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**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

THE HONOURABLE MADAM  
JUSTICE LEITCH

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Thursday, THE 17 DAY  
OF August, 2023

B E T W E E N :

**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN:

RYAN TODD WONCH and MARGARET A. WONCH

Plaintiffs

-and-

NIPPON YUSEN KABUSHIKI KAISHA; NYK LINE (NORTH AMERICA) INC.; NYK  
LINE (CANADA), INC.; MITSUI O.S.K. LINES, LTD.; MITSUI O.S.K. BULK SHIPPING  
(U.S.A.), INC.; KAWASAKI KISEN KAISHA, LTD.; "K" LINE AMERICA, INC.;  
EUKOR CAR CARRIERS, INC.; WILH. WILHELMSSEN HOLDING ASA; WILH.  
WILHELMSSEN ASA; WALLENIUS LINES AB; WALLENIUS WILHELMSSEN LOGISTICS  
AMERICAS, LLC; WALLENIUS WILHELMSSEN LOGISTICS AS; WWL VEHICLE  
SERVICES CANADA LTD.; COMPANIA SUD AMERICANA DE VAPORES S.A.;  
NISSAN MOTOR CAR CARRIER CO., LTD.; WORLD LOGISTICS SERVICE (USA) INC.;  
CSAV AGENCY NORTH AMERICA, LLC; HÖEGH AUTOLINERS AS;  
HÖEGH AUTOLINERS, INC.

Defendants

**PROCEEDING UNDER THE CLASS PROCEEDINGS ACT, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.6**

**ORDER  
(Certification for Settlement Purpose and Notice Approval – MOL Settlement)**

**THIS MOTION**, made by the plaintiffs, for an Order certifying this action as a class proceeding for settlement purposes as against Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc., Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd., and World Logistics Service (USA) Inc. ("the Settling Defendants"), and approving the notices of certification and settlement approval



hearing (the “Notices”) and the plan of dissemination of said Notices was heard this day at the Court House, 80 Dundas Street, London, Ontario.

**ON READING** the materials filed, including the settlement agreement dated September 7, 2022 and the addendum to the settlement agreement dated January 17, 2023 (collectively the “Settlement Agreement”) attached to this Order as **Schedule “A”**;

**AND ON BEING ADVISED** that RicePoint Administration Inc. has consented to being appointed as a 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 the Non-Settling Defendants take no position on this Order;

**AND ON HEARING** the submissions of the parties:

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 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 defined as:

*All Persons in Canada who purchased Vehicle Carrier Services or purchased or leased a new vehicle transported by RoRo during the Class Period other than (1) all BC Settlement Class members and (2) all Québec Settlement Class members.*

**Vehicle Carrier Services** means paid international ocean shipping services via roll on/roll off vessels of cargo, such as new and used cars and trucks, as well as agricultural construction and mining equipment.

**Class Period** means February 1, 1997 to December 31, 2012.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that Ryan Todd Wonch and Margaret A. Wonch be appointed as the representative plaintiffs for the Ontario Settlement Class.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Ontario Action is certified on the basis that the following issue is common to the Ontario Settlement Class.

*Did the Settling Defendants conspire to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the prices of, or allocate markets and customers for, Vehicle Carrier Services directly or indirectly in Canada during the Class Period? If so, what damages, if any, did Settlement Class Members suffer?*

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order, including but not limited to the certification of the Ontario Action as against the Settling Defendants for settlement purposes and the definition of the Ontario Settlement Class and the 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 action and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may not be relied upon 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 action, as against the Non-Settling Defendants.
7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the opt out period provided pursuant to the Order of this Court made on January 19, 2017 satisfies the requirement of section 9 of the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 6 for the purposes of this action, that no further opt out period is necessary, and that the opt out period expired on May 10, 2017.
8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the notice of certification and settlement approval hearing, the press release and the banner ad (collectively, the “Notices”) are hereby approved substantially in the form attached collectively hereto as **Schedule “B”**.
9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the plan for disseminating the Notices (the “Notice Plan”) is hereby approved substantially in the form attached hereto as **Schedule “C”** and that the Notices shall be disseminated in accordance with the Notice Plan.

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that RicePoint Administration Inc. is appointed to disseminate the Notices in accordance with the Notice Plan and the terms of this Order.
11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that RicePoint Administration Inc's quote to implement the Notice Plan is hereby approved substantially in the form attached as **Schedule "D"** and that the costs of disseminating the Notices, less the costs payable by defendants pursuant to paragraph 15 of the order of Justice Bisson dated June 9, 2023 in the Québec Action, are to be paid from the Settlement Amount.
12. **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, including certification for settlement purposes, this Order shall be deemed null and void and of no force and effect, without the need for a further Order of this Court.
13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order is contingent upon parallel notice approval and certification/authorization orders being made by this Court, the British Columbia Court and the Québec Court and the terms of this Order shall not be effective unless and until such orders are made in the Ontario, British Columbia and Québec actions.
14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the date of the hearing of the Settlement Approval Motion shall be set for November 24, 2023.

Date:



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The Honourable Madam Justice Leitch

Schedule "A"

**CANADIAN VEHICLE CARRIER SERVICES CLASS ACTION  
NATIONAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Between:

**RYAN TODD WONCH, MARGARET A. WONCH,  
DARREN EWERT, and OPTION CONSOMMATEURS**

(the "Plaintiffs")

and

**MITSUMI O.S.K. LINES, LTD., MITSUMI O.S.K. BULK SHIPPING (U.S.A.), INC. AND  
NISSAN MOTOR CAR CARRIER CO., LTD.**

(the "Settling Defendants")

Executed September 7, 2022

**CANADIAN VEHICLE CARRIER SERVICES CLASS ACTION  
NATIONAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

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**CANADIAN VEHICLE CARRIER SERVICES CLASS ACTION  
NATIONAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**RECITALS**

A. WHEREAS the Proceedings were commenced by the BC Plaintiff in Vancouver, British Columbia, the Quebec Plaintiff in Montreal, Quebec and the Ontario Plaintiffs in London, Ontario;

B. WHEREAS in the Proceedings, the Plaintiffs allege that certain companies, including the Settling Defendants, participated in an unlawful conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the prices of Vehicle Carrier Services in Canada from at least February 1, 1997, until at least December 31, 2012, contrary to Part VI of the *Competition Act* and the common law and/or civil law;

C. WHEREAS the Quebec Action proceeded to a contested authorization and was authorized on behalf of the following class:

Toute personne qui a acheté au Québec des services de transport maritime par navire roulier (Ro-Ro) ou qui a acheté ou loué au Québec un véhicule automobile neuf, de la machinerie agricole neuve ou de l'équipement de construction neuf ayant été transporté par navire roulier (Ro-Ro) entre le premier février 1997 et le 31 décembre 2012.

All persons who purchased in Quebec marine transportation services by roll-on/roll-off (Ro-Ro) vessel or who purchased or leased in Quebec a new vehicle, new agricultural machinery or new construction equipment that was transported by roll-on/roll-off (Ro-Ro) vessel between February 1, 1997, and December 31, 2012.

D. WHEREAS the BC Action proceeded to a contested certification and was certified on behalf of the following class:

All British Columbia resident persons who, during the Class Period of February 1, 1997 to December 31, 2012, purchased Vehicle Carrier Services from a Defendant, or purchased or leased a new Vehicle in British Columbia that had been transported using Vehicle Carrier Services provided by a Defendant. The definition of Vehicle includes automobiles, trucks and high and heavy equipment such as buses, trucks, and agricultural and construction vehicles.

E. WHEREAS the Settlement Class Members were permitted an opportunity to opt out of the Proceedings, the deadline to opt out of the Proceedings has passed, and no Persons validly and timely exercised the right to opt out of the Proceedings;

F. 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;

G. 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;

H. WHEREAS the Settling Defendants are entering into this Settlement Agreement in order to achieve a final and nation-wide resolution of all claims asserted or which could have been asserted against the Releasees by the Plaintiffs and the Settlement Classes in the Proceedings, and to avoid further expense, inconvenience and the distraction of burdensome and protracted litigation;

I. WHEREAS the Settling Defendants represent that during the Class Period Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd. only provided Vehicle Carrier Services to Canada for vehicles manufactured by Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.;

J. WHEREAS the Settling Defendants have provided an attorney proffer to Class Counsel;

K. WHEREAS the Settling Defendants have produced to the plaintiffs all documents that were produced to the United States Department of Justice in connection with the United States Department of Justice's investigation into the conduct alleged in the Proceedings;

L. WHEREAS Counsel for the Settling Defendants and Class Counsel have engaged in arm's-length settlement discussions and negotiations, resulting in this Settlement Agreement relating to Canada;

M. 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;

N. WHEREAS the Plaintiffs and 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 seek to represent;

O. 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;

P. WHEREAS for the purposes of settlement only, the Parties now consent to certification of the Ontario Action and to the Settlement Classes and a Common Issue in respect of the Ontario Action 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 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

Q. WHEREAS the Plaintiffs assert that they are adequate class representatives for the classes they represent and/or seek to represent and are or 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 and Ontario Action be settled and dismissed with prejudice as to the Settling Defendants only, and the Quebec Action be declared settled out of court without costs against the Settling Defendants only, all without costs as to the Plaintiffs, the Settlement

Classes they seek to represent, 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 the Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings and the costs of claims administration, but excluding Class Counsel Fees.
- (2) **Approval Hearings** means 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.
- (5) **BC Court** means the Supreme Court of British Columbia.
- (6) **BC Plaintiff** means Darren Ewert.
- (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) **Claims Administrator** means the firm to be proposed by Class Counsel and appointed by the Courts to administer the Settlement Amount in accordance with the provisions of this Settlement Agreement and the Distribution Protocol, and any employees of such firm.
- (9) **Class Counsel** means Ontario Counsel, Quebec Counsel and BC Counsel.
- (10) **Class Counsel Fees** include the fees, disbursements, adverse costs awards, interest, 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 Quebec.

- (11) ***Class Period*** means February 1, 1997, to December 31, 2012.
- (12) ***Common Issue*** means: Did the Settling Defendants conspire to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the prices of, or allocate markets and customers for, Vehicle Carrier Services directly or indirectly in Canada during the Class Period? If so, what damages, if any, did Settlement Class Members suffer?
- (13) ***Courts*** means the Ontario Court, the Quebec Court and the BC Court.
- (14) ***Date of Execution*** means the date on the cover page as of which the Parties have executed this Settlement Agreement.
- (15) ***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 and Settled Defendants.
- (16) ***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.
- (17) ***Documents*** mean 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.
- (18) ***Effective Date*** means the date when the Final Orders have been received from all Courts approving this Settlement Agreement.
- (19) ***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.

- (20) ***Final Order(s)*** means the later of a final order, judgment or equivalent decree entered by a Court approving this Settlement Agreement in accordance with its terms, once the time to appeal such order 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.
- (21) ***Government Entity*** means the United States Department of Justice, the Japanese Fair Trade Commission, the United States Federal Maritime Commission, and the European Commission, or any other entity of any government.
- (22) ***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, either before or after the Date of Execution.
- (23) ***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 Classes of: (i) the certification or authorization of the Proceedings as class proceedings for settlement purposes (ii) if required, 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 (iiii) the process by which a Settlement Class Member may object to the settlement.
- (24) ***OEM*** means original equipment manufacturers who purchased Vehicle Carrier Services.
- (25) ***Ontario Action*** means the proceedings commenced by the Ontario Plaintiffs before the Ontario Court as identified in Schedule “A” to this Settlement Agreement.
- (26) ***Ontario Counsel*** means Foreman & Company Professional Corporation.
- (27) ***Ontario Court*** means the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.
- (28) ***Ontario Plaintiffs*** means Ryan Todd Wonch and Margaret A. Wonch.
- (29) ***Ontario Settlement Class*** means the settlement class in respect of the Ontario Action that is defined in Schedule “A” to this Settlement Agreement.

- (30) ***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.
- (31) ***Party and Parties*** means the Settling Defendants, the Plaintiffs, and, where necessary, the Settlement Class Members.
- (32) ***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.
- (33) ***Plaintiffs*** means the Ontario Plaintiff, the Quebec Plaintiff and the BC Plaintiff.
- (34) ***Proceedings*** means the Ontario Action, the Quebec Action, and the BC Action as defined in Schedule “A” to this Settlement Agreement.
- (35) ***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 other Releasees.
- (36) ***Quebec Action*** means the proceeding commenced by the Quebec Plaintiff before the Quebec Court identified in Schedule “A” to this Settlement Agreement.
- (37) ***Quebec Counsel*** means Belleau Lapointe s.e.n.c.r.l.
- (38) ***Quebec Court*** means the Superior Court of Québec.
- (39) ***Quebec Plaintiff*** means Option consommateurs.
- (40) ***Quebec Settlement Class*** means the settlement class in respect of the Quebec Action that is defined in Schedule “A” to this Settlement Agreement.
- (41) ***Recitals*** means the recitals to this Settlement Agreement.
- (42) ***Related Civil Cases*** has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 4.1(6)(b).

- (43) ***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 of any kind (including compensatory, punitive or other 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), known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, 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 anywhere, from the beginning of time to the date hereof, in respect of the purchase, sale, pricing, discounting, marketing or distributing of or compensation for, Vehicle Carrier Services in Canada, specifically including, without limitation, any Claims in any way related to Vehicle Carrier Services' rates, prices or fees or relating to any conduct alleged or which could have been alleged, directly or indirectly, in the Proceedings 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 Vehicle Carrier Services in Canada during the Class Period, including, without limitation, any claims for consequential, subsequent or follow on harm that arise after the date hereof in respect of any agreement or conduct that occurred prior to the date hereof. 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 similar claim between the Releasees and Releasors relating to Vehicle Carrier Services but not relating to alleged anti-competitive conduct. Released Claims exclude any claims the Plaintiffs may have against the Non-Settling Defendants and for greater certainty, exclude any claims against Höegh Autoliners AS and Höegh Autoliners, Inc., including in relation to commerce and conduct associated with their business relationship with Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd. or other business ventures between the Settling Defendants and Höegh Autoliners AS and Höegh Autoliners, Inc.



- (44) ***Releasees*** 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, joint ventures, insurers, and all other Persons, partnerships or corporations with whom any of the former have been, or are now, affiliated and all of their respective 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, excluding always the Non-Settling Defendants and their affiliates. For great certainty, Höegh Autoliners AS and Höegh Autoliners, Inc. are excluded from the definition of Releasees.
- (45) ***Releasors*** 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.
- (46) ***Schedules*** means the schedules to this Settlement Agreement.
- (47) ***Settled Defendants*** means any Defendant (excluding the Settling Defendants) that executes its own settlement agreement with the Plaintiffs 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 Date of Execution.
- (48) ***Settlement Agreement*** means this agreement, including the Recitals and Schedules.
- (49) ***Settlement Amount*** means the sum of seven million Canadian dollars (CAD \$7,000,000).
- (50) ***Settlement Classes*** means all Persons included in the Ontario Settlement Class, the Quebec Settlement Class and the BC Settlement Class.
- (51) ***Settlement Class Member*** means a member of the Settlement Classes.
- (52) ***Settling Defendants*** means Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc. and Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd.

- (53) **Translation(s)** means translation from another language into English.
- (54) **Trust Account** means a guaranteed investment vehicle, liquid money market account or equivalent security with a rating equivalent to or better than that of a Canadian Schedule I bank (a bank listed in Schedule I of the *Bank Act*, SC 1991, c 46) held at a Canadian financial institution under the control of Ontario Counsel or the Claims Administrator, once appointed, for the benefit of the Settlement Class Members or the Settling Defendants, as provided for in this Settlement Agreement.
- (55) **US Proceedings** means the actions that were or are before the US Federal Court or the US Federal Maritime Commission in regards to the alleged conspiracy regarding Vehicle Carrier Services that is at issue in the Proceedings.
- (56) **Vehicle** means cars, trucks, or other automotive vehicles including agriculture and construction equipment.
- (57) **Vehicle Carrier Services** means paid international ocean shipping services via roll on/roll off vessels of cargo, such as new and used cars and trucks, as well as agricultural, construction and mining equipment.

## 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 in the Ontario Action and BC Action, and declaration of settlement out of court of the Quebec Action as against the Settling Defendants in the Quebec Action.

### 2.2 Motions Seeking Approval of Notice and Certification

- (1) Subject to subsection 2.2(4), the BC Plaintiff and the Ontario Plaintiffs shall bring motions before the Courts, as soon as practicable after the Date of Execution, for orders approving the Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings and certifying, as the case may be, the Proceedings on a consent basis for settlement purposes.

(2) Subject to subsection 2.2(4), the Quebec Plaintiff shall bring a motion for authorization to amend the authorized class definition in the Quebec Action as against the Settling Defendants to reflect the Quebec Settlement Class described in Schedule “A”, and for approval of the Notice of Approval Hearings, before the Quebec Court, as soon as practicable after the Date of Execution.

(3) The motions required by subsection 2.2(1) and (2) may be filed in Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario at the same time.

(4) The BC order approving the Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings described in Section 2.2(1) and certifying the BC Action for settlement purposes shall be substantially in the form attached as Schedule B. The form and content of the Quebec order and the Ontario order (if necessary) approving the Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings described in Section 2.2(1) and (2) shall be agreed upon by the Parties and shall mirror the substance and, where possible, the form of the BC order attached as Schedule B.

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

(1) As soon as practicable after the orders referred to in Section 2.2(1) have been granted and the Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings has been published, and subject to subsection 2.3(2), the Plaintiffs shall bring motions before the Courts for orders approving this Settlement Agreement.

(2) The motions required by subsection 2.3(1) may be filed in Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario at the same time.

(3) The BC order approving this Settlement Agreement shall be substantially in the form attached as Schedule C. The Quebec order and the Ontario order approving this Settlement Agreement shall be agreed upon by the Parties and shall mirror the substance and, where possible, the form of the BC order.

(4) 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 Section 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 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) Within thirty (30) days of the Date of Execution, the Settling Defendants shall pay the Settlement Amount into the Trust Account. The Settling Defendants shall deposit the Settlement Amount into the Trust Account by wire transfer. Ontario Counsel shall provide the necessary wire transfer information to counsel for the Settling Defendants with reasonable advance notice so that the Settling Defendants have a reasonable period of time to comply with Section 3.1(1) of this Settlement Agreement.

(2) The Settlement Amount shall be all-inclusive of all amounts, including interest and costs, and shall be paid 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, 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 Classes and shall become and remain part of the Trust Account.

(2) Subject to Section 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 Classes. 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**

#### Evidentiary Proffer

(1) The Settling Defendants have provided to Class Counsel an oral evidentiary proffer, through meetings between Class Counsel and Counsel for the Settling Defendants, which took place on July 23, 28, and 30, 2021, and which 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:

- (a) 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;
- (b) any information regarding the duration of the alleged conspiracy;

- (c) any information regarding services 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;
- (d) 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;
- (e) 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
- (f) the identification of "key" documents relevant to the allegations raised in the Proceedings 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.

(2) Following the proffer, Counsel for the Settling Defendants responded and will respond to reasonable written questions from Class Counsel relating to the information provided in the proffers, and will answer Class Counsel's reasonable questions relating to the Proceedings on an ongoing basis until the Settling Defendants' cooperation obligations cease.

(3) 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 proffers or in responding to written questions 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 proffers to the Settling Defendants and/or Counsel for the Settling Defendants. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Class Counsel may:

- (i) use information obtained from the proffers in the prosecution of any or all of the Proceedings,;
- 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 the proffers into the record or subpoena any Counsel for the Settling Defendants related to a proffer.

#### Transactional Sales Information

(4) Settling Defendants shall consider in good faith reasonable requests by the Plaintiffs for additional transactional sales data and costs information regarding crew wages, fuel and diesel, lubricants, port fees and canal dues, new ship building, ship scrapping, ship layups, maintenance (including periodic dry docking for maintenance), and insurance from between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 2019, (including pre-existing translations), but only to the extent such requests are made with reasonable specificity and indicate the reason why additional data should be provided, and only for the purposes of litigating the trial of the common issues, and to the extent such additional information exists and is reasonably accessible.

#### Reasonable Assistance

(5) The Settling Defendants agree to provide reasonable assistance to Class Counsel in understanding the transactional sales data and transactional costs data produced by the Settling Defendants, through Counsel for the Settling Defendants, including a reasonable number of written and/or telephonic communications with Class Counsel and/or the Plaintiffs' experts and between technical personnel.

#### Witness Interviews

(6) Following the Effective Date, the Settling Defendants shall, at the request of Class Counsel, upon reasonable notice, and subject to any legal restrictions, make reasonable efforts to make available at a mutually convenient time employees of the Settling Defendants who have knowledge relevant to the allegations raised in the Proceedings to provide information regarding the allegations raised in the Proceedings in a personal interview with Class Counsel and/or experts retained by Class Counsel. The interviews may be conducted virtually through a secure virtual meeting platform. Upon reasonable notice by Class Counsel, the Settling Defendants shall use reasonable efforts to make available by telephone the interviewee to answer Class Counsel's follow-up questions. Costs incurred by, and the expenses of, the employees of the Settling Defendants in relation to such interviews, including any translation or interpretation costs, shall be the responsibility of the Settling Defendants. If the employee(s) refuses to provide information,

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or otherwise cooperate, the Settling Defendants shall use reasonable efforts to make him/her available for an interview with Class Counsel and/or experts retained by Class Counsel. The failure of the employee(s) to agree to make him or herself available, or to otherwise cooperate, with the Plaintiffs shall not constitute a violation of this Settlement Agreement.

#### Trial Witnesses

(7) Subject to the rules of evidence, any court order with respect to confidentiality and the other provisions of this Settlement Agreement, the Settling Defendants agree to use reasonable efforts to produce at trial or otherwise in the Proceedings (including through affidavit evidence): (i) representatives qualified to establish for admission into evidence the Settling Defendants' transactional sales and costs data and other sales information provided (with Class Counsel using its best efforts to authenticate such data and/or information for use at trial or otherwise without use of a live witness); (ii) representatives qualified to establish for admission into evidence any of the Settling Defendants' Documents provided as cooperation pursuant to this Settlement Agreement that is reasonable and necessary for the prosecution of the Proceedings (with Class Counsel using its best efforts to authenticate documents for use at trial or otherwise without use of a live witness); and (iii) representatives qualified to establish for admission into evidence information provided pursuant to this Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel shall use all reasonable efforts to limit the number of witnesses. To the extent reasonably possible, a single witness from each Settling Defendant will be used to authenticate data and documents and to provide information at trial or otherwise contemplated by this Section 4.1(6). Nothing in this provision shall prevent the Settling Defendants from objecting to the reasonableness of the identity and number of persons selected by Class Counsel to provide the cooperation referred to in this Section 4.1(6). The failure of a specific officer, director or employee to agree to make him or herself available, or to otherwise cooperate with the Plaintiffs, shall not constitute a violation of this Settlement Agreement.

#### Cooperation Material to Agreement

(8) 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. Additionally, if the Settling Defendant is unable to provide the



cooperation referred to in Section 4.1(6), the Plaintiffs may exercise any rights they have to seek to obtain testimony at trial from the current and former officers, directors and/or employees of the Settling Defendant and Releasees.

(9) The Settling Defendants' obligations to cooperate as particularized in this Section 4.1 shall not be affected by the release provisions contained in this Settlement Agreement. Unless this Settlement Agreement is not approved, is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason, the Settling Defendants' obligations to provide cooperation under this Settlement Agreement shall continue only until: (i) otherwise ordered by the Courts; or (ii) such time as a final judgment has been entered in the Proceeding against all Defendants (including as a result of any settlement, discontinuance and/or consent dismissal) and the time for appeal or to seek appeal from such final judgment has expired and no motion or other pleading has been filed with the relevant Court (or with any other court) seeking to set aside, enjoin, or in any way alter the entry of such final judgment or to toll the time for appeal of such final judgment or, if appealed, such final judgment has been affirmed in its entirety by the court of last resort to which such appeal has been taken and such affirmance has become no longer subject to further appeal or review. 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.

(10) A material factor influencing the Plaintiffs' decision to execute this Settlement Agreement is the Settling Defendants' agreement to cooperate. The Settling Defendants represent that they have information relevant to the allegations raised in the Proceedings, including information regarding the conduct of the Defendants, that will assist the Plaintiffs in prosecuting the Proceedings and that it will be provided to the Plaintiffs pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. For greater certainty, the Settling Defendants make no representation as to the availability of witnesses who have knowledge relevant to the allegations raised in the Proceedings.

#### **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 Plaintiffs and Class Counsel 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 publicly available. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel agree they will not disclose the Documents and information provided by the Settling Defendants except in accordance with the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement, executed by the Parties on August 4, 2021.

## **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 - RELEASES AND DISMISSALS**

### **6.1 Release of Releasees**

(1) Upon the Effective Date, subject to Section 6.2, in consideration of payment of the Settlement Amount and for other valuable consideration set forth in this Settlement Agreement, the Releasors forever and absolutely release and forever discharge the Releasees from the Released Claims that any of them, whether directly, indirectly, derivatively, or in any other capacity, ever had, now have, or hereafter can, shall, or may have.

(2) The Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members acknowledge that they may hereafter discover facts in addition to, or different from, those facts which they know or believe to be true regarding the subject matter of the Settlement Agreement, and it is their intention to release fully, finally and forever all Released Claims and, in furtherance of such intention, this release shall be and remain in effect notwithstanding the discovery or existence of additional or different facts.

(3) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the releases granted pursuant to this Section 6.1 shall be deemed partial for the purposes of article 1687 and following the *Civil Code of Quebec*, shall inure only to the benefit of the Releasees and shall not preclude, foreclose or otherwise limit the rights of the Quebec Settlement Class Members against the Non-Settling Defendants or unnamed alleged co-conspirators that are not Releasees.

## **6.2 Covenant Not to Sue**

(1) Notwithstanding Section 6.1, 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 Releasors 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. For greater certainty, Section 6.1(2) continues to apply to the Quebec Settlement Class Members.

## **6.3 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 BC Action is decertified or the Quebec Action is de-authorized or if the Proceedings are not certified in the Ontario Action, 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 by members of the class in the Proceedings. For the purposes of this Section 7.3(1), Class Counsel includes anyone currently or hereafter employed by or a partner with Class Counsel.

(2) Section 6.3 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*.

## **6.4 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 in the Ontario Action and the BC Action.

(2) Upon the Effective Date, the Quebec Action shall be settled, without costs and without reservation as against the Settling Defendants in the Quebec Action, and the Parties shall sign and file a declaration of settlement out of court in the Quebec Court in respect of the Quebec Action.

## **6.5 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 member of the Quebec Settlement Class who makes a claim 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 Quebec by a member of the Quebec Settlement Class who makes a claim under this Settlement Agreement shall be dismissed as against the Releasees, without costs and without reservation.

## **SECTION 7 - BAR ORDER AND WAIVER OF SOLIDARITY**

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

(1) The Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants agree that the British Columbia and Ontario orders 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 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) 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 by any Non-Settling Defendants, any named or unnamed co-conspirator that is not a Releasee or any other Person or party against a Releasee, or by a Releasee against any Non-Settling Defendants or any named or unnamed co-conspirator that is not a Releasee, are barred, prohibited and enjoined in accordance with the terms of this Section;

- (ii) the Ontario or BC Plaintiffs, 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 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;
- (iii) the Ontario or BC Plaintiffs, 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 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 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, costs (including investigative costs claimed pursuant to section 36 of the *Competition Act*), and interest attributable to the aggregate of the several liability of the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee to the Ontario or BC Plaintiffs, 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 claim and recover on a joint and several basis as between the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or

unnamed co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee, to the extent provided by law; and

- (iv) 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 Releasees remain in the relevant Proceeding 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.
- (b) A provision that if the Ontario Court or BC Court, as applicable, ultimately determines that the Non-Settling Defendants would not have the right to make claims for contribution and indemnity or other claims over, whether in equity or in law, by statute or otherwise, from or against the Releasees, then nothing in the British Columbia and Ontario orders approving this Settlement Agreement, as applicable, 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, restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits or judgment against them in favour of members of the Ontario Settlement Class or BC Settlement Class, as applicable, in the Ontario or BC Action, as applicable.
- (c) A provision that a Non-Settling Defendants may, on motion to the Ontario or BC Court, as applicable, determined as if the Settling Defendants remained party to the Ontario or BC Action, as applicable, and on at least ten (10) days' notice to Counsel for the Settling Defendants, and not to be brought unless and until the Ontario Action or BC Action, as applicable, against the Non-Settling Defendants has been certified and all appeals or times to appeal have been exhausted, seek Orders for the following:

- (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.
- (d) A provision that the Settling Defendants retain all rights to oppose such motion(s) brought pursuant to Section 7.1(1)(c). 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 Section 7.1(1)(c). Notwithstanding any provision in the British Columbia and Ontario orders approving this Settlement Agreement, on any motion brought pursuant to Section 7.1(1)(c), the Ontario or BC Court, as applicable, may make such orders as to costs and other terms as it considers appropriate.
- (e) A provision that a Non-Settling Defendants may serve the motion(s) referred to in Section 7.1(1)(c) 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 Section 7.1(1)(c) 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 Defendants(s).

## **7.2 Quebec Waiver or Renunciation of Solidarity Order**

(1) The Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants agree that the Quebec order approving this Settlement Agreement must include a waiver or renunciation of solidarity in respect of the Quebec action which includes the following:

- (a) the Quebec Plaintiff and the Quebec 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;
- (b) the Quebec Plaintiff and the Quebec Settlement Class shall henceforth only be able to claim and recover damages, including punitive damages, interest and costs (including investigative costs claimed pursuant to s. 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 or relating to the Released Claims shall be inadmissible and void in the context of the Quebec 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 the *Code of Civil Procedure*.

## **7.3 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 Settlement Class Members against any Person other than the Releasees.

# **SECTION 8 - EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT**

## **8.1 No Admission of Liability**

(1) The Plaintiffs and Releasees 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

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Plaintiffs and the Releasees 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.

## **8.2 Agreement Not Evidence**

(1) The Plaintiffs and the Releasees agree 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 9 - CERTIFICATION 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 shall not be used or relied on as against the Settling Defendants for any other purpose or in any other proceeding.

(2) The Plaintiffs agree that, in the motion 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 Quebec 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 10 - NOTICE TO SETTLEMENT CLASS**

### **10.1 Notices Required**

(1) The proposed Settlement Classes shall be given the following notice: (i) Notice of Certification and of Approval Hearings; 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, to the extent reasonably available, with last known contact information for each customer in Canada who purchased Vehicle Carrier Services directly from the Settling Defendants during the Class Period for the purpose of facilitating direct notice to the Settling Defendants' customers.

### **10.2 Form and Distribution of Notices**

(1) The form of the notices referred to in Section 10.1 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 Section 10.1. The Plaintiffs may determine the time of these motions in their full and complete discretion, after consultation with the Settling Defendants, and subject to section 2.2.

## **SECTION 11 - ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

### **11.1 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 section 2.3.

## **SECTION 12 - 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 Section 10.1 and any costs of translation required by Section 14.12 from the Trust Account, as they become due.
- (3) Class Counsel may seek the Courts' approval to pay Class Counsel Fees contemporaneous with seeking approval of this Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel Fees shall be reimbursed and paid solely out of the Trust Account after the Effective Date. No Class Counsel Fees shall be paid from the Trust Account prior to the Effective Date.
- (4) Except as provided herein, Administration Expenses may only be paid out of the Trust Account after the Effective Date.

## **SECTION 13 - NON-APPROVAL OR TERMINATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

### **13.1 Right of Termination**

- (1) In the event that:
  - (a) the Ontario Court declines to certify the Ontario Settlement Class;
  - (b) the BC Court or the Ontario Court declines to dismiss the Proceedings against the Settling Defendants or the Quebec Action is not fully settled out of court as against the Settling Defendants;
  - (c) any Court declines to approve this Settlement Agreement or any material term, 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) the Parties acting reasonably do not reach agreement on the form and content of any order required by this Settlement Agreement, or the order agreed by the Parties is approved by a Court in a materially modified form, or
- (f) any order approving this Settlement Agreement made by the Courts do not become Final Orders;

the Settling Defendants, Class Counsel, and the Plaintiffs shall have the right to terminate this Settlement Agreement by delivering a written notice pursuant to Section 14.18, within thirty (30) days following the event described above. Except as provided for in Section 13.4, if the Settling Defendants, Class Counsel 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) Any order, ruling or determination made by any Court with respect to

- (a) Class Counsel Fees, or
- (b) 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.

### **13.2 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 the Ontario Action as a class proceeding on the basis of this Settlement Agreement, or to approve this Settlement Agreement, which has not been decided, shall proceed; and
  - (b) any order certifying the Ontario Action as a class proceeding on the basis of the Settlement Agreement or approving this Settlement Agreement shall be set aside

and declared null and void and of no force or effect, and anyone shall be estopped from asserting otherwise.

### **13.3 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 Section 10.1, and any costs of translation required by Section 14.12.

### **13.4 Survival of Provisions After Termination**

(1) If this Settlement Agreement is terminated or otherwise fails to take effect for any reason, the provisions of Sections 3.2(3), 8.1, 8.2, 10.1, 10.2, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, and 14.6 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 Sections 3.2(3), 8.1, 8.2, 10.1, 10.2, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, and 14.6 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 14 - MISCELLANEOUS**

### **14.1 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 BC Action or the Quebec Action shall be determined by the Ontario Court.

(2) All motions contemplated by this Settlement Agreement shall be on notice to the Parties.

### **14.2 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.

### **14.3 Headings, etc.**

(1) In this Settlement Agreement:

- (a) the division of the Settlement Agreement into sections 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 or other portion of this Settlement Agreement.

### **14.4 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, they 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.

### **14.5 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 Sections 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. Issues related to the administration of this Settlement Agreement, the Trust

Account, and other matters not specifically related to the claim of a BC Settlement Class member in the BC Action or a Quebec Settlement Class member in the Quebec Action shall be determined by the Ontario Court.

#### **14.6 Governing Law**

(1) Subject to Section 14.6(2), this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario.

(2) Notwithstanding Section 14.6(1), for matters relating specifically to the BC Action or the Quebec Action, the BC Court or Quebec Court, as applicable, shall apply the law of its own jurisdiction and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

#### **14.7 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.

#### **14.8 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.

#### **14.9 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.

#### **14.10 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 PDF signature shall be deemed an original signature for purposes of executing this Settlement Agreement.

#### **14.11 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.

#### **14.12 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.

#### **14.13 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.

#### **14.14 Recitals**

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



#### **14.15 Schedules**

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

#### **14.16 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.

#### **14.17 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.

#### **14.18 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 email, facsimile or letter by overnight delivery to the representatives for the Party to whom notice is being provided, as identified below:

**FOR THE PLAINTIFFS AND CLASS COUNSEL:**

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Tel:  
Fax:  
Email:

**14.19 Date of Execution**

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

**Ryan Todd Wonch and Margaret A. Wonch**, by their counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory:

Jonathan Foreman

Signature of Authorized Signatory:

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Foreman & Company Professional  
Corporation  
Ontario Counsel

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**Darren Ewert**, by his counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory:

David Jones

Signature of Authorized Signatory:

[Signature]  
Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP  
BC Counsel

**Option consommateurs**, by their counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory:

Maxime Nasr

Signature of Authorized Signatory:

[Signature]  
Belleau Lapointe s.e.n.c.r.l  
Quebec Counsel

**ITSUI O.S.K. LINES, LTD., ITSUI O.S.K. BULK SHIPPING (U.S.A.),  
INC. and NISSAN MOTOR CAR CARRIER CO., LTD.,** by their counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory

Josh Hutchinson

Signature of Authorized Signatory:

[Signature]  
Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP  
Canadian Counsel

SCHEDULE C

## SCHEDULE “A” PROCEEDINGS

Proceeding	Plaintiff(s)	Defendants	Settlement Classes
Ontario Superior Court of Justice Court File Nos. 1241/13 CP (the “Ontario Action”)	Ryan Todd Wonch and Margaret A. Wonch	Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha, NYK Line (North America) Inc., NYK Line (Canada), Inc., Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc., Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd., “K” Line America, Inc., EUKOR Car Carriers, Inc., Wilh Wilhelmsen Holding ASA, Wilh. Wilhelmsen ASA, Wallenius Lines AB, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Americas, LLC, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics AS, WWL Vehicle Services Canada Ltd., Compania Sud Americana De Vapores S.A., Toyofuji Shipping Co., Ltd., Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd., World Logistics Service (USA) Inc., Höegh Autoliners AS, Höegh Autoliners Inc., and CSAV Agency North America, LLC	All Persons in Canada who purchased Vehicle Carrier Services, or purchased or leased a new vehicle transported by RoRo during the Class Period other than (1) all BC Settlement Class members and (2) all Quebec Settlement Class members.
Quebec Superior Court (District of Montreal), File No. 500-06-000657-136 (the “Quebec Action”)	Option consommateurs	Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha, NYK Line (North America) Inc., NYK Line (Canada), Inc., Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc., Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd., “K” Line America, Inc., EUKOR Car Carriers, Inc., WWL Vehicle Services Canada Ltd., Wilh. Wilhelmsen ASA, Wilh Wilhelmsen Holding ASA, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Americas, LLC, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics AS, Wallenius Lines AB, Toyofuji Shipping Co., Ltd., Compania Sud Americana De Vapores S.A., Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd., World Logistics Service (USA) Inc.	All Persons in Quebec who purchased Vehicle Carrier Services, or purchased or leased a new vehicle transported by Vehicle Carrier Services during the Class Period.

<b>Proceeding</b>	<b>Plaintiff(s)</b>	<b>Defendants</b>	<b>Settlement Classes</b>
British Columbia Supreme Court (Vancouver Registry) Court File No. S134895 (the “BC Action”)	Darren Ewert	Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha, NYK Line (North America) Inc., NYK Line (Canada), Inc., Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc., Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd., “K” Line America, Inc., EUKOR Car Carriers, Inc., Wilh. Wilhelmsen Holding ASA, Wilh. Wilhelmsen ASA, Wallenius Lines AB, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Americas, LLC, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics AS, WWL Vehicle Services Canada Ltd., Compania Sud Americana De Vapores S.A., CSAV Agency North America, LLC, Toyofuji Shipping Co., Ltd., Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd., World Logistics Service (USA) Inc., Höegh Autoliners AS, and Höegh Autoliners Inc.	All British Columbia resident persons who, during the Class Period of February 1, 1997 to December 31, 2012, purchased Vehicle Carrier Services, or purchased or leased a new Vehicle in British Columbia that had been transported using Vehicle Carrier Services.

**SCHEDULE “B”**

No. S-134895

Vancouver Registry

*In the Supreme Court of British Columbia*

Between

**Darren Ewert**

Plaintiff

and

**Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha;  
NYK Line (North America) Inc.; NYK Line (Canada), Inc.;  
Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.;  
Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc.;  
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.; “K” Line America, Inc.; EUKOR Car  
Carriers, Inc.;  
Wilh. Wilhelmsen Holding ASA; Wilh. Wilhelmsen ASA;  
Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Americas, LLC;  
Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics AS;  
Wallenius Lines AB; WWL Vehicle Services Canada Ltd.;  
Toyofuji Shipping Co., Ltd.;  
Compania Sud Americana De Vapores S.A.; CSAV Agency North  
America, LLC; Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd.;  
World Logistics Service (USA) Inc.; Höegh Autoliners AS; Höegh  
Autoliners, Inc.**

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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☐ BEFORE THE HONOURABLE ♦

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ON THE APPLICATION of the plaintiff coming on for hearing at the Courthouse, 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, BC, on dd/mm/yyyy and on hearing name of party/lawyer and name of party/lawyer;

AND ON READING the materials filed by the plaintiff in support of the application, including the Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.; Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc. and Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd. (the **"Settling Defendants"**) Settlement Agreement dated ♦ ♦, 2021 (the **"MOL Settlement Agreement"**) attached to this Order as **Schedule "A"**, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Plaintiff counsel for the Settling Defendants, and counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants in this Action;

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 application;

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

THIS COURT ORDERS that:

1. 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. The short-form and long-form notices of settlement approval hearing are hereby approved substantially in the forms attached respectively hereto as schedules "B" and "C";

3. The plan of dissemination for the short-form and long-form notices of settlement approval hearings (the "plan of dissemination") is hereby approved in the form attached hereto as schedule "D" and that the notices of settlement approval hearing shall be disseminated in accordance with the plan of dissemination;

4. ♦ is appointed to disseminate the notices of settlement approval hearing in accordance with the terms of this order;

5. The BC Action is certified as a class proceeding as against the settling defendants for settlement purposes only;

6. The "BC settlement class" is certified as follows:

All British Columbia resident persons who, during the Class Period of February 1, 1997 to December 31, 2012, purchased Vehicle Carrier Services or purchased or leased a new Vehicle in British Columbia that had been transported using Vehicle Carrier Services.

7. The following issue is common to the BC settlement class:

Did the Settling Defendants conspire to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the prices of, or allocate markets and customers for, Vehicle Carrier Services

directly or indirectly in Canada during the Class Period? If so, what damages, if any, did Settlement Class Members suffer?

8. Darren Ewert is appointed as the representative plaintiff for the BC settlement class;

9. Paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this order, 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 are 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; and

10. Endorsement of this order by counsel for the non-settling defendants is 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,  
Darren Ewert

David G.A. Jones

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Signature of lawyer for Mitsui O.S.K.  
Lines, Ltd.; Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping  
(U.S.A.), Inc. and Nissan Motor Car  
Carrier Co., Ltd.

Robert Kwinter

By the Court

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Registrar



No. S-134895  
Vancouver Registry

*In the Supreme Court of British Columbia*

Between

**Darren Ewert**

Plaintiff

and

**Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha;  
NYK Line (North America) Inc.; NYK Line (Canada), Inc.;  
Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.;  
Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc.;  
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.; "K" Line America, Inc.; EUKOR Car  
Carriers, Inc.;  
Wilh. Wilhelmsen Holding ASA; Wilh. Wilhelmsen ASA;  
Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Americas, LLC;  
Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics AS;  
Wallenius Lines AB; WWL Vehicle Services Canada Ltd.;  
Toyofuji Shipping Co., Ltd.;  
Compania Sud Americana De Vapores S.A.; CSAV Agency North  
America, LLC; Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd.;  
World Logistics Service (USA) Inc.; Höegh Autoliners AS; Höegh  
Autoliners, Inc.**

Defendants

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**SCHEDULE “C”**

No. S-134895

**Vancouver Registry**

***In the Supreme Court of British Columbia***

**Between**

**Darren Ewert**

**Plaintiff**

**and**

**Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha;  
NYK Line (North America) Inc.; NYK Line (Canada), Inc.;  
Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.;  
Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc.;  
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.; “K” Line America, Inc.; EUKOR Car  
Carriers, Inc.;  
Wilh. Wilhelmsen Holding ASA; Wilh. Wilhelmsen ASA;  
Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Americas, LLC;  
Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics AS;  
Wallenius Lines AB; WWL Vehicle Services Canada Ltd.;  
Toyofuji Shipping Co., Ltd.;  
Compania Sud Americana De Vapores S.A.; CSAV Agency North  
America, LLC; Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd.;  
World Logistics Service (USA) Inc.; Höegh Autoliners AS; Höegh  
Autoliners, Inc.**

**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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☐ BEFORE THE HONOURABLE ◆ )  
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ON THE APPLICATION of the plaintiff coming on for hearing at the Courthouse, 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, BC, on dd/mmm/yyyy and on hearing name of party/lawyer and name of party/lawyer;

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AND ON READING the materials filed by the plaintiff in support of the application, including the Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.; Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc. and Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd. (the "Settling Defendants") Settlement Agreement dated ♦ ♦, 2021 (the "MOL Settlement Agreement") attached to this Order as Schedule "A", and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Plaintiff counsel for the Settling Defendants, and counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants in this Action;

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

AND ON BEING ADVISED that the deadline for opting out of the BC 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 application;

THIS COURT ORDERS that:

1. In addition to the definitions used elsewhere in this order, for the purposes of this order, the definitions set out in the MOL Settlement Agreement apply to and are incorporated into this order;
2. In the event of a conflict between this order and the MOL Settlement Agreement, this order shall prevail;
3. This order, including the MOL Settlement Agreement, is binding upon each member of the BC Settlement Class including those persons who are minors or mentally incapable;
4. The MOL Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of the BC Settlement Class;
5. Is approved pursuant to s. 35 of the Class Proceedings Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 50 and shall be implemented and enforced in accordance with its terms;
6. Upon the Effective Date, each member of the BC Settlement Class shall consent and shall be deemed to have consented to the dismissal as against the Releasees of any Other Actions he, she or it has commenced, without costs and with prejudice;
7. Upon the Effective Date, each Other Action commenced in BC by any member of the BC Settlement Class shall be and is hereby dismissed against the Releasees, without costs and with prejudice;
8. 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. Upon the Effective Date, the releasors shall not now or hereafter institute, continue, 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, whether pursuant to the Negligence Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 33, or other legislation or at common law or equity, in respect of any Released Claim except for the continuation of the proceedings against the Non-Settling Defendants or unnamed alleged 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. The use of the terms "Releasors" and "Released Claims" in this order does not constitute a release of claims by those members of the BC Settlement Class who are resident in any province or territory where the release of one tortfeasor is a release of all tortfeasors;

11. Upon the Effective Date, each member of the BC 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 nor 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. 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) 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 any Other Actions or otherwise by any Non-Settling Defendants, any named or unnamed co-conspirator that is not a Releasee or any other Person or party against a Releasee, or by a Releasee against any Non-Settling Defendants or any named or unnamed co-conspirator that is not a Releasee, are barred, prohibited and enjoined in accordance with the terms of this Section;
- (b) the BC Plaintiff and BC Settlement Class Members shall not be entitled to claim or recover from the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed 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;
- (c) the BC Plaintiff and BC Settlement Class Members shall limit their claims against the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed 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 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, costs, and interest attributable to the aggregate of the several liability of the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee to the BC Plaintiff and BC Settlement Class Members, if any, and, for greater certainty, the BC Settlement Class Members shall be entitled to claim and recover on a joint and several basis as between the Non-Settling Defendants and/or named or unnamed co-conspirators and/or any other Person or party that is not a Releasee, to the extent provided by law; and

- (d) this Court shall have full authority to determine the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees at the trial or other disposition of the BC Action, whether or not the Releasees remain in the BC 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 BC Action and any determination by this Court in respect of the Proportionate Liability of the Releasees shall only apply in the BC Action and shall not be binding on the Releasees in any other proceeding.

13. That if this court ultimately determines that the Non-Settling Defendants would not have the right to make claims for contribution and indemnity or other claims over, whether in equity or in law, by statute or otherwise, from or against the Releasees, then 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, restitutionary award, disgorgement of profits or judgment against them in favour of members of the BC Settlement Class in the BC Action;

14. A Non-Settling Defendant may, on application to this court or the Ontario Court brought on at least twenty (20) days' notice and to be determined as if the Settling Defendants were party to the BC Action, and not to be brought until the BC Action against the Non-Settling Defendants has been certified and all appeals or times to appeal have been exhausted, seek orders for the following:

- (a) Documentary discovery and a list of documents from the Settling Defendants in accordance with the *Supreme Court Civil Rules*;
- (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.

15. The Settling Defendants retains all rights to oppose such application(s) brought under paragraph 14;

16. A Non-Settling Defendants may serve the application(s) referred to in paragraph 14 above on the Settling Defendants by service on counsel for the Settling Defendants in the BC Action;

17. For purposes of administration and enforcement of the MOL 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 and enforcing the MOL Settlement Agreement and this order, and subject to the terms and conditions set out in the MOL Settlement Agreement and this order;

18. Except as provided herein, this order does not affect any claims or causes of action that any members of the BC Settlement Class has or may have against the Non-Settling Defendants or named or unnamed co-conspirators who are not Releasees;

19. No Releasee shall have any responsibility or liability whatsoever relating to the administration of the MOL Settlement Agreement;

20. The Settlement Amount shall be held in the trust account by Ontario counsel or its duly appointed agent for the benefit of the members of the Settlement Classes;

21. The approval of the MOL Settlement Agreement is contingent upon approval by the Ontario Court and the Quebec Court, and the terms of this order shall not be effective unless and until the MOL Settlement Agreement is approved by the Ontario Court and the Quebec Court, and the Ontario Action has been dismissed with prejudice and without costs and the Quebec Action has been declared settled out of court as against the Settling Defendants in the relevant proceeding by the Courts. If such orders are not secured in Quebec and Ontario, this order shall be null and void and without prejudice to the rights of the Parties to proceed with the BC Action and any agreement between the Parties incorporated in this order shall be deemed in any subsequent proceedings to have been made without prejudice;

22. In the event that the MOL Settlement Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, this order shall be declared null and void on subsequent motion made on notice;

23. The BC Action is hereby dismissed as against the Settling Defendants without costs and with prejudice; and

24. Endorsement of this order by counsel for the Non-Settling Defendants is 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,  
Darren Ewert

David G.A. Jones

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Signature of lawyer for Mitsui O.S.K.  
Lines, Ltd.; Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping  
(U.S.A.), Inc. and Nissan Motor Car  
Carrier Co., Ltd.

Robert Kwinter

By the Court

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Registrar

No. S-134895

Vancouver Registry

*In the Supreme Court of British Columbia*

Between

**Darren Ewert**

Plaintiff

and

**Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha;  
NYK Line (North America) Inc.; NYK Line (Canada), Inc.;  
Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.;  
Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc.;  
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.; “K” Line America, Inc.; EUKOR Car  
Carriers, Inc.;  
Wilh. Wilhelmsen Holding ASA; Wilh. Wilhelmsen ASA;  
Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics Americas, LLC;  
Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics AS;  
Wallenius Lines AB; WWL Vehicle Services Canada Ltd.;  
Toyofuji Shipping Co., Ltd.;  
Compania Sud Americana De Vapores S.A.; CSAV Agency North  
America, LLC; Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd.;  
World Logistics Service (USA) Inc.; Höegh Autoliners AS; Höegh  
Autoliners, Inc.**

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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## **ADDENDUM TO CANADIAN VEHICLE CARRIER SERVICES CLASS ACTION NATIONAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Dated as of January 17, 2023

**WHEREAS** Ryan Todd Wonch, Margaret A. Wonch, Darren Ewert, and Option Consommateurs (collectively, the “**Plaintiffs**”) and Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Mitsui O.S.K. Bulk Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc., and Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd. (collectively, the “**Settling Defendants**”) entered into a Canadian Vehicle Carrier Services Class Action National Settlement Agreement dated September 7, 2022 (the “**Settlement Agreement**”);

**AND WHEREAS** the Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants have agreed to amend the Settlement Agreement on the terms set out in this Addendum to Canadian Vehicle Carrier Services Class Action National Settlement Agreement (this “**Addendum**”);

**AND WHEREAS** World Logistics Service (USA) Inc. (“**World Logistics**”) is an affiliate of Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co., Ltd.;

**AND WHEREAS** World Logistics has agreed to this Addendum;

**NOW THEREFORE** in consideration of the terms contained herein, including the mutual assumption of obligations by and in respect of World Logistics, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, the parties mutually agree as follows:

The Settlement Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

1. World Logistics is added as a party to the Settlement Agreement;
2. The definition of “Settling Defendants” under the Settlement Agreement, including under section 1(52) of the Settlement Agreement, is amended to additionally include World Logistics; and
3. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, and for greater certainty, the definition of “Releasees” under section 1(44) of the Settlement Agreement includes World Logistics as one of the Settling Defendants, and World Logistics is subject to the cooperation obligations of the Settling Defendants under section 4 of the Settlement Agreement.

Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Addendum, all references in the Settlement Agreement to “this Settlement Agreement” or like expressions shall be deemed to be references to the Settlement Agreement as amended by this Addendum. All terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect, except as expressly provided for in this Addendum.

This Addendum shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario. However, for matters relating specifically to the BC Action or the Quebec Action, the BC Court or Quebec Court (as those terms are defined in the Settlement Agreement), as applicable, shall apply the law of its own jurisdiction and the laws of Canada applicable therein.


This Addendum may be executed in counterparts, all of which taken together will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement, and a facsimile or PDF signature shall be deemed an original signature for purposes of executing this Addendum.

The parties have executed this Amendment by their duly authorized representatives:

**Ryan Todd Wonch and Margaret A. Wonch**, by their counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_


 on behalf of  
Jonathan Foreman  
by permission  
Foreman & Company Professional  
Corporation  
Ontario Counsel

**Darren Ewert**, by his counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

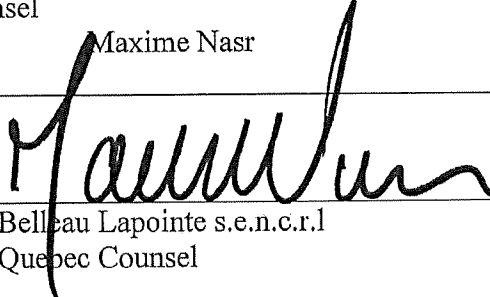
David Jones

  
Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP  
BC Counsel

**Option consommateurs**, by their counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

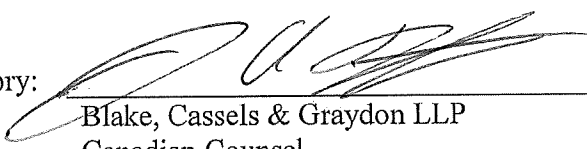
Maxime Nasr  
  
Beliveau Lapointe s.e.n.c.r.l  
Quebec Counsel

**MITSUI O.S.K. LINES, LTD., MITSUI O.S.K. BULK SHIPPING (U.S.A.),  
INC., NISSAN MOTOR CAR CARRIER CO., LTD., and WORLD  
LOGISTICS (USA) INC.**, by their counsel

Name of Authorized Signatory \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Josh Hutchinson

  
Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP  
Canadian Counsel

**NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION, AUTHORIZATION, AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT  
APPROVAL: VEHICLE CARRIER SERVICES CLASS ACTIONS**

**To: All persons or entities in Canada who purchased or leased a new vehicle transported by Vehicle Carrier Services (RoRo), or who purchased Vehicle Carrier Services (RoRo) between February 1, 1997, and December 31, 2012 ("Class Members").**

*If you bought or leased a new car or truck between February 1, 1997, and December 31, 2012, that was manufactured overseas, you may be a Class Member.*

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

**I. WHY ARE YOU RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?**

This notice is being given for two reasons:

1. Class actions have been commenced in Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario on behalf of all persons in Canada who purchased Vehicle Carrier Services (RoRo) or who purchased or leased a new Vehicle between February 1, 1997, and December 31, 2012 (the "**Class Actions**"). The Class Actions have been authorized/certified in Quebec on April 1, 2019, and in British Columbia on April 14, 2020 (this same step is called "authorization" in Quebec and "certification" in the rest of Canada).
2. Mitsui O.S.K., Ltd., Mitsui O.S.K. Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc. Nissan Motor Carrier Co. Ltd., and World Logistics Service (USA) Inc. ("MOL" or the "MOL Defendants") have agreed to settle the proceedings against them across Canada (the "**Settlement Agreement**"). This settlement must be approved by the Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario courts. Each of the three courts will hold a hearing to consider whether the settlement should be approved, and Class Members may participate in or attend those hearings.

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

A class action is a legal proceeding brought by a person called the "**Plaintiff**" or "**Class Representative**"<sup>1</sup> on behalf of a group of people affected by the same issue. This group of people is called the "**Class**" or "**Class Members**". A class action allows the courts to resolve the shared issue for all class members, and this resolution will be binding on all Class Members.

**III. WHAT ARE VEHICLE CARRIER SERVICES?**

"**Vessel Carrier Services**" means all paid international vehicle carrier shipping services (RoRo) for the transportation of new and used vehicles and trucks, as well as agricultural, construction and mining equipment.

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<sup>1</sup> Option consommateurs is the Plaintiff in Quebec, Darren Ewert is the plaintiff in British Columbia, and the plaintiffs in Ontario are Ryan Todd Wonch and Margaret A. Wonch.

"RoRo" is a vessel configured to allow wheeled vehicles to "roll on" from the port ramp to the vessel ramp and be parked on the vessel for shipping purposes and then "roll off" once the shipping destination is reached.

Finally, "**Vehicles**" means cars, trucks and other agricultural, construction and mining equipment.

#### **IV. WHAT ARE THESE CLASS ACTIONS ABOUT?**

The plaintiffs allege that the defendants illegally conspired to fix the prices of Vehicle Carrier Services. Although the Class Actions were initiated in Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario, they include class members in all provinces and territories. The Defendants deny liability.

##### **Authorization in Quebec**

On April 1, 2019, the Superior Court, before the Judicial District of Montreal, authorized the class action on behalf of the following group:

Any person who purchased in Quebec vehicle carrier services (RoRo) or who purchased or leased in Quebec a new motor vehicle, new farm machinery or new construction equipment that was transported by RoRo vessels between February 1, 1997, and December 31, 2012.

For more information on the Quebec class action, including the principal issues to be dealt with collectively and the conclusions sought in relation thereto, please consult the following website: <https://www.belleaulapointe.com/en/class-actions/ro-ro-vessels/>

##### **Certification in British Columbia**

On April 14, 2020, the British Columbia class action was certified on behalf of the following class:

All British Columbia resident persons who, during the Class Period of February 1, 1997 to December 31, 2012, purchased Vehicle Carrier Services from a Defendant, or purchased or leased a new Vehicle in British Columbia that had been transported using Vehicle Carrier Services provided by a Defendant. The definition of Vehicle includes automobiles, trucks and high and heavy equipment such as buses, trucks, and agricultural and construction vehicles.

For more information on the BC class action, or to obtain a copy of the claim, please consult the following website: <https://www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/vehicle-carrier-services/>

#### **V. WHAT IS A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND WHAT IS THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT THAT WAS REACHED IN THE CLASS ACTIONS?**

A settlement agreement occurs when a sued party (also known as a "**defendant**") agrees to pay money to class members in exchange for a release of the claims against them. In the Class Actions, a Settlement Agreement was recently reached with MOL, which agreed to pay \$7 million CDN in exchange for a full release of the claims against them. MOL also agreed to provide information to the plaintiffs that will help with the ongoing case against the non-settling defendants. The Settlement Agreement does not represent an admission of liability, wrongdoing or fault by MOL. The Class Actions continue against the other defendants with which no agreement has been reached.

The Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the courts in Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario. These hearings will take place:

- On [Insert date] at [Insert time] at the Montreal courthouse at 1, rue Notre-Dame Est, Montréal, Québec,
- On [Insert date] at [Insert time] at the Vancouver courthouse at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia; and
- On [Insert date] at [Insert time] at the London courthouse at 80 Dundas Street, London, Ontario.

At the hearings, the courts will decide whether the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of the class members.

## **VI. WHAT MUST I DO AT THIS TIME?**

If you do not object to the proposed Settlement Agreement, you do not have to appear at the hearing or take any action at this stage to indicate your intention to participate in the Settlement Agreement.

However, you have the right to appear at any of the hearings to make representations. If you wish to comment on or object to the Settlement Agreement, you must send a written submission to Class Counsel, whose contact information is set out below, by [Insert Date]. Class Counsel will then forward your letter to the appropriate court. All written submissions will be considered by the appropriate Court. If you do not send a written submission by the deadline, you may not be permitted to make submissions in person at the hearings.

## **VII. OPT OUT DEADLINE HAS PASSED**

The court-ordered deadline to opt-out of the Class Actions was **May 10, 2017**. If you did not previously opt-out, you are legally bound by the results of the Class Actions, including the MOL Settlement Agreement if it is approved.

## **VIII. WHEN WILL SETTLEMENT FUNDS BE DISTRIBUTED?**

Once the Settlement Agreement approved, Class Counsel will request that the notice fees, Class Counsel fees, disbursements and applicable taxes are deducted from the total. The remaining funds will be held in an interest-bearing trust account for the benefit of Class Members (the "**Settlement Fund**").

The courts have previously approved a settlement with Compania Sud Americana De Vapores S.A. (CSAV) for an amount of \$450,000 CDN. The CSAV settlement amount will be combined with the MOL settlement amount in the Settlement Fund. If new amounts are received in the future, they will be added to the Settlement Fund.

At a future date to be determined, in order to conduct an efficient distribution and to avoid costs associated with multiple distributions, the courts will decide how the Settlement Funds will be distributed and how you can claim the money from this Settlement Agreement. Register online at Class Counsel's websites to receive such notice by email.

## **IX. WHAT MUST I PAY?**

You do not have to pay the lawyers who work on the Class Actions. Class Counsel will be paid from the money collected in the Class Actions pursuant to contingency fee agreements with the representative plaintiffs. The courts will decide the amount of fees that Class Counsel will receive. At the approval hearings listed above, Class Counsel will ask the Courts to approve legal fees of up to 25% (up to \$1,75 million CDN) of the MOL settlement amount. In addition, Class Counsel will ask for reimbursement from the settlement amount for the amounts they have paid for disbursements and applicable taxes.

If you wish to comment on or object to Class Counsel's fees, you must send a written submission to Class Counsel at either of the addresses listed below by **[Insert deadline]**. The law firm will provide your letter to the appropriate court. All letters will be considered. If you do not send a written submission by the deadline, you may not be permitted to make submissions at the hearings.

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

Belleau Lapointe, LLP represents members of the Quebec class. You can reach Belleau Lapointe, LLP:

- Toll free at 1-888-987-6701, by email at [info@belleaulapointe.com](mailto:info@belleaulapointe.com) or by mail at 300 Place d'Youville, Suite B-10, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 2B6, to the attention of: Maxime Nasr.

Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman represents members of the British Columbia class. You can reach Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman:

- Toll free at 1-800-689-2322, by email at [aslevin@cfmlawyers.ca](mailto:aslevin@cfmlawyers.ca) or by mail at Suite 400, 856 Homer Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 2W5, Attention: Aisling Slevin.

Foreman & Company represents members of the Ontario class and all other provinces except British Columbia and Quebec. You can reach Foreman & Company:

- Toll free at 1-855-814-4575 ext. 106, by fax at 1-226-884-5340, by email at [classactions@foremancompany.com](mailto:classactions@foremancompany.com) or by mail at 4 Covent Market Place, London, Ontario N6A 1E2, Attention: Jonathan Foreman.

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

This notice is only a summary of the Class Actions and the Settlement Agreement. Class Members are encouraged to consult the full Settlement Agreement, in English, which is available at the following websites:

- Belleau Lapointe LLP: <https://www.belleaulapointe.com/en/class-actions/ro-ro-vessels/>
- Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP: <https://www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/vehicle-carrier-services/>
- Foreman & Company: <https://www.foremancompany.com/vehicle-carrier-services-price-fixing>

If you wish to obtain a copy of the Settlement Agreement or have any questions after reviewing this document, you are encouraged to contact the one of the law firms listed above. **INQUIRIES SHOULD NOT BE DIRECTED TO THE COURTS.**

## **XII. INTERPRETATION**

This notice is a summary of certain terms of the Settlement Agreement. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this notice and the terms of the Settlement Agreement, including the schedules, the terms of the Settlement Agreement shall prevail.





**Notice of Certification, Authorization and of Conclusion of a Proposed \$7M Settlement in Class actions Concerning Transport of Imported Vehicles by Roll-on and Roll-off Vessels**

**LONDON, ON – [date]** – A \$7 million CDN Settlement has been reached in class action lawsuits in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia with four companies that offer Vehicle Carrier Services.

The four companies aforementioned, Mitsui O.S.K., Ltd., Mitsui O.S.K. Shipping (U.S.A.), Inc., Nissan Motor Carrier Co. Ltd. and World Logistics Service (USA) Inc. (together the “Settling Defendants”) allegedly conspired with other defendants to the class action to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize prices of Vehicle Carrier Services in Canada between February 1, 1997 and December 31, 2012. These allegations have not been proven in Court, and the four companies have not admitted to any wrongdoing.

To be a member of one of the class actions, persons or entities must have purchased or leased a vehicle in Canada that had been transported by Vehicle Carrier Services (RoRo) or must have purchased in Canada Vehicle Carrier Services (RoRo), during the class period.

RoRo Services means paid international vehicle carrier shipping services on vessels configured to allow wheeled vehicles to “roll on” from the port ramp to the vessel ramp and be parked on the vessel for shipping purposes and then “roll off” once the shipping destination is reached.

The Settling Defendants have agreed to pay \$7 million CDN in exchange for a full release of the claims against them. They have also agreed to provide information and cooperation that will help with the ongoing case against the non-settling defendants.

The settlement remains subject to Court Approval by the courts in Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario. If the settlement is approved, the settlement funds will not be distributed immediately as the class action is ongoing against other defendants. At a future date to be determined, the Courts will decide how the settlement funds will be distributed and how you will be able to make a claim.

The Quebec and BC actions have also been authorized and certified, on a contested basis as against the remaining defendants. Authorization and certification mean that the respective Courts have determined that the matters are appropriate to proceed to trial as class actions. To learn more about authorization in the Quebec class action visit <https://www.belleaulapointe.com/en/class-actions/ro-ro-vessels/> and certification in the BC class action, visit <https://www.cfmlawyers.ca/active-litigation/vehicle-carrier-services/>.

For more detailed information, to view the Settlement Agreement and the Court-approved notices and to learn more about your rights at this stage of the litigation, please visit [www.roroclassaction.com](http://www.roroclassaction.com).

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Media Contact:

Option consommateurs

(514) 598-7288



**Banner Ad**

**Did you purchase or lease a new vehicle in Canada that had been transported by vehicle carrier international shipping services, or did you purchase vehicle carrier international shipping services in Canada, between February 1, 1997 and December 31, 2012?**

IF SO, YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY A RECENT CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT.

**[CLICK](#)** TO LEARN MORE

## **Vehicle Carrier Services – Notice Plan**

The Notice of Certification and Settlement Approval Hearing will be disseminated to Class Members as follows:

### **Direct Mail and/or Email:**

1. The Notice will be sent by direct mail and/or e-mail to:
  - a. all persons who have directly contacted Class Counsel about the litigation as well as any other potentially interested parties identified by Class Counsel;
  - b. all persons or organizations who request a copy of the Notice; and
  - c. Any Canadian customers of the MOL Settling Defendants disclosed to Class Counsel by the MOL Settling Defendants;

### **Press Release:**

2. The Press Release will be distributed to major news and broadcast outlets across Canada, in English and French, on Canada Newswire with promotion through social media feeds.

### **Websites:**

3. The Notice, a copy of the settlement agreements entered into by the parties, a copy of the certification/authorization 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 to the settlement website at [www.roroclassaction.com](http://www.roroclassaction.com) and [www.actioncollectiveroro.com](http://www.actioncollectiveroro.com) in English and French, where applicable. This information will be also be posted, in English and French where practicable, on the respective websites of plaintiffs' counsel.

### **Digital and Social Media:**

4. There will be a digital distribution of the banner ad on media websites within the Google Display Network, the Facebook network, and to news media websites within the PostMedia network for a period of thirty (30) days, with a target of a minimum 1,000,000 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 the settlement websites where they will be able to consult the Notice among other case documents.
5. A link to the settlement website will be posted on Class Counsel's social media accounts (including, but not limited to, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram).

**Associations/Organizations:**

6. The Notice will be provided to the following consumer organizations, in English and in French, requesting voluntary distribution to their membership and/or that a copy of the Notice or information about the actions be posted on their website:
  - a. The Consumers' Association of Canada; and
  - b. The Consumers' Council of Canada.
7. The Notice will be provided to the industry associations referenced in **Schedule "A"**, in English or in French, as appropriate for each association, requesting voluntary distribution to their membership and/or that a copy of the Notice or information about the actions be posted on their website.

**Schedule "A" - Industry Associations**

- (a) Automobile Protection Association;
- (b) Alberta Motor Vehicle Industry Council (AMVIC);
- (c) Motor Vehicle Sales Authority of British Columbia;
- (d) Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council (OMVIC);
- (e) Canadian Automobile Association (CAA);
- (f) Alberta Motor Association (AMA);
- (g) British Columbia Automobile Association (BCAA);
- (h) CAA Saskatchewan;
- (i) CAA Manitoba;
- (j) CAA South Central Ontario;
- (k) CAA Niagara;
- (l) CAA North & East Ontario;
- (m) CAA Quebec;
- (n) CAA Atlantic;
- (o) Automobile Journalists Association of Canada;
- (p) Consumer Interest Alliance Inc.;
- (q) Consumers' Association of Canada;
- (r) Consumer Council of Canada;
- (s) Union des consommateurs;
- (t) Protegez-Vous;
- (u) Canadian Automotive Dealers Association;
- (v) Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta;
- (w) Trillium Automobile Dealers Association;
- (x) La Corporation des Concessionnaires d'Automobiles du Québec;
- (y) Manitoba Motor Dealer Association;
- (z) New Brunswick Automotive Dealers Association;
- (aa) Nova Scotia Automotive Dealers Association;

(bb) Prince Edward Island Automotive Dealers Association;

(cc) Newfoundland & Labrador Automotive Dealers Association;



Administration Services Estimate  
Vehicle Carriers Class Action aka "RoRo Class Action"

RICEPOINT

June 15, 2023

Michael Mooney; mmooney@ricepoint.com; +1-226-235-1611

Key Assumptions Used in Estimate Preparation		
Size of Class:	30 contacts	
Estimated # of Contacts in First Round of Mailing:	30 contacts	
Case Duration:	12 months	
# of Electronic, Finalized Data Files Provided (Excel, Access, etc.):	1 file(s)	
Claims Processing:	No	
Returned Mail Handling:	No	
% of returned undeliverable notices:	10%	
Media Campaign Required:	Yes	
Translations Required:	Yes	
# of Email Campaigns:	N/A	
Reminder Mailing:	No	
Duration of Claims Filing Period:	N/A	
Type of Telephone Support:	None	
Type of Website Support:	Static	
Duration of Website Support:	12 months	

SUMMARY OF COSTS	
<b>Project Set-Up</b>	
- Forms Setup	\$3,800
- Website Management	\$1,500
- Project Management	\$1,050
<b>Noticing Effort</b>	
- Print/Mail Notice Packet - Short Form	\$1,278
- Media Campaign	\$8,948
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$16,576</b>
<b>Total Estimated Costs for BC</b>	<b>\$2,818</b>
<b>Total Estimated Costs for Quebec</b>	<b>\$3,812</b>
<b>Total Est Costs for CA excl Quebec &amp; BC</b>	<b>\$9,945</b>

PROJECT SET-UP	RESPONSE RATE	QUANTITY	RATE PER UNIT	ESTIMATED COST	TOTAL
<b>Forms Setup</b>					
- Document Formatting & Processing		10 hrs			
- Translate Documents into French (actual hours to be invoiced)		15 hrs			
<b>Sub-total of Forms Setup</b>					
<b>Website Management</b>					
- Update Current Website Content		10 hrs			
<b>Sub-total of Website Management</b>					
<b>Project Management</b>					
- Project Management		7 hrs			
<b>Sub-total of Project Management</b>					
<b>SUB-TOTAL OF PROJECT SET-UP</b>					<b>\$6,350</b>

NOTICING EFFORT	RESPONSE RATE	QUANTITY	RATE PER UNIT	ESTIMATED COST	TOTAL
<b>Print/Mail Notice Packet - Short Form</b>					
- NCOA Updates		30 units			
- 1-page (2-impressions) Notice, outbound envelope (minimum charge)		30 units			
- Estimated Postage (less than 30g)*		30 units			
- Print Production Management		5 hrs			
<b>Sub-total of Print/Mail Notice Packet - Short Form</b>					<b>\$1,250</b>
<b>Plus Estimated Postage*</b>					<b>\$28</b>
<b>Total of Print/ Mail Notice Packet - Short Form, Plus Estimated Postage*</b>					<b>\$1,278</b>
<b>Media Campaign</b>					
<b>Media Plan</b>					
- Digital Notice Campaign					
Impressions/ views targeted proportionately across Canada via: Google Display and Facebook digital ads, targeted to vehicle owner-related audiences where possible (English and French), and Post Media news website banner ads; 30 days		1,000,000 impressions			
- National Press Release					
Canada wide press release to national and regional media based on approx. 800 words in English and equivalent in French with SocialPost to Twitter; via CanadaNewswire/Cision		1 insertion			
<b>Sub-total of Media Campaign</b>					<b>\$8,948</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL OF NOTICING EFFORT</b>					<b>\$10,198</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS</b>					<b>\$16,548</b>
<b>Plus Estimated Postage*</b>					<b>\$28</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST**</b>					<b>\$16,576</b>
<b>Total Estimated Costs for BC</b>	17%				<b>\$2,818</b>
<b>Total Estimated Costs for Quebec</b>	23%				<b>\$3,812</b>
<b>Total Est Costs for CA excl Quebec &amp; BC</b>	60%				<b>\$9,945</b>
					<b>\$16,576</b>

Administration Services Estimate

Vehicle Carriers Class Action aka "RoRo Class Action"



June 15, 2023

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OTHER SERVICES AND OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES		RATE PER UNIT
Other Services and Ad Hoc Reporting, as needed or requested		(standard hourly rates)
Other Charges and Out-of-Pocket Costs***		(actual)

- \* Estimated Postage and Handling.
- \*\* Does not include applicable taxes or escheatment services.
- \*\*\* Includes, but is not limited to long distance calls, overnight shipping, photocopies, storage, PO Box rentals, broker fees, etc.

This Class Action Administration Services Estimate and the accompanying cover letter (together, the "Proposal") are valid for ninety days from 6/15/2023. After such period, RicePoint reserves the right to amend the Proposal (including, without limitation, by increasing fees and costs) or to withdraw the Proposal in its sole discretion.

All services to be provided to the undersigned (the "Client") and all fees and costs set forth in the Proposal are subject to the terms, specifications, assumptions and conditions set forth in the Proposal. The estimated fees and charges in the Proposal are based on certain information provided to RicePoint as well as significant assumptions. Accordingly, this estimate is not intended to limit RicePoint's actual fees and charges, which may be less or more than estimated due to the scope of actual services or changes to the underlying facts or assumptions.

RicePoint

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE:

Foreman & Company

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE:



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All services to be provided by RicePoint Administration Inc. (together with its affiliates, "RicePoint"), including services provided to Client as set forth in the attached Proposal, are subject to the following Terms and Conditions:

**1. SERVICES.** RicePoint agrees to provide the services set forth in the Proposal attached hereto as well as any additional services as directed by the Client (the "Services"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to such terms in the Proposal. RicePoint will often take direction from Client's representatives, employees, agents and/or professionals (collectively, the "Client Parties") with respect to the Services. The parties agree that RicePoint may rely upon, and Client agrees to be bound by, any directions, requests, advice or information provided by the Client Parties to the same extent as if such directions, requests, advice or information were provided by Client. Client agrees and understands that RicePoint shall not provide Client or any other party with any legal advice.

**2. PRICES, CHARGES AND PAYMENT.** RicePoint agrees to charge and Client agrees to pay, subject to the terms herein, RicePoint for its fees and expenses as set forth in the Proposal. Client acknowledges that any estimate in the Proposal is based on information provided by Client to RicePoint and actual fees and expenses may vary depending on the circumstances and length of the case. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where total expenses are expected to exceed \$10,000 in any single month, RicePoint may require advance payment from Client due and payable upon demand and prior to the performance of services. RicePoint's prices are inclusive of commission and other charges (but exclusive of harmonized sales taxes) and are generally adjusted periodically to reflect changes in the business and economic environment. RicePoint reserves the right to reasonably increase its prices, charges and rates annually. If any price increases exceeds 10%, RicePoint will give thirty (30) days written notice to Client. Client agrees to pay the reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by RicePoint in connection with Services, including, but not limited to, transportation, lodging and meals. RicePoint agrees to submit its invoices to Client and Client agrees that the amount invoiced is due and payable upon receipt.

RicePoint agrees to submit its invoices to Client and Client agrees that the amount invoiced is due and payable upon receipt. If any amount is unpaid as of thirty (30) days from the receipt of the invoice, the Client further agrees to pay a late charge (the "Finance Charge"), calculated at a monthly rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) (being an annual rate of eighteen percent (18%)) of the total amount unpaid. In the case of a dispute in the invoice amount, Client shall give written notice to RicePoint within twenty (20) days of receipt of the invoice by Client. Client agrees the Finance Charge is applicable to instances where RicePoint agreed to provide certain pre-settlement work while deferring the billing of said work until the settlement phase.

**3. FURTHER ASSURANCES.** Client agrees that it will use its best efforts to include provisions reasonably acceptable to RicePoint in any relevant court order, settlement agreement or similar document that provide for the payment of RicePoint's fees and expenses hereunder. No agreement to which RicePoint is not a party shall reduce or limit the full and prompt payment of RicePoint's fees and expenses as set forth herein and in the Proposal.

**4. RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP.** The parties understand that the software programs and other materials furnished by RicePoint to Client and/or developed during the course of the performance of Services are the sole property of RicePoint. The term "program" shall include, without limitation, data processing programs, specifications, applications, routines, and documentation. Client agrees not to copy or permit others to copy the source code from the support software or any other programs or materials furnished to Client. Fees and expenses paid by Client do not vest in Client any rights in such property, it being understood that such property is only being made available for Client's use during and in connection with the Services provided by RicePoint.

**5. CONFIDENTIALITY.** Each of RicePoint and Client, on behalf of themselves and their respective employees, agents, professionals and representatives, agrees to keep confidential all non-public records, systems, procedures, software and other information received from the other party in connection with the Services; provided, however, that if either party reasonably believes that it is required to produce any such information by order of any governmental agency or other regulatory body it may, upon not less than five (5) business days' written notice to the other party (unless notice is prohibited by such order), release the required information. These provisions shall survive termination of Services.

**6. BANK ACCOUNTS.** BANK ACCOUNTS. At Client's request, RicePoint shall be authorized to establish accounts with financial institutions as agent for Client or as otherwise agreed by the parties. All Client accounts established by RicePoint shall be segregated in the records of RicePoint and shall be deposit accounts of commercial banks with capital exceeding \$1 billion and an FIR rating of above Investment Grade or higher (each, an "Approved Bank"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties may utilize any financial institution or electronic payment service provider specified in the Proposal in connection with the services to be provided hereunder, or as otherwise agreed to in writing, which institution or provider will be deemed an Approved Bank. In some cases, RicePoint may derive financial benefits from financial institutions resulting from settlement funds and other moneys on deposit or invested with them including, for example, interest or discounts provided on certain banking services and service fees. The amounts held pursuant to these Terms and Conditions ("Amounts Held") are at the sole risk of Client and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing,

RicePoint shall have no responsibility or liability for any diminution of the fund that may result from any deposit made with an Approved Bank including any losses resulting from a default by the Approved Bank or other credit losses. RicePoint shall have no responsibility or liability for any claims or losses arising from or related to the delivery of electronic payments. It is acknowledged and agreed that RicePoint will have acted prudently in depositing the fund at any Approved Bank, and RicePoint is not required to make any further inquiries in respect of any such bank. The delivery of the Amount Held to RicePoint shall not give rise to a debtor-creditor or other similar relationship. It is acknowledged and agreed that RicePoint will have acted prudently in depositing the Amount Held at any Approved Bank, and that RicePoint is not required to make any further inquiries in respect of any such bank

**7. TERMINATION.** The Services may be terminated by either party (i) upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party or (ii) immediately upon written notice for Cause (defined herein). As used herein, the term "Cause" means (i) gross negligence or willful misconduct of RicePoint that causes serious and material harm to Client, (ii) the failure of Client to pay RicePoint invoices for more than sixty (60) days from the date of invoice, or (iii) the accrual of invoices or unpaid services where RicePoint reasonably believes it will not be paid. Termination of Services shall not relieve Client of its obligations to pay all fees and expenses incurred prior to such termination.

In the event that the Services are terminated, regardless of the reason for such termination, RicePoint shall reasonably coordinate with Client to maintain an orderly transfer of data, programs, storage media or other materials furnished by Client to RicePoint or received by RicePoint in connection with the Services. Client agrees to pay for such services in accordance with RicePoint's then existing prices for such services.

**8. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION.** Client shall indemnify and hold RicePoint, its affiliates, shareholders, directors, officers, employees, consultants, subcontractors and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, judgments, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) (collectively, "Losses") resulting from, arising out of or related to RicePoint's performance of the Services under the terms of applicable settlement documents, court orders, and the Client's direction. Such indemnification shall exclude Losses resulting from RicePoint's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Losses include any liabilities resulting from claims by any third-parties against any Indemnified Party. Client shall notify RicePoint in writing promptly upon the assertion, threat or commencement of any claim, action, investigation or proceeding that Client becomes aware of with respect to the Services provided by RicePoint.

Except as provided herein, RicePoint's liability to Client or any person making a claim through or under Client or in connection with Services for any Losses of any kind, even if RicePoint has been advised of the possibility of such Losses, whether direct or indirect and unless due to gross negligence or willful misconduct of RicePoint, shall be limited to the total amount billed to Client and actually paid to RicePoint for the Services. In no event shall RicePoint be liable for any indirect, special or consequential damages such as loss of anticipated profits or other economic loss in connection with or arising out of the Services. Except as expressly set forth herein, RicePoint makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, including, but not limited to, any implied or express warranty of merchantability, fitness or adequacy for a particular purpose or use, quality, productiveness or capacity. The provisions of this Section 8 shall survive termination of Services.

**9. FORCE MAJEURE.** RicePoint will not be liable for any delay or failure in performance when such delay or failure arises from circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation acts of God, acts of government in its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of public enemy or terrorists, acts of civil or military authority, war, riots, civil strife, terrorism, blockades, sabotage, rationing, embargoes, epidemics, pandemics, outbreaks of infectious diseases or any other public health crises, earthquakes, fire, flood, other natural disaster, quarantine or any other employee restrictions, power shortages or failures, utility or communication failure or delays, labor disputes, strikes, or shortages, supply shortages, equipment failures, or software malfunctions.

**10. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.** RicePoint is and shall be an independent contractor of Client and no agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship shall arise, directly or indirectly, as a result of the Services or these Terms and Conditions.

**11. NOTICES.** All notices and requests hereunder shall be given or made upon the respective parties in writing and shall be deemed as given as of the third day following the day it is deposited with Canada Post, postage pre-paid or on the day it is given if sent by facsimile or on the day after the day it is sent if sent by overnight courier to the appropriate address set forth in the Proposal or to such other address as the party to receive the notice or request so designates by written notice to the other.

**12. APPLICABLE LAW.** These Terms and Conditions will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario, without giving effect to any choice of law principles.



**13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATIONS; SEVERABILITY; BINDING EFFECT.** These Terms and Conditions, together with the Proposal delivered pursuant hereto, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties in respect of the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior understandings, agreements or representations by or among the parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subject matter hereof. If any provision herein shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall in no way be affected or impaired thereby. These Terms and Conditions may be modified only by a written instrument duly executed by the parties. All of the terms, agreements, covenants, representations, warranties and conditions of these Terms and Conditions are binding upon, and enure to the benefit of and are enforceable by, the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

WONCH, et al.  
Plaintiffs

v.

NIPPON YUSEN KABUSHIKI KAISHA, et al.  
Defendants

Court File No. 1241/13 CP

**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED AT LONDON

Proceeding Under the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*

**ORDER  
(Certification for Settlement Purposes and  
Notice Approval – MOL Settlement)**

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