (2) Upon the Effective Date, the Québec Action shall be settled, without costs as against the Settling Defendant who is named as Defendant in the Québec Action, and the Parties shall sign and file a declaration of settlement out of court in the Québec Court in respect of the Québec Action.

### **7.5 Dismissal of Other Actions**

- (1) Upon the Effective Date, each member of the Ontario Settlement Class and BC Settlement Class shall be deemed to irrevocably consent to the dismissal, without costs and with prejudice, of his, her or its Other Actions against the Releasees.

- (2) Upon the Effective Date, all Other Actions commenced in British Columbia or Ontario by any Settlement Class Member shall be dismissed against the Releasees, without costs and with prejudice.
- (3) Each Person who would have been a member of the Québec Settlement Class but who is deemed to have opted out in accordance with section 6.1(7) and who makes a claim and receives benefits under this Settlement Agreement shall be deemed to irrevocably consent to the dismissal, without costs and without reservation, of his, her or its Other Actions against the Releasees.
- (4) Each Other Action commenced in Québec by a person who would have been a member of the Québec Settlement Class but who is deemed to have opted out in accordance with section 6.1(7) and who makes a claim and receives benefits under this Settlement Agreement shall be dismissed as against the Releasees, without costs and without reservation.

## **SECTION 8 - BAR ORDER AND WAIVER OF SOLIDARITY**

### **8.1 Ontario and British Columbia Bar Order**

- (1) The Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants agree that the Ontario order and British Columbia order approving this Settlement Agreement must include a bar order in respect of the Ontario Action and the BC Action which includes the following terms:
  - (a) A provision that all claims for contribution, indemnity or other claims over, whether asserted, unasserted, or asserted in a representative capacity, inclusive of interest, taxes and costs relating to the Released Claims, which were or could have been brought in the Proceedings or otherwise, or could in the future be brought on the basis of the same events, actions and omissions underlying the Proceedings, by any Non-Settling Defendants, any named or unnamed alleged co-conspirator that is not a Releasee, any Settled Defendant, or any other Person or party against a Releasee, or by a Releasee against any Non-Settling Defendants, any named or unnamed alleged co-conspirator that is not a Releasee, any Settled Defendant, or any other Person or party, are barred, prohibited and enjoined in accordance with the terms of this subsection (unless such claim is made in respect of a claim by a Person who has validly opted-out of the Proceedings);

- (b) A provision that if the Ontario Court or BC Court, as applicable, ultimately determines that there is a right of contribution and indemnity or other claim over, whether in equity or in law, by statute or otherwise:
- (i) the Ontario Plaintiff or BC Plaintiff, as applicable, and the Ontario Settlement Class or BC Settlement Class, as applicable, shall not be entitled to claim or recover from the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed alleged co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee that portion of any damages (including punitive damages, if any), restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits, interest and costs (including investigative costs claimed pursuant to section 36 of the *Competition Act*) that corresponds to the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees proven at trial or otherwise;
  - (ii) the Ontario Plaintiff or BC Plaintiff, as applicable, and the Ontario Settlement Class or BC Settlement Class, as applicable, shall limit their claims against the Non-Settling Defendants and/or, named or unnamed alleged co-conspirators and/or, any other Person or party that is not a Releasee, to include, and shall be entitled to recover from the Non-Settling Defendants and/or, named or unnamed alleged co-conspirators and/or, any other Person or party that is not a Releasee, only such claims for damages (including punitive damages, if any), restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits, interest and costs (including investigation costs claimed pursuant to section 36 of the *Competition Act*) attributable to the aggregate of the several liability of the Non-Settling Defendants and/or, named or unnamed alleged co-conspirators and/or, any other Person or party that is not a Releasee, to the Ontario Plaintiff or BC Plaintiff, as applicable, and the Ontario Settlement Class or BC Settlement Class, as applicable, if any, and, for greater certainty, the Ontario Settlement Class or BC Settlement Class shall be entitled to seek to recover such damages (including punitive damages, if any), restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits, interest and costs (including investigation costs claimed pursuant to section 36 of the *Competition Act*) on a joint and several basis as between the Non-Settling Defendants and/or, named or unnamed alleged

co-conspirators and/or, any other Person or party that is not a Releasee, if permitted by law; and

- (iii) the Ontario Court and the BC Court, as applicable, shall have full authority to determine the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees at the trial or other disposition of the Ontario Action or BC Action, as applicable, whether or not the Settling Defendants remain in the Ontario Action or appear at the trial or other disposition, and the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees shall be determined as if the Releasees are parties to the Ontario Action or BC Action, as applicable, and any determination by the Court in respect of the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees shall only apply in the Ontario Action or BC Action, as applicable, and shall not be binding on the Releasees in any other proceeding.
- (c) A provision that nothing in the British Columbia and Ontario orders approving this Settlement Agreement, as applicable, shall limit, restrict or affect any arguments which the Non-Settling Defendants may make regarding the reduction of any assessment of damages (including punitive damages, if any), restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits, interest and costs (including investigation costs claimed pursuant to section 36 of the *Competition Act*), or judgment against them in favour of members of the Ontario Settlement Class or BC Settlement Class, as applicable, in the Ontario Action or BC Action, as applicable, or the rights of Ontario Plaintiffs and Ontario Settlement Class Members or BC Plaintiffs and BC Settlement Class Members, as applicable, to oppose or resist any such arguments, except as provided for in this section 8.1;
- (d) A provision that a Non-Settling Defendant may, on motion to the Ontario Court or BC Court, as applicable, and on at least ten (10) days' notice to Counsel for the Settling Defendants, and not to be brought until the Ontario Action or BC Action, as applicable, against the Non-Settling Defendants has been certified as a class proceeding (but not including any certification for settlement purposes), seek Orders for the following, which order shall be determined as if the Settling Defendants remained a party to the Ontario Action or BC Action, as applicable:

- (i) documentary discovery and an affidavit of documents (list of documents in British Columbia) from the Settling Defendants in accordance with the relevant rules of civil procedure;
  - (ii) oral discovery of a representative of the Settling Defendants, the transcript of which may be read in at trial;
  - (iii) leave to serve a request to admit (notice to admit in British Columbia) on the Settling Defendants in respect of factual matters; and/or
  - (iv) the production of a representative of the Settling Defendants to testify at trial, with such witness to be subject to cross-examination by counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants.
- (e) A provision that the Settling Defendants retain all rights to oppose such motion(s) brought pursuant to subsection 8.1(1)(d). Moreover, nothing herein restricts the Settling Defendants from seeking a protective order to maintain confidentiality and protection of proprietary information in respect of Documents to be produced and/or for information obtained from discovery in accordance with subsection 8.1(1)(d). Notwithstanding any provision in the Ontario and British Columbia orders approving this Settlement Agreement, on any motion brought pursuant to subsection 8.1(1)(d), the Ontario Court or BC Court, as applicable, may make such orders as to costs and other terms as it considers appropriate.
- (f) A provision that a Non-Settling Defendant may serve the motion(s) referred to in subsection 8.1(1)(d) on the Settling Defendants by service on Counsel for the Settling Defendants in the relevant Proceeding.
- (2) To the extent that such an order is granted pursuant to subsection 8.1(1)(d) and discovery is provided to the Non-Settling Defendants, a copy of all discovery provided, whether oral or documentary in nature, shall be provided by the Settling Defendants to the Plaintiffs and Class Counsel within ten (10) days of such discovery being provided to a Non-Settling Defendant(s).

## **8.2 Québec Waiver or Renunciation of Solidarity Order**

- (1) The Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants agree that the Québec order approving this Settlement Agreement must include a waiver or renunciation of solidarity in respect of the Québec Action which includes the following:
  - (a) the Québec Plaintiffs and the Québec Settlement Class expressly waive and renounce the benefit of solidarity against the Non-Settling Defendants with respect to the facts, deeds or other conduct of the Releasees relating to the Released Claims;
  - (b) the Québec Plaintiffs and the Québec Settlement Class shall henceforth only be able to claim and recover damages, including punitive damages, interest and costs (including investigative costs claimed pursuant to section 36 of the *Competition Act*) attributable to the conduct of the Non-Settling Defendants, the sales by the Non-Settling Defendants, and/or other applicable measure of proportionate liability of the Non-Settling Defendants;
  - (c) any claims in warranty or any other claim or joinder of parties to obtain any contribution or indemnity from the Releasees relating to the Released Claims shall be inadmissible and void in the context of the Québec Action; and
  - (d) the ability of Non-Settling Defendants to seek discovery from the Settling Defendants shall be determined according to the provisions of the *Code of Civil Procedure*, and the Settling Defendants shall retain and reserve all of their rights to oppose such discovery under any applicable law.

## **8.3 Claims Against Other Entities Reserved**

- (1) Except as provided herein, this Settlement Agreement does not settle, compromise, release or limit in any way whatsoever any claim by the Releasers against any Person other than the Releasees.

## **SECTION 9 - EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT**

### **9.1 No Admission of Liability**

- (1) The Parties expressly reserve all of their rights if this Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason. The Parties further

agree that, whether or not this Settlement Agreement is finally approved, is terminated, or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason, this Settlement Agreement and anything contained herein, and any and all negotiations, Documents, discussions and proceedings associated with this Settlement Agreement, and any action taken to carry out this Settlement Agreement, shall not be deemed, construed, or interpreted to be an admission of any violation of any statute or law, or of any wrongdoing or liability by any of the Releasees, or of the truth of any of the claims or allegations contained in the Proceedings, or any other pleading filed by the Plaintiffs or any other Settlement Class Member.

## **9.2 Agreement Not Evidence**

- (1) The Parties agree that, whether or not it is not approved, is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason, this Settlement Agreement and anything contained herein, and any and all negotiations, Documents, discussions and proceedings associated with this Settlement Agreement, and any action taken to carry out this Settlement Agreement, shall not be referred to, offered as evidence or received in evidence in any pending or future civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding, except in a proceeding to approve and/or enforce this Settlement Agreement, or to defend against the assertion of Released Claims, or as otherwise required by law or as provided in this Settlement Agreement.

## **SECTION 10 - CERTIFICATION OR AUTHORIZATION FOR SETTLEMENT ONLY**

- (1) The Parties agree that the Proceedings shall be certified or authorized as class proceedings as against the Settling Defendants solely for purposes of settlement of the Proceedings and the approval of this Settlement Agreement by the Courts, and such certification or authorization shall not be used or relied on as against the Defendants for any other purpose or in any other proceeding.
- (2) The Plaintiffs agree that, in the motions for certification or authorization of the Proceedings as class proceedings for settlement purposes and for the approval of this Settlement Agreement, the only common issue that they will seek to define is the Common Issue and the only classes that they will assert are the Ontario Settlement Class, the Québec Settlement Class and the BC Settlement Class.
- (3) The Parties agree that the certification or authorization of the Proceedings as against the Settling Defendants for the purpose of implementing this Settlement Agreement, shall not

derogate in any way from the rights of the Plaintiffs as against the Non-Settling Defendants, except as expressly set out in this Settlement Agreement.

## **SECTION 11 - NOTICE TO SETTLEMENT CLASS**

### **11.1 Notices Required**

- (1) The proposed Settlement Class shall be given the following notice: (i) Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings (in English and in French as necessary); and (ii) notice of termination (if the Settlement Agreement is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect).
- (2) The Settling Defendants shall provide Class Counsel with a customer list with last known contact information for each customer in Canada who purchased Linear Resistors directly from the Settling Defendants during the Class Period for the purpose of facilitating direct notice to the Settling Defendants' customers.

### **11.2 Form and Distribution of Notices**

- (1) The form of the notices referred to in subsection 11.1 and how and where they are published and distributed shall be as agreed to by the Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants and, failing agreement, as ordered by the Courts.
- (2) The Plaintiffs shall bring and seek to schedule motions before the Courts seeking orders from the Courts approving the notices described in subsection 11.1. The Plaintiffs may determine the time of these motions in their full and complete discretion, after consultation with the Settling Defendants, and subject to subsection 2.2.

## **SECTION 12 - ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

### **12.1 Mechanics of Administration**

- (1) Except to the extent provided for in this Settlement Agreement, the mechanics of the implementation and administration of this Settlement Agreement and the Distribution Protocol shall be determined by the Courts on motions brought by Class Counsel at a time within the discretion of Class Counsel, except that the timing of the motions to approve the Settlement Agreement shall be determined after consultation with the Settling Defendants, and subject to subsection 2.3.

### **SECTION 13 - CLASS COUNSEL FEES, DISBURSEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES**

- (1) The Releasees shall not be liable for any fees, disbursements or taxes of any of Class Counsel's, the Plaintiffs' or Settlement Class Members' respective lawyers, experts, advisors, agents, or representatives.
- (2) Class Counsel shall pay the costs of the notices required by subsection 11.1 and any costs of translation required by subsection 15.12 from the Trust Account, as they become due.
- (3) Class Counsel may seek the Courts' approval to pay Class Counsel Fees contemporaneously with seeking approval of this Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel's court-approved fees shall be paid from the Trust Account after the Effective Date.
- (4) Except as provided herein, Administration Expenses may only be paid out of the Trust Account after the Effective Date.

### **SECTION 14 - NON-APPROVAL OR TERMINATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

#### **14.1 Right of Termination**

- (1) In the event that:
  - (a) any Court declines to certify or authorize the Settlement Class;
  - (b) the Ontario Court or the BC Court declines to dismiss the Proceedings against the Settling Defendants who are named as Defendants or the Québec Action is not fully settled out of court as against the Settling Defendant who is named as Defendant;
  - (c) any Court declines to approve this Settlement Agreement or any material term thereof, and the Parties agree that the releases, bar orders, waiver or renunciation of solidarity and covenants not to sue contemplated by this Settlement Agreement are all material terms;
  - (d) any Court approves this Settlement Agreement in a materially modified form;
  - (e) any Court issues an order approving this Settlement Agreement in a form that is materially inconsistent with the terms of this Settlement Agreement or not

substantially in the form attached to this Settlement Agreement as Schedule "C";  
or

- (f) any order approving this Settlement Agreement made by the Courts do not become Final Orders;

the Settling Defendants and the Plaintiffs shall have the right to terminate this Settlement Agreement by delivering a written notice pursuant to subsection 15.18, within thirty (30) days following the event described above. Except as provided for in subsection 14.4, if the Settling Defendants or the Plaintiffs exercise their right to terminate, the Settlement Agreement shall be null and void and have no further force or effect, shall not be binding on the Parties, and shall not be used as evidence or otherwise in any litigation.

- (2) In addition, if the Settlement Amount is not paid in accordance with Section 3.1(1), the Plaintiffs shall have the right to terminate this Settlement Agreement by delivering a written notice pursuant to subsection 15.18 or move before the Courts to enforce the terms of this Settlement Agreement.
- (3) Any order, ruling or determination made by any Court with respect to Class Counsel Fees or the Distribution Protocol shall not be deemed to be a material modification of all, or a part, of this Settlement Agreement and shall not provide any basis for the termination of this Settlement Agreement.

#### **14.2 Effect of Non-Approval or Termination of Settlement Agreement**

- (1) If this Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated in accordance with its terms or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason:
  - (a) no motion to certify or authorize any of the Proceedings as a class proceeding on the basis of this Settlement Agreement, or to approve this Settlement Agreement, which has not been decided, shall proceed;
  - (b) the Parties will cooperate in seeking to have any issued order certifying or authorizing a Proceeding as a class proceeding on the basis of the Settlement Agreement or approving this Settlement Agreement set aside and declared null and void and of no force or effect, and any Person shall be estopped from asserting otherwise;

- (c) any prior certification or authorization of a Proceeding as a class proceeding on the basis of this Settlement Agreement, including the definitions of the Settlement Class and the Common Issue pursuant to this Settlement Agreement, shall be without prejudice to any position that any of the Parties may later take on any issue in the Proceedings or any other litigation; and
- (d) within ten (10) days of such termination having occurred, Class Counsel shall make reasonable efforts to destroy all Documents or other materials provided by the Settling Defendants under this Settlement Agreement or containing or reflecting information derived from such Documents or other materials received from the Settling Defendants, including any notes or work product of Class Counsel, and, to the extent Class Counsel has disclosed any Documents or information provided by the Settling Defendants or related notes or work product of Class Counsel to any other Person, shall recover and destroy such Documents or material. Class Counsel shall provide Counsel for the Settling Defendants with a written certification by Class Counsel of such destruction within ten (10) days of termination.

#### **14.3 Allocation of Settlement Amount Following Termination**

- (1) If the Settlement Agreement is terminated, Ontario Counsel shall, within thirty (30) business days of the written notice advising that the Settlement Agreement has been terminated in accordance with its terms, return to the Settling Defendants the Settlement Amount, plus all accrued interest thereon and less taxes paid on interest, any costs incurred with respect to the notices required by subsection 11.1, and any costs of translation required by subsection 15.12.

#### **14.4 Survival of Provisions After Termination**

- (1) If this Settlement Agreement is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason, the provisions of subsections 3.2(3), 9.1, 9.2, 11.1, 11.2, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4 15.5 and 15.6 and the definitions and Schedules applicable thereto shall survive the termination and continue in full force and effect. The definitions and Schedules shall survive only for the limited purpose of the interpretation of subsections 3.2(3), 9.1, 9.2, 11.1, 11.2, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 15.5 and 15.6 within the meaning of this Settlement Agreement, but for no other purposes. All other provisions of this Settlement Agreement and all other obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall cease immediately.

## **SECTION 15 - MISCELLANEOUS**

### **15.1 Motions for Directions**

- (1) Class Counsel or the Settling Defendants may apply to the Courts as may be required for directions in respect of the interpretation, implementation and administration of this Settlement Agreement. Unless the Courts order otherwise, motions for directions that do not relate specifically to matters affecting the Québec Action or the BC Action shall be determined by the Ontario Court.
- (2) All motions contemplated by this Settlement Agreement shall be on notice to the Parties except for those motions concerned solely with the implementation and administration of the Distribution Protocol.

### **15.2 Releasees Have No Liability for Administration**

- (1) The Releasees have no responsibility for and no liability whatsoever with respect to the administration of the Settlement Agreement or Distribution Protocol.

### **15.3 Headings, etc.**

- (1) In this Settlement Agreement:
  - (a) the division of the Settlement Agreement into sections and subsections and the insertion of headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Settlement Agreement; and
  - (b) the terms “this Settlement Agreement,” “hereof,” “hereunder,” “herein,” and similar expressions refer to this Settlement Agreement and not to any particular section, subsection, or other portion of this Settlement Agreement.

### **15.4 Computation of Time**

- (1) In the computation of time in this Settlement Agreement, except where a contrary intention appears,
  - (a) where there is a reference to a number of days between two events, the number of days shall be counted by excluding the day on which the first event happens and including the day on which the second event happens, including all calendar days; and

- (b) only in the case where the time for doing an act expires on a holiday as “holiday” is defined in the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, RRO 1990, Reg 194, the act may be done on the next day that is not a holiday.

### **15.5 Ongoing Jurisdiction**

- (1) Each of the Courts shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over the action commenced in its jurisdiction and the Parties thereto.
- (2) The Parties agree that no Court shall make any order or give any direction in respect of any matter of shared jurisdiction unless that order or direction is conditional upon a complementary order or direction being made or given by the other Court(s) with which it shares jurisdiction over that matter.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsections 15.5(1) and 15.5(2) the Ontario Court shall exercise jurisdiction with respect to implementation, administration, interpretation and enforcement of the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the Parties attorn to the jurisdiction of the Ontario Court for such purposes. Issues related to the administration of this Settlement Agreement, the Trust Account, and other matters not specifically related to the claim of a Québec Settlement Class member or a BC Settlement Class member shall be determined by the Ontario Court.

### **15.6 Governing Law**

- (1) Subject to section 15.6(2), this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein.
- (2) Notwithstanding section 15.6(1), for matters relating specifically to the BC Action or the Québec Action, the BC Court or Québec Court, as applicable, shall apply the law of its own jurisdiction and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **15.7 Entire Agreement**

- (1) This Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings, undertakings, negotiations, representations, promises, agreements, agreements in principle and memoranda of understanding in connection herewith. None of the Parties will be bound by any prior

obligations, conditions or representations with respect to the subject matter of this Settlement Agreement, unless expressly incorporated herein.

#### **15.8 Amendments**

- (1) This Settlement Agreement may not be modified or amended except in writing and on consent of all Parties, and any such modification or amendment must be approved by the Courts with jurisdiction over the matter to which the amendment relates.

#### **15.9 Binding Effect**

- (1) This Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon, and enure to the benefit of, the Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class Members, the Settling Defendants, the Releasors, the Releasees and all of their successors and assigns. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each and every covenant and agreement made by the Plaintiffs shall be binding upon all Releasors and every covenant and agreement made by the Settling Defendants shall be binding upon all of the Releasees.

#### **15.10 Counterparts**

- (1) This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which taken together will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement, and a facsimile or electronic signature shall be deemed an original signature for purposes of executing this Settlement Agreement.

#### **15.11 Negotiated Agreement**

- (1) This Settlement Agreement has been the subject of negotiations and discussions among the undersigned, each of which has been represented and advised by competent counsel, so that any statute, case law, or rule of interpretation or construction that would or might cause any provision to be construed against the drafter of this Settlement Agreement shall have no force and effect. The Parties further agree that the language contained in or not contained in previous drafts of this Settlement Agreement, or any agreement in principle, shall have no bearing upon the proper interpretation of this Settlement Agreement.

#### **15.12 Language**

- (1) The Parties acknowledge that they have required and consented that this Settlement Agreement and all related Documents be prepared in English; les parties reconnaissent avoir exigé que la présente convention et tous les documents connexes soient rédigés en

anglais. Nevertheless, if required by the Courts, Class Counsel and/or a translation firm selected by Class Counsel shall prepare a French translation of the Settlement Agreement, the cost of which shall be paid from the Settlement Amount. In the event of any dispute as to the interpretation or application of this Settlement Agreement, only the English version shall govern.

### **15.13 Transaction**

- (1) This Settlement Agreement constitutes a transaction in accordance with Articles 2631 and following of the *Civil Code of Québec*, and the Parties are hereby renouncing any errors of fact, of law, and/or of calculation.

### **15.14 Recitals**

- (1) The Recitals to this Settlement Agreement are true and form part of the Settlement Agreement.

### **15.15 Schedules**

- (1) The Schedules annexed hereto form part of this Settlement Agreement.

### **15.16 Acknowledgements**

- (1) Each of the Parties hereby affirms and acknowledges that:
  - (a) he, she or a representative of the Party with the authority to bind the Party with respect to the matters set forth herein has read and understood this Settlement Agreement;
  - (b) the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the effects thereof have been fully explained to him, her or the Party's representative by his, her or its counsel;
  - (c) he, she or the Party's representative fully understands each term of this Settlement Agreement and its effect; and
  - (d) no Party has relied upon any statement, representation or inducement (whether material, false, negligently made or otherwise) of any other Party, beyond the terms of this Settlement Agreement, with respect to the first Party's decision to execute this Settlement Agreement.

### 15.17 Authorized Signatures

- (1) Each of the undersigned represents that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of, and to execute, this Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Parties identified above their respective signatures and their law firms.

### 15.18 Notice

- (1) Where this Settlement Agreement requires a Party to provide notice or any other communication or document to another, such notice, communication or document shall be provided by e-mail, facsimile or letter by overnight delivery to the representatives for the Party to whom notice is being provided, as identified below:

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**15.19 Date of Execution**

(1) The Parties have executed this Settlement Agreement as of the date on the cover page.

**Sean Allott**, by his counsel

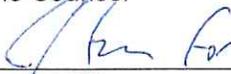
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Jon Foreman

Signature of Authorized Signatory:



**Foreman & Company Professional Corp.**  
Ontario Counsel



**Siskinds LLP**  
Ontario Counsel

**Sara Ramsay**, by her counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory:

David Jones

Signature of Authorized Signatory:



**Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman<sup>LLP</sup>**  
BC Counsel

**Option consommateurs**, by its counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory:

Maxime Nasr

Signature of Authorized Signatory:



**Belleau Lapointe s.e.n.c.r.l**  
Québec Counsel

**Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America, and Panasonic Canada Inc.**, by its counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory

Emrys Davis

Signature of Authorized Signatory:  
(I have authority to bind Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America, and Panasonic Canada Inc.)



**Bennett Jones<sup>LLP</sup>**  
Counsel for the Settling Defendants

**SCHEDULE “A”  
PROCEEDINGS**

Proceeding	Plaintiff(s)	Defendants	Settlement Class
Ontario Superior Court of Justice Court File Nos. 1899-2015 CP	Sean Allott	Panasonic Corporation; Panasonic Corporation of North America;; Panasonic Canada Inc.; KOA Corporation; KOA Speer Electronics, Inc.; Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; Murata Electronics North America, Inc.; Rohm Co. Ltd.; Rohm Semiconductor U.S.A., LLC.; Vishay Intertechnology, Inc.; Yageo Corporation; Yageo America Corporation; Hokuriku Electric Industry Co.; HDK America Inc.; Kamaya Electric Co., Ltd.; Kamaya, Inc.; Alps Electric Co., Ltd.; Alps Electric (North America), Inc.; Midori Precisions Co., Ltd.; Midori America Corporation; Susumu Co., Ltd.; Susumu International (USA) Inc.; Tokyo Cosmos Electric Co.; and Tocos America, Inc.	All Persons in Canada who purchased Linear Resistors or a product containing a Linear Resistor during the Class Period other than (1) all BC Settlement Class members (2) all Québec Settlement Class members and (3) Excluded Persons.
Québec Superior Court (District of Montreal), File No. 500-06-000753-158 (the “Québec Action”)	Option consommateurs and Karine Robillard	Panasonic Corporation;	All Persons in Québec who purchased Linear Resistors or a product containing a Linear Resistor during the Class Period except Excluded Persons.
British Columbia Supreme Court (Vancouver Registry) Court File No. S-157585 (the “BC Action”)	Daniel Klein	Panasonic Corporation; Panasonic Corporation of North America;; Panasonic Canada Inc.; KOA Corporation; KOA Speer Electronics, Inc.; Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; Murata Electronics North America, Inc.; Rohm Co. Ltd.; Rohm Semiconductor U.S.A., LLC.; Vishay Intertechnology, Inc.; and Yageo Corporation; Yageo America Corporation.	All Persons in British Columbia who purchased Linear Resistors or a product containing Linear Resistors during the Class Period except Excluded Persons.

**SCHEDULE "B"**

Court File No. 1899-2015 CP

**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

THE HONOURABLE ) , THE DAY  
\_\_\_\_\_) OF , 2020

B E T W E E N :

SEAN ALLOTT

Plaintiff

- and -

PANASONIC CORPORATION; PANASONIC CORPORATION OF NORTH AMERICA;  
PANASONIC CANADA INC.; KOA CORPORATION; KOA SPEER ELECTRONICS, INC.;  
ROHM CO. LTD.; ROHM SEMICONDUCTOR U.S.A., LLC.; VISHAY INTERTECHNOLOGY,  
INC.; HOKURIKU ELECTRIC INDUSTRY CO.; HDK AMERICA INC.; KAMAYA ELECTRIC  
CO., LTD.; KAMAYA, INC.; ALPS ELECTRIC CO., LTD.; ALPS ELECTRIC (NORTH  
AMERICA), INC.; MIDORI PRECISIONS CO., LTD.; MIDORI AMERICA CORPORATION;  
SUSUMU CO., LTD.; SUSUMU INTERNATIONAL (USA) INC.;  
TOKYO COSMOS ELECTRIC CO.; and TOCOS AMERICA, INC.

Defendants

Proceeding under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*

**ORDER  
(Certification, Opt-Out and Notice Approval)**

**THIS MOTION** made by the Plaintiffs for an Order certifying this proceeding as a class proceeding for settlement purposes as against Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America, and Panasonic Canada Inc. (the "Settling Defendants") and approving the notice of settlement approval hearings and the method of dissemination of said notice was heard this day at the Court House, 80 Dundas Street, London, Ontario.

**ON READING** the materials filed, including the settlement agreement dated ●, 2020 attached to this Order as Schedule "A" (the "Settlement Agreement"), and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Plaintiffs, Counsel for the Settling Defendants, and counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants in the Ontario Action;

**AND ON BEING ADVISED** that ● has consented to being appointed as notice provider in accordance with the terms of this Order;

**AND ON BEING ADVISED** that the Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants consent to this Order and that the Non-Settling Defendants take no position on this motion:

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except to the extent that they are modified in this Order, the definitions set out in the Settlement Agreement apply to and are incorporated into this Order.
2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Ontario Action is certified as a class proceeding as against the Settling Defendants for settlement purposes only.
3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the “Ontario Settlement Class” is certified as follows:

All Persons or entities in Canada who purchased Linear Resistors or a product containing a Linear Resistor between July 9, 2003 and September 14, 2015, other than (1) all BC Settlement Class members (2) all Québec Settlement Class members and (3) Excluded Persons.
4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Ontario Action is certified on the basis of the following issue which is common to the Ontario Settlement Class:

Did the Settling Defendants conspire to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the price of, or allocate markets and customers of, Linear Resistors directly or indirectly in Canada during the Class Period? If so, what damages, if any, did Settlement Class Members suffer?
5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the plaintiff, Sean Allott, is appointed as the representative plaintiffs for the Ontario Settlement Class.
6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order, including but not limited to the certification of this action against the Settling Defendants for settlement purposes and the definitions of the Ontario Settlement Class, Class Period and Common Issue, and any reasons given by the Court in connection with this Order, is without prejudice to the rights and defences of the Non-Settling Defendants in connection with the ongoing Ontario Action and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may not be relied on by any Person to establish jurisdiction, the criteria for certification (including class definition) or the existence or elements of the causes of action asserted in the Ontario Action, as against the Non-Settling Defendants. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the efficacy of the opt-out process provided for in this Order.
7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Ontario Settlement Class members who wish to opt-out of this action must do so by sending a written election to opt-out, signed by the Person or

the Person's designee, together with the information required in the Settlement Agreement to Class Counsel or their duly appointed agent, by pre-paid mail, courier, fax or e-mail received on or before the Opt-Out Deadline.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any Ontario Settlement Class member who has validly opted-out of this action shall no longer participate or have the opportunity in the future to participate in this action.
9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any Ontario Settlement Class member who has not validly opted-out of this action will be bound by any Settlement Agreement approved by the Court and may not opt-out of this action in the future.
10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the notice of certification and settlement approval hearing (the "Notice") is hereby approved substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule "B".
11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the plan of dissemination of the Notice (the "Plan of Dissemination") is hereby approved in the form attached hereto as Schedule "C" and that the Notice shall be disseminated in accordance with the Plan of Dissemination.
12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that ● is appointed to disseminate the Notice in accordance with the terms of this Order.
13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order is contingent upon parallel orders being made by the BC Court and the Québec Court, and the terms of this Order shall not be effective unless and until such orders are made by the BC Court and the Québec Court.
14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated in accordance with its terms or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason, paragraphs 1 to 6 and 10 to 13 of this Order shall be deemed to have been set aside and declared null and void and of no force or effect, without the need for any further Order of this Court.

Date:

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The Honourable \_\_\_\_\_

SEAN ALLOTT  
Plaintiffs

v. PANASONIC CORPORATION, et al.  
Defendants

Court File No. 1899-15 CP

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**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED AT LONDON

Proceeding Under the *Class Proceedings Act*,  
1992

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**ORDER  
(Certification, Opt-Out and Notice Approval)**

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THE HONOURABLE \_\_\_\_\_ ) , THE DAY  
 ) OF , 2020

B E T W E E N :

SEAN ALLOTT

Plaintiff

- and -

PANASONIC CORPORATION; PANASONIC CORPORATION OF NORTH AMERICA;  
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SUSUMU CO., LTD.; SUSUMU INTERNATIONAL (USA) INC.;  
TOKYO COSMOS ELECTRIC CO.; and TOCOS AMERICA, INC.

Defendants

PROCEEDING UNDER THE *CLASS PROCEEDINGS ACT, 1992*

**ORDER  
(Settlement Approval)**

**THIS MOTION** made by the Plaintiffs for an Order approving the settlement agreement entered into with Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America, and Panasonic Canada Inc. (the “Settling Defendants”) and dismissing this action as against the Settling Defendants, was heard this day at the Court House, 80 Dundas Street, London, Ontario.

**AND ON READING** the materials filed, including the settlement agreement dated ●, 2020 attached to this Order as Schedule “A” (the “Settlement Agreement”), and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Plaintiffs, Counsel for the Settling Defendants and counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants in the Ontario Action;

**AND ON BEING ADVISED** that the deadline for objecting to the Settlement Agreement has passed and there have been ● objections to the Settlement Agreement;

**AND ON BEING ADVISED** that the deadline for opting-out of the Ontario Action has passed, and there were ● opt-outs;

**AND ON BEING ADVISED** that the Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants consent to this Order and that the Non-Settling Defendants take no position on this motion:

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, for the purposes of this Order, except to the extent that they are modified in this Order, the definitions set out in the Settlement Agreement apply to and are incorporated into this Order.
2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, in the event of a conflict between this Order and the Settlement Agreement, this Order shall prevail.
3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of the Ontario Settlement Class.
4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Settlement Agreement is hereby approved pursuant to section 29 of the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992* and shall be implemented and enforced in accordance with its terms.
5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order, including the Settlement Agreement, is binding upon each member of the Ontario Settlement Class including those Persons who are minors or mentally incapable and the requirements of Rules 7.04(1) and 7.08(4) of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* are dispensed with in respect of the Ontario Action.
6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each Ontario Settlement Class Member who has not validly opted-out of this action shall be deemed to have consented to the dismissal of Released Claims as against the Settling Defendants and its Releasees of any Other Actions he, she or it has commenced, without costs and with prejudice.
7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each Other Action commenced in Ontario by any Ontario Settlement Class Member who has not validly opted-out of this action shall be and is hereby dismissed in respect of Released Claims against the Settling Defendants and the Releasees, without costs and with prejudice.
8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, upon the Effective Date, subject to paragraph 10, each Releasor has released and shall be conclusively deemed to have forever and absolutely released the Releasees from the Released Claims.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, upon the Effective Date, each Releasor who has not validly opted-out of this action, as well as Class Counsel, shall not now or hereafter institute, continue, provide assistance for or maintain or assert, either directly or indirectly, whether in Canada or elsewhere, on their own behalf or on behalf of any class or any other Person, any action, suit, cause of action, claim or demand against any Releasee, or any other Person who may claim contribution or indemnity or other claims over relief from any Releasee, in respect of any Released Claim, except for the continuation of the Proceedings against the Non-Settling Defendants or unnamed co-conspirators that are not Releasees or, if the Proceedings are not certified or authorized, the continuation of the claims asserted in the Proceedings on an individual basis or otherwise against any Non-Settling Defendants or unnamed co-conspirator that is not a Releasee.
10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the use of the terms “Releasors” and “Released Claims” in this Order does not constitute a release of claims by those members of the Ontario Settlement Class who are resident in any province or territory where the release of one tortfeasor is a release of all tortfeasors.
11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, upon the Effective Date, each member of the Ontario Settlement Class who is resident in any province or territory where the release of one tortfeasor is a release of all tortfeasors covenants and undertakes not to make any claim in any way or to threaten, commence, participate in or continue any proceeding in any jurisdiction against the Releasees in respect of or in relation to the Released Claims.
12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all claims for contribution, indemnity or other claims over, whether asserted, unasserted, or asserted in a representative capacity, inclusive of interest, taxes and costs relating to the Released Claims, which were or could have been brought in the Proceedings or otherwise, or could in the future be brought on the basis of the same events, actions and omissions underlying the Proceedings, by any Non-Settling Defendants, any named or unnamed alleged co-conspirator that is not a Releasee, any Settled Defendant, or any other Person or party against a Releasee, or by a Releasee against any Non-Settling Defendants, any named or unnamed alleged co-conspirator that is not a Releasee, any Settled Defendant, or any other Person or party, are barred, prohibited and enjoined in accordance with the terms of this paragraph 10 (unless such claim is made in respect of a claim by a Person who has validly opted out of the Proceedings);

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if this Court ultimately determines that there is a right of contribution and indemnity or other claim over, whether in equity or in law, by statute or otherwise:
- a. the Ontario Plaintiff and Ontario Settlement Class members shall not be entitled to claim or recover from the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed alleged co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee that portion of any damages (including punitive damages, if any), restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits, interest and costs (including investigative costs claimed pursuant to section 36 of the *Competition Act*) that corresponds to the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees proven at trial or otherwise;
  - b. the Ontario Plaintiff and Ontario Settlement Class Members shall limit their claims against the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed alleged co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee, to include, and shall only seek to recover from the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed alleged co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee, only such claims for damages (including punitive damages, if any), restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits, interest and costs (including investigation costs claimed pursuant to section 36 of the *Competition Act*), attributable to the aggregate of the several liability of the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed alleged co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee, to the Ontario Plaintiff and Ontario Settlement Class members, if any, and, for greater certainty, the Ontario Settlement Class members shall be entitled to seek to recover such damages (including punitive damages, if any), restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits, interest and costs (including investigation costs claimed pursuant to section 36 of the *Competition Act*) on a joint and several basis as between the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed alleged co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee, if permitted by law; and
  - c. this Court shall have full authority to determine the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees at the trial or other disposition of the Ontario Action, whether or not the Settling Defendants remain in the Ontario Action or appear at the trial or other disposition, and the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees shall be determined as if the Releasees are parties to the Ontario Action and any determination by this

Court in respect of the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees shall only apply in the Ontario Action and shall not be binding on the Releasees in any other proceeding.

14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing in this Order is intended to or shall limit, restrict or affect any arguments which the Non-Settling Defendants may make regarding the reduction of any assessment of damages (including punitive damages, if any), restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits, interest and costs (including investigation costs claimed pursuant to section 36 of the Competition Act) or judgment against them in favour of members of the Ontario Settlement Class in the Ontario Action or the rights of Ontario Plaintiffs and Ontario Settlement Class Members to oppose or resist any such arguments, except as provided for in this Order.
15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that a Non-Settling Defendant may, on motion to this Court determined as if the Settling Defendants remained party to this action, brought on at least ten (10) days' notice to Counsel for the Settling Defendants and not to be brought until the Ontario Action against the Non-Settling Defendants has been certified as a class proceeding (but not including any certification for settlement purposes), seek orders for the following:
  - a. documentary discovery and an affidavit of documents from the Settling Defendants in accordance with the *Rules of Civil Procedure*;
  - b. oral discovery of a representative of the Settling Defendants, the transcript of which may be read in at trial;
  - c. leave to serve a request to admit on the Settling Defendants in respect of factual matters; and/or
  - d. the production of a representative of the Settling Defendants to testify at trial, with such witness to be subject to cross-examination by counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants.
16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Settling Defendants retains all rights to oppose such motion(s) brought under paragraph 15. Moreover, nothing herein restricts the Settling Defendants from seeking a protective order to maintain confidentiality and protection of proprietary information in respect of Documents to be produced and/or for information obtained from discovery in accordance with paragraph 15. Notwithstanding any provision

in the Ontario and British Columbia orders approving this Settlement Agreement, on any motion brought pursuant to paragraph 15, the Ontario Court or BC Court, as applicable, may make such orders as to costs and other terms as it considers appropriate.

17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that a Non-Settling Defendant may serve the motion(s) referred to in paragraph 15 above on the Settling Defendants by service on Counsel for the Settling Defendants in the Ontario Action.
18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that for purposes of implementation, administration, interpretation and enforcement of the Settlement Agreement and this Order, this Court will retain an ongoing supervisory role and the Settling Defendants acknowledge and attorn to the jurisdiction of this Court solely for the purpose of implementing, administering, interpreting and enforcing the Settlement Agreement and this Order, and subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Settlement Agreement and this Order.
19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as provided herein, this Order does not affect any claims or causes of action that any Releasors has or may have against the Non-Settling Defendants or named or unnamed alleged co-conspirators who are not Releasees.
20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that no Releasee shall have any responsibility for and no liability whatsoever relating to the administration of the Settlement Agreement or Distribution Protocol.
21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Settlement Amount shall be held in the Trust Account by Ontario Counsel or its duly appointed agent for the benefit of Settlement Class Members, pending further order of this Court on notice to the Defendants and, after the Effective Date, the Settlement Amount can be used to pay Class Counsels Disbursements incurred for the benefit of the Settlement Classes in the continued prosecution of the Ontario Action against the Non-Settling Defendants. This paragraph shall not be interpreted as affecting the rights of the Plaintiffs or the Settlement Classes to claim such Class Counsel Disbursements in the context of a future costs award in their favour against the Non-Settling Defendants, or the rights of the Non-Settling Defendants to oppose and resist any such claim.

22. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, upon the Effective Date, the Ontario Action is hereby dismissed as against the Settling Defendants, without costs and with prejudice.
23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the approval of the Settlement Agreement is contingent upon parallel orders for approval being made by the BC Court and the Québec Court, and the terms of this Order shall not be effective unless and until the Settlement Agreement is approved by the BC Court and the Québec Court, and the BC Action has been dismissed with prejudice and without costs and the Québec Action has been declared settled out of court without costs and without reservation as against the Settling Defendants in the relevant proceeding by the Courts. If such orders are not secured in British Columbia and Québec, this Order shall be null and void and without prejudice to the rights of the parties to proceed with the Ontario 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** that, in the event that the Settlement Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, this Order shall be declared null and void on subsequent motion made on notice.
25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order, including but not limited to the approval of the Settlement Agreement and any reasons given by the Court in relation thereto, except as to paragraphs 10 to 14 of the Order, is without prejudice to the rights and defences of the Non-Settling Defendants in connection with the ongoing Ontario Action.

Date:

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The Honourable \_\_\_\_\_

SEAN ALLOTT  
Plaintiff

v. PANASONIC CORPORATION, et al.  
Defendants

Court File No. 1899-15 CP

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**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED AT LONDON

Proceeding Under the *Class Proceedings Act*,  
1992

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**ORDER  
(Settlement Approval)**

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## **SETTLEMENT REACHED IN LINEAR RESISTORS PRICE-FIXING CLASS ACTIONS**

A proposed settlement valued at CAD \$2,350,000 has been reached with the Panasonic defendants to the class actions.

If you are a Canadian resident who purchased a linear resistor or a product containing linear resistors (like computers, smartphones, gaming consoles, home appliances and televisions, among other products) between July 9, 2003 and September 14, 2015, **your rights may be affected by this settlement.**

### **WHAT HAPPENS NOW?**

The settlement must be approved by the Courts. The settlement amount, minus class counsel fees, disbursements and applicable taxes, will be held in an interest-bearing trust account for the benefit of class members pending further recoveries. The case continues against several other companies. As a result, no money is being distributed at this time.

If you are a class member that wants to be included in the class actions, you do not need to do anything.

If you wish to comment or object to the settlement, you must do so by **January 22, 2021**. If you do not want to be included in this class actions, you must opt-out by ●. Consult the website or phone number below for more details.

**For more information, please visit:**

**<https://www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors>,**

**or call: 1-855-814-4575 ext. 107**

## **CANADIAN LINEAR RESISTORS CLASS ACTIONS**

**Did you purchase linear resistors or an electronic device containing linear resistors between July 9, 2003 and September 14, 2015? If so, your legal rights could be affected.**

### **WHAT IS THE CLASS ACTION ABOUT?**

A “linear resistor” is an electronic component used to regulate the current in an electrical circuit. Linear resistors are found in electronics like computers, smartphones, gaming consoles, home appliances and televisions, among other products.

Class proceedings have been initiated in Canada, on behalf of Canadians who purchased linear resistors or products containing linear resistors between July 9, 2003 and September 14, 2015 (the “Settlement Class Members”). Among other allegations, the proceedings allege that the defendants participated in an unlawful conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain, or stabilize the price of linear resistors in Canada (the “Class Actions”).

### **LINEAR RESISTORS SETTLEMENT**

A Settlement Agreement has been reached with the defendants Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America and Panasonic Canada Inc. (collectively “Panasonic”).

The Panasonic defendants are the first to enter into a settlement in the Class Actions. The Class Actions will continue against the other named defendants.

Panasonic has agreed to pay CAD \$2,350,000 for the benefit of Settlement Class Members and to provide meaningful early co-operation to the plaintiffs in pursuing their claims against the non-settling defendants. In exchange, Panasonic will be provided with a full release of the claims against them in relation to the Class Actions. The settlement, which was negotiated over several months, is not an admission of liability, fault, or wrongdoing, but is a compromise of disputed claims.

### **SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARINGS**

The settlement must be approved by the courts before it becomes effective. Hearings are to take place at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 3:00 pm by virtual hearing in Ontario, at the Supreme Court of British Columbia on • at • am at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia and at the Superior Court of Québec on • at • am at 1, rue Notre-Dame Est, Montréal, Québec.

Depending on the status of the Covid-19 situation, it is possible that the settlement approval hearings will proceed by videoconference, teleconference or in writing. The Ontario settlement approval hearing will be conducted by Zoom and can be accessed through: <https://zoom.us/j/92368045971> or (Tel): 647.374.4685; Meeting ID: 923 6804 5971. Please visit [www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors](http://www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors) for more information.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

The settlement amount, minus class counsel fees, disbursements and applicable taxes, will be held in an interest-bearing trust account for the benefit of the Settlement Class Members in the Class Action (the “Settlement Funds”).

The Settlement Funds will not be distributed to Settlement Class Members at this time. The continuing litigation may or may not result in further settlements or judgments. If there is a further recovery, it will be added to the Settlement Funds and an efficient distribution to Settlement Class Members will be made at an appropriate time. The courts will have to approve the distribution process. A further notice will be provided at the time of distribution.

### **SETTLEMENT APPROVAL AND COUNSEL FEES**

At the settlement approval hearings, the courts will determine whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interest of Settlement Class Members. Class counsel will be requesting court approval of fees of 25 percent of the settlement amount plus disbursements and applicable taxes. If approved, this amount will be paid to the lawyers out of the Settlement Funds.

**If you do not oppose the proposed settlement agreement, you do not need to appear at the hearings or take any other action at this time.**

If you wish to comment on or object to the settlement agreement, you must deliver a written submission to Foreman & Company, 4 Covent Market Place, London ON N6A 1E2 **by January 22, 2021 at the latest**. The lawyers will forward any submissions to the appropriate court. If you have any questions about the settlement agreement, you are encouraged to contact one of the law firms listed below, who will respond to your questions.

### **OPTING OUT OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

Settlement Class Members have the right to exclude themselves from the Class Actions (“opt-out”).

- If you opt-out, you will not be eligible to participate in, or receive money from, the ongoing Class Actions, but you will be able to start or continue your own case regarding the claims at issue.
- If you do nothing, you will be eligible to participate in, and may receive money from, the ongoing Class Actions, but you will not be able to start or continue your own case regarding the claims at issue.

If you do not want to be a class member in the Class Actions, your opt-out must be received **by • at the latest**. For complete instructions on how to opt-out, please view the long-form notice at [www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors](http://www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors) or contact Class Counsel at: [classactions@foremancompany.com](mailto:classactions@foremancompany.com) or 1-855-814-4575 ext. 107.

**If the settlement is approved, you will not have another opportunity to opt-out of the Class Actions in the future.** The certification/authorization order and the associated opt-out process are only valid if the settlement is approved. If the settlement is not approved or if it otherwise fails to take effect, the certification/authorization order will not stand and any opt-out notice(s) submitted by any person will be set aside, and the litigation will continue against Panasonic. If a certification/authorization order is granted by the court in the future, an opt-out process will take place at that time.

### **YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY:**

*Foreman & Company and Siskinds <sup>LLP</sup> (Canada except BC and QC)*  
*Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman <sup>LLP</sup> (BC)*  
*Belleau Lapointe, s.e.n.c.r.l. (QC)*

### **MORE INFORMATION**

For more detailed information and to review the long-form notice, please visit [www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors](http://www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors).

**NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION / AUTHORIZATION AND SETTLEMENT APPROVAL  
HEARINGS IN THE MATTER OF THE LINEAR RESISTORS CLASS ACTIONS**

**TO: All persons in Canada who purchased linear resistors or a product containing linear resistors between July 9, 2003 and September 14, 2015 (the “Settlement Class Members”).**

*If you bought an electronic device containing linear resistors between July 9, 2003 and September 14, 2015 (“Class Period”), such as computers, smartphones, gaming consoles, home appliances and televisions, among other products you may be a Settlement Class Member.*

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AS IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.**

**I. WHAT IS A CLASS ACTION?**

A class action is a lawsuit filed by one person on behalf of a large group of people that has been “certified” or “authorized” by a Canadian court and determines “common issues” for the group of people, known as the “class”.

**II. WHAT IS A LINEAR RESISTOR AND WHAT ARE THESE CLASS ACTIONS ABOUT?**

A “linear resistor” is an electronic component used to regulate the current in an electrical circuit. Linear Resistors are found in electronics like computers, smartphones, gaming consoles, home appliances and televisions, among other products.

In 2015, class proceedings were initiated in Ontario by Foreman & Company and Siskinds <sup>LLP</sup>, in British Columbia by Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman <sup>LLP</sup> and in Québec by Belleau Lapointe, s.e.n.c.r.l. (collectively “Class Counsel”) on behalf of Canadians who purchased a linear resistor or products containing linear resistors during the Class Period (the “Class Actions”). These Class Actions claim that the companies that sell linear resistors were involved in a conspiracy to illegally increase the prices of these products. The Class Actions ask the courts to order the defendants to return any extra money that they have received due to this alleged conspiracy.

While the Class Actions were started in Ontario, British Columbia and Québec, the cases include Canadian residents in all provinces and territories who purchased a linear resistor or a product containing linear resistors during the Class Period.

**III. WHAT IS A SETTLEMENT AND WHAT SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN REACHED IN THESE CLASS ACTIONS?**

A settlement is when a defendant agrees to pay money to the members of the class action in exchange for having the case against it dismissed.

In the Class Actions, a settlement has been reached with Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America and Panasonic Canada Inc. (collectively “Panasonic”).

The Panasonic defendants are the first to enter into a settlement in the Class Actions. The Class Actions will continue against the other named defendants.

Panasonic has agreed to pay CAD \$2,350,000 (the “Settlement Amount”) for the benefit of Settlement Class Members. Panasonic has also agreed to provide meaningful early co-operation to the plaintiffs in pursuing their claims against the other defendants. In exchange, Panasonic will be provided with a full release of the claims against them and the Class Actions against them will be dismissed.

The settlement, which was negotiated over several months, is not an admission by Panasonic of liability, fault, or wrongdoing, but is a compromise of disputed claims. The plaintiffs sought and were granted certification / authorization of the Class Actions in Ontario, British Columbia and Québec for settlement purposes only.

The settlement is subject to court approval. There will be settlement approval hearings in Ontario, British Columbia and Québec. These hearings will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 3:00 pm by virtual hearing in Ontario, on ● at ● am at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia and on ● at ● am at 1, rue Notre-Dame Est, Montréal, Québec. The courts will decide whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interest of Settlement Class Members.

Depending on the status of the Covid-19 situation, it is possible that some or all of the settlement hearings will proceed by videoconference, teleconference or in writing. The Ontario settlement approval hearing will be conducted virtually via Zoom. You can participate in the hearing by using the following information: <https://zoom.us/j/92368045971> or (tel): 647.374.4685; Meeting ID: 923 6804 5971. Alternative local phone numbers can be found at <https://zoom.us/j/92368045971>. Any updates with respect to the hearings will be posted on [www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors](http://www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors). Please check the website or contact Class Counsel for further information in advance of the settlement approval hearings.

#### **IV. WHEN WILL THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT BE DISTRIBUTED?**

The Settlement Amount, minus approved Class Counsel fees, disbursements and applicable taxes, will be held in an interest-bearing trust account for the benefit of Settlement Class Members (the “Settlement Funds”).

The Settlement Funds will not be distributed to Settlement Class Members at this time. The Class Actions may or may not result in further settlements or judgments. If there are further recoveries, they will be added to the Settlement Funds.

At a later date yet to be determined, the courts will decide how the Settlement Funds will be distributed and how you can apply to receive a share of the Settlement Funds. Watch for another notice explaining how to claim money from the settlement.

#### **V. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO AT THIS TIME?**

If you do not oppose the proposed settlement and you wish to continue to be included in the Class Actions, you do not need to appear at the hearings or take any other action at this time to indicate your desire to participate in the settlement and the Class Actions.

If you want to tell the courts what you think about the proposed settlement or speak to the courts at the hearings mentioned above, you must send your written submissions to Foreman & Company, 4 Covent Market Place, London ON N6A 1E2 which must be received by ● at the **latest**. Contact information for Class Counsel can be found below. Class Counsel will file all such submissions with the appropriate Court.

## VI. WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE CLASS ACTIONS?

If you do not want to be a member of these Class Actions, you must opt out by ● at the latest.

You can opt-out by sending a signed letter to Class Counsel, by pre-paid mail, courier, fax or e-mail at the following address:

Foreman & Company, Attention: Jonathan Foreman.

- Facsimile: 1-226-884-5340
- E-mail: [classactions@foremancompany.com](mailto:classactions@foremancompany.com)
- Mail: 4 Covent Market Place, London, Ontario N6A 1E2.

All opt-outs must contain the following information:

- your full name, current address and telephone number;
- if you are writing on behalf of a company, the name of the company and your position at the company;
- a statement saying that you (or the company) want to opt-out of the linear resistors Class Actions; and
- your signature.

Your opt-out request must be received **no later than ●**.

If you exclude yourself or opt-out:

- you will not be eligible to participate in the Class Actions;
- you will not receive any money from the Class Actions; but
- you will be able to start or continue your own case against the defendants regarding the claims at issue in the Class Actions.

If you do nothing, and so do not exclude yourself or opt-out:

- you will be eligible to participate in the Class Actions; and
- you may receive money from the Class Actions; but
- you will not be able to start or continue your own case against the defendants regarding the claims at issue in the Class Actions; and
- you will be bound by the courts' decision on this settlement and by all future court decisions in the Class Actions.

**This is your only chance to exclude yourself or opt-out of the Class Actions. If the settlement is approved, you will not have another opportunity to opt-out of the Class Actions in the future. If you have any questions about the settlement agreement or the opt-out process, you are encouraged to contact Class Counsel using the information described above. More information concerning opt-outs is available at [www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors](http://www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors).**

## VII. WHAT DO I HAVE TO PAY?

You do not have to pay the lawyers working on these Class Actions any money out of pocket. Class Counsel will be paid from the money collected in these Class Actions. The courts will be

asked to decide how much Class Counsel will be paid. Class Counsel will collectively be asking at the settlement approval hearings that the courts approve legal fees of 25% of the Settlement Funds, plus disbursements and applicable taxes. Any approved Class Counsel fees, disbursements and applicable taxes will be paid out of the Settlement Funds.

If you wish to comment on or make an objection to Class Counsel fees, a written submission must be delivered to the appropriate Class Counsel at the addresses listed below **by January 22, 2021 at the latest**. Class Counsel will forward all such submissions to the appropriate court. If you do not file a written submission by the deadline, you may not be entitled to participate in the hearing, and your submission may not be brought to the attention of the courts.

#### **VIII. WHAT IF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IS NOT APPROVED?**

The certification/authorization order and the associated opt-out process are only valid if the settlement is approved. If the settlement is not approved or if it otherwise fails to take effect, the certification/authorization order will not stand and any opt-out notice submitted by any person will be set aside, and the litigation will continue against Panasonic. In that case, if a certification/authorization order is granted by the court in the future, an opt-out process will take place at that time.

#### **IX. WHO ARE THE LAWYERS WORKING ON THESE CLASS ACTIONS?**

- Foreman & Company and Siskinds<sup>LLP</sup> represents Settlement Class Members in Ontario and in all provinces other than British Columbia and Québec. Foreman & Company can be reached at:
  - Toll free at 1-855-814-4575 ext. 107, by fax at 1-226-884-5340, by e-mail at [classactions@foremancompany.com](mailto:classactions@foremancompany.com) or by mail at 4 Covent Market Place, London, Ontario N6A 1E2, Attention: Jonathan Foreman.
- Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman<sup>LLP</sup> represents Settlement Class Members in British Columbia. Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman<sup>LLP</sup> can be reached at:
  - Toll free at 1-800-689-2322, by fax at 1-604-689-7554, by e-mail at [info@cfmlawyers.ca](mailto:info@cfmlawyers.ca) or by mail at Suite 400, 856 Homer Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 2W5, Attention: David G.A. Jones.
- Belleau Lapointe s.e.n.c.r.l. represents Settlement Class Members in Québec. Belleau Lapointe s.e.n.c.r.l. can be reached at:
  - Toll free at 1-888-987-6701, by fax at 1-514-987-6886, by e-mail at [info@belleaulapointe.com](mailto:info@belleaulapointe.com) or by mail at 300, Place d'Youville, Bureau B-10, Montréal, Québec H2Y 2B6, Attention: Josée Cavalancia.

#### **X. WHERE CAN I ASK MORE QUESTIONS?**

This notice contains only a summary of the settlement and Settlement Class Members are encouraged to review the complete settlement agreement. A copy of the settlement agreement can be downloaded from the settlement website at [www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors](http://www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors). If you would like a copy of the settlement agreement or have questions that are not answered online,

QUESTIONS ? IN QUÉBEC CALL 1-888-987-6701 (TOLL FREE), IN BRITISH COLUMBIA CALL 1-800-689-2322 (TOLL FREE), ANYWHERE ELSE IN CANADA CALL 1-855-814-4575, EXT. 107 (TOLL FREE) OR VISIT

[WWW.FOREMANCOMPANY.COM/LINEAR-RESISTORS](http://WWW.FOREMANCOMPANY.COM/LINEAR-RESISTORS)

please contact the appropriate Class Counsel identified above. **Inquires should not be directed to the courts.**

## **XI. INTERPRETATION**

This notice contains a summary of some of the terms of the Panasonic settlement agreement. If there is a conflict between the provisions of this notice and the settlement agreement, the terms of the settlement agreement shall prevail.

## Banner Ad Content

**Are you a Canadian resident who purchased a linear resistor or a product containing linear resistors (like computers, smartphones, gaming consoles, home appliances and televisions, among other products) between July 9, 2003 and September 14, 2015?**

**IF SO, YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY RECENT CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS. LEARN MORE.**

## **Proposed Settlement Reached in Canadian Linear Resistors Class Actions**

LONDON, ON – ●, ●, 2020 – Proposed national settlements have been reached with Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America and Panasonic Canada Inc. (collectively “Panasonic”) in Canadian class actions concerning alleged price fixing of linear resistors. This is the first settlement to be reached in the actions. The actions continue against other defendants.

A “linear resistor” is an electronic component used to regulate the current in an electrical circuit. Linear resistors are found in electronics like computers, smartphones, gaming consoles, home appliances and televisions, among other products.

Panasonic has agreed to pay CAD \$2,350,000 for the benefit of Settlement Class Members and to provide early co-operation, evidence and other assistance to the plaintiffs in pursuing their claims against the non-settling defendants. The settlement must be approved by the courts before it becomes effective.

*“Class actions provide access to justice for claimants affected by widespread wrongs like price fixing. These proposed settlements represent an important initial step in this litigation for Canadian purchasers of linear resistors,”* said Jonathan Foreman, for the lawyers representing the plaintiffs in the class actions.

For more detailed information and to review the long-form notice, please visit [www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors](http://www.foremancompany.com/linear-resistors).

Class members are represented by:

*Foreman & Company* and *Siskinds* <sup>LLP</sup> (Canada except BC and QC)  
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## **Linear Resistors – Plan of Dissemination**

The Notice of Certification and Settlement Approval Hearing will be distributed in publication, short-form, long-form, banner ad, and press release format (collectively the “Notices”). The Notices will be delivered via the following media:

1. The short- and long-form notices, a copy of the settlement agreement entered into by the parties, a copy of certification/authorisation for settlement purposes order(s) and a copy of the Ontario endorsement and any other endorsements issued in relation to the certification and settlement approval process by the courts in British Columbia and Quebec will be posted on Ontario plaintiff counsel’s dedicated Linear Resistors Class Action webpage, in English and French where applicable. This information will also be posted, in English and French where practicable, on the respective websites of plaintiff’s counsel in the BC Action and the Québec Action.
2. A link to Ontario plaintiff counsels’ dedicated Linear Resistors Class Action webpage, and/or the respective websites of plaintiff’s counsel in the BC Action and the Québec Action as appropriate, will be posted on Class Counsel’s social media accounts (including but not limited to LinkedIn and Twitter).
3. By distribution to major news and broadcast outlets across Canada, in English and French, through a press release on Canada Newswire with promotion through Canada Newswire’s social media feeds.
4. The publication notice will be published once in print in the following regional and national newspapers in English or French, as appropriate for each newspaper, subject to each having reasonable publication deadlines:
  - a. The Globe and Mail (National Edition); and

- b. La Presse Plus (+).
- 5. The short-form notice will be provided to the following organizations, in English and in French, requesting voluntary distribution to their membership and/or that a copy of the short-form notice or information about the actions be posted on their website:
  - a. The Consumers' Association of Canada;
  - b. The Consumers' Council of Canada; and
  - c. Electro-Federation Canada.

The manner by which any Notices and/or information are distributed, if any, will be at the discretion of each organization.

- 6. There will be a nationally syndicated digital distribution of the Banner Ad on news media websites within the PostMedia networks (supplemented by the Google Display Network if advisable by the notice administrator), with a target of a minimum 200,000 unique impressions. The Banner Ad will be provided in English and/or French as applicable, and may be modified as necessary to fit the dimensions and specifications as required by particular websites and media providers. The Banner Ad will redirect class members to Class Counsels' websites where they will be able to consult the long-form notice.
- 7. Within seven (7) days of the first publication of the Notices, the short-form notice will be sent by direct mail, fax and/or e-mail to:
  - a. all persons who have registered to receive updates from Class Counsel about the litigation.
  - b. any Canadian customers of the Settling Defendants disclosed to Class Counsel by the Settling Defendants.

8. Data from Industry Canada's "Canadian Importers Database" has been obtained. While that database is not a comprehensive listing of all importers and customers of Linear Resistors in Canada, it is a useful public listing of certain companies which are within the target audience for the Plan of Dissemination. Appended to this Plan of Dissemination as **Schedule "A"** is a table of listed importers which imported products under HS6 code "853310 - Electrical Resistors – fixed carbon, composition or film type." Class Counsel will seek to obtain reliable and publicly available address information for as many of the listed importers as can be reasonably found, and will send the short-form notice by direct mail to those identified addresses within seven (7) days of the first publication of the Notices. For those importers located in Québec, the short-form notice will be sent in English and in French.

## Schedule "A"

ARROW ELECTRONICS CANADA LTD  
AUTOLIV ELECTRONICS CANADA INC  
AVNET INTERNATIONAL (CANADA) LTD/AVNET INTERNATIONAL (CANADA)  
CREATION TECHNOLOGIES LP  
DIGI-KEY CORPORATION  
DIGITAL SECURITY CONTROLS  
MACDONALD DETTWILER AND ASSOCIATES CORPORATION  
MONARCH INDUSTRIES LIMITED  
NEWARK ELECTRONICS CANADA  
PRATT & WHITNEY CANADA CORP /PRATT & WHITNEY CANADA CIE  
S-P INTERNATIONAL (B C ) INC  
SANMINA-SCI CORPORATION  
SYSTEMES DE SECURITE PARADOX LTEE  
TTI (MONTREAL)  
AUTOLIV ELECTRONICS CANADA INC.  
AVNET INTERNATIONAL (CANADA) LTD /AVNET INTERNATIONAL (CANADA)  
HONEYWELL LIMITED /HONEYWELL LIMITEE  
MACDONALD, DETTWILER AND ASSOCIATES CORPORATION  
PRATT & WHITNEY CANADA CORP./PRATT & WHITNEY CANADA CIE.  
RDC CONTROLE LTEE / RDC CONTROL LTD.  
ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERSHIP  
S-P INTERNATIONAL (B.C.) INC.  
SMITHS DETECTION MONTREAL INC.  
TTI, INC.  
CHEMICALS DIV  
CITY OF CALGARY  
HONEYWELL LIMITED  
HUMAN RESOURCES AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CANADA  
L-3 COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS INC  
TASK MICRO-ELECTRONICS INC

No. S-157585  
Vancouver Registry

*In the Supreme Court of British Columbia*

Between

**DANIEL KLEIN**

Plaintiff

and

**PANASONIC CORPORATION, PANASONIC CORPORATION OF  
NORTH AMERICA, PANASONIC INDUSTRIAL DEVICES SALES  
COMPANY OF AMERICA, PANASONIC CANADA INC.; KOA  
CORPORATION, KOA SPEER ELECTRONICS, INC., MURATA  
MANUFACTURING CO., LTD., MURATA ELECTRONICS NORTH  
AMERICA, INC., ROHM CO. LTD., ROHM SEMICONDUCTOR U.S.A.,  
LLC, VISHAY INTERTECHNOLOGY, INC., YAGEO CORPORATION,  
AND YAGEO AMERICA CORPORATION**

Defendants

BROUGHT UNDER THE *CLASS PROCEEDINGS ACT*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 50

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**ORDER MADE AFTER APPLICATION**

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