

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMERCIAL LIST**

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY COMPENDIUM OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF
PURCHASERS OF THE APPLICANT'S SECURITIES, INCLUDING THE
REPRESENTATIVE PLAINTIFFS IN THE ONTARIO CLASS ACTION
(Motion Returnable August 28, 2012)**

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TAB 1

RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT

This Restructuring Support Agreement dated as of March 30, 2012 (the “**Agreement Date**”) among: (a) Sino-Forest Corporation (the “**Company**”), (b) each of the subsidiaries of the Company as listed in **Schedule A** (the “**Direct Subsidiaries**”), and (c) each of the other signatories hereto, to support agreements in the form hereof or to Joinder Agreements attached hereto as **Schedule C** (each a “**Consenting Noteholder**” and collectively the “**Consenting Noteholders**”), with each Consenting Noteholder being a holder of, and/or investment advisor or manager with investment discretion with respect to holdings in, one or more series of Notes, addresses the principal aspects of the restructuring transaction agreed to by the Company and the Consenting Noteholders as described in Section 1 hereof. The Transaction is to be effected pursuant to a plan of compromise or arrangement under the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada), R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the “**CCAA**”), and, if determined necessary or advisable by the Company in conjunction with the CCAA Plan, and with the consent of the Advisors, the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c. C-44 (the “**CBCA**”), in full and final settlement of, among other Claims, all Noteholder Claims (whether directly or pursuant to any guarantee of the Notes provided by any subsidiary of the Company, and any security provided in respect thereof). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed thereto in **Schedule B**. The Consenting Noteholders, the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the “**Parties**” and each (including each Consenting Noteholder, individually) is a “**Party**”. This agreement and all schedules to this agreement are collectively referred to herein as the “**Agreement**”.

1. Transaction

The principal Transaction Terms (which are subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement) are as follows:

Restructuring Transaction:

- (a) Pursuant to the Plan, and subject to Section 1(i) hereof, the Company will implement the Restructuring Transaction, pursuant to which:
 - (i) A new company (“**Newco**”), authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares and having no restrictions on the number of its shareholders, will be incorporated as a private company in the BVI or the Cayman Islands (or any other jurisdiction acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, and satisfactory to the Company, acting reasonably) and otherwise organized in a manner acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, and satisfactory to the Company, acting reasonably;
 - (ii) Except as otherwise provided for herein, pursuant to the Plan, the Company shall convey, assign and transfer all of its right, title and interest in and to all of the Company’s properties, assets and rights of every kind and description (including, without limitation, all restricted and unrestricted cash, contracts, real property, receivables or other debt owed

to the Company, Intellectual Property, the Company name and all related marks, all of its shares in its subsidiaries (including, without limitation, all of the shares of the Direct Subsidiaries) and all intercompany debt owed to the Company by any of its Subsidiaries), other than the Excluded Assets, to Newco, free and clear of all Claims, options and interests;

- (iii) Pursuant to the Plan, each Noteholder shall receive the following on the Implementation Date of the Restructuring Transaction in full and complete satisfaction of its Noteholder Claims:
 - (A) its Pro Rata share of 92.5% of the Newco Shares (subject to any dilution in respect of the New Management Plan); plus
 - (B) its Pro Rata share of the Secured Newco Note; plus
 - (C) its right to receive the consideration set forth in Section 1(h)(ii)(B) hereof (if any); plus
 - (D) if applicable to such Noteholder, the Early Consent Consideration set forth in Section 1(b) hereof; and
- (iv) On the Implementation Date, the following consideration shall be placed into trust with the Monitor, for the benefit of the Junior Constituents, to be paid to such Junior Constituents in accordance with their respective legal priorities, subject to payment in full of any prior ranking Junior Constituents:
 - (A) the Contingent Value Rights; plus
 - (B) the consideration set forth in Section 1(h)(ii) hereof (if any).

Early Consent Consideration:

- (b) Each Noteholder (including the Initial Consenting Noteholders) that on or prior to the Consent Date executes (i) this Agreement, (ii) a support agreement in the form hereof or (iii) a Joinder Agreement in the form attached hereto as **Schedule C** (each a “**Consent Date Noteholder**”) and provides evidence satisfactory to the Monitor in accordance with Section 2(a) hereof of the Notes held by such Consent Date Noteholder as at the Consent Date shall receive on the Implementation Date, as additional consideration for its Notes, its Pro Rata share of 7.5% of the Newco Shares (the “**Early Consent Consideration**”).

Other Plan Matters:

- (c) Pursuant to the Plan and the Final Order in respect of the Plan, all Noteholder Claims and Claims of Other Affected Creditors (including Claims of Junior Constituents) with respect to the Company (including, thereby, all class action type claims (whether debt or equity) and related indemnification claims) shall be

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forever extinguished as against the Company and its Subsidiaries, without any consideration other than as provided for herein.

- (d) Pursuant to the Plan and the Final Order in respect of the Plan, each current or former director or officer of the Company shall be released from any and all claims against them in their capacities as current or former directors or officers of the Company, except that such release shall not apply to or affect any claims that cannot be compromised under section 5.1(2) of the CCAA.
- (e) Pursuant to the Plan, the Other Affected Creditors shall receive: (A) in respect of a Restructuring Transaction, the treatment afforded to the Noteholders pursuant to Sections 1(a)(iii)(A)-1(a)(iii)(C) hereof, or such other treatment as is acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders and any Other Affected Creditor, provided that the aggregate amount of the Claims of the Other Affected Creditors shall not exceed \$250,000, without the consent of the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, acting reasonably, and (B) in respect of a Sale Transaction, the treatment set forth in Section 1(k) hereof.
- (f) The Plan may provide that Noteholders and Other Affected Creditors holding claims less than an amount to be agreed between the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably, or who agree to reduce their claims for distribution purposes to such amount, will be entitled to receive a cash distribution in respect of such amount pursuant to the Plan in lieu of the other consideration such Persons are entitled to receive pursuant to the Plan.
- (g) The Unaffected Claims shall not be impacted by the Plan, provided that the aggregate amount of the Unaffected Claims shall not exceed an amount to be agreed upon between the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably.
- (h) Pursuant to the Plan, the Litigation Trust will be established on the Implementation Date for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Junior Constituents, as follows:
 - (i) The Litigation Trust shall be funded with \$20 million in cash (“the **Funding Amount**”), which amount shall be funded by the Company into the Litigation Trust on the Implementation Date;
 - (ii) To the extent that any proceeds are realized by the Litigation Trust as a result of:
 - (A) claims by the Litigation Trust against, or settlements with, Muddy Waters, LLC or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries (collectively, “**Muddy Waters**”) or any Person acting jointly or in concert with Muddy Waters, then 100% of any and all of such proceeds shall be paid to the Monitor pursuant to Section 1(a)(iv) for the benefit of the Junior Constituents only; or

- (B) claims by the Litigation Trust against, or settlements with, any Person other than Muddy Waters or any Person acting jointly or in concert with Muddy Waters, then:
 - (I) for the first \$25,000,000 of any such proceeds, 100% of such proceeds shall be paid to the Monitor pursuant to Section 1(a)(iv) for the benefit of the Junior Constituents only; and
 - (II) for any such proceeds beyond the initial \$25,000,000:
 - i. in the event that the enterprise value of Newco (as determined in accordance with generally accepted principles applied by Chartered Business Valuators or other manner agreed upon between the Company and the Advisors, acting reasonably) (“Newco EV”) is, at the time that any proceeds are so available for distribution from the Litigation Trust, less than the Aggregate Principal Payment Amount plus Accrued Interest up to and including the CCAA Filing Date for all series of Notes, then 30% of any such proceeds shall in each such case be allocated Pro Rata among the Noteholders (up to a maximum of the difference between: (A) the Aggregate Principal Payment Amount plus Accrued Interest and (B) the Newco EV), and 70% of any such proceeds shall be paid to the Monitor pursuant to Section 1(a)(iv) for the benefit of the Junior Constituents; and
 - ii. in the event that Newco EV is, at the time that any proceeds are so available for distribution from the Litigation Trust, greater than the Aggregate Principal Payment Amount plus Accrued Interest up to and including the CCAA Filing Date for all series of Notes, then 100% of any such proceeds shall be paid to the Monitor pursuant to Section 1(a)(iv) for the benefit of the Junior Constituents only, and the Noteholders shall not be entitled to receive any distributions from the Litigation Trust.

Alternative Sale Transaction:

- (i) Pursuant to the Sale Process Procedures, the Company shall simultaneously pursue a sale process for all or substantially all of the assets of the Company

(other than the Excluded Assets), and shall consummate a sale of all or substantially all of its assets pursuant to such process, and in lieu of the Restructuring Transaction, provided that any such sale is on terms acceptable to the Company and (i) shall be implemented pursuant to a Plan under the CCAA, and if determined necessary or advisable by the Company, the CBCA, (ii) complies with the terms, conditions and deadlines of the Sale Process Procedures, the Sale Process Order, this Agreement and the Plan, (iii) provides for a cash payment equal to the Aggregate Principal Payment Amount (being, as defined, 85% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding as of the CCAA Filing Date, (iv) provides for a cash payment of all Accrued Interest on the Notes up to and including the CCAA Filing Date, and (v) provides for payment of the Expense Reimbursement; or (vi) is otherwise acceptable to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders (any such sale on such terms, being a “**Sale Transaction**”).

- (j) In the event of a Sale Transaction, each Noteholder shall receive the following on the Implementation Date in full and complete satisfaction of its Noteholder Claims:
 - (i) a cash payment equal to all Accrued Interest due in respect of its Notes up to and including the CCAA Filing Date; plus
 - (ii) cash payment equal to its Pro Rata share of 82% of the principal amount of its Notes; plus
 - (iii) if applicable to such Noteholder, its Pro Rata share of the Early Consent Consideration (which in the case of a Sale Transaction shall be paid in the form of a cash payment to each Consent Date Noteholder in an amount equal to its Pro Rata share of 3% of the principal amount of its Notes). For greater certainty, the total amount payable under Sections 1(j)(ii) and 1(j)(iii) shall in no case exceed the Aggregate Principal Payment Amount.

- (k) In the event of a Sale Transaction, on the Implementation Date, in full and complete satisfaction of its Claims, each Other Affected Creditor shall receive the following:
 - (i) a cash payment equal to its Pro Rata share of any and all net sale proceeds realized after payment of the amounts set forth in Section 1(j) hereof (“**Excess Net Proceeds**”), up to an amount not exceeding its proven Claim.

- (l) In the event of a Sale Transaction, on the Implementation Date, the following consideration shall be placed into trust with the Monitor, for the benefit of the Junior Constituents:
 - (i) any remaining Excess Net Proceeds after payment of the amounts set forth in Section 1(k); plus

- (ii) the consideration set forth in Section 1(h)(ii) hereof (if any),
and/or such other consideration permitted by the Sale Process Procedures.

2. The Consenting Noteholder's Representations and Warranties

Each Consenting Noteholder hereby represents and warrants, severally and not jointly, to the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries (and acknowledges that each of the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries are relying upon such representations and warranties) that:

- (a) As of Agreement Date: it (i) either is the sole legal and beneficial owner of the principal amount of Notes disclosed to the Advisors as of such date or has the investment and voting discretion with respect to the principal amount of Notes disclosed to the Advisors as of such date (the amount of Notes disclosed to the Advisors by such Consenting Noteholder as of such date being the "**Relevant Notes**"; the accrued and unpaid interest and any other amount that such Consenting Noteholder is entitled to claim pursuant to the Relevant Notes is its "**Debt**"); (ii) has the power and authority to bind the beneficial owner(s) of such Notes to the terms of this Agreement; (iii) has authorized and instructed the Advisors to advise the Company, in writing, of the aggregate amount of each series of Notes held by the Consenting Noteholders collectively as of the date hereof, and shall cause the Advisors to promptly (and in any event, within five (5) Business Days) notify the Company or its advisors of any change (upon actual knowledge of such change) to the aggregate holdings of Notes held by the Consenting Noteholders, as well as update any writing delivered to the Company in respect thereof; and (iv) has authorized and instructed the Advisors to advise the Monitor, in writing, of the individual principal amount of each series of Notes held by it as of the date hereof, and shall cause the Advisors to promptly (and in any event, within five (5) Business Days) notify the Monitor or its advisors of any change (upon actual knowledge of such change) to the principal amount of Notes held by it, as well as update any writing delivered to the Monitor in respect thereof.
- (b) To the best of its knowledge after due inquiry, there is no proceeding, claim or investigation pending before any court, regulatory body, tribunal, agency, government or legislative body, or threatened against it or any of its properties that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to impair the Consenting Noteholder's ability to execute and deliver this Agreement and to comply with its terms.
- (c) The Debt held by the Consenting Noteholder is not subject to any liens, charges, encumbrances, obligations or other restrictions that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- (d) Except as contemplated by this Agreement, the Consenting Noteholder has not deposited any of its Relevant Notes into a voting trust, or granted (or permitted

to be granted) any proxies or powers of attorney or attorney in fact, or entered into a voting agreement, understanding or arrangement, with respect to the voting of its Relevant Notes where such trust, grant, agreement, understanding or arrangement would in any manner restrict the ability of the Consenting Noteholder to comply with its obligations under this Agreement.

- (e) It (i) is a sophisticated party with sufficient knowledge and experience to properly evaluate the terms and conditions of this Agreement; (ii) has conducted its own analysis and made its own decision, in the exercise of its independent judgment, to enter into this Agreement; (iii) has obtained such independent advice in this regard as it deemed appropriate; and (iv) has not relied on the analysis or the decision of any Person other than its own members, employees, representatives or independent advisors (it being recognized that the Advisors are not the advisor to any individual holder of the Notes, including any Initial Consenting Noteholder or Consenting Noteholder, on an individual basis).
- (f) The execution, delivery and performance by the Consenting Noteholder of its obligations under this Agreement:
 - (i) are within its corporate, partnership, limited partnership or similar power, as applicable;
 - (ii) have been duly authorized, by all necessary corporate, partnership, limited partnership or similar action, as applicable, including all necessary consents of the holders of its equity or other participating interests where required; and
 - (iii) do not (A) contravene its certificate of incorporation, articles, by-laws, membership agreement, limited partnership agreement or other constating documents, as applicable, (B) violate any judgment, order, notice, decree, statute, law, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to it or any of its assets, or (C) conflict with or result in the breach of, or constitute a default under, or require a consent under, any contract material to the Consenting Noteholder.
- (g) This Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Consenting Noteholder enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally or by general principles of equity, whether asserted in a proceeding in equity or law.
- (h) It is an accredited investor within the meaning of the rules of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission under the *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, as modified by The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.
- (i) It is an "accredited investor", as such term is defined in National Instrument 45-106 – *Prospectus and Registration Exemptions* of the Canadian Securities

Administrators (“NI 45-106”) and it was not created or used solely to purchase or hold securities as an accredited investor as described in paragraph (m) of the definition of “accredited investor” in NI 45-106.

- (j) It is resident in the jurisdiction indicated on its signature page to this Agreement.

3. The Company’s and the Direct Subsidiaries’ Representations and Warranties

The Company and each of the Direct Subsidiaries hereby represent and warrant, severally and not jointly, to each Consenting Noteholder (and the Company and each of the Direct Subsidiaries acknowledge that each Consenting Noteholder is relying upon such representations and warranties) that:

- (a) To the best of its knowledge after due inquiry, except as disclosed in the Data Room, there is no proceeding, claim or investigation pending before any court, regulatory body, tribunal, agency, government or legislative body, or threatened against it or any of the Subsidiaries or properties that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to impair the ability of the Company or any of the Direct Subsidiaries to execute and deliver this Agreement and to comply with its terms, or which, if the Transaction was consummated, would result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) The execution, delivery and performance by the Company and each of the Direct Subsidiaries of this Agreement:
 - (i) are within its corporate, partnership, limited partnership or similar power, as applicable;
 - (ii) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership, limited partnership or similar action, as applicable, including all necessary consents of the holders of its equity or other participating interests, where required; and
 - (iii) do not (A) contravene its or any of the Subsidiaries’ certificate of incorporation, articles of amalgamation, by-laws or limited partnership agreement or other constating documents, as applicable, (B) violate any judgment, order, notice, decree, statute, law, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to it or any of the Subsidiaries, properties or assets, or (C) result in the creation or imposition of any lien or encumbrance upon any of the property of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.
- (c) This Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Company and each of the Direct Subsidiaries enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally or by general principles of equity, whether asserted in a proceeding in equity or law.

- (d) To the knowledge of the Company, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has any material liability for borrowed money other than pursuant to those banking and other lending agreements that are disclosed in the Data Room.
- (e) Except as disclosed in the Information, the Company has filed with the applicable securities regulators all documents required to be filed by it under Applicable Securities Laws except to the extent that such a failure to file would not be Material.
- (f) Except as disclosed in the Information, no order halting or suspending trading in securities of the Company or prohibiting the sale of such securities has been issued to and is outstanding against the Company, and to the knowledge of the Company, and except as may be related to matters disclosed in the Information, no other investigations or proceedings for such purpose are pending or threatened.
- (g) the Company has delivered or otherwise made available to the Advisors complete copies of all employment agreements for the Executive Officers, all of which are in full force and effect, and there have been no extension, supplements or amendments thereto other than as disclosed in the Data Room.
- (h) The board of directors of the Company has: (i) reviewed the Transaction Terms; (ii) determined, in its business judgment, that the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Terms are in the best interests of the Company; (iii) resolved to recommend approval of this Agreement and the transactions and agreements contemplated hereby to the Noteholders and Other Affected Creditors; and (iv) approved this Agreement and the implementation of the Transaction Terms.
- (i) Other than pursuant to this Agreement and any Joinder thereto, there are no agreements between the Company and any Noteholder with respect to any restructuring or recapitalization matters.

4. Consenting Noteholders' Covenants and Consents

Each Consenting Noteholder covenants and agrees as follows:

- (a) Each Consenting Noteholder consents and agrees to the terms and conditions of, and the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement.
- (b) Each Consenting Noteholder agrees to:
 - (i) vote (or cause to be voted) all of its Debt in all votes and in each vote in favour of the approval, consent, ratification and adoption of the Plan and the Restructuring Transaction or Sale Transaction contemplated thereby, as the case may be (and any actions required in furtherance of the foregoing);

- (ii) support the approval of the Plan as promptly as practicable by the Court; and
 - (iii) instruct the Advisors to support the making of Initial Order and the Sale Process Order and any other matters relating thereto, and all other motions filed by the Company in furtherance of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; provided in each case, that such orders and motions are in form and substance satisfactory to the Advisors and/or the Initial Consenting Noteholders.
- (c) Each Consenting Noteholder agrees not to sell, assign, pledge or hypothecate (except with respect to security generally applying to its investments which does not adversely affect such Consenting Noteholder's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement) or otherwise transfer (a "**Transfer**"), between the Agreement Date and the Termination Date, any Relevant Notes (or any rights or interests in respect thereof, including, but not limited to, the right to vote) held by such Consenting Noteholder, except to a transferee, who (i) is already a Consenting Noteholder if the representations and warranties of such transferee Consenting Noteholder in Section 2 remain true and correct after such Transfer; or (ii) contemporaneously with any such Transfer, agrees to be fully bound as a signatory Consenting Noteholder hereunder in respect of the Notes that are the subject of the Transfer, by executing and delivering to the Company, with a copy to the Advisors, a Joinder Agreement, the form of which is attached hereto as **Schedule C**. For greater certainty, where the transferee is not already a Consenting Noteholder, such transferee shall be bound by the terms of this Agreement only in respect of the Relevant Notes that are the subject of the Transfer, and not in respect of any other Notes of the transferee. Each Consenting Noteholder hereby agrees to provide the Company and the Advisors with written notice and, in the case of a Transfer pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of this Section 4(c), a fully executed copy of the Joinder Agreement, within three (3) Business Days following any Transfer to a transferee described in (i) or (ii) of this Section 4(c). Any transfer that does not comply with this Section 4(c) shall be void *ab initio*. For greater certainty, where a Consenting Noteholder assigns all of its Relevant Notes pursuant to this Section 4(c), this Agreement shall continue to be binding upon such Consenting Noteholder with respect to any Notes it subsequently acquires.
- (d) Each Consenting Noteholder agrees, to the extent it effects a Transfer of any of its Relevant Notes in accordance with Section 4(c) hereof after 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the Record Date and is entitled to vote on the adoption and approval of the Transaction and the Plan, to vote all of the Relevant Notes that are the subject of the Transfer on behalf of the transferee in all votes and in each vote in favour of the approval, consent, ratification and adoption of the Transaction and the Plan (and any actions required in furtherance thereof).
- (e) Except as contemplated by this Agreement, each Consenting Noteholder agrees not to deposit any of its Relevant Notes into a voting trust, or grant (or permit to

be granted) any proxies or powers of attorney or attorney in fact, or enter into a voting agreement, understanding or arrangement, with respect to the voting of any of its Relevant Notes if such trust, grant, agreement, understanding or arrangement would in any manner restrict the ability of the Consenting Noteholder to comply with its obligations under this Agreement.

- (f) Each Consenting Noteholder agrees that it shall:
- (i) not accelerate or enforce or take any action or initiate any proceeding to accelerate or enforce the payment or repayment of any of its Debt (including for greater certainty any due and unpaid interest on its Relevant Notes), whether against the Company or any Subsidiary or any property of any of them;
 - (ii) execute any and all documents and perform any and all commercially reasonable acts required by this Agreement to satisfy its obligations hereunder including any consent, approval or waiver requested by the Company, acting reasonably;
 - (iii) forbear from exercising, or directing the Trustee to exercise, any default-related rights, remedies, powers or privileges, or from instituting any enforcement actions or collection actions with respect to any obligations under the Note Indentures, whether against the Company or any Subsidiary or any property of any of them and
 - (iv) (A) not object to, delay, impede or take any other action to interfere with the acceptance or implementation of the Transaction; (B) not propose, file, support or vote (or cause to vote) any of its Debt in favour of any alternative offer, restructuring, liquidation, workout or plan of compromise or arrangement or reorganization of or for the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that is inconsistent with the Plan or this Agreement; (C) vote (or cause to vote) any of its Debt against and oppose any proceeding under the CCAA or any other legislation in Canada or elsewhere, or any alternative offer, restructuring, liquidation, workout or plan of compromise or arrangement or reorganization of or for the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case that is inconsistent with the Plan or this Agreement; or (D) not take, or omit to take, any action, directly or indirectly, that is materially inconsistent with, or is intended or is likely to interfere with the consummation of, the Transaction, except as and only to the extent required by applicable Law or by any stock exchange rules, by any other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Consenting Noteholder or by any court of competent jurisdiction.

The Consenting Noteholders acknowledge and agree that the Subsidiaries are direct beneficiaries of this Section 4(f) and may raise any defense (including, without limitation, any estoppel) or pursue any claim or remedy for any breach of this Section 4(f) or any action taken by any

Noteholder or Trustee in contravention of this Section 4(f).

5. **Company's and the Direct Subsidiaries' Covenants and Consents**

The Company and each of the Direct Subsidiaries covenants and agrees as follows:

- (a) The Company and each Direct Subsidiary consents and agrees to the terms and conditions of, and the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement.
- (b) Immediately upon this Agreement being executed by the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, the Company will (i) cause to be issued a press release or other public disclosure in form and in substance reasonably acceptable to the Advisors that discloses the material provisions of the Transaction Terms and all such other information as the Company is required to disclose under the terms of the Noteholder Confidentiality Agreements, subject to the terms of Section 9 hereof, and (ii) file a copy of this Agreement on SEDAR, which shall be redacted to remove any information disclosing the identity or holdings of any Noteholders.
- (c) The Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall pursue the completion of the Transaction in good faith by way of the Plan, in accordance with the Transaction Terms, and in respect of a Restructuring Transaction or a Sale Transaction as the case may be, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts (including recommending to Noteholders and any other Person entitled to vote on the Plan that they vote to approve the Plan and taking all reasonable actions necessary to obtain any regulatory approvals for the Transaction) to achieve the following timeline (which may be amended by the Company with the consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders or the Advisors, each acting reasonably):
 - (i) the initiation of proceedings pursuant to the CCAA (the "**CCAA Proceedings**"), as evidenced by filing the application seeking the Initial Order and the Sale Process Order with the Court, by no later than March 30, 2012;
 - (ii) approval of the Initial Order by the Court by no later than March 30, 2012;
 - (iii) approval of the Sale Process Order by the Court by no later than April 5, 2012; and
 - (iv) If no Approved Bidders are selected pursuant to the Sale Process Procedure in accordance with the terms thereof:
 - (A) filing of the Meeting Order and Plan by no later July 16, 2012;
 - (B) meeting of the Noteholders by no later than August 27, 2012;
 - (C) sanction of the Plan by the Court by no later than August 31, 2012; and

- (D) implementation of the Plan by no later than the Outside Date.
- (d) The Company shall provide draft copies of all motions or applications and other documents that the Company intends to file with the Court in connection with the Initial Order, the Sale Process Order, the Meeting Order, the Final Order, the Restructuring Transaction, any Sale Transaction, the Plan, and the transactions contemplated by any of the foregoing, to the Advisors at least two (2) Business Days prior to the date when the Company intends to file such documents (except in exigent circumstances where the Company shall provide the documents within such time prior to the filing as is practicable), and such filings shall in each case, when filed, be in form and substance acceptable to the Advisors, acting reasonably.
- (e) Subject to any order of the Court, the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall (and shall cause each of the Subsidiaries, as required, to) (i) pursue, support and use commercially reasonable efforts to complete the Transaction in good faith, (ii) do all things that are reasonably necessary and appropriate in furtherance of, and to consummate and make effective, the Transaction, including, without limitation, using commercially reasonable efforts to satisfy the conditions precedent set forth in this Agreement, (iii) as soon as practicable following the date hereof, in cooperation with the Initial Consenting Noteholders and the Advisors, make all such filings and seek all such consents, approvals, permits and authorizations with any Governmental Entities or third parties whose consent is required in connection with the Transaction and use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any and all required regulatory and/or third party approvals for or in connection with the Transaction and (iv) not take any action, directly or indirectly, that is materially inconsistent with, or is intended or is likely to interfere with the consummation of, the Transaction, except as required by applicable Law or by any stock exchange rules, or by any other Governmental Entity having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.
- (f) Except as provided for in the Transaction Terms or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Initial Consenting Noteholders, the Company shall not make any payment or pay any consideration of any nature or kind whatsoever on account of any amounts owing under the Notes.
- (g) Except as contemplated by this Agreement, including pursuant to the Plan, the Company shall not (and shall cause each of the Subsidiaries not to) amend or modify any terms or conditions of the Note Indentures.
- (h) Following a reasonable advance written request (which can be made by way of e-mail and, in terms of reasonable notice, shall in no event require more than five (5) Business Days notice and no less than two (2) Business Days notice) by any of the Advisors or any Initial Consenting Noteholder to any officer, director or employee of the Company or the Subsidiaries, and Allen Chan, with a copy in each case to any of Houlihan Lokey, Bennett Jones or the Chief Executive

Officer, the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall (subject, with respect to any confidential information to be provided to an Initial Consenting Noteholder or any of its representatives and affiliates, to the Initial Consenting Noteholder having executed, and its representatives and affiliates being bound by, a confidentiality agreement acceptable to the Company and the Advisors, acting reasonably):

- (i) provide the Initial Consenting Noteholder (or its representatives and affiliates, as the case may be) or the Advisor, as the case may be, with access at reasonable times to the Company's and its Subsidiaries' premises, assets, accounts, books and records for use in connection with the Transaction; and
 - (ii) make Houlihan Lokey and any other advisor to the Company or the Subsidiaries, the officers, directors and employees of the Company and the Subsidiaries, and Allen Chan, available at reasonable times and places for any discussions with the Initial Consenting Noteholder (or its representatives and affiliates, as the case may be) or the Advisor, as the case may be.
- (i) The Company shall assist the Initial Consenting Noteholders in their search for and selection of directors for the board of directors of Newco to be formed in connection with the Restructuring Transaction, and for any new senior management of Newco, to be put in place on the Implementation Date, including by establishing a search committee appointed by the Initial Consenting Noteholders, hiring a search firm chosen by the Initial Consenting Noteholders and paying all costs and expenses in respect of the search and selection process, including all reasonable costs associated with the search firm and all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and expenses incurred by any Initial Consenting Noteholder in connection with such search and selection process.
- (j) The Company shall, within thirty (30) days following the date of this Agreement, provide the Advisors with a detailed budget (including any financial retainers provided to its advisors) reflecting the Company's current best estimate of (i) the costs of completing the Transaction, including any material fees anticipated to be payable in connection with the Transaction (to professionals, employees, officers, directors, third parties or otherwise on the Implementation Date or otherwise) and (ii) the anticipated fees of the professional advisors to the Company (including, but not limited to, their legal advisors, auditors, and the Board of Directors' counsel and financial advisors) for all matters being addressed by such professionals, which shall include general descriptions of the work being or to be performed by each of these professionals (the "**Restructuring Budget**"). The Company shall update the Restructuring Budget on a monthly basis to reflect any changes in the Company's current best estimate of the costs of completing the Transaction, and to report on the actual amount of each such professional's fees for the preceding month.

- (k) The Company shall pay the reasonable and documented fees of the Advisors and Conyers, Dill & Pearman LLP pursuant to their respective engagement letters with the Company within ten (10) Business Days following the receipt of any invoice from any such party.
- (l) The Company shall keep the Advisors reasonably informed regarding any material discussions with any Person (other than the legal and financial advisors to the Company, the Initial Consenting Noteholders and their legal and financial advisors) with respect to the Transaction and shall provide the Advisors with an opportunity for a representative of the Advisors or the Initial Consenting Noteholders (subject to confidentiality restrictions) to participate in such material discussions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to a Sale Transaction, the Company may provide such information and opportunities as and to the extent set out in the Sale Process Procedures.
- (m) Except to the extent they are to be continued pursuant to and in compliance with the Sale Process Procedures, the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall, and shall cause its Representatives and the Subsidiaries to, immediately terminate any existing solicitations, discussions or negotiations with any Person (other than the Initial Consenting Noteholders and their legal and financial advisors) that has made, indicated any interest in or may reasonably be expected to propose, any other transaction. The Company and the Direct Subsidiaries agree not to (and shall cause each of the Subsidiaries not to) release any party from any standstill covenant to which it is a party, or amend, waive or modify in any way any such standstill covenant.
- (n) Other than through and in accordance with the Sale Process Procedures, the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall not (and shall cause each of the Subsidiaries not to), directly or indirectly through any Representative or any of the Subsidiaries: (i) solicit, initiate, knowingly facilitate or knowingly encourage (including by way of furnishing information or entering into any agreement) any inquiries or proposals regarding any transaction that is an alternative to the Transaction (an “**Other Transaction**”); (ii) participate in any substantive discussions or negotiations with any person (other than the Initial Consenting Noteholders and the Advisors) regarding any Other Transaction; (iii) accept, approve, endorse or recommend or propose publicly to accept, approve, endorse or recommend any Other Transaction; or (iv) enter into, or publicly propose to enter into, any agreement in respect of any Other Transaction; provided, however, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 5(n), the Company may, after consulting with the Advisors, consider an Other Transaction if:
 - (i) the Company and each of the Direct Subsidiaries is in compliance, in all material respects, with all terms and conditions of this Agreement; and
 - (ii) (A) such Other Transaction is based on a proposal received from an arm’s length third party that none of the Company or any Subsidiary has,

directly or indirectly through any Representative, solicited, initiated, knowingly facilitated or knowingly encouraged; and

(B) such Other Transaction provides for either:

(I) the repayment in full in cash of the principal amount of the Notes, all Accrued Interest and the Expense Reimbursement on closing of the Other Transaction; or

(II) is determined by the Company and its advisors to be financially superior for the Noteholders and can be implemented through a plan of arrangement with the support of the Initial Consenting Noteholders

provided for greater certainty that nothing in this Section 5(n) shall prohibit or restrict in any way the Company's rights under the Sale Procedure Process to solicit, discuss and negotiate a potential Sale Transaction with any other Person, all in each case in accordance with the terms of the Sale Process Procedures.

- (o) Except in respect of an Other Transaction that is obtained through and in accordance with the Sale Process Procedures, (i) the Company shall promptly (and in any event within 24 hours following receipt by any of the Companies) notify the Advisors, at first orally and thereafter in writing, of any proposal in respect of any Other Transaction, in each case received after the Agreement Date, of which it or any of its Representatives are or become aware, or any amendments to such proposal in respect of any Other Transaction, any request for discussions or negotiations, or any request for non-public information relating to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with such Other Transaction or for access to the books or records of any the Company or any of its Subsidiaries by any Person that informs the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that it is considering making, or has made, a proposal with respect to any Other Transaction and any amendment thereto; and the Company shall promptly provide to the Advisors a description of the material terms and conditions of any such proposed Other Transaction or request; (ii) the Company the Direct Subsidiaries shall not, and shall cause its Representatives and the Subsidiaries not to, participate in any discussions with any Person that has delivered a proposal in respect of any Other Transaction, without providing reasonable notice to the Advisors and an opportunity for the Advisors or the Initial Consenting Noteholders to participate in any such discussions; and (iii) the Company shall keep the Advisors informed of any material change to the material terms of any such proposed Other Transaction.
- (p) The Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall not and shall cause the Subsidiaries not to materially increase compensation or severance entitlements or other benefits payable to directors, officers or employees, or pay any bonuses whatsoever, other than as required by law, or pursuant to the terms of existing

incentive plans or employment contracts, true and complete copies of which have been delivered or otherwise made available to the Advisors prior to the date hereof. Other than those outlined in the Data Room, there shall be no change of control payments paid by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under any employment agreement, incentive plan or any other Material agreements as a result of the Transaction.

- (q) The Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall not and shall cause each of the Subsidiaries not to amalgamate, merge or consolidate with, or sell all or substantially all of its assets to, one or more other Persons, or enter into any other transaction of similar effect under the laws of any jurisdiction, or change the nature of its business or the corporate or capital structure, except as contemplated by this Agreement or with the consent of the Advisors.
- (r) The Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall not and shall cause each of the Subsidiaries not to (i) prepay, redeem prior to maturity, defease, repurchase or make other prepayments in respect of any indebtedness other than payments permitted or as required hereby, (ii) directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable with respect to any indebtedness of any kind whatsoever (except for indebtedness that is incurred in the Ordinary Course which is in compliance with the covenants set out in the Note Indentures), (iii) create, incur, assume or otherwise cause or suffer to exist or become effective any lien, charge, mortgage, hypothec or security interest of any kind whatsoever on, over or against any of its assets or property (except for any lien, charge, mortgage, hypothec or security interest that is incurred in the Ordinary Course and that is not Material); (iv) issue, grant, sell, pledge or otherwise encumber or agree to issue, grant, sell, pledge or otherwise encumber any securities of the Company, the Direct Subsidiaries or any of the other Subsidiaries, or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, or otherwise evidencing a right to acquire, securities of the Company, the Direct Subsidiaries or any of the other Subsidiaries, except in the Ordinary Course which is in compliance with the covenants set out in the Note Indentures; or (v) enter into any new secured or unsecured lending or credit facilities of any kind, without the consent of the Advisors except to replace existing lending or credit facilities and provided that the aggregate amount of such facilities does not exceed the aggregate amount of the Company's lending and credit facilities as at the date hereof; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 5(r) shall preclude any Subsidiary organized under the laws of the PRC from obtaining additional lending or credit facilities if doing so is determined to be in the Ordinary Course of such Subsidiary and, provided further, that the Advisors are informed of, and consent to, any such lending or credit facilities.
- (s) Other than as contemplated and permitted by this Agreement, the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall not and shall cause each of the Subsidiaries not to, outside of the Ordinary Course, sell, transfer, lease, license or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property, assets or undertaking (including, without limitation, by way of any loan transaction) with a value of over US\$10,000,000

at any one time or in any series of transactions aggregating over US\$30,000,000 (whether voluntarily or involuntarily) during the term of this Agreement, except on terms acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders or the Advisors, acting reasonably.

- (t) The Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall and shall cause each of the Subsidiaries to (i) operate its business in the Ordinary Course and in a manner that is intended to preserve or enhance the value of such Person, to the extent possible having regard to such Person's financial condition, and (ii) shall not enter into any Material agreement outside the Ordinary Course, except as contemplated by this Agreement and the Sale Process Procedures and except with respect to any other transactions or potential transactions disclosed to the Advisors prior to the execution of this Agreement or with the prior written consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders or the Advisors, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (u) The Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall use reasonable commercial efforts, and shall cause the Subsidiaries to use reasonable commercial efforts, to maintain appropriate insurance coverage in amounts and on terms that are customary in the industry of the Company and its Subsidiaries, provided that such insurance is available on reasonable commercial terms.
- (v) Except as may be provided for as part of the Transaction Terms, the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall not, and shall cause the Subsidiaries not to, directly or indirectly, declare, make or pay any dividend, charge, fee or other distribution, whether by way of cash or other consideration, to or with respect to any of its issued and outstanding shares (or any rights issued in respect thereof), provided that (x) the foregoing shall not limit the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary to pay dividends or make other distributions on any Capital Stock of such Restricted Subsidiary owned by the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary to the extent that such limitation would violate provisions of the Note Indentures, and (y) the Company and its Subsidiaries shall be entitled to engage in intercompany transactions that are in the Ordinary Course or that are necessary and appropriate to preserve the value of the business or to carry out the repatriation of onshore cash referenced in subsection 5(x) below.
- (w) The Company shall, from and after the date hereof, cause its subsidiaries to maintain a minimum aggregate cash balance (outside of Canada) of the aggregate of: (i) US\$125,000,000 (ii) the amount by which cash received (net of associated expenses) from the sale of Thai redwood timber exceeds US\$46,000,000 less (iii) the amount by which cash received (net of associated expenses) from the sale of Thai redwood timber is less than US\$46,000,000.
- (x) Subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Company and its management shall identify, implement and monitor both short-term and long-term liquidity generating initiatives and all reasonable steps to monetize assets for the repayment of the indebtedness of the Company and its Subsidiaries. In

this regard, and subject to the need of the Company and its Subsidiaries to prioritize efforts relating to the orderly management of its PRC tax affairs and the reorganization of the ownership structure of its BVI purchased plantations, and the other terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Company and its management shall take all reasonable steps (including but not limited to seeking all necessary SAFE and other regulatory approvals) to repatriate to the Company or its offshore Subsidiaries in a timely manner all onshore cash in excess of the projected onshore operating requirements of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

- (y) The Company shall produce a rolling 90-day cash flow forecast and shall discuss the receipts and disbursements for same with the Advisors, and shall consult with the Advisors regarding the matters referenced in subsections (w), (x) and (z) on no less than a bi-weekly basis.
- (z) The Company shall keep the Advisors reasonably informed regarding any material discussions with any Person (other than legal and financial advisors to the Company) with respect to any material transactions concerning the Company and its Subsidiaries and shall provide the Advisors with an opportunity for a representative of the Advisors or of the Initial Consenting Noteholders (subject to any confidentially restrictions) to participate in such material discussions.
- (aa) The Company shall keep the Advisors reasonably informed regarding any material discussions with the Ontario Securities Commission or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police concerning the Company or the Subsidiaries, or any director or officer thereof.
- (bb) The Company shall forthwith expand its engagement of FTI Consulting (Hong Kong) Ltd. (“**FTI HK**”) and shall instruct FTI HK to: (i) attend at the premises of its Subsidiaries in Hong Kong and the PRC (including its Sino-Wood and Sino-Panel divisions) to monitor and report on operations, cash management functions (including the collection and disbursement of cash in such operations); and (ii) provide such information and reports as may be requested by the Company, the Monitor or any of the Advisors, acting reasonably (provided that all such information shall be subject to the confidentiality agreements and undertakings executed by the parties and any such information provided by FTI HK to the Advisors or the Monitor shall be made available to the Company).
- (cc) In the event that, after having received information and/or reports from FTI HK pursuant to Section 5(bb), the Initial Consenting Noteholders are not satisfied with the operations and management of the Company’s Subsidiaries, the Initial Consenting Noteholders shall have the right to notify the Company that, in their view, additional operational, management or other expertise is required in respect of the Subsidiaries (or any of them), and to require the appointment within thirty (30) days of one or more Persons having such expertise, the identity of which shall be acceptable to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

- (dd) Any new additions to the board of directors of the Company shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders.
- (ee) The Company shall cause its BVI Subsidiaries to carry out commercially reasonable and prudent procedures with respect to the screening and evaluating of new timber contracts (including, without limitation, with respect to the identity and creditworthiness of the contractual counterparties, and also verification of legal chain of title, plantation rights certificates, and valuation, as the case may be) through its BVI /AI structure (the “**BVI Structure**”) (as distinct from its Wholly Foreign-Owned Entity Structure), which procedures shall be periodically reviewed and discussed with the Advisors (the “**BVI Timber Diligence Procedures**”).
- (ff) The Company shall cause its BVI Subsidiaries not to invest funds held by its AIs in the BVI Structure in new timber contracts for the BVI entities except in accordance with the BVI Timber Diligence Procedures, or in a manner otherwise acceptable to the Advisors.
- (gg) The Company and its Subsidiaries shall not directly or indirectly enter into any contract for the sale or purchase of timber (including with any AI or supplier) through the BVI Structure with a value of more than US\$5,000,000 at any one time or for any series of transactions aggregating over US\$10,000,000 without the consent of the advisors.
- (hh) The Company and its Subsidiaries shall make commercially reasonable efforts to collect all accounts receivable (including all accounts receivable payable by any AI) in the BVI Structure; and shall keep the Advisors informed of their efforts and status regarding same.

6. **Conditions Precedent to Noteholder’s Support Obligations**

- (a) Subject to Section 6(b), the obligation of the Consenting Noteholder to vote in favour of the Plan pursuant to Section 4(b)(i) shall be subject to the reasonable satisfaction of the following conditions prior to the Voting Deadline, each of which, if not satisfied prior to the Voting Deadline, can only be waived by the Initial Consenting Noteholders:
 - (i) the Initial Order, the Sale Process Order, the Meeting Order, the Plan and the proposed Final Order in respect of the Plan, and all other material filings by or on behalf of the Companies, or Orders entered by the Court, in the CCAA Proceedings to date, shall have been filed, and the Orders shall have been entered, in form and substance acceptable to the Advisors, acting reasonably;
 - (ii) the terms and conditions of the Plan shall be consistent with this Agreement or otherwise acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, acting reasonably (including, without limitation, all terms and conditions of the Litigation Trust and the Contingent Value Rights);

- (iii) the Initial Consenting Noteholders shall be satisfied with the results of due diligence concerning the Company, its Subsidiaries and their businesses;
- (iv) the Company and each of the Direct Subsidiaries shall have complied in all material respects with each covenant in this Agreement that is to be performed on or before the date that is three (3) Business Days prior to the Voting Deadline, including without limitation, by having complied with the timeline set forth in Section 5(c) hereof (as the same may have been amended with the consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders or the Advisors, acting reasonably), and the Company shall have provided the Advisors with a certificate signed by an officer of the Company certifying compliance with this Section 6(iv) as of the date that is three (3) Business Days prior to the Voting Deadline;
- (v) the Restructuring Budget shall be in form and substance acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, acting reasonably;
- (vi) there shall have been no appointment of any new senior executive officers of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or members of the board of directors of the Company, or any chief restructuring officer of the Company, unless such appointment, including its terms, was on terms satisfactory to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, acting reasonably;
- (vii) the composition of the board of directors of Newco and the senior management and officers of Newco to be appointed on the Implementation Date shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (viii) the terms of any New Management Plan shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (ix) the representations and warranties of the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries set forth in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all respects without regard to any materiality or Material Adverse Effect qualifications contained in them as of the date that is three (3) Business Days prior to the Voting Deadline with the same force and effect as if made at and as of such date (except to the extent such representations and warranties are by their terms given as of a specified date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects as of such date), in each case except (A) as such representations and warranties may be affected by the occurrence of events or transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and (B) where the failure of such representations and warranties to be so true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and the Company shall have provided the Advisors with a certificate signed by an officer of the Company certifying compliance with this Section 6(a)(ix) as of the date that is three (3) Business Days prior to the Voting Deadline;

- (x) there shall not exist or have occurred any Material Adverse Effect, and the Company shall have provided the Advisors with a certificate signed by an officer of the Company certifying compliance with this Section 6(x) as of the date that is three (3) Business Days prior to the Voting Deadline;
 - (xi) there shall not be in effect any preliminary or final decision, order or decree by a Governmental Entity, and no action shall have been announced, threatened or commenced by any Governmental Entity in consequence of or in connection with the Transaction that restrains or impedes, or prohibits (or if granted could reasonably be expected to restrain, impede or inhibit) the Transaction or any material part thereof or requires or purports to require a material variation of the Transaction, and the Company shall have provided the Advisors with a certificate signed by an officer of the Company certifying compliance with this Section 6(a)(xi) as of the date that is three (3) Business Days prior to the Voting Deadline; and
 - (xii) there shall have been no breach of the Noteholder Confidentiality Agreements by the Company or any of the Sino-Forest Representatives (as defined therein) in respect of that Consenting Noteholder.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 6(a), if the Company has, in compliance with the Sale Process Procedures, entered into a definitive agreement with respect to a Sale Transaction prior to the Voting Deadline, the obligation of the Consenting Noteholder to vote in favour of the Plan in respect of such Sale Transaction pursuant to Section 4(b)(i) shall be subject to the reasonable satisfaction of only the conditions precedent set forth in Sections 6(a)(i), 6(a)(ii), 6(a)(iv), 6(a)(xi) and 6(a)(xii) prior to the Voting Deadline, which, if not satisfied prior to the Voting Deadline, can only be waived by the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

7. Conditions Precedent to Restructuring

- (a) Subject to Section 7(b), the Transaction shall be subject to the reasonable satisfaction of the following conditions prior to or at the time on which the Transaction is implemented (the “**Effective Time**”), each of which, if not satisfied on or prior to the Effective Date, can only be waived by the Initial Consenting Noteholders; provided, however that (A) the conditions in sub-clauses 7(a)(i) to 7(a)(iii), 7(a)(v) to 7(a)(viii), 7(a)(xi) and 7(a)(xvii) below shall also be for the benefit of the Company and (B) if not satisfied on or prior to the Effective Time, can only be waived by both the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders:
- (i) (v) the Plan shall have been approved by the applicable stakeholders of the Company as and to the extent required by the Court or otherwise, any such requirement being acceptable to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably; (w) the Plan shall have been approved by the Court and the Final Order shall be in full force and effect

prior to August 31, 2012 in respect of a Restructuring Transaction, and prior to the Outside Date in respect of a Sale Transaction; (x) the Plan shall have been approved by the applicable stakeholders and the Court in a form consistent with this Agreement or otherwise acceptable to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably; (y) the Final Order shall have been entered by the Court in a form consistent with this Agreement or otherwise acceptable to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably; and (z) the Implementation Date shall have occurred no later than the Outside Date;

- (ii) all press releases, disclosure documents and definitive agreements in respect of the Transaction shall be in a form and substance satisfactory to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably;
- (iii) the new memorandum and articles of association, by-laws and other constating documents of Newco (including, without limitation, any shareholders agreement, shareholder rights plan, classes of shares (voting and non-voting)) or any affiliated or related entities to be formed in connection with the Transaction, as applicable, and all definitive legal documentation in connection with all of the foregoing shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders and in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Company;
- (iv) the composition of the board of directors of Newco and the senior management and officers of Newco shall have been put in place on the Implementation Date and shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (v) the terms of the New Management Plan, together with the terms of employment for the senior executive officers of Newco, shall have been put in place on the Implementation Date and shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, and reasonably satisfactory to the Company;
- (vi) the terms of the Litigation Trust and the Contingent Value Rights shall be satisfactory to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably;
- (vii) all Material filings under applicable Laws that are required in connection with the Transaction shall have been made and any Material regulatory consents or approvals that are required in connection with the Transaction shall have been obtained (including, without limitation, any required consent(s) of the Ontario Securities Commission) and, in the case of waiting or suspensory periods, such waiting or suspensory periods shall have expired or been terminated;

- (viii) there shall not be in effect any preliminary or final decision, order or decree by a Governmental Entity, and no action shall have been announced, threatened or commenced by any Governmental Entity, in consequence of or in connection with the Transaction that restrains or impedes, or prohibits (or if granted could reasonably be expected to restrain, impede or inhibit) the Transaction or any material part thereof or requires or purports to require a material variation of the Transaction and the Company shall have provided the Consenting Noteholders with a certificate signed by an officer of the Company certifying compliance with this Section 7(a)(viii) as at the Effective Time;
- (ix) the representations and warranties of the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries set forth in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all respects without regard to any materiality or Material Adverse Effect qualifications contained in them as of the Effective Time with the same force and effect as if made at and as of such date (except to the extent such representations and warranties are by their terms given as of a specified date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects as of such date), in each case except (A) as such representations and warranties may be affected by the occurrence of events or transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and (B) where the failure of such representations and warranties to be so true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and the Company shall have provided the Consenting Noteholders with a certificate signed by an officer of the Company certifying compliance with this Section 7(a)(ix) as at the Effective Time;
- (x) there shall not exist or have occurred any Material Adverse Effect, and the Company shall have provided the Consenting Noteholders with a certificate signed by an officer of the Company certifying compliance with this Section 7(a)(x) as at the Effective Time;
- (xi) all securities of the Company, Newco and any affiliated or related entities that are formed in connection with the Transaction, when issued and delivered, shall be duly authorized, validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable and the issuance thereof shall be exempt from all prospectus and registration requirements and resale restrictions of applicable Securities Legislation;
- (xii) the Noteholders shall have received the consideration described in the Transaction Terms on the Implementation Date;
- (xiii) in the case of a Restructuring Transaction all Existing Shares, Equity Interests, including all existing options, warrants, deferred share units and restricted share units held by current directors and officers or other third parties, and all Equity Claims shall have been cancelled or extinguished or

otherwise dealt with to the satisfaction of the Initial Consenting Noteholders, acting reasonably to ensure that no rights in respect thereof attach to the assets and property conveyed to Newco pursuant to the Restructuring Transaction;

- (xiv) the Initial Consenting Noteholders, acting reasonably, shall be satisfied with the use of proceeds and payments relating to all aspects of the Transaction, including, without limitation, any change of control payments, consent fees, transaction fees or third party fees, in the aggregate of \$500,000 or more, payable by the Company or any Subsidiary to any Person (other than a Governmental Entity) in respect of or in connection with the Transaction, including without limitation, pursuant to any employment agreement or incentive plan of the Company or any Subsidiary;
 - (xv) the Company shall have paid the Expense Reimbursement in full on the Implementation Date, and Newco shall have no liability for any fees or expenses due to the Company's legal, financial or advisors either as at or following the Implementation Date;
 - (xvi) the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries shall have complied in all material respects with each covenant in this Agreement that is to be performed on or before the Effective Time, and the Company shall have provided the Consenting Noteholders with a certificate signed by an officer of the Company certifying compliance with this Section 7(a)(xvi) as at the Effective Time; and
 - (xvii) any Sale Transaction shall be on terms and conditions consistent with this Agreement or otherwise acceptable to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 7(a), if the Company has, in compliance with the Sale Process Procedures, entered into a definitive agreement with respect to a Sale Transaction, such Sale Transaction shall be subject to the reasonable satisfaction of only the conditions in Sections 7(a)(i), 7(a)(ii), 7(a)(vii), 7(a)(viii), 7(a)(xii), 7(a)(xv), 7(a)(xvi) and 7(a)(xvii), prior to or at the Effective Time, each of which, if not satisfied on or prior to the Effective Date, can only be waived by the Initial Consenting Noteholders; provided, however that (A) the condition in Sections 7(a)(i), 7(a)(vii), 7(a)(viii) and 7(a)(xvii) shall also be for the benefit of the Company and (B) if not satisfied on or prior to the Effective Time, can only be waived by both the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

8. Conditions Precedent to Company's Obligations

The obligations of the Company under this Agreement shall be subject to the reasonable satisfaction of the following conditions, each of which, if not satisfied, can only be waived by the Company:

- (a) the Consenting Noteholders shall have complied in all material respects with each of their covenants in this Agreement that is to be performed on or before the Implementation Date; and
- (b) the representations and warranties of the Consenting Noteholders set forth in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all material respects without regard to any materiality qualifications contained in them as of the Implementation Date with the same force and effect as if made at and as of such time, except that representations and warranties that are given as of a specified date shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such date.

9. Press Releases and Public Disclosure Concerning Transaction

- (a) No press release or other public disclosure concerning the transactions contemplated herein shall be made by the Company or any of its Representatives or Subsidiaries without the prior consent of the Advisors (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) except as, and only to the extent that, the disclosure is required (as determined by the Company) by applicable Law or by any stock exchange rules on which its securities or those of any of its affiliates are traded, by any other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any Direct Subsidiary, or by any court of competent jurisdiction; provided, however, that the Company shall provide the Advisors with a copy of such disclosure in advance of any release and an opportunity to consult with the Company as to the contents, and to provide comments thereon, and provided further that any such disclosure shall in all cases also comply with the terms and conditions set forth in Section 16 hereof and in any of the applicable Noteholder Confidentiality Agreements.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing and subject to Section 16 hereof, no information with respect to the principal amount of Notes or the number of Common Shares held or managed by any individual Consenting Noteholder or the identity of any individual Consenting Noteholder shall be disclosed by the Company or any of its Representatives or Subsidiaries in any press release or other public disclosure concerning the transactions contemplated herein.
- (c) No press release or other public disclosure concerning the transactions contemplated herein shall be made by any Consenting Noteholder without the prior consent of the Company (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) except as, and only to the extent that, the disclosure is required (as determined by the Consenting Noteholder) by applicable Law or by any stock exchange rules on which its securities or those of any of its affiliates are traded, by any other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Consenting Noteholder, or by any court of competent jurisdiction; provided, however, that the Consenting Noteholder shall provide the Company with a copy of such disclosure in advance of any release and an opportunity to consult with the Consenting Noteholder as to the contents, and to provide comments thereon, and provided further that any

such disclosure shall also comply with the terms of any applicable Noteholder Confidentiality Agreement.

- (d) To the extent that there is a conflict between the provisions of this Section 9 and a Noteholder Confidentiality Agreement, the provisions of the Noteholder Confidentiality Agreement shall govern.

10. Further Assurances

Each Party shall do all such things in its control, take all such actions as are commercially reasonable, deliver to the other Parties such further information and documents and execute and deliver to the other Parties such further instruments and agreements as another Party shall reasonably request to consummate or confirm the transactions provided for in this Agreement, to accomplish the purpose of this Agreement or to assure to the other Party the benefits of this Agreement.

11. Consenting Noteholders' Termination Events

This Agreement may be terminated by the delivery to the Company and the Advisors of a written notice in accordance with Section 17(q) hereof by Initial Consenting Noteholders holding at least 66 2/3% of the aggregate principal amount of Relevant Notes held by the Initial Consenting Noteholders collectively, in the exercise of their sole discretion, or in the case of Sections 11(j) and (k) by, but only in respect of, any Initial Consenting Noteholder individually, upon the occurrence and, if applicable, continuation uncured (where such event is curable) for three (3) Business Days after receipt of such notice of any of the following events:

- (a) failure by the Company to comply with any of the deadlines set forth in Section 5(c) hereof (including if the Implementation Date has not occurred by the Outside Date), as the same may have been amended with the consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders or the Advisors;
- (b) failure by the Company or any of the Direct Subsidiaries to comply in all material respects with, or default by the Company or any of the Direct Subsidiaries in the performance or observance of, any material term, condition, covenant or agreement set forth in this Agreement, which, if capable of being cured, is not cured within five (5) Business Days after the receipt of written notice of such failure or default;
- (c) failure by the Company or any of the Direct Subsidiaries to comply with or satisfy any condition precedent set forth in Section 6 or 7 of this Agreement;
- (d) if any representation, warranty or other statement of the Company or any of the Direct Subsidiaries made or deemed to be made in this Agreement shall prove untrue in any respect as of the date when made, except where the failure of such representations and warranties or other statements to be so true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

- (e) the issuance of any preliminary or final decision, order or decree by a Governmental Entity, the making of an application to any Governmental Entity, or commencement of an action by any Governmental Entity, in consequence of or in connection with the Transaction, in each case which restrains, impedes or prohibits the Transaction or any material part thereof or requires or purports to require a material variation of the Transaction;
- (f) the CCAA Proceedings are dismissed, terminated, or stayed or the Company whether voluntarily or involuntarily, commences or undergoes a receivership, liquidation, bankruptcy, debt enforcement proceeding or a proceeding under the CCAA, the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada) or *Winding-Up and Restructuring Act* (Canada), or under any foreign insolvency law, or any of the Subsidiaries become subject to voluntary or involuntary liquidation proceedings, unless any such event occurs with the prior written consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (g) the appointment of a receiver, interim receiver, receiver and manager, trustee in bankruptcy, liquidator or administrator in respect of the Company, or any of its Subsidiaries, unless such event occurs with the prior written consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (h) the amendment, modification or filing of a pleading by the Company, or any of its Subsidiaries, seeking to amend or modify this Agreement, any of the Transaction Terms, the Initial Order, the Sale Process Order, the Sale Process Procedures, the Plan, or any other document related to any of the foregoing or otherwise filed in the CCAA Proceedings, in a manner not acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, acting reasonably;
- (i) if there are any new additions to the board of directors of the Company that are not acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (j) if the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders cannot agree on the Person(s) to be appointed by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to Section 5(cc) hereof; or
- (k) if the Company fails to comply with its obligations under Section 5(h).

12. Companies' Termination Events

- (a) This Agreement may be terminated by the delivery to the Consenting Noteholders (with a copy to the Advisors) of a written notice in accordance with Section 17(q) by the Company, in the exercise of its sole discretion, upon the occurrence and continuation of any of the following events:
 - (i) the issuance of any preliminary or final decision, order or decree by a Governmental Entity, the making of an application to any Governmental Entity, or commencement of an action by any Governmental Entity, in consequence of or in connection with the Transaction, in each case which

restrains, impedes or prohibits the Transaction or any material part thereof or requires or purports to require a material variation of the Transaction; or

(ii) if the Implementation Date has not occurred on or before the Outside Date;

(b) This Agreement may be terminated as to a breaching Consenting Noteholder (the "**Breaching Noteholder**") only, by delivery to such Breaching Noteholder of a written notice in accordance with Section 17(q) by the Company, in the exercise of its sole discretion and provided that the Company is not in default hereunder, upon the occurrence and continuation uncured (where such event is curable) for three Business Days after the receipt of such notice, of any of the following events:

(i) failure by the Breaching Noteholder to comply in all material respects with, or default by the Breaching Noteholder in the performance or observance of, any material term, condition, covenant or agreement set forth in this Agreement which is not cured within five (5) Business Days after the receipt of written notice of such failure or default; or

(ii) if any representation, warranty or other statement of the Breaching Noteholder made or deemed to be made in this Agreement shall prove untrue in any material respect as of the date when made,

and the Breaching Noteholder shall thereupon no longer be a Consenting Noteholder.

13. Mutual Termination

This Agreement, and the obligations of all Parties hereunder, may be terminated by mutual agreement among (a) the Company, (b) the Direct Subsidiaries and (c) Initial Consenting Noteholders holding at least 66 2/3% of the aggregate principal amount of Relevant Notes held by the Initial Consenting Noteholders collectively.

14. Effect of Termination

(a) Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to Sections 11(a) to 11(i) Section 12(a) or Section 13 hereof, this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect and each Party hereto shall be automatically and simultaneously released from its commitments, undertakings, and agreements under or related to this Agreement, except for the rights, agreements, commitments and obligations under Sections 9(b), 14, 16 and 17, all of which shall survive the termination, and each Party shall have the rights and remedies that it would have had it not entered into this Agreement and shall, subject to the CCAA Proceedings and the terms of any Court orders made therein, be entitled to take all actions, whether with respect to the Transaction or otherwise, that it would have been entitled to take had it not entered into this Agreement.

- (b) Upon termination of this Agreement by the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries with respect to a Breaching Noteholder under Section 12(b), or by an Objecting Noteholder under Section 17(o), or by an individual Initial Consenting Noteholder under Section 11(j) or 11(k) (an “**Individual Noteholder**”) this Agreement shall be of no further force or effect with respect to such Breaching Noteholder, Objecting Noteholder or Individual Noteholder, as applicable, and all rights, obligations, commitments, undertakings, and agreements under or related to this Agreement of or in respect of such Breaching Noteholder, Objecting Noteholder or Individual Noteholder, as applicable, shall be of no further force or effect, except for the rights and obligations under Sections 9(b), 14, 16 and 17, all of which shall survive such termination, and each of the Company, the Direct Subsidiaries and such Breaching Noteholder, Objecting Noteholder or Individual Noteholder, as applicable, shall have the rights and remedies that it would have had it not entered into this Agreement and shall, subject to the CCAA Proceedings and the terms of any Court orders made therein, be entitled to take all actions, whether with respect to the Transaction or otherwise, that it would have been entitled to take had it not entered into this Agreement.
- (c) Upon the occurrence of any termination of this Agreement, any and all consents, votes or support tendered prior to such termination by (i) the Consenting Noteholders in the case of termination pursuant to Section 11, Section 12(a) or Section 13 hereof, (ii) the Breaching Noteholder(s) in the case of a termination pursuant to Section 12(b), (iii) the Objecting Noteholder(s) in the case of termination pursuant to Section 17(o), or (iv) the Individual Noteholder in the case of termination pursuant to Section 11(j) or 11(k) shall be deemed, for all purposes, to be null and void from the first instance and shall not be considered or otherwise used in any manner by the Parties in connection with the Transaction, this Agreement, the CCAA Proceedings or otherwise.

15. Termination Upon the Implementation Date

This Agreement shall terminate automatically without any further required action or notice on the Implementation Date (immediately following the Effective Time). The Company shall pay the Expense Reimbursement on the Implementation Date (prior to the Effective Time). For greater certainty, the representations, warranties and covenants herein shall not survive and shall be of no further force or effect from and after the Implementation Date, provided that the rights, agreements, commitments and obligations under Sections 9(b), 16 and 17 shall survive the Implementation Date.

16. Confidentiality

The Company and each Direct Subsidiary agree, on its own behalf and on behalf of its Representatives and Subsidiaries, to maintain the confidentiality of the identity and, to the extent known, specific holdings of each Consenting Noteholder; provided, however, that such information may be disclosed: (a) to the Company’s directors, trustees, executives, officers, auditors, and employees and financial and legal advisors or other agents (collectively referred to

herein as the “**Representatives**” and individually as a “**Representative**”) and provided further that each such Representative is informed of, and agrees to abide by, this confidentiality provision; and (b) to Persons in response to, and to the extent required by, (i) any subpoena, or other legal process, including, without limitation, by the Court or applicable rules, regulations or procedures of the Court, (ii) any Governmental Entity, or (iii) applicable Law; provided that, if the Company or its Representatives are required to disclose the identity or the specific holdings of a Consenting Noteholder in the manner set out in the preceding sentence, the Company shall provide such Consenting Noteholder with prompt written notice of any such requirement so that such Consenting Noteholder may (at the Consenting Noteholder’s expense) seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy or waiver of compliance with the provisions of this Agreement; and provided further, however, that each Consenting Noteholder agrees, (c) to the existence and factual details of this Agreement (other than the identity and, to the extent known, specific holdings of, any Consenting Noteholder) being set out in any public disclosure, including, without limitation, press releases and court materials, produced by the Company in connection with the Transaction and in accordance with this Agreement and the terms of any applicable Noteholder Confidentiality Agreement; and (d) to this Agreement being filed and/or available for inspection by the public to the extent required by law, and in any case in accordance with this Agreement and the terms of any Noteholder Confidentiality Agreement.

17. Miscellaneous

- (a) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this Agreement applies only to each Consenting Noteholder’s Debt and to each Consenting Noteholder solely with respect to its legal and/or beneficial ownership of, or its investment and voting discretion over its Debt (and not, for greater certainty, to any other securities, loans or obligations that may be held, acquired or sold by such Consenting Noteholder or any client of such Consenting Noteholder whose funds or accounts are managed by such Consenting Noteholder) and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall not apply to:
 - (i) any securities, loans or other obligations (including the Notes) that may be held, acquired or sold by, or any activities, services or businesses conducted or provided by, any group or business unit within or affiliate of a Consenting Noteholder (A) that has not been involved in and is not acting at the direction of or with knowledge of the affairs of the Company and/or its Subsidiaries provided by any Person involved in the Transaction discussions or (B) is on the other side of an information firewall with respect to the officers, partners and employees of such Consenting Noteholder who have been working on the Transaction and is not acting at the direction of or with knowledge of the affairs of the Company and/or its Subsidiaries provided by any officers, partners and employees of such Consenting Noteholder who have been working on the Transaction;
 - (ii) any securities, loans or other obligations that may be beneficially owned by clients of a Consenting Noteholder, including accounts or funds managed by the Consenting Noteholder, that are not Notes or Debt; or

- (iii) any securities, loans or other obligations (including Notes) that may be beneficially owned by clients of a Consenting Noteholder that are not managed or administered by the Consenting Noteholder.
- (b) Subject to Section 4 hereof with respect to Consenting Noteholders' Relevant Notes and Debt and to the provisions of any applicable Noteholder Confidentiality Agreement, nothing in this Agreement is intended to preclude any of the Consenting Noteholders from engaging in any securities transactions.
- (c) This Agreement shall in no way be construed to preclude any Consenting Noteholder from acquiring additional Notes ("**Additional Notes**"). If a Consenting Noteholder acquires Additional Notes after the date hereof, the Consenting Noteholder shall be bound by the terms of this Agreement in respect of such Additional Notes, and such Additional Notes shall constitute Relevant Notes for purposes of this Agreement.
- (d) At any time, a Noteholder that is not a Consenting Noteholder may agree with the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries to become a Party to this Agreement by executing and delivering to the Company, with a copy to the Advisors, a Joinder Agreement substantially in the form of **Schedule C**.
- (e) The headings of the Sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part hereof, and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.
- (f) Unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and words importing any gender shall include all genders.
- (g) Unless otherwise specifically indicated, all sums of money referred to in this Agreement are expressed in lawful money of the United States.
- (h) This Agreement, the Noteholder Confidentiality Agreements and any other agreements contemplated by or entered into pursuant to this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, both oral and written, among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.
- (i) The agreements, representations and obligations of the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries are, in all respects, several and not joint and several. The Company and the Direct Subsidiaries acknowledge and agree that any waiver or consent that the Consenting Noteholders may make on or after the date hereof has been made by the Consenting Noteholders in reliance upon, and in consideration for, the covenants, agreements, representations and warranties of the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries hereunder.
- (j) The agreements, representations and obligations of the Consenting Noteholders under this Agreement are, in all respects, several (in proportion to the percentage

of the aggregate principal amount of Notes represented by a Consenting Noteholder's Relevant Notes) and not joint and several. Each Consenting Noteholder acknowledges and agrees that any waiver or consent that the Company may make on or after the date hereof has been made by the Company in reliance upon, and in consideration for, the covenants, agreements, representations and warranties of the Consenting Noteholders hereunder.

- (k) Any Person signing this Agreement in a representative capacity (i) represents and warrants that he/she is authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Party he/she represents and that his/her signature upon this Agreement will bind the represented Party to the terms hereof, and (ii) acknowledges that the other Parties hereto have relied upon such representation and warranty.
- (l) Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, for the purposes of this Agreement, any matter requiring the agreement, waiver, consent or approval under this Agreement of (i) the Consenting Noteholders shall require the agreement, waiver, consent or approval of Consenting Noteholders representing at least a majority of the aggregate principal amount of Relevant Notes held by the Consenting Noteholders, and for (ii) the Initial Consenting Noteholders shall require the agreement, waiver, consent or approval of Initial Consenting Noteholders representing at least 66 2/3% of the aggregate principal amount of Relevant Notes held by the Initial Consenting Noteholders. The Company shall be entitled to rely on written confirmation from the Advisors that the Consenting Noteholders or the Initial Consenting Noteholders, as applicable, representing at least the foregoing aggregate principal amount of Relevant Notes held by the Consenting Noteholders or the Initial Consenting Noteholders, as applicable, have agreed, waived, consented to or approved a particular matter.
- (m) Solely for the purpose of determining whether the holders of the requisite percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Notes have agreed, approved or consented to any amendment, waiver or consent to be given under this Agreement or under any documents related thereto, or have directed the taking of any action provided herein or in any of the documents related thereto to be taken upon the direction of the holders of a specified percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Notes, Notes directly or indirectly owned by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries shall be deemed not to be outstanding.
- (n) This Agreement may be modified, amended or supplemented as to any matter by an instrument in writing signed by the Company, the Direct Subsidiaries and Initial Consenting Noteholders (as determined in accordance with Section 17(l)).
- (o) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if this Agreement is amended, modified or supplemented or any matter herein is approved, consented to or waived: (i) in a manner that materially adversely affects the consideration to be provided to the Noteholders as set forth in Section 1 hereof to be provided to Noteholders; (ii) or that limits an Individual Noteholder's ability to exercise the termination rights set forth in Sections 11(i) and 11(k) hereof; or (iii) such that

the Outside Date is extended beyond November 30, 2012, then any Consenting Noteholder that objects to any such amendment, modification, supplement, approval, consent or waiver may terminate its obligations under this Agreement upon five (5) Business Days' written notice to the other Parties hereto (each, an "**Objecting Noteholder**") and shall thereupon no longer be a Consenting Noteholder. For greater certainty, an Objecting Noteholder shall not be entitled to receive any consideration provided to Consent Date Noteholders hereunder.

- (p) Time is of the essence in the performance of the Parties' respective obligations. Any date, time or period referred to in this Agreement shall be of the essence, except to the extent to which the Parties agree in writing to vary any date, time or period, in which event the varied date, time or period shall be of the essence.
- (q) All notices and other communications which may be or are required to be given pursuant to any provision of this Agreement shall be given or made in writing and shall be deemed to be validly given if served personally or by facsimile transmission, in each case addressed to the particular Party:

- (i) if to the Company or any Direct Subsidiary:

Sino-Forest Corporation
Room 3815-29 38/F, Sun Hung Kai Centre
30 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Attention: Mr. Judson Martin, Executive Vice-Chairman and Chief
Executive Officer
Fax: +852-2877-0062;

with a copy by email or fax (which shall not be deemed notice) to:

Bennett Jones LLP
One First Canadian Place, Suite 3400
Toronto, ON M5X 1A4

Attention: Kevin J. Zych and Raj S. Sahni
Email: zychk@bennettjones.com and sahnir@bennettjones.com
Fax: 416-863-1716

- (ii) if to the Consenting Noteholders, at the address set forth for each Consenting Noteholder beside its signature hereto;

with a copy by email or fax (which shall not be deemed notice) to:

Goodmans LLP
Bay Adelaide Centre
333 Bay Street, Suite 3400
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2S7

Attention: Robert Chadwick and Brendan O'Neill
Email: rchadwick@goodmans.ca and boneill@goodmans.ca
Facsimile: 416-979-1234

and with a copy by email or fax (which shall not be deemed notice) to:

Hogan Lovells LLP
11th Floor, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway
Hong Kong China

Attention: Neil McDonald
Email: neil.mcdonald@hoganlovells.com
Facsimile: 852-2219-0222

or at such other address of which any Party may, from time to time, advise the other Parties by notice in writing given in accordance with the foregoing. The date of receipt of any such notice shall be deemed to be the date of delivery or transmission thereof.

- (r) If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of law or public policy, all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that the terms of this Agreement remain as originally contemplated to the fullest extent possible.
- (s) This Agreement shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and each of their respective successors, assigns, heirs and personal representatives, provided that no Party may assign, delegate or otherwise transfer any of its rights, interests or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Parties hereto, except that each Consenting Noteholder is permitted to assign, delegate or otherwise transfer any of its rights, interests or obligations under this Agreement as set forth in Section 4(c).
- (t) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein, without regard to principles of conflicts of law. Each Party submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Ontario in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

- (u) The Parties waive any right to trial by jury in any proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, present or future, and whether sounding in contract, tort or otherwise. Any Party may file a copy of this provision with any court as written evidence of the knowing, voluntary and bargained for agreement between the Parties irrevocably to waive trial by jury, and that any proceeding whatsoever between them relating to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall instead be tried by a judge or judges sitting without a jury.
- (v) No director, officer or employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their legal, financial or other advisors shall have any personal liability to any of the Consenting Noteholders under this Agreement. No director, officer or employee of any of the Consenting Noteholders or any of the Advisors shall have any personal liability to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under this Agreement.
- (w) It is understood and agreed by the Parties that money damages would be an insufficient remedy for any breach of this Agreement by any Party and each non-breaching Party shall be entitled to specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief as a remedy of any such breach including, without limitation, an order of the Court or other court of competent jurisdiction requiring any Party to comply promptly with any of its obligations hereunder.
- (x) All rights, powers, and remedies provided under this Agreement or otherwise in respect hereof at law or in equity shall be cumulative and not alternative, and the exercise of any right, power, or remedy thereof by any Party shall not preclude the simultaneous or later exercise of any other such right, power, or remedy by such Party.
- (y) No condition in this Agreement shall be enforceable by a Party if any failure to satisfy such condition results from an action, error or omissions by or within the control of such Party.
- (z) Where any representation or warranty of the Company and the Direct Subsidiaries contained in this Agreement is expressly qualified by reference to the knowledge of the Company, it refers to the actual knowledge, after due inquiry, of the Executive Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, and does not include the knowledge or awareness of any other individual or any constructive, implied or imputed knowledge.
- (aa) Unless expressly stated herein, this Agreement shall be solely for the benefit of the Parties, and no other person or entity shall be a third-party beneficiary hereof.

- (bb) This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which, when taken together, shall be deemed an original. Execution of this Agreement is effective if a signature is delivered by facsimile transmission or electronic (e.g., pdf) transmission.

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This Agreement has been agreed and accepted on the date first written above.

SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SINO-PANEL HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SINO-GLOBAL HOLDINGS INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SINO-PANEL CORPORATION

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SINO-WOOD PARTNERS, LIMITED

By: _____

Name:

Title:

By: _____

Name:

Title:

SINO-CAPITAL GLOBAL INC.

By: _____

Name:

Title:

By: _____

Name:

Title:

**SINO-FOREST INTERNATIONAL
(BARBADOS) CORPORATION**

By: _____

Name:

Title:

By: _____

Name:

Title:

SINO-FOREST RESOURCES INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Name of Consenting Noteholder:

Per:

Name:

Title:

Jurisdiction of residence for legal purposes:

Email:

Address:

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

SCHEDULE A

DIRECT SUBSIDIARIES

Sino-Panel Holdings Limited

Sino-Global Holdings Inc.

Sino-Panel Corporation

Sino-Wood Partners, Limited

Sino-Capital Global Inc.

Sino-Forest International (Barbados) Corporation)

Sino-Forest Resources Inc. [Preferred shares held by SFC]

SCHEDULE B

DEFINITIONS

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In addition, the following terms used in this Agreement shall have the following meanings:

"2013 Note Indenture" means the indenture dated as of July 23, 2008, by and between the Company, the entities listed as subsidiary guarantors thereto, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented prior to the date hereof.

"2014 Note Indenture" means the indenture dated as of July 27, 2009 entered into by and between the Company, the subsidiary guarantors thereto, and Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented prior to the date hereof.

"2016 Note Indentures" means the indenture dated as of December 17, 2009, by and between the Company, the entities listed as subsidiary guarantors thereto, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented prior to the date hereof.

"2017 Note Indenture" means the indenture dated as of October 21, 2010, by and between the Company, the subsidiary guarantors thereto, and Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as trustee, as amended, modified or supplemented prior to the date hereof.

"2013 Notes" means the US\$345,000,000 of 5.00% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2013 issued pursuant to the 2013 Note Indenture.

"2014 Notes" means the US\$399,517,000 of 10.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes Due 2014 issued pursuant to the 2014 Note Indenture.

"2016 Notes" means the US\$460,000,000 of 4.25% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2016 issued pursuant to the 2016 Note Indenture.

"2017 Notes" means the US\$600,000,000 of 6.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes Due 2017 issued

pursuant to the 2017 Note Indenture.

“2013 and 2016 Trustee” means The Bank of New York Mellon, in its capacity as trustee for the 2013 Notes and the 2016 Notes.

“2014 and 2017 Trustee” means Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, in its capacity as trustee for the 2014 Notes and the 2017 Notes.

“Accrued Interest” means, in respect of any series of Notes, all accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes, at the regular rates provided therefor pursuant Note Indentures, up to and including the CCAA Filing Date.

“Advisors” means Goodmans and Hogan Lovells, in their capacity as legal advisors to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, and Moelis, in its capacity as financial advisor to the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“Aggregate Principal Payment Amount” means 85% of the aggregate principal amount of all Notes outstanding as at the CCAA Filing Date.

“AIs” means the authorized intermediaries of the Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries.

“Applicable Securities Laws” means all applicable securities, corporate and other laws, rules, regulations, notices and policies in the Provinces of Canada.

“Business Day” means each day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a statutory or civic holiday that banks are open for business in Toronto, Ontario.

“BVI” means the British Virgin Islands.

“Capital Stock” shall have the meaning given to the term in the Note Indentures, as applicable.

“CCAA Filing Date” means the date on which the Initial Order is granted by the Court in respect of the Company pursuant to the CCAA.

“Claim” means any right or claim of any Person against the Company in any capacity, whether or not asserted, in connection with any indebtedness, liability or obligation of any kind whatsoever of the Company, and any interest accrued thereon or costs payable in respect thereof, whether at law or in equity, including arising by reason of the commission of a tort (intentional or unintentional), any breach of duty (including any legal, statutory, equitable or fiduciary duty), any right of ownership of or title to property or assets or to a trust, constructive trust or deemed trust (statutory, express, implied, resulting, or otherwise) against any property or assets, any taxes and together with any security enforcement costs or legal costs associated with any such claim, whether or not reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, unsecured, perfected, unperfected, present, future, known or unknown, by guarantee, by surety, by warranty, or otherwise, and whether or not such right is executory or anticipatory in nature, including any claim arising from or caused by the termination, disclaimer, resiliation, assignment or repudiation by the Company of any contract, lease or other agreement, whether written or oral, any claim made or asserted

against the Company through any affiliate, subsidiary, associated or related person, or any right or ability of any Person to advance a claim for an accounting, reconciliation, contribution, indemnity, restitution or otherwise with respect to any matter, grievance, action (including any class action or proceeding before an administrative tribunal), cause or chose in action, whether existing at present or commenced in the future, and includes, without limitation (i) any other claims of any kind that, if unsecured, would have been claims provable in bankruptcy within the meaning of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3 had the Company become bankrupt on the CCAA Filing Date, including any other claims arising from or caused by, directly or indirectly, the implementation of, or any action taken pursuant to, the Initial Order or the CCAA Proceedings, and (ii) Equity Claims.

“**Common Shares**” means the common shares in the capital of the Company.

“**Companies**” means, collectively, the Company and all of the Subsidiaries.

“**Consent Date**” means May 15, 2012.

“**Contingent Value Rights**” means the rights to be issued by Newco to a trustee on behalf of the Junior Constituents pursuant to the Restructuring Transaction and the Plan, pursuant to which the Junior Constituents will receive the right to receive 15% of any amounts realized in excess of \$1.8 billion plus Accrued Interest up to and including the CCAA Filing Date upon a Newco “liquidity event” that occurs, or is deemed to occur, within 7 years of the Implementation Date, which rights shall not be transferable. In lieu of paying any cash amount that may be due to the Junior Constituents in respect of the Contingent Value Rights, Newco shall be entitled to elect to pay in securities of Newco (or the form of consideration being paid to the shareholders of Newco in connection with the Newco “liquidity event”). The definitive terms of the Contingent Value Rights, including the definition of a Newco “liquidity event” shall be determined by the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, acting reasonably.

“**Court**” means the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Commercial List.

“**Creditor**” means any Person having a Claim and includes, without limitation, the transferee or assignee of a Claim or a trustee, liquidator, receiver, receiver and manager, or other Person acting on behalf of such Person.

“**Data Room**” means the virtual data room maintained by the Company through the facilities of Merrill Corporation, as of March 29, 2012, as the same may be supplemented after the Agreement Date on notice to the Advisors.

“**Equity Claim**” has the meaning set forth in section 2(1) of the CCAA.

“**Equity Interest**” has the meaning set forth in section 2(1) of the CCAA.

“**Excluded Assets**” means cash equal to, and for purposes of, the Funding Amount, the rights of the Company to be transferred to the Litigation Trust and any other assets and rights of the Company that are not transferred to Newco as determined by the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders and identified in the Plan.

“Executive Officers” means Judson Martin, Kai Kit Poon, David J. Horsley, Chen Hua, Zhao Wei Mao, Thomas M. Maradin, Xu Ni, Alfred Hung and George Ho.

“Existing Shares” means the Common Shares of the Company issued and outstanding at any applicable time prior to the Effective Time.

“Expense Reimbursement” the reasonable and documented fees and expenses of the Advisors and Conyers, Dill & Pearman LLP, pursuant to their respective engagement letters with the Company, and other advisors as may be agreed to by the Company.

“Final Order” means the order of the Court approving the Plan, which shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably, and as the same may be amended by the Court or with the consent of the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles as applied in Canada.

“Goodmans” means Goodmans LLP.

“Governmental Entity” means any government, regulatory authority, governmental department, agency, commission, bureau, official, minister, Crown corporation, court, board, tribunal or dispute settlement panel or other law, rule or regulation-making organization or entity: (a) having or purporting to have jurisdiction on behalf of any nation, province, territory or state or any other geographic or political subdivision of any of them; or (b) exercising, or entitled or purporting to exercise any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, policy, regulatory or taxing authority or power.

“Hogan Lovells” means Hogan Lovells LLP.

“Implementation Date” means the date on which the Transaction is implemented.

“Information” means information set forth or incorporated in the Companies’ public disclosure documents filed with the applicable securities regulators under the Securities Legislation, as applicable, since December 31, 2009.

“Initial Consenting Noteholders” means the Consenting Noteholders who executed this Agreement on the date written on the first page of this Agreement.

“Initial Order” means the initial order of the Court to be entered in the CCAA Proceedings, which shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably, and as the same may be amended by the Court or with the consent of the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably.

“Intellectual Property” means: (i) Canadian and non-Canadian patents, and applications for either including divisional and continuation patents; (ii) registered and unregistered trade-marks, logos and other indicia of origin, pending trade-mark registration applications, and proposed use application or similar reservations of marks, and all goodwill associated therewith; (iii) registered and unregistered copyrights, including all copyright in and to computer software

programs, and applications for and registration of such copyright (including all copyright in and to the Companies' websites); (iv) world wide web addresses and internet domain names, applications and reservations for world wide web addresses and internet domain names, uniform resource locators and the corresponding internet sites; (v) industrial designs; and (vi) trade secrets and proprietary information not otherwise listed in (i) through (v) above, including all inventions (whether or not patentable), invention disclosures, moral and economic rights of authors and inventors (however denominated), confidential information, technical data, customer lists, corporate and business names, trade names, trade dress, brand names, know-how, formulae, methods (whether or not patentable), designs, processes, procedures, technology, business methods, source codes, object codes, computer software programs (in either source code or object code form), databases, data collections and other proprietary information or material of any type, and all derivatives, improvements and refinements thereof, howsoever recorded, or unrecorded.

"Junior Constituent" means any Person holding a Claim (including an Equity Claim) or right against the Company which is, either pursuant to any contract or otherwise pursuant to any applicable law (including, without limitation, the CCAA) subordinate in priority to the Noteholder Claims or otherwise not entitled to any distribution pursuant to the Plan until the Noteholder Claims have been paid in full, but only in respect of such Claim or right of such Person.

"Law" or **"Laws"** means any law, statute, order, decree, consent decree, judgment, rule regulation, ordinance or other pronouncement having the effect of law whether in Canada, the United States, Hong Kong, the PRC, or any other country, or any domestic or foreign state, county, province, city or other political subdivision or of any Governmental Entity.

"Litigation Trust" means the litigation trust to be established pursuant to the Plan pursuant to which all claims of the Company and its Subsidiaries against any Person shall be transferred on the Implementation Date, the terms and conditions of which (including without limitation, as to the selection of counsel, the trustee, governance, the allocation of funding among claims to be pursued, and provisions prohibiting claims over or any liability against the Company, its Subsidiaries, Newco or its subsidiaries) shall be satisfactory to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, acting reasonably.

"Material" means a fact, circumstance, change, effect, matter, action, condition, event, occurrence or development that, individually or in the aggregate, is, or would reasonably be expected to be, material to the business, affairs, results of operations or financial condition of the Companies (taken as a whole).

"Material Adverse Effect" means a fact, event, change, occurrence, circumstance or condition that, individually or together with any other event, change or occurrence, has or would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse impact on the assets, condition (financial or otherwise), business, liabilities, obligations (whether absolute, accrued, conditional or otherwise) or operations of the Companies (taken as a whole); provided, however, that a Material Adverse Effect shall not include and shall be deemed to exclude the impact of any fact, event, change, occurrence, circumstance or condition resulting from or relating to: (A) changes in Laws of general applicability or interpretations thereof by courts or Governmental Entities or regulatory

authorities, which changes do not have a Material disproportionate effect on the Companies (taken as a whole), (B) any change in the forestry industry generally, which does not have a Material disproportionate effect on the Companies (taken as a whole) (relative to other industry participants operating primarily in the PRC), (C) actions and omissions of any of the Companies required pursuant to this Agreement or taken with the prior written consent of the Initial Consenting Noteholders, (D) the effects of compliance with this Agreement, including on the operating performance of the Companies, (E) the negotiation, execution, delivery, performance, consummation, potential consummation or public announcement of this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (F) any change in U.S. or Canadian interest rates or currency exchange rates unless such change has a Material disproportionate effect on the Companies (taken as a whole), and (G) general political, economic or financial conditions in Canada, the United States, Hong Kong or the PRC, which changes do not have a Material disproportionate effect on the Companies (taken as a whole).

“Meeting Order” means the Order of the Court establishing the procedures for voting on the Plan, which shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably, and as the same may be amended by the Court or with the consent of the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably.

“Moelis” means, collectively, Moelis & Company LLC and Moelis and Company Asia Limited, in their capacity as financial advisor to the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“Monitor” means the monitor to be appointed by the Court pursuant to the Initial Order.

“New Management Plan” means the new management incentive plan and director compensation plan in respect of Newco, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“Newco Shares” means the common shares of Newco that are issued and outstanding as of the Effective Time.

“Note Indentures” means collectively the 2013 Note Indenture, the 2014 Note Indenture, the 2016 Note Indenture, and the 2017 Note Indenture.

“Noteholder Claim” means any Claim of any Person (including, without limitation, any current or former Noteholder or trustee, agent or intermediary) in respect of or in relation to the Notes, including without limitation, all principal, Accrued Interest and any other amounts payable pursuant to the Notes, the Note Indentures and any agreement or instrument pursuant or ancillary thereto (including any security or pledge in respect thereof), and any claims or rights of any Person against any Subsidiary under, pursuant to or in respect of any guarantee, indemnity or similar agreement in respect of the Notes.

“Noteholder Confidentiality Agreements” means, collectively, any and all the confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements that have been entered into and are binding upon a Consenting Noteholder and the Company.

“Noteholders” means, collectively, the holders of the Notes, and **“Noteholder”** means any

individual holder of any of the Notes.

“Notes” means, collectively, the 2013 Notes, the 2014 Notes, the 2016 Notes, and the 2017 Notes.

“**Ordinary Course**” means, with respect to an action taken or to be taken by the Company, or any of its Subsidiaries, that such action is consistent with the past practices of the Company, or the particular Subsidiary or Subsidiaries, as applicable, and was taken or is to be taken in the ordinary course of the normal day-to-day operations of the Company, or those particular Subsidiaries or Subsidiary, as applicable.

“**Other Affected Creditors**” means any Creditor (for greater certainty, not including Junior Constituents) other than: (i) a Creditor who has a Noteholder Claim, but only in respect of and to the extent of such Noteholder Claim, or (ii) a Creditor who has an Unaffected Claim, but only in respect of and to the extent of such Unaffected Claim.

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

“**Person**” means any individual, sole proprietorship, limited or unlimited liability corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, unincorporated syndicate, unincorporated organization, body corporate, joint venture, trust, pension fund, union, Governmental Entity, and a natural person including in such person’s capacity as trustee, heir, beneficiary, executor, administrator or other legal representative.

“**Plan**” means the plan of compromise or arrangement to be filed by the Company under the CCAA and, if determined necessary or advisable by the Company in conjunction with the CCAA Plan, and with the consent of the Advisors, the *Canada Business Corporations Act* for purposes of implementing the Restructuring Transaction or the Sale Transaction, as the case may be and in each case in accordance with the Transaction Terms, and as the same may be amended by the Court or with the consent of the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably.

“**PRC**” means the People’s Republic of China.

“**Pro Rata**” means, unless otherwise defined in the Agreement, (i) in the case of a Noteholder, the principal amount of Notes held by such Noteholder as of the Record Date in relation to the aggregate principal amount of Notes held by all Noteholders as of the Record Date, and (ii) in the in the case of a Consent Date Noteholder, the principal amount of Notes held by such Consent Date Noteholder as of the Record Date in relation to the aggregate principal amount of Notes held by all Consent Date Noteholders as of the Record Date.

“**Record Date**” means the record date for Noteholder Claims and Claims of Other Affected Creditors to be established in the CCAA Proceedings, which date shall be acceptable to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably.

“**Restricted Subsidiary**” shall have the meaning given to the term in the Note Indentures, as applicable.

“Restructuring Transaction” means the restructuring transaction described by Section 1(a) hereof pursuant to which the restructuring of the Company is to be effectuated pursuant to, and in accordance with, the Plan and this Agreement.

“SAFE” means State Administration of Foreign Exchange (China).

“Sale Process Order” means the order of the Court approving the Sale Process Procedures, substantially in the form appended as **Schedule D** hereto, which shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably, and as the same may be amended by the Court or with the consent of the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably.

“Sale Process Procedures” means the sale and investor solicitation procedures for the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company appended to the Sale Process Order as Schedule “A” which shall in form and substance be satisfactory to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, acting reasonably, and as the same may be amended by the Court or with the consent of the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders.

“Secured Newco Note” means that certain secured note (or other debt instrument) to be issued by Newco on the Implementation Date under an indenture (or other similar instrument), on terms and conditions acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders, and in form and substance satisfactory to the Company, and as the same may be amended in accordance with its terms.

“Securities Legislation” means all applicable Laws, regulations, rules, policies or instruments of any securities commission, stock exchange or like body in Canada, the United States, Hong Kong or the PRC.

“Subsidiaries” means all direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Company (including the Direct Subsidiaries and the subsidiaries thereof), except for Greenheart Group Limited and its subsidiaries.

“Termination Date” means the date on which this Agreement is terminated in accordance with the provisions hereof.

“Transaction” means the Restructuring Transaction or the Sale Transaction, as the case may be.

“Transaction Terms” means the terms set out in Section 1 of this Agreement.

“Trustee” means each of the 2014 and 2017 Trustee and the 2013 and 2016 Trustee.

“Unaffected Claims” means (i) any Claims of any employee, officer or director of the Company in respect of any wages, vacation pay, bonuses or other remuneration payable to such Person by the Company; (ii) any Claims in respect of which a Charge is granted pursuant to the Initial Order; (iii) any Claim required to be paid in priority to Noteholder Claims, including in accordance with section 6(3), (5) or (6) of the CCAA; and (iv) any Claim, other than a Noteholder Claim, which is secured by a lien or encumbrance on the property of the Company, which lien is valid, perfected and enforceable pursuant to applicable law, to the extent of and limited to the value of such property.

“Voting Deadline” means the date on which votes are due in respect of the Plan, as established by the Meeting Order to be entered in the CCAA proceedings, as the same may be amended by Order of the Court or with the consent of the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably.

SCHEDULE C

JOINDER AGREEMENT

This Joinder to the Support Agreement (this “**Joinder Agreement**”) is made as of _____, 2012, by and among _____ (the “**Consenting Party**”), the Company (as defined below) and the Direct Subsidiaries (as defined therein) in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and benefits to be derived herefrom.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, reference is made to a certain Support Agreement dated as of March 30, 2012 by and among the Initial Consenting Noteholders (as defined therein), the Direct Subsidiaries (as defined therein) and Sino-Forest Corporation (the “**Company**”), as amended, modified, supplemented or restated and in effect from time to time, the “**Support Agreement**”). All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Support Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Consenting Party desires to become a party to, and to be bound by the terms of, the Support Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Support Agreement, in order for the Consenting Party to become party to the Support Agreement, the Consenting Party is required to execute this Joinder Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. Joinder and Assumption of Obligations

Effective as of the date of this Joinder Agreement, the Consenting Party hereby acknowledges that the Consenting Party has received and reviewed a copy of the Support Agreement, and hereby:

- (a) acknowledges and agrees to:
 - (i) join in the execution of, and become a party to, the Support Agreement as a Consenting Noteholder thereunder, as indicated with its signature below;
 - (ii) subject to subsection (iii) below, be bound by all agreements of the Consenting Noteholders under the Support Agreement with the same force and effect as if such Consenting Party was a signatory to the Support Agreement and was expressly named as a party therein; and
 - (iii) assume all rights and interests and perform all applicable duties and obligations of the Consenting Noteholders under the Support Agreement

other than those expressed therein to be solely the rights, interests, duties and obligations of the Initial Consenting Noteholders; and

- (b) confirms each representation and warranty of the Consenting Noteholders under the Support Agreement with the same force and effect as if such Consenting Party was a signatory to the Support Agreement and was expressly named as a party therein.

2. Binding Effect

Except as specifically amended by this Joinder Agreement, all of the terms and conditions of the Support Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as in effect prior to the date hereof.

3. Miscellaneous

- (a) This Joinder Agreement may be executed in several counterparts and by each party on a separate counterpart, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, and all of which together shall constitute one instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Joinder Agreement by email or facsimile transmission will be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof.
- (b) This Joinder Agreement expresses the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby. No prior negotiations or discussions shall limit, modify, or otherwise affect the provisions hereof.
- (c) Any determination that any provision of this Joinder Agreement or any application hereof is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect and in any instance shall not affect the validity, legality, or enforceability of such provision in any other instance, or the validity, legality or enforceability of any other provisions of this Joinder Agreement.
- (d) This Joinder Agreement shall be governed by, construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein (excluding any conflict of laws rule or principle which might refer such construction to the laws of another jurisdiction) and all actions or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Joinder Agreement shall be heard and determined exclusively in the courts of the Province of Ontario.

[Signature Pages Follow]

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Name of Consenting Noteholder:

[Redacted]

Per: [Redacted]

Name: [Redacted]

Title: [Redacted]

Jurisdiction of residence for legal
purposes: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

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Accepted and agreed to as of the date first above written.

SINO-FOREST CORPORATION

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SINO-PANEL HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SINO-GLOBAL HOLDINGS INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SINO-PANEL CORPORATION

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SINO-WOOD PARTNERS, LIMITED

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SINO-CAPITAL GLOBAL INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

**SINO-FOREST INTERNATIONAL
(BARBADOS) CORPORATION**

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SINO-FOREST RESOURCES INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

SCHEDULE D

FORM OF SALE PROCESS ORDER

TAB 2

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
COMMERCIAL LIST**

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

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

AFFIDAVIT OF DANIEL E. H. BACH

I, **DANIEL E. H. BACH**, of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. I am a lawyer in the class actions department of Siskinds LLP, co-counsel for the plaintiffs in the class proceeding styled *Trustees of the Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada v. Sino-Forest Corporation et al.*, bearing (Toronto), Court File No. CV-11-431153-00CP (the "Ontario Class Action"). Siskinds LLP (along with Koskie Minsky LLP and Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP) are counsel to an Ad Hoc Committee of Purchasers of Sino-Forest's Securities, including the Representative Plaintiffs in the Ontario and Quebec Class Actions against Sino-Forest (collectively, the "Class Action Plaintiffs"). The identity of our clients is set out in my prior affidavit of April 11, 2012.

2. I have knowledge of the matters to which I depose. Where that knowledge is based on information obtained from others, I have so indicated and believe that information to be true.

3. I swear this affidavit in support of the Class Action Plaintiffs' motion for disclosure of relevant information to stakeholders.

The Lead-Up to These Proceedings

4. As set out below, following the allegations in the Muddy Waters report on June 2, 2011, there was a swift and precipitous decline in Sino-Forest's reported financial position.

5. On June 14, 2011, Sino-Forest issued its Q1 2011 financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2011. It reported that Sino-Forest had current assets of US \$4.983 billion, including cash and cash equivalents of US \$1.055 billion. It reported current liabilities of US \$759 million. Attached as **Exhibit "A"** is a copy of Sino-Forest's Q1 2011 financial statements.

6. On August 15, 2011, Sino-Forest issued its Q2 2011 financial statements for the period ending June 3, 2011. It reported that Sino-Forest had current assets of US \$4.974 billion, including cash and cash equivalents of US \$862 million. It reported current liabilities of US \$737 million. Attached as **Exhibit "B"** is a copy of Sino-Forest's Q2 2011 financial statements.

7. On November 15, 2011, Sino-Forest announced that it was deferring the release of its Q3 2011 financial results. It also indicated that Sino-Forest had a cash balance of \$571.1 million as of November 4, 2011. Attached as **Exhibit "C"** is a copy of Sino-Forest's press release dated November 15, 2011.

8. On December 12, 2011, Sino-Forest announced that it would not be filing its Q3 2011 financial results on a timely basis and that the board of directors had determined not to make the US \$9.775 million interest payment for the 2016 convertible notes that was due on December 15, 2011. Sino-Forest's press release indicates that these omissions constituted a breach of certain covenants under its senior and convertible note indentures. Attached as **Exhibit "D"** is a copy of Sino-Forest's press release dated December 12, 2011.

9. To my knowledge, Sino-Forest has not explained why it determined not to make a payment of only US \$9.775 million when it had reported only a few weeks earlier that it had cash of \$571.1 million.

10. On December 18, 2011, Sino-Forest announced it had received written notices of default dated December 16, 2011 in respect of its senior notes due 2014 and its senior notes due 2017. The notice references the company's failure to release its Q3 2011 financial results. Sino-Forest indicated in its press release that it did not expect to file the Q3 financial results and cure its default within the 30 day cure period. In addition, the press releases indicated that on December 16, 2011, the board of directors established a "Special Restructuring Committee of the Board". Attached as **Exhibit "E"** is a copy of Sino-Forest's press release dated December 18, 2011.

11. On January 12, 2012, Sino-Forest announced it had entered into waiver agreements with holders of the 10.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes due 2014 and 6.25% Guaranteed Senior Notes due 2017. Attached as **Exhibit "F"** is a copy of Sino-Forest's

press release dated January 12, 2012. Attached as Exhibits "G1" and "G2" are copies of the waiver agreements.

12. The waiver agreements effectively provided for substantial supervision of Sino-Forest by an ad hoc group of noteholders (the "Ad Hoc Noteholders"). They required Sino-Forest to pay a 1% fee in cash to the paying agent for each of the 2014 and 2017 notes as well as the fees of: (a) any advisors to the Ad Hoc Noteholders including financial advisors, (b) the fees and expenses of the trustees for the notes; and (c) the fees and expenses of counsel to the trustees. Based on the principal amount of these notes, the 1% cash fee alone would have equalled approximately \$10 million.

13. This 1% cash fee was on top of the fees of the various advisors and trustees and the roughly \$50 million spent by the purportedly independent committee of directors investigating the Muddy Waters allegations.

14. In addition, among other matters, the waiver agreements required Sino-Forest to provide a preliminary strategic plan to the Ad Hoc Noteholders on or before March 31, 2012 in a form acceptable to the Ad Hoc Noteholders and/or their advisors in their sole discretion. The plan had to include an outline for "the strategic plan for the Company, an indicative timeline for any sale process, capital or equity process and will address to the extent practicable such other steps that are necessary to maximize value in respect of the Company's assets held in the People's Republic of China."

15. Finally, the waiver agreements prohibited Sino-Forest or its subsidiaries from directly or indirectly declaring, making or paying "any dividend, charge, fee or other distribution ... to or with respect to any of the issued and outstanding shares", effectively

foreclosing settlement of the class actions against Sino-Forest on behalf of shareholders.

16. Subsequently, on March 30, 2012, the Applicant and the Ad Hoc Noteholders entered into the Restructuring Support Agreement (the "RSA"). Attached as **Exhibit "H"** is a copy of the RSA.

17. The RSA provides the terms for a plan of compromise or arrangement of Sino-Forest in the context of the proceeding under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* ("CCAA"). The RSA is replete with provisions that provide the noteholders with priority and control over nearly every element of the CCAA proceeding. Among other matters, the RSA provides that

- (a) Sino-Forest will be restructured such that its business operations will be transferred under a new entity ("NewCo") free and clear of all claims;
- (b) The noteholders will receive most, if not all, of the shares in NewCo.;
- (c) the class actions will be forever extinguished against Sino-Forest without any consideration other than the minimal consideration provided for in the RSA;
- (d) each current or former director or officer of Sino-Forest shall be released from any and all claims against them (except for claims not subject to compromise under s.5.1(2) of the CCAA);

- (e) generally the noteholders have priority over all others including other creditors (with some exceptions or in situations where the noteholders consent);
- (f) Sino-Forest shall keep the noteholders' advisors (Goodmans LLP and Hogan Lovells) informed regarding any material discussions with any person with respect to the restructuring or sale process;
- (g) Sino-Forest cannot initiate or encourage any alternative transactions or even participate in any substantive discussions or negotiations with any person regarding an alternative transaction unless the alternative transaction provides for repaying the noteholders in full or better;
- (h) Sino-Forest cannot add new directors or executive officers unless that person or the terms of their appointment are acceptable to the noteholders;
- (i) it is a condition precedent that the terms of any plan of compromise or arrangement be consistent with the RSA or otherwise acceptable to the noteholders; and
- (j) Sino-Forest may not issue press releases concerning the transactions without the prior consent of the noteholders' advisors.

18. Notably, the RSA is subject to a general due diligence condition in favour of the Ad Hoc Noteholders.

These Proceedings

19. On March 30, 2012, this court granted the initial order under the CCAA. The stated purpose of these proceedings is to preserve and obtain value for the Applicant's stakeholders. Attached as **Exhibit "I"** is a copy of the initial order.

20. On March 30, 2012, at the same time as the initial order, the court issued an order approving of a sale process for Sino-Forest's assets and business. The sale process contemplates the sale of Sino-Forest assets to a "successful bidder" on an "as is, where is" basis and free and clear of all claims, charges or other interests. The sale process provides that Sino-Forest shall keep the noteholders' advisors (Goodmans LLP, Hogan Lovells LLP, Moelis & Company LLC and Moelis & Company Asia Limited) generally informed regarding the status of the sale process and may provide these advisors with an opportunity to participate in material discussions. Attached as **Exhibit "J"** is a copy of the Sale Process Order.

21. The sale process provides for the following steps:

- (a) Sino-Forest prepares an initial offering summary notifying prospective purchasers of the assets and inviting offers.
- (b) potential bidders sign a confidentiality agreement and provide other information in order to become phase 1 qualified bidders.

- (c) Sino-Forest provides to the phase 1 qualified bidders access to due diligence materials and information relating to the assets and Sino-Forest's business.
- (d) Sino-Forest solicits non-binding letters of intent from the qualified bidders. The bids must provide for consideration of at least 85% of amounts owed to Sino-Forest noteholders. The sale process mandates content for the letters of intent including purchase price and the plan for the Sino-Forest business in the 12 months after the transaction. The deadline for these bids was June 28, 2012.
- (e) Sino-Forest determines which phase 1 qualified bidders become qualified bidders (for phase 2).
- (f) The sale process is terminated if there are no qualifying letters of intent, there is no reasonable prospect that a qualifying letter of intent will result in a qualified bid that is likely to be consummated, or Sino-Forest determines that continuing with the sale process is not in Sino-Forest's best interest.
- (g) For phase 2, Sino-Forest provides the qualified bidders additional due diligence materials and information relating to its assets and business, access to the data room and site tours.

- (h) Qualified bidders provide unconditional and irrevocable bids that include executed purchase agreements. The deadline for these bids is September 26, 2012
- (i) Sino-Forest chooses the highest or otherwise most favourable qualified bid by October 5, 2012. Sino-Forest shall finalize a definitive agreement by October 17, 2012.
- (j) The court approves, if appropriate, the successful bid and schedules a meeting of creditors to implement the bid.
- (k) The sale transactions must close no later than November 30, 2012.

22. On May 2, 2012, Sino-Forest brought a motion to approve a claims procedure order that would have granted significant control to the Ad Hoc Noteholders over the claims process. Most significantly, it provided that, for claims that exceed \$1 million, the Monitor and Sino-Forest could not accept, admit, settle, resolve, value (for any purpose), revise or reject the claims without the consent of the Ad Hoc Noteholders or order of the court. Following extensive negotiations among the parties, the claims procedure order was revised to remove these controls. Attached as **Exhibit "K1"** is a copy of the initial proposed claims procedure order. Attached as **Exhibit "K2"** is a copy of the order ultimately issued by the court.

23. On June 8, 2012, Sino-Forest brought a motion seeking (a) an order that the claims against the Applicant resulting from the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest in Sino-Forest, including the shareholder class action claims, are equity claims

(the "Shareholder Claims"); and (b) the indemnification claims against Sino-Forest relating to the Shareholder Claims, including indemnity claims by the class action defendants, are equity claims. Attached as **Exhibit "L1"** is a copy of the notice of motion (the "Equity Motion"). Attached as **Exhibit "L2"** is a copy of the proposed order on the Equity Motion.

24. Sino-Forest asserted that the Equity Motion was necessary and desirable to have the claims declared as equity claims "in light of the need to complete the restructuring of SFC as soon as possible" and "with a view to having a meeting of creditors in August 2012."

Lack of Disclosure to Date

25. I understand that the Monitor plans to report to the court on July 16, 2012 as to the status of sale process and in particular the letters of intent, if any, received. However, to date, despite requests for disclosure, the Class Action Plaintiffs have not received any material information from the Applicant in respect of the sale process or other matters impacting the Applicant's restructuring effort, or even a firm and binding commitment to provide such information.

26. The Class Action Plaintiffs had refrained from seeking to compel disclosure of information, until now, based upon the Monitor's efforts to organize a mediation for late July or early August. It now appears, however, that a mediation will not take place until sometime in September, if it happens at all.

27. In these circumstances, the Class Action Plaintiffs believe that it is important that they be placed on an even footing with other stakeholders, so that they can participate meaningfully in these proceedings. This includes access to information pertaining to the assets and liabilities of the Applicant, as well as information relevant to the Class Action Plaintiffs' claims against the Applicant and Third Parties.

The Applicant's Liabilities

28. On June 20, 2012, the Class Action Plaintiffs filed four proofs of claim with the Monitor. The proofs of claim were marked confidential. On June 29, 2012, Jennifer Stam wrote to Mr. Starnino advising that "we are also hereby giving notice that we intend to share the Claim with Goodmans who are subject to a confidentiality agreement on or after July 6, 2012." Ms. Stam does not explain why the Monitor intends to share the Class Action Plaintiffs' proofs of claim with Goodmans, counsel for the Ad Hoc Noteholders. The Class Action plaintiffs have no information and have not seen the claims filed by other claimants, other than those proofs of claims that were filed by Ernst & Young LLP and BDO Limited as evidence for the Equity Motion. Attached as **Exhibit "M1"** is a copy of Ms. Stam's email to Mr. Starnino. Attached as **Exhibit "M2"** is a copy of Mr. Starnino's response.

The Applicant's Assets

29. Apart from the information made available to the public through the IC reports, there has been little disclosure throughout this process of the Applicant's assets or its dealings with its various advisors, auditors and underwriters. This information will likely be relevant to the fairness and reasonableness of a CCAA Plan and/or any settlement

of the Ontario and Quebec Class Actions. It should be disclosed in a timely way so that the Class Action Plaintiffs and the courts are not left having to take a position or decide matters with inadequate information. Even the information made available to prospective purchasers has not yet been made available to stakeholders other than the Ad Hoc Noteholders.

The Importance of Full and Plain Disclosure in this Case

30. Plain and meaningful disclosure of information is particularly important in the circumstances of this case because of the strong indicia of fraud and other serious misconduct.

31. On January 10, 2012, the Applicant issued a press release wherein it cautioned that the company's historic financial statements and related audit reports should not be relied upon.

32. Less than two months later, on April 5, 2012, the Applicant's auditor, Ernst & Young, resigned.

33. On April 17, 2012, Allen Chan, who had previously resigned his position as a director and chief executive officer of Sino-Forest but continued as "Founding Chairman Emeritus", resigned from the company entirely. David Horsely resigned as chief financial officer, but remained an employee for the stated purpose of assisting with Sino-Forest's restructuring efforts. Attached as **Exhibit "N"** is a copy of Sino-Forest's press release of April 17, 2012.

34. On May 22, 2012, the Ontario Securities Commission ("OSC") commenced enforcement proceedings against Sino-Forest, Allen Chan, David Horsley and other

executives. The statement of allegations alleges that Sino-Forest and its senior executives “engaged in a complex fraudulent scheme to inflate the assets and revenue of Sino-Forest and made materially misleading statements in Sino-Forest’s public disclosure record related to its primary business.” Among other detailed allegations, it alleges “Sino-Forest falsified the evidence of ownership for the vast majority of its timber holdings by engaging in a deceitful documentation process. This dishonest process included the fraudulent creation of deceitful Purchase Contracts and Sales Contracts, including key attachments and other supplemental documentation.” It alleges that Allen Chan and other management materially misled OSC staff during their investigation. Attached as **Exhibit “O”** is a copy of the OSC statement of allegations.

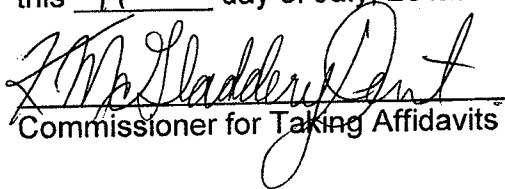
35. There has been some limited disclosure of the professional fees expended and expected by Sino-Forest. The First and Third Reports of the Monitor show Sino-Forest’s cash flows and forecasts of its cash flow. They show very little cash inflow, but significant expenditures for professional fees. Sino-Forest expended \$6.5 million from March 31 to May 18, 2012 on professional fees. Going forward, the Third Report of the Monitor forecasts professional fees of roughly \$1 to 2 million each week between May 19 and October 5, 2012, totalling \$23.7 million. Attached as **Exhibit “P1** and **“P2”** are copies of the First and Third Reports of the Monitor.

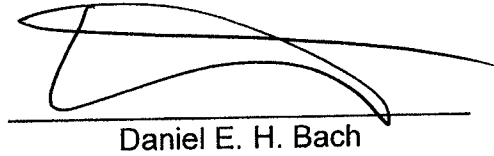
36. These amounts are significant as the reports state that Sino-Forest began the insolvency with only \$67.8 million. The following chart summarizes Sino-Forest’s cash flows:

	March 31- April 6	April 7 - May 18	May 19 - October 5
Cash inflow	\$2,000	\$9,000	\$825,000
Payroll, board and committee fees, travel, rent, communications utilities and taxes	\$25,000	\$326,000	\$1.9 million
Professional fees	\$46,000	\$6.4 million	\$23.7 million
Cash remaining	\$67.8 million	\$61.0 million	\$36.2 million

37. It appears that Sino-Forest's cash assets are being quickly eroded by professional fees. In the unique circumstances of this case, the Class Action Plaintiffs believe that it is important that mechanisms be put in place to facilitate the flow of information to stakeholders while the Applicant has the time and resources to do so.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of
London, in the Province of Ontario,
this 11th day of July, 2012.


Commissioner for Taking Affidavits


Daniel E. H. Bach

TAB 3

Court File No. CV-12-9667-00CL

Sino-Forest Corporation

SIXTH REPORT OF THE MONITOR

August 10, 2012

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

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

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

**SIXTH REPORT TO THE COURT
SUBMITTED BY FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC.,
IN ITS CAPACITY AS MONITOR**

INTRODUCTION

1. On March 30, 2012 (the "**Filing Date**"), Sino-Forest Corporation (the "**Company**") filed for and obtained protection under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "**CCAA**"). Pursuant to the Order of this Honourable Court dated March 30, 2012 (the "**Initial Order**"), FTI Consulting Canada Inc. was appointed as the Monitor of the Company (the "**Monitor**") in the CCAA proceedings. By Order of this Court dated April 20, 2012, the powers of the Monitor were expanded in order to, among other things, provide the Monitor with access to information concerning the Company's subsidiaries. Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on May 31, 2012, this Court granted an Order extending the Stay Period (as defined in the Initial Order) to September 28, 2012. The proceedings commenced by the Company under the CCAA will be referred to herein as the "**CCAA Proceedings**".
2. On the Filing Date, the Court also issued an Order authorizing the Company to conduct a Sale Process (the "**Sale Process Order**").
3. The purpose of this Sixth Report is to:
 - (a) Provide an update on the Company's CCAA proceedings including with respect to:

- (i) the Sale Process;
 - (ii) Mediation;
 - (iii) the Plaintiffs' Motion re Document Production;
 - (iv) Claims Process;
 - (v) the Company's Equity Claims Motion;
- (b) Report on the receipts and disbursements of the Company for the period May 19, 2012 to July 20, 2012; and
- (c) Provide certain information relating to the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, including:
- (i) overview of the Sino-Forest chops, annual review and process to change legal representatives;
 - (ii) the cash position of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries;
 - (iii) receivables;
 - (iv) the Thai Redwood Transaction;
 - (v) management's internal December 2011 financial statement impairment provisions;
 - (vi) disbursements;
 - (vii) cumulative variance analysis for the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries;
- (d) Provide an update on Sino-Forest Subsidiary operations, including:
- (i) operational changes;
 - (ii) wood fibre operations;
 - (iii) other businesses; and

- (e) Provide an update on timber assets and verification efforts.
4. In preparing this Sixth Report, the Monitor has relied upon unaudited financial information of Sino-Forest, Sino-Forest's books and records, certain financial information prepared by Sino-Forest, the Reports of the Independent Committee of the Company's Board of Directors dated August 10, 2011 (the "**First IC Report**"), November 13, 2011 (the "**Second IC Report**"), and January 31, 2012 (the "**Final IC Report**" and together, the "**IC Reports**"), and discussions with Sino-Forest's management. The Monitor has not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information. In addition, the Monitor notes that on January 10, 2012, the Company issued a press release cautioning that the Company's historic financial statements and related audit reports should not be relied upon. Accordingly, the Monitor expresses no opinion or other form of assurance on the information contained in this Sixth Report or relied on in its preparation. Future oriented financial information reported or relied on in preparing this Sixth Report is based on management's assumptions regarding future events; actual results may vary from forecast and such variations may be material.
 5. Unless otherwise stated, all monetary amounts contained herein are expressed in US Dollars.
 6. The term "**Sino-Forest**" refers to the global enterprise as a whole but does not include references to the Greenheart Group. "**Sino-Forest Subsidiaries**" refers to all of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Company, but does not include references to the Greenheart Group.
 7. Capitalized terms not defined in this Sixth Report are as defined in the pre-filing report of the proposed monitor dated March 30, 2012 (the "**Pre-Filing Report**") and the affidavit of W. Judson Martin sworn March 30, 2012 (the "**Initial Order Affidavit**"). Copies of the Initial Order Affidavit (without exhibits) and the Pre-Filing Report are attached as Appendices "A" and "B" hereto.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

Sino-Forest Business

8. Sino-Forest conducts business as a forest plantation operator in the People's Republic of China ("**PRC**"). Its principal businesses include ownership and management of forest plantation trees, the sale of standing timber and wood logs, and complementary manufacturing of downstream engineered-wood products.
9. The Company is a public holding company whose common shares were listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("**TSX**"). Prior to August 26, 2011 (the date of the Cease Trade Order, defined below), the Company had 246,095,926 common shares issued and outstanding and trading under the trading symbol "TRE" on the TSX. Effective May 9, 2012, the common shares were delisted from the TSX.
10. On June 2, 2011, Muddy Waters, LLC ("**MW**"), which held a short position on the Company's shares, issued a report (the "**MW Report**") alleging, among other things, that Sino-Forest is a "ponzi-scheme" and a "near total fraud". The MW Report was issued publicly and immediately caught the attention of the media on a world-wide basis.
11. Subsequent to the issuance of the MW Report, the Company devoted extensive time and resources to investigate and address the allegations in the MW Report as well as responding to additional inquiries from, among others, the Ontario Securities Commission ("**OSC**"), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission.
12. In view of the MW Report, the subsequent litigation and regulatory investigations and other issues continue to have a significant negative impact on the Company and have threatened the long term viability of Sino-Forest's operations. For the reasons discussed in the Pre-Filing Report and the Initial Order Affidavit, the Company and the business was placed into a stalemate that could not be resolved without the Court supervised solution offered by the CCAA Proceedings.
13. The Pre-Filing Report and the Initial Order Affidavit provide a detailed outline of Sino-Forest's corporate structure, business, reported assets and financial information as well as

a detailed chronology of the Company and its actions since the issuance of the MW Report in June 2011.

UPDATE ON CCAA PROCEEDINGS

Update on Sale Process

14. On the Filing Date, the Company obtained the Sale Process Order. The Phase 1 Bid Deadline (as defined in the Sale Process Order) was June 28, 2012. On July 10, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Company had determined that none of the letters of intent were qualified letters of intent and therefore it was terminating the Sale Process and proceeding with the restructuring transaction contemplated under the Support Agreement.
15. Also on July 10, 2012, the Monitor issued its fourth report (the “**Fourth Report**”) to the Court providing an update with respect to the Sale Process and the letters of intent that had been received on the Phase 1 Bid Deadline. The Fourth Report also noted that none of the LOIs (as defined in the Fourth Report) were deemed “Qualified Letters of Intent” under the sale process procedures and the Company subsequently issued a press release confirming the termination of the sale process.
16. Many parties actively involved in these proceedings have requested a summary of the LOIs received. The Monitor agrees with the Company that this information is sensitive and should not be publicly available. However, the Monitor does believe that summary information regarding the LOIs should be placed in the Data Room (defined below) and made available to Mediation Parties (defined below) who have executed a Mediation Confidentiality Agreement (defined below) prior to the Mediation (defined below).

Update on Mediation

17. The Monitor’s fifth report dated July 16, 2012 filed in support of the Monitor’s motion for a mediation order (the “**Mediation Motion**”) provided the background and context leading up to the Mediation Motion.
18. On July 25, 2012, this Court granted an Order (the “**Mediation Order**”):

- (a) directing mediation (“**Mediation**”) among specified “Mediation Parties”;
- (b) providing for the establishment of a data room (“**Data Room**”) for access by Mediation Parties subject to confidentiality restrictions;
- (c) scheduling September 4, 5 and, if necessary, 10 as the mediation dates; and
- (d) appointing the Honourable Justice Newbould as mediator.

A copy of the Mediation Order is attached as Appendix C hereto.

19. Since the granting of the Mediation Order, the Company has worked with the Plaintiffs and the Third Party Defendants to execute confidentiality agreements in the form agreed to with such parties at the hearing for the Mediation Order (the “**Mediation Confidentiality Agreement**”). A copy of the index to the Data Room and access to the Data Room has been provided to those Mediation Parties that have executed a Mediation Confidentiality Agreement as of the date of this Report.

The Plaintiff’s Motion re Document Production

20. On July 10, 2012, the Plaintiffs served a notice of motion (the “**Notice of Motion**”) (followed by a full motion record on July 11, 2012) for a motion returnable July 16, 2012 (the “**Plaintiffs’ Document Motion**”) regarding the disclosure of certain documents set out in their Notice of Motion. At a Court conference call held on July 13, 2012, the Plaintiffs’ Document Motion was adjourned to July 25, 2012. At a 9:30 appointment held on July 23, 2012, the motion was further adjourned to July 30, 2012.
21. The Plaintiffs and the Company subsequently agreed upon the list of documents to be put in the Data Room and settled a form of Order in respect of the Plaintiffs’ Document Motion. The Order was granted by this Court on July 30, 2012. A copy of the Order is attached as Appendix D hereto.

Update on Claims Process

22. Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on May 14, 2012, this Court granted the Claims Procedure Order providing for a call for claims against the Company and its officers and

directors. While the Claims Procedure Order did not purport to create a bar date in respect of claims against Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, claimants against the Company were ordered to indicate whether they asserted or intended to assert a similar claim against some or all of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries. The primary claims bar date was June 20, 2012 (the “**Claims Bar Date**”).¹

23. On or about the Claims Bar Date, the Monitor received a total of 228 claims with a face value in excess of \$112 billion. This includes potential duplicative claims filed against the Company and its officers, directors and subsidiaries. A summary of the claims received to date is as follows:

	# of Claims Submitted	\$ of Claims Submitted (millions)
Claims	164	\$ 66,334
D&O Claims	64	\$ 45,861
Total Claims	228	\$ 112,195

24. As of the date of this Report, the Monitor is continuing to review the claims received, particularly in light of the Equity Claims Decision (defined below), discussed in further detail below.
25. The Monitor is also reviewing the claims under the Company’s four series of notes including the guarantees and pledges given by Sino-Forest in connection with the notes. The Monitor intends to put its summary regarding the guarantees and security in the Data Room.

¹The applicable bar date for certain claims including Restructuring Claims and D&O Indemnity Claims is as set out in the Claims Procedure Order.

The Company's Equity Claims Motion

26. On June 26, 2012, this Court heard a motion brought by the Company for a direction that certain claims against the Company that result from the ownership, purchase or sale of an equity interest in the Company and resulting indemnity claims are “equity claims” as defined in the section 2 of the CCAA. The motion was not opposed by the Plaintiffs but was opposed by certain Third Party Defendants.
27. On July 27, 2012, this Court issued its decision (the “**Equity Claims Decision**”). A copy of the Equity Claims Decision is attached as Appendix E hereto. Pursuant to the Equity Claims Decision, this Court found, *inter alia*, that:²
- (a) It was not premature to determine the issue set out in the Company’s motion. Instead:
 - (i) it had been clear since the outset of the CCAA proceedings that this issue would have to be determined and this issue could be determined independently of the Claims Procedure Order;
 - (ii) the Court did not accept that any party can be said to be prejudiced if this threshold issue is determined at this time;
 - (iii) this threshold issue does not depend upon a determination of quantification of any claim; and
 - (iv) the effect of the Equity Claims Decision will be to establish whether the claims of E&Y, BDO and the Underwriters will be subordinated pursuant to the CCAA and is independent of determinations as to validity and quantification.
 - (b) The Shareholder Claims and Related Indemnity Claims are “equity claims” as defined in section 2 of the CCAA.

² Capitalized terms used in the summary and not otherwise defined have the meaning given to them in the Equity Claims Decision. This summary is for information purposes only. Reference should be made to the Equity Claims Decision itself.

- (c) With respect to the claims of E&Y, BDO and the Underwriter, the Court concluded that the most significant aspect of those claims constitute “equity claims”. However, the Court did not make a determination as to whether defence costs incurred in defending the class action claims were “equity claims”.
- (d) The Equity Claims Decision was without prejudice to the Company’s right to apply for a similar order with respect to (i) any claims in the statement of claim that are in respect of securities other than shares and (ii) any indemnification claims against the Company related thereto.

28. On August 3, 2012, the Court issued an Order reflecting the terms of the Equity Claims Decision, a copy of which is attached as Appendix F hereto.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE COMPANY FOR THE PERIOD TO JULY 20, 2012

Actual Receipts & Disbursements for the Period May 19, 2012, to July 20, 2012

29. The Company’s actual net cash flow for the period from May 19, 2012, to July 20, 2012 (the “**Current Period**”) together with an explanation of key variances as compared to the May 23 Forecast (as defined in the Monitor’s Third Report) is described below. Actual net cash flows for the Current Period were approximately \$8.5 million higher than forecast and summarized as follows:

\$000 CAD	Forecast	Actual	Difference
Cash inflow			
Insurance Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 6,664	\$ 6,664
Interest Income	\$ 412	\$ 417	\$ 5
Total cash inflow	\$ 412	\$ 7,081	\$ 6,669
Cash outflow			
Payroll and Benefits	\$ 121	\$ 111	\$ (9)
Board & Committee Fees	\$ 392	\$ 307	\$ (85)
Travel	\$ 185	\$ 47	\$ (137)
Rent, Communication & Utilities	\$ 40	\$ 52	\$ 13
Taxes & Other	\$ 102	\$ 47	\$ (55)
Total cash outflow	\$ 839	\$ 565	\$ (273)
Net Operating Cashflow	\$ (426)	\$ 6,516	\$ 6,942
Restructuring Costs			
Professional Fees	\$ 10,482	\$ 8,946	\$ (1,536)
Total Restructuring Costs	\$ 10,482	\$ 8,946	\$ (1,536)
Net Cash Flow	\$ (10,908)	\$ (2,430)	\$ 8,478
Opening Cash Balance	\$ 61,007	\$ 61,007	\$ -
Net Cash Balance	\$ (10,908)	\$ (2,430)	\$ 8,478
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 50,099	\$ 58,577	\$ 8,478

30. The key variances in actual receipts and disbursements compared to the May 23 Forecast is a favourable variance of approximately \$8.5 million primarily relating to:

- (a) A positive variance of approximately of \$6.7 million in cash inflows. This variance is permanent in nature and related to insurance proceeds received by Sino-Forest in respect of professional fees incurred. The timing and estimated value of potential insurance proceeds was unknown at the time of the preparation of the May 23 Forecast and therefore was not included as part of the Forecast; and
- (b) A positive variance of approximately \$1.5 million in professional fees. This variance is temporary in nature and is expected to reverse in the coming weeks as invoices are submitted by the professionals and paid by Sino-Forest.

INFORMATION RELATING TO SINO-FOREST SUBSIDIARIES

31. As set out in the Third Report of the Monitor, the Monitor (both directly and through FTI Consulting (Hong Kong) Limited (“**FTI HK**” and together with the Monitor, “**FTI**”)) established communication protocols and reporting mechanisms with Sino-Forest in Hong Kong and the People’s Republic of China (“**PRC**”).
32. The Monitor was granted further powers pursuant to the Expanded Powers Order dated April 20, 2012, the majority of which related to direct access and involvement in the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, as opposed to the Company itself. The Company’s request for the Expanded Powers Order was primarily as a result of certain enforcement notices received from the OSC in April 2012, and personnel changes resulting from those changes.
33. FTI continues to work with Sino-Forest on its operational, financial, legal and other issues. Much of the Monitor’s activities to date have included, and continue to include, monitoring and reviewing financial information and Sino-Forest Subsidiaries’ activities in addition to attending certain meetings between the Company and third parties.
34. The purpose of this overview is to inform on the status of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries from the start of the CCAA proceedings to date. In assessing Sino-Forest, including what actions and steps should be taken, reference was made to the IC Reports and the work and background conducted by the Independent Committee and its advisors. Copies of the IC Reports are attached as Appendices G through I hereto.

General Overview

35. As was set out in the Initial Order Affidavit as well as the Pre-Filing Report, in the months after the release of the MW Report and the subsequent commencement of investigations and litigation involving Sino-Forest Corporation, the ultimate parent of the Sino-Forest Companies, the majority of the business in the PRC came to a virtual standstill. Although certain business segments continued, they did so at diminished levels and Sino-Forest’s primary business, namely the purchase and sale of standing timber, froze. Both the Initial Order Affidavit and the Pre-Filing Report observed that a

court supervised process was necessary for any chance of resolving the stalemate that the business found itself in.

36. As discussed in the following sections, Sino-Forest's financial and operational aspects of the business in the PRC continue to be negatively impacted by the uncertainty regarding the Company's affairs. Operations in Sino-Forest's standing timber business (which accounts for the vast majority of Sino-Forest's historical reported revenue and asset base) remain frozen and the remainder of Sino-Forest's businesses are operating at substantially lower levels than in past years.
37. Further, Sino-Forest's existing senior management team has been significantly reduced since the commencement of the CCAA proceedings. As has been previously reported and disclosed by the Company, in April 2012, in response to enforcement notices issued by the OSC, a number of personnel changes were made whereby members of senior management were terminated. The chief financial officer also stepped down from that role, although he remains an employee of the Company. The Monitor understands that the terminated personnel played a significant role in Sino-Forest's business. Due to the on-going concern in the Company and the Sino-Forest business, it has not been an option for Sino-Forest to replace these individuals.
38. Although Sino-Forest's cash position may appear to be ahead of its forecast (see below), the original subsidiary level forecast was mostly prepared by individuals who are no longer employed by Sino-Forest as a result of the personnel changes in April 2012 and may not be an appropriate reference point. In reality, although disbursements are lower than normal, collection of receivables is proving difficult (as discussed below) and, to date, Sino-Forest has not been able to revive its business.
39. As evidenced by recent events, Sino-Forest is experiencing the results of a deteriorating business across multiple fronts, including:
 - (a) Provisions in respect of uncollectible receivable balances and assets with impaired values have been taken in the 2011 year end internal financial statements (which are discussed in further detail below);

- (b) Management will need to review the impact of the recent de-registrations on the interim 2012 internal financial statements and to consider the need for further provisions in respect of amounts owed by de-registered AIs (which is discussed in more detail below);
 - (c) Work being performed by third party consultants to verify Sino-Forest's forestry estate is on-going and estimated to take years to complete and/or to verify a substantial portion of the estate;
 - (d) There is no indication that Sino-Forest will be able to resume its business absent a successful restructuring and resolution in these CCAA proceedings; and
 - (e) There is a limited pool of funds that continues to be depleted throughout the CCAA proceedings.
40. The deterioration of Sino-Forest is also directly influenced by what appears to be the beginning of a breakdown of its relationships with certain AIs and suppliers. As described in the Pre-filing Report, the Initial Order Affidavit and as set out in the IC Reports, it is clear that there is an emphasis put on "business relationships" among parties that is paramount to any contractual or legal relationship that may have been entered into by the parties. These relationships are relied upon for the conduct of business in this industry in the PRC. In the course of its investigation, the IC reported that it was apparent that integral to Sino-Forest's business model was its relationship with business partners. Recent events highlight the breakdown:
- (a) Certain authorized intermediaries ("AIs") who are necessary for selling standing timber under the BVI structure and who had outstanding receivable balances with Sino-Forest, have de-registered (which is discussed in more detail below);
 - (b) Certain suppliers responsible for selling standing timber to Sino-Forest have de-registered; and

(c) The trading business has stopped importing, other than the existing Thai Redwood transaction. The Thai Redwood transaction that was expected to occur in May 2012 has been delayed multiple times.

41. The Monitor also notes that as the restructuring proceedings continue with no resolution, the ability of Sino-Forest to maintain its relationship with the PRC government may become increasingly difficult.

Chops, Annual Review and Process to Change Legal Representatives

42. Upon filing, FTI began discussions regarding the corporate governance of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries, particularly the PRC entities which are located in various regions in the PRC. Through initial conversations and advice provided by Hong Kong and PRC counsel, the Monitor learned that, as a corporate governance matter, companies incorporated in the PRC:

- (a) Are represented by an individual who is appointed as the “legal representative” of that company in dealing with external parties and under the PRC law; and
- (b) conduct business through “chops” which are akin to company seals. PRC companies can have different kinds of chops including the “company chops”, “financial chops” and “individual bank signatory chop”. These chops are generally located at the subsidiary where they are used and may only be used by authorized individuals.

43. Shortly after the Filing Date, Sino-Forest sent out a company-wide letter (the “**Letter**”) to all of the subsidiaries identifying new restrictions on the use of the chops and prohibiting the use of these chops without prior permission from identified senior management of Sino-Forest. As discussed in further detail below, the Letter also outlined a new protocol for proposed disbursements and for entering into new contracts and commitments above a pre-determined threshold, including prior review by FTI.

44. As previously reported, in April 2012 there were several personnel changes due in large part to the ongoing investigation and charges laid by the OSC. As a consequence of these

changes, the Company and FTI undertook a diligence exercise to determine the legal representatives for all Sino-Forest PRC companies and the location and security of the various chops. A summary of the steps taken is as follows:

- (a) The Company, through its legal counsel, conducted a corporate review of the PRC subsidiaries to determine the identity of the legal representatives of each company. This review showed that there was a consistent legal representative across many of the subsidiaries and that in most cases the legal representative was no longer an employee of Sino-Forest.
 - (b) FTI then conducted physical visits of approximately 50% of Sino-Forest's PRC subsidiaries and observed the location of the company chop, financial chop and individual bank signatory chop for those subsidiaries it inspected.
 - (c) It was determined that it was not necessary or prudent to conduct an initial review of all PRC subsidiaries. This determination was based on the fact that: chops are physically located at the subsidiary offices throughout the PRC, the costs associated with physically visiting all locations and the relative levels of business historically reported by such subsidiaries. Instead, FTI selected a sample of subsidiaries to visit based on levels of business, cash balances and physical ability to visit those locations.
45. Based on the inspections that FTI has conducted, the chops appear to be physically locked in storage or other cabinets at the subsidiary level. Initially, there was one exception, but FTI has been advised that it has been remedied. FTI cannot be sure that the chops are kept under lock and key at all times given the practical prohibitions on such monitoring. However, FTI is advised by Sino-Forest management that the protocols set out in the Letter continue to be followed.
46. The Monitor expressed concern to Sino-Forest regarding the physical location of the chops at each of the subsidiaries as well as the legal representatives (particularly those that are no longer employees of Sino-Forest). These concerns were somewhat mitigated by the implementation of the new controls under the Letter. Further, at the time these

concerns were initially raised, Sino-Forest's view was that (a) physical relocation of the chops to a more centralized location was not possible as a practical matter as they are needed by each subsidiary on a daily basis to conduct any business; and (b) any changes in legal representatives or other protocols at that time were not timely due to the fact that the PRC subsidiaries were undergoing their annual review process. The annual review process is described in more detail below.

47. Over the past number of months, Sino-Forest's PRC subsidiaries have been undergoing annual reviews. These reviews are government mandated and companies are required to pass these reviews every year in order to carry on business in the PRC. As of July 31, 2012, all of the annual reviews have now been completed. FTI is advised that all but three (3) of the PRC subsidiaries have passed their review and FTI is now in the process of receiving copies of the stamped business licenses indicating that the reviews were successful. For those three (3) that remain outstanding, two (2) are expected to be complete by August 10, 2012 and the last one by August 31, 2012.
48. Given the completion of the annual reviews, the Monitor is re-visiting discussions with Sino-Forest management to determine whether further steps should be taken to either replace the legal representatives and/or obtain a greater degree of certainty on the use and security of the chops.

Cash Position of Sino-Forest Subsidiaries

49. Prior to the CCAA proceedings, the Independent Committee, through its financial advisor, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") was trying to verify the cash position of Sino-Forest. PwC was able to complete verification as of June 13, 2011 of 81% of the cash position in the PRC and 100% in Hong Kong.
50. Since the Filing Date, FTI has continued to work with Sino-Forest to verify cash positions on an on-going basis particularly given the fact that the PwC verification was as of ten (10) months prior to the filing.
51. Sino-Forest has approximately 546 bank accounts, 327 of which are located in various parts of the PRC. FTI initially commenced work to understand the logistics, location and

reported balances in these accounts and based on that, determined that the best approach was to conduct an initial review of all accounts with a balance over \$5 million. The further following actions continue to be taken by FTI in order to verify cash positions:

- (a) FTI performs a monthly review of bank statements for over 60% of the bank accounts as compared to the bank statements. Included in the accounts that are under review are all of the accounts with significant balances as well as a monthly random review of selected accounts with smaller balances;
- (b) FTI has also physically visited specific banks in efforts to confirm certain account balances as at March 31, 2012. Sino-Forest has 17 bank accounts in the PRC with balances in excess of \$5 million as at March 30, 2012. The 17 accounts represent approximately 65% of the expected total of all PRC bank accounts, or 44% of the expected total of all account balances;
- (c) FTI selected 9 of the 17 accounts to be verified and visited the banks with local Sino-Forest personnel located in: Hunan Province, Jiangzi Province, Guizhou Province, Shanghai and Guangzhou. No material misstatements were identified for any of the reviewed account balances as of March 30, 2012; and
- (d) There were 216 non-PRC bank accounts with a total balance of approximately \$167 million as at March 30, 2012. FTI has verified all of these accounts with a balance of over \$100,000 by checking bank statements, which represents approximately 99% of the total non-PRC balance. FTI performs a selected review of a portion of the non-PRC bank accounts on an ongoing basis.

52. As an example, the breakdown of accounts reviewed per segment for June 2012 is detailed below. Based on the review procedures set out in 51(a) and (d) above, there were no material misstatements in those accounts checked.

USD	Sino-Wood	Sino-Panel	Non-PRC	Total
# of accounts with balances	147	180	219	546
Balances as at June 30, 2012 (\$ 000s)	\$ 92,709	\$ 126,275	\$ 145,235	\$ 364,218
% of bank account balances reviewed	58%	64%	69%	64%

Receivables

53. The Initial Order Affidavit set out Sino-Forest's receivable balances, including ongoing difficulties in collecting those receivables given the MW Report and the uncertainty surrounding the business. Sino-Forest had, in fact, instructed one of its then PRC counsel to send demand letters in respect of significant receivable balances.
54. As of July 12, 2012, the Company had recorded receivables totalling approximately \$1 billion. Details regarding the outstanding receivables balance can be found below:

	\$	%
BVI Standing Timber	\$ 887	82%
Wood WFOE Standing Timber	\$ 1	0%
Panel WFOE Standing Timber	\$ 42	4%
BVI Trading	\$ 126	12%
WFOE Trading	\$ 11	1%
Miscellaneous	\$ 14	1%
Total	\$ 1,081	100%

55. Subsequent to the commencement of the CCAA proceedings, management engaged another PRC law firm, Jingtian & Gongcheng ("**J&G**") to follow up on the collection of outstanding receivables. Collection methods include detailed analysis of existing outstanding receivables, demand letters, follow up on demand letters that Sino-Forest's prior PRC counsel had advised it sent and face-to-face discussions with third parties in respect of certain specific outstanding receivables.
56. FTI has also begun participating (and continues to participate) in weekly meetings with Sino-Forest for a status update on legal proceedings/actions launched against specific debtors throughout the CCAA proceedings. FTI has also been participating (and continues to participate) in weekly meetings with subsidiaries as well as weekly calls with Jingtian & Gongcheng.
57. More recently, FTI has taken additional measures in following up on the status of the outstanding receivables, understanding the nature of collection methods being used and the impact these methods may have had on reducing the total outstanding balance.

58. In the course of FTI's increased role in assisting with the collection of receivables, FTI requested J&G to conduct searches of several entities, the results of which can be summarized as follows:
- (a) Searches were conducted against six (6) AIs with whom the BVI entities conduct business for standing timber and who make up approximately \$887 million of the Company's reported receivables. Based on the search results, three (3) of those entities, representing \$504 million in receivables, have been de-registered.
 - (b) Searches were conducted against twelve (12) entities with whom the BVI entities conduct business for BVI trading and who make up approximately \$126 million of the Company's reported receivables. Based on the search results, six (6) of those entities, representing \$63 million, have been de-registered, one (1) of which is also included in paragraph (a) above.
59. Although discussions are ongoing regarding the impact of de-registration and possible recourse available to Sino-Forest, the receivables position of Sino-Forest appears to be significantly different from past reported receivables. On July 31, 2012, the Company issued a press release outlining the discoveries made regarding the de-registration of these parties. A copy of the press release is attached as Appendix J hereto.
60. By far, the most significant impact of the above has been the de-registration of the AIs. As was set out in the IC Reports as well as the Initial Order Affidavit, there has always been very little insight into the business of the AIs including their books and records, cash collections and disbursements. Further, based on the IC investigation, it is apparent that there are on-going issues with respect to many aspects of the business transactions between Sino-Forest and the AIs, including the nature of many of these relationships. Historically, receivables from AIs were not collected as they were used to offset new standing timber purchases, as described in the description of the BVI model in the Initial Order Affidavit and the IC Reports.
61. The Monitor has been informed by King & Wood Mallesons that "de-registration" in the PRC is effectively the wind-up or termination of such company. In other words, after de-

registration, the company ceases to exist. However, as of the date of this Report, the Company and the Monitor are still at the stage of obtaining further legal advice regarding the de-registration process and possible civil and/or criminal remedies that might be available to Sino-Forest including pursuit of the shareholders of the AIs that have been de-registered and other related parties.

62. In the event that, in fact, these debts are not honoured, they may be written off by the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries that they are owed to, which would be a typical accounting practice.

The Thai Redwood Transaction

63. In March 2011, at the initiation of a former senior employee of Sino-Forest, Sino-Forest entered into two contracts (which were subsequently amended) for the purchase of approximately 6,500 tons of Thai Redwood through a PRC distributor (the “**Thai Redwood Transaction**”). In connection with the entering into of those contracts, Sino-Forest paid a deposit of \$15 million in April 2011 and a further deposit of \$32 million in December 2011.
64. Since the commencement of the proceedings, Sino-Forest has made ongoing efforts to either receive the Thai Redwood or get a return of the deposits. In that regard, numerous meetings have taken place with various individuals involved in the Thai Redwood Transaction. FTI has attended some of these meetings.
65. To date, Sino-Forest has not received shipment of the Thai Redwood. Sino-Forest and FTI have been advised by the supplier that the delay is due to many complicating factors including the political changes in Thailand and weather conditions. However, the significant delay has been of great concern to both the Monitor and the Company and, as a result, Sino-Forest is in ongoing negotiations with its supplier for return of the deposit or delivery of the wood. As of the date of this report, no resolution has been reached. It is the Monitor’s view that, at this point, recovery of either the deposits or delivery of the Thai Redwood is uncertain.

Management's Internal December 2011 Financial Statement Impairment Provisions

66. Management of the Company advised the Monitor that it has recorded approximately \$560 million in impairment provisions in respect of its internal 2011 financial statements. Management is currently working on finalizing the internal financial statements for Q1 2012 and expects to do so over the coming weeks.
67. A majority of the write-offs that pertain to the internal 2011 year-end financial statements relate to goodwill impairment, trade receivable impairments, fair value impairments of standing timber and deposits and plantation prepayments made in respect of contractual commitments. The 2011 provision does not take into account any potential additional write-offs related to accounts receivable, that may have to be accounted for due to the recent discovery of the de-registration of AIs or other third parties as described above. Any additional provisions will be recorded in the Q1 2012 internal financial statements.
68. The Monitor has had a number of discussions with the Company's management to understand the rationale and underlying justification for this provision. The Monitor has also requested back up information and documentation to try to understand the Company's decision more thoroughly. To date, the Monitor has reviewed a number of documents and makes the following observations:
 - (a) Approximately 13% of the provision taken relates to trade receivable impairments and bad debts written off. The impairment provision relates to the fact that the receivables balances are more than one year old and the Company follows a policy of providing for receivables that are more than one year past due. There are a number of customers that may also be suppliers and/or be related to suppliers and therefore there may be opportunities for set-off that management is currently looking into;
 - (b) Approximately 20% of the provision taken relates to wood log deposits, of which approximately 30% relate to certain 2011 deposits with the same supplier discussed above, who is party to the Thai Redwood Transaction, but relating to separate transactions. The assumptions underlying the impairments are based on

a lack of activity with counterparties to Sino-Forest's log supply agreements since MW;

- (c) Approximately 38% of the provision taken appears to be related to Mandra goodwill and intangibles and write offs of the fair value of timber assets based on management's estimate of recovery;
 - (d) The remaining provision amounts include certain balances that management has deemed impaired and/or written off due to existing external circumstances; and
 - (e) There are a number of explanations that are still outstanding as they relate to specific questions in the PRC and/or analysis performed by individuals who are no longer employed by Sino-Forest.
69. The Monitor continues to hold discussions with management to better understand the assumptions underlying the write-offs and potential impact on the existing business. The Monitor continues to review explanations and supporting documentation in both Canada and Hong Kong.

Disbursements

70. As set out above, the Letter provided for a new protocol on authorized disbursements. The Letter specifically provided that no disbursements or new commitments were to be made over an agreed upon threshold without approval from senior management and review by FTI.
71. FTI continues to work with Sino-Forest to monitor disbursements and confirm that the protocol on disbursements is followed. On a weekly basis, FTI reviews a list of proposed payments by Sino-Forest in excess of a pre-determined threshold. On a monthly basis, FTI reviews a sample of bank statements to verify that payments in excess of a pre-determined threshold were made and to verify the ending cash balances. Based on these controls, with one exception that took place shortly after the Filing Date, the appropriate protocols on disbursements appear to be followed.

72. As of July 20, 2012, Sino-Forest is approximately \$91 million ahead of its cash flow, a significant portion of this relating to a difference in actual versus forecast disbursements. Further details explaining the variance analysis can be found in the section entitled “Cumulative Variance Analysis”.
73. A significant portion of the approximately \$91 million is attributable to lower actual disbursements than forecast in Sino-Panel. The differences are primarily a result of:
- (a) approximately \$18 million in operating expenses that were lower than forecast due to lower work levels at manufacturing plants, poor weather conditions; and
 - (b) approximately \$50 million in outstanding accounts payable payments for plantation purchases and lease payments that have been delayed (at this point in time, it is still unknown what portion of the difference is timing versus permanent).

Cumulative Variance Analysis

74. The Sino-Forest Subsidiaries’ net cash flows broken down by Sino-Forest’s key operating lines, together with an explanation of key variances as compared to forecast is described below. Actual net cash flows are for the period from March 30, 2012 to July 20, 2012.

USD millions	Actual	Forecast	Difference
HK/BVI/Barbados	\$ (16)	\$ (18)	\$ (2)
Sino-Wood	\$ 12	\$ (10)	\$ (22)
Sino-Panel	\$ (10)	\$ (63)	\$ (53)

The key variances in actual receipts and disbursements as compared to forecast are:

- (a) Sino-Wood:
 - (i) Sino-Wood received a \$5 million bank loan which was not originally forecast by the Company;

- (ii) Sino-Wood was supposed to receive an approximate \$5 million capital injection which has been delayed;
 - (iii) Expenses related to planted plantations of approximately \$5 million were lower than forecast due to unforeseen weather and timing issues; and
 - (iv) General overhead expenses were lower than forecast by approximately \$3 million resulting primarily from timing differences.
- (b) Sino-Panel:
- (i) Sino-Forest forecast that the Thai Redwood Transaction would be completed and that approximately \$14 million in sales would have occurred. The Thai Redwood Transaction has been delayed and therefore the sales have not yet materialized;
 - (ii) Delayed payment to a specific supplier harvesting timber has further delayed expected revenue of approximately \$9 million related to the timber;
 - (iii) A majority of the forecast accounts payable have been delayed. A portion of the positive variance of approximately \$50 million may be a permanent difference, but this has not yet been determined; and
 - (iv) Operating expenses were lower than forecast due to lower work levels at the manufacturing plants than forecast, poor weather and the delayed Thai Redwood Transaction. A portion of the positive variance of \$18 million may be permanent, but this has not yet been determined.

UPDATE ON SINO-FOREST SUBSIDIARY OPERATIONS

75. Reference should be made to the IC Reports and the Initial Order Affidavit for an overview of the different segments of Sino-Forest's business as well as historic operating levels.

Operational Changes

76. Since the filing, the Monitor is not aware of any new Sino-Forest entities being incorporated or any major transfers of assets among subsidiaries. Sino-Forest has continued to employ the vast majority of its employees (other than those personnel changes that have previously been discussed), the majority of whom work in Sino-Forest's manufacturing operations.
77. Subsequent to the filing, management of the Sino-Panel subsidiaries was replaced after the April 2012 personnel changes were made. New management of Sino-Panel are in the process of dealing with on-going operational issues, meeting with agents and negotiating resolutions to the outstanding legal matters.

Wood Fibre Operations

78. As set out in the Initial Order Affidavit for the year ended December 2010, revenue from wood fibre operations accounted for approximately 96.4% of Sino-Forest's reported revenue. In June 2011, upon the release of the MW Report, wood fibre operations, effectively halted, with very little purchases or sales in the third or fourth quarter of 2011 and no purchases or sales in 2012.

Other Businesses

79. The balance of Sino-Forest's businesses (which are all described in the Initial Order Affidavit) accounted for approximately 3.6% of Sino-Forest's reported revenue in 2010. These businesses were also significantly impacted by the MW Report, and have continued at diminished levels for the balance of 2011 and the first quarter of 2012.
80. A brief summary of some of those on-going businesses is as follows:
- (a) *Manufacturing and Other Operations.* The industrial segment of the subsidiaries includes manufacturing and industrial operations and employs approximately 2290 employees. Historically, only two of the operations provided positive financial performance, the remaining industrial operations have historically incurred financial losses. There has been no significant changes in the operations of this business segment.

- (b) *Log Trading.* The subsidiaries dealing with trading activities are in the process of being shut down. The only potential forecast incoming supply of logs is related to the Thai Redwood Transaction, which has been discussed above. The trading business segment has an inventory of existing logs, which they are in the process of selling.

Overall Impact

81. The Monitor continues to be of the view that it is important for these proceedings to be completed as soon as possible given the events that have taken place and may continue to take place which have a significantly negative impact on the business.

UPDATE ON TIMBER ASSETS AND VERIFICATION EFFORTS

82. The Monitor is aware that verification and valuation of the Sino-Forest assets is of ongoing interest to many participants in the Sino-Forest CCAA proceedings for various reasons. Indeed, verification and valuation were issues that was addressed by the IC in its reports. The Final Report provided some information regarding verification work that was considered. However, the IC observed that even if verification work was able to be completed, there were still significant hurdles to establishing valuation given the title issues in the BVI model and the relationship issues regarding many of the AIs.
83. Indufor was engaged by Sino-Forest during the course of the independent committee investigation to perform an area verification of the forestry estate of Sino-Forest. However, for the reasons set out above as well as the time consuming nature of verification, very little or no verification was completed prior to the issuance of the Final Report.
84. Indufor, under the supervision of Stewart Murray and the Company, has continued to work on verification post-filing. The area verification process is a two stage process that is being undertaken in the PRC. The process involves incrementally confirming the geographic location of each compartment, followed by a verification of each compartment's area of stocked forest cover using an independent source of satellite imagery.

85. The Monitor has been advised that the area verification exercise currently being undertaken by Indufor is a lengthy process and requires the dedication of long term resources. The work Indufor is undertaking includes the following:
- (a) Registering and digitizing maps;
 - (b) The use of Satellite imagery and image pre-processing routines;
 - (c) Atmospheric Correction;
 - (d) Vegetation classification;
 - (e) Map uplift, digitization and satellite imagery process (a time-consuming process that is necessary to ensure compliance with restrictions that apply to the distribution of PRC maps); and
 - (f) Area verification.
86. To date, Indufor has completed six (6) verification reports confirming the compartment locations of 63,956 hectares of the Sino-Forest estate to date. The confirmation involves geo-referencing and digital mapping of the compartments and represents approximately 8% of total Sino-Forest reported net stocked area of 808,685 hectares as at the end of December 31, 2011. Analysis and findings of these reports are limited solely to the area that has been verified. No extrapolations of findings to the wider Sino-Forest estate are possible or implied.
87. The Monitor is not yet clear as to whether the Indufor work will ultimately be timely or helpful in resolving the questions concerning the value of Sino-Forest's business. The Monitor understands that this type of work is extremely time consuming and that, in order to complete any meaningful amount of verification could take years, at a minimum.
88. As set out in previous documents including the IC Reports and the Initial Order Affidavit, asset verification to any degree of certainty may be difficult in this situation given many factors including, the nature of the assets, geographical impediments, political impediments and financial resources available. The verification exercise is a lengthy

process and likely to take years to verify any significant percentage of the Sino-Forest estate.

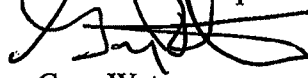
89. The Monitor also notes that even if Indufor is able to verify even a portion of the assets, further work will need to be done to verify the underlying documents and assumptions used by Indufor. Lastly, as discussed above, verification does not establish title or deal with the relationships with the AIs (or address the issues arising from the de-registration of AIs).

Dated this 10th day of August, 2012.

FTI Consulting Canada Inc.

In its capacity as Monitor of

Sino-Forest Corporation, and not in its personal capacity



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Sino-Forest Corporation

SEVENTH REPORT OF THE MONITOR

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**SEVENTH REPORT TO THE COURT
SUBMITTED BY FTI CONSULTING CANADA INC.,
IN ITS CAPACITY AS MONITOR**

INTRODUCTION

1. On March 30, 2012 (the "**Filing Date**"), Sino-Forest Corporation (the "**Company**") filed for and obtained protection under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended (the "**CCAA**"). Pursuant to the Order of this Honourable Court dated March 30, 2012 (the "**Initial Order**"), FTI Consulting Canada Inc. was appointed as the Monitor of the Company (the "**Monitor**") in the CCAA proceedings. By Order of this Court dated April 20, 2012, the powers of the Monitor were expanded in order to, among other things, provide the Monitor with access to information concerning the Company's subsidiaries. Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on May 31, 2012, this Court granted an Order extending the Stay Period (as defined in the Initial Order) to September 28, 2012. The proceedings commenced by the Company under the CCAA will be referred to herein as the "**CCAA Proceedings**".
2. On the Filing Date, the Court also issued an Order authorizing the Company to conduct a Sale Process (the "**Sale Process Order**").
3. The purpose of this Seventh Report is to support the Company's request for approval of the Meeting Order (defined below).

4. In preparing this Seventh Report, the Monitor has relied upon unaudited financial information of Sino-Forest, Sino-Forest's books and records, certain financial information prepared by Sino-Forest, the Reports of the Independent Committee of the Company's Board of Directors dated August 10, 2011 (the "**First IC Report**"), November 13, 2011 (the "**Second IC Report**"), and January 31, 2012 (the "**Final IC Report**" and together, the "**IC Reports**"), and discussions with Sino-Forest's management. The Monitor has not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information. In addition, the Monitor notes that on January 10, 2012, the Company issued a press release cautioning that the Company's historic financial statements and related audit reports should not be relied upon. Accordingly, the Monitor expresses no opinion or other form of assurance on the information contained in this Seventh Report or relied on in its preparation. Future oriented financial information reported or relied on in preparing this Seventh Report is based on management's assumptions regarding future events; actual results may vary from forecast and such variations may be material.
5. Unless otherwise stated, all monetary amounts contained herein are expressed in US Dollars.
6. The term "**Sino-Forest**" refers to the global enterprise as a whole but does not include references to the Greenheart Group. "**Sino-Forest Subsidiaries**" refers to all of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Company, but does not include references to the Greenheart Group.
7. Capitalized terms not defined in this Seventh Report are as defined in the affidavit of Judson Martin sworn August 14, 2012 (the "**Martin Affidavit**"), the Plan and/or the Meeting Order.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

Sino-Forest Business

8. Sino-Forest conducts business as a forest plantation operator in the People's Republic of China ("**PRC**"). Its principal businesses include ownership and management of forest

plantation trees, the sale of standing timber and wood logs, and complementary manufacturing of downstream engineered-wood products.

9. The Company is a public holding company whose common shares were listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“**TSX**”). Prior to August 26, 2011 (the date of the Cease Trade Order, defined below), the Company had 246,095,926 common shares issued and outstanding and trading under the trading symbol “**TRE**” on the **TSX**. Effective May 9, 2012, the common shares were delisted from the **TSX**.
10. On June 2, 2011, Muddy Waters, LLC (“**MW**”), which held a short position on the Company’s shares, issued a report (the “**MW Report**”) alleging, among other things, that Sino-Forest is a “ponzi-scheme” and a “near total fraud”. The **MW Report** was issued publicly and immediately caught the attention of the media on a world-wide basis.
11. Subsequent to the issuance of the **MW Report**, the Company devoted extensive time and resources to investigate and address the allegations in the **MW Report** as well as responding to additional inquiries from, among others, the Ontario Securities Commission (“**OSC**”), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission.
12. In view of the **MW Report**, the subsequent litigation and regulatory investigations and other issues continue to have a significant negative impact on the Company and have threatened the long term viability of Sino-Forest’s operations. For the reasons discussed in the Pre-Filing Report and the Initial Order Affidavit, the Company and the business was placed into a stalemate that could not be resolved without the Court supervised solution offered by the CCAA Proceedings.
13. The Pre-Filing Report and the Initial Order Affidavit provide a detailed outline of Sino-Forest’s corporate structure, business, reported assets and financial information as well as a detailed chronology of the Company and its actions since the issuance of the **MW Report** in June 2011.

Background Relating to the CCAA Proceedings to Date

14. On August 8, 2012, the Monitor issued its sixth report (the “**Sixth Report**”) providing an update on the Company’s CCAA Proceedings as well as providing certain information and an update relating to the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries and that information is therefore not repeated in detail herein. A copy of the Sixth Report (without appendices) is attached as Appendix A hereto.
15. As had previously been reported by the Monitor, as contemplated by the Company’s restructuring support agreement (the “**RSA**”) with certain initial consenting noteholders, the Company ran a sale process pursuant to which letters of intent (“**LOIs**”) were sought on or before June 28, 2012 (the “**Phase I Bid Deadline**”). In order to move to “Phase II” of the sale process, the sale process procedures contemplated that one or more “Qualified Letters of Intent” had to have been received by the Phase I Bid Deadline. On July 10, 2012, the Company issued a press release indicating that none of the LOIs received constituted Qualified Letters of Intent and that the Company was therefore terminating the sale process and proceeding with the restructuring transaction contemplated by the RSA.
16. The Sixth Report also highlighted some of the ongoing issues in the Sino-Forest business including:
 - (a) The virtual standstill of the standing timber business since the MW Report;
 - (b) Reduced operations in the remainder of the Sino-Forest businesses;
 - (c) Significant difficulties in the collection of receivables, including the de-registration of certain authorized intermediaries owing approximately \$504 million in receivables to BVI entities; and
 - (d) De-Registration of suppliers to the Sino-Forest standing timber business.
17. The Sixth Report also provided an update on the verification efforts being made by Indufor, Sino-Forest’s forestry consultant. It was also clear from the Sixth Report that the nature of the work being done would likely take several years before any significant

progress on verification would be achieved and that work, in any event, would not address title or valuation issues.

18. The Sixth Report also provided an update on events within the CCAA Proceedings including the granting of the Mediation Order as well as the Company's motion regarding Equity Claims and the Court's decision and order on that issue (the "**Equity Order**"). Pursuant to the Equity Order, the Court found that Shareholder Claims (as defined in the Equity Order) and related indemnity claims were "equity claims" within the meaning of section 2(1) of the CCAA. The only issue that the Court determined was premature for decision was whether claims of the Third Party Defendants in respect of defence costs constituted "equity claims". On August 16, 2012, Ernst & Young LLP, the Underwriters and BDO Limited each served notices of motion for leave to appeal the Equity Order to the Ontario Court of Appeal. The Company has advised the Monitor that it intends to oppose the motions for leave to appeal. The Monitor is supportive of the Company's position.

THE PLAN

19. The Company has now filed its proposed plan of compromise and reorganization (the "**Plan**") along with its motion for a Meeting Order (defined and discussed below) and information circular (the "**Information Circular**"). The following paragraphs contain a summary of certain of the significant provisions of the Plan. Reference should be made to the Plan for the complete terms of the Plan.
20. The Plan contemplates that a new company ("**Newco**") will be incorporated and the Company will transfer substantially all of its assets to Newco. As a result, Newco will directly or indirectly own all of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries as well as the Company's interest in the Greenheart Group. The shares of Newco will be distributed to Affected Creditors with Proven Claims pursuant to the terms of the Plan.

Assets Available for Distribution

21. Under the Plan, the following assets will be made available for distribution to Affected Creditors with Proven Claims:

- (a) Newco Shares;
 - (b) Newco Notes; and
 - (c) Litigation Trust Interests.
22. Under the Plan, it is contemplated that Affected Creditors with Proven Claims will receive their pro rata share of:
- (a) 92.5% of the Newco Shares;
 - (b) 100% of the Newco Notes; and
 - (c) 75% of the Litigation Trust interests.
23. The remaining 7.5% of the Newco Shares will constitute the Early Consent Equity Sub-Pool and will be issued and distributed to the Early Consent Noteholders. The remaining 25% of the Litigation Trust Interests will be allocated to the Noteholder Class Action Claimants (subject to the caveats set out in the Plan).¹

Classification of Creditors

24. All Affected Creditors will constitute a single class for the purposes of voting and considering the Plan. Equity Claimants will constitute a separate class, but will have no right to attend the Meeting or vote on the Plan (in such capacities).
25. Unaffected Creditors will not be entitled to vote on the Plan or attend the Meeting (in such capacities).

Treatment of Claims against the Company

26. The Claims filed under the Claims Procedure Order largely fall into three categories: (a) current noteholder claims; (b) class action plaintiff claims; and (c) Third Party Defendant

¹ Pursuant to the Plan, if the Noteholder Class Action Claims against any of the Third Party Defendants are finally resolved within two (2) years of the Plan Implementation Date, then the entitlements of such claimants to the Litigation Trust Interests are cancelled.

indemnity claims. There were very few ordinary trade or other claims filed. Treatment of these largest categories of claims can essentially be broken down as follows:

- (a) *Current Noteholder Claims.* Claims of the current noteholders (relating indebtedness and obligations under the notes, including Subsidiary guarantees) are compromised and holders of those claims will be entitled to their pro rata distribution under the Plan as discussed above, of Newco Shares, Newco Notes and the Litigation Trust Interests;
- (b) *Class Action Plaintiff Claims.* Claims of the Class Action Plaintiffs are broken down into two (2) sub-categories:
 - (i) Class Action Claims relating to share purchases – these claims are classified as equity claims and not entitled to any distribution and are released against the Company, the Named Directors and Officers and Subsidiaries under the Plan. There is no release for these Class Action Claims against the other Third Party Defendants under the Plan; and
 - (ii) Class Action Claims relating to note purchases – these claims are released as against the Company, the Subsidiaries and the Named Directors and Officers. These Class Action Claims are not released against the other Third Party Defendants, however, with respect to all such claims against Third Party Defendants that are validly indemnified by the Company, the collective aggregate amount of all such Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims is limited to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit.² With respect to all such claims against the Third Party Defendants that are not validly indemnified by the Company, those claims are not limited by the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit. Class Action Claims relating to the note purchases will not receive any distribution of

² The Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit is an amount to be agreed upon by the Company, the Monitor, the Initial Consenting Noteholders and counsel to the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs or otherwise determined by the Court. The Monitor is aware that there have been conversations with the Ontario Class Action Plaintiffs regarding the quantum of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit, however, as of the date of this Report, no amount has been agreed upon.

Newco Shares or Newco Notes, but are entitled to their pro rata share of 25% of the Litigation Trust Interests, subject to the caveats set out in Plan.

- (c) *Indemnity Claims by the Third Party Defendants.* Claims of the Third Party Defendants against the Company can be broken down into three (3) categories:
- (i) Indemnity claims relating to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims which will be treated as Unresolved Claims unless and until proven – but only up to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit;
 - (ii) Defence Costs Claims (some or all of which may later be determined to be Equity Claims), which will be treated as Unresolved Claims unless and until proven; and
 - (iii) the balance of the Third Party Defendants' claims are classified as Equity Claims, and shall not be entitled to distribution or participation under the Plan and are released.
- (d) Claims of the Third Party Defendants against the Subsidiaries are released under the Plan.
- (e) Early Consent Noteholders are also entitled to their pro rata share of the Early Consent Equity Sub-Pool (i.e. 7.5% of the Newco Shares) as provided for under the Plan.

27. With respect to the Indemnity Claims of Third Party Defendants, as set out below, the Meeting Order provides that the terms of the Equity Order and the Meeting Order will be sufficient for classifying these claims as Equity Claims and as such, the Monitor will not be required to send out Notices of Revision or Disallowance or take any further steps in connection with the Claims Procedure Order. The Monitor believes this approach to classification and related relief dispensing with the requirement to issue Notices of Revision or Disallowance regarding the Equity Claims is consistent with the Equity Order and is appropriate in these circumstances.

28. The Plan also contemplates that there would be a number of “Unaffected Claims” including claims secured by Charges (under the Initial Order), governmental priority claims, employee priority claims, Lien Claims, claims of the Trustees for reasonable fees and expenses and trade payables incurred by the Company after the Filing Date.
29. Unaffected Claims (to the extent that they are valid and enforceable) will be satisfied as follows:
- (a) For Claims secured by the Administration Charge or the Directors’ Charge, outstanding invoices issued sufficiently prior to the implementation of the Plan will be paid in full prior to the Effective Time and any amounts after the Effective Time will be paid out of and limited to the Administration Charge Reserve and the Directors’ Charge Reserve respectively (the Administration Charge Reserve and Directors’ Charge Reserve are discussed in more detail below).
 - (b) For Lien Claims, at the election of the Initial Consenting Noteholders (with the consent of the Monitor), the Company will satisfy Lien Claims by either the return of property securing such Lien Claim or repayment of the Lien Claim in full.
 - (c) The balance of Unaffected Claims will be paid in full from the Unaffected Claims Reserve (discussed in greater detail below) and recovery for those claims will be restricted to the funds available in the Unaffected Claims Reserve.

Treatment of Claims against the Directors and Officers

30. The Plan provides for the compromise and release of claims filed against certain “Named Directors and Officers” other than those claims that cannot be released under Section 5.1(2) of the CCAA (“**Retained D&O Claims**”) and claims for fraud and criminal conduct (“**Non-Released D&O Claims**”). Retained D&O Claims are not released but recovery in respect of such claims against Named Directors and Officers is restricted to available insurance proceeds. Non-Released D&O Claims are not released.

31. The “Named Directors and Officers” are Andrew Agnew, William E. Ardell, James Bowland, Leslie Chan, Michael Cheng, Lawrence Hon, David J. Horsley, James M.E. Hyde, Richard M. Kimel, R. John (Jack) Lawrence, Jay A. Lefton, Edmund Mak, Tom Maradin, Judson Martin, Simon Murray, James F. O’Donnell, Kai Kit Poon, William P. Rosenfeld, Peter Donghong Wang, Garry West and Kee Y. Wong, in their respective capacities as Directors or Officers.
32. Claims against any Other Directors and Officers are not released but are subject to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit to the extent that they are Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims.

Treatment of D&O Indemnity Claims

33. D&O Indemnity Claims by the Named Directors and Officers are deemed to have no value and are released under the Plan, except that any D&O Indemnity Claims for Defence Costs shall be treated in the same way as the claims for Defence Costs of other Third Party Defendants and any claims for indemnification properly subject to the Directors’ Charge, shall be limited to the Directors’ Charge Reserve (discussed in greater detail below).
34. D&O Indemnity Claims by any of the Other Directors and Officers are deemed to have no value and are released under the Plan except that any D&O Indemnity Claims for Defence Costs shall be treated in the same way as the claims for Defence Costs of other Third Party Defendants, and any Class Action Indemnity Claim in respect of indemnity claims for the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims shall be subject to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit.

Intercompany Claims

35. Any and all claims that the Company may have against any of the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries and/or the Greenheart Group will be assigned to Newco and any obligations that the Company owes to any Sino-Forest Subsidiaries and/or Greenheart Group will be assumed by Newco on the Plan Implementation Date.

Reserves

36. The Plan contemplates the establishment of a number of reserves including:
- (a) The Administration Charge Reserve;
 - (b) The Directors' Charge Reserve;
 - (c) The Unaffected Claims Reserve;
 - (d) The Unresolved Claims Reserve; and
 - (e) The Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve.
37. The quantum of the reserves has not yet been established. With respect to the Unresolved Claims Reserve, it is anticipated that the assets in this reserve will consist of Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests which will be distributed in accordance with the Plan and discussed in greater detail below.
38. With respect to the balance of the reserves, the Monitor is aware that the Company intends to finalize the amounts of the reserves (in accordance with the consultation and consent requirements under the Plan) prior to the Sanction Hearing. It is anticipated that the Sanction Order will affirm the amount of the reserves. If agreement cannot be reached with respect to some or all of the reserves, direction will be sought from the Court. The Monitor expects that it will report further on the proposed funding amounts of the reserves prior to the Sanction Hearing.
39. The reserves are intended to fund the purposes for which they are established under the Plan. If there is excess cash in the reserves (other than the Unresolved Claims Reserve), those funds will initially be transferred to the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve, which is a reserve intended for funds required to fund the on-going estate requirements after the implementation of the Plan. At this time, it is not known what those cash requirements may be. However, the Monitor intends to continue to work with the Company in order to understand the estimated cash requirement for the administration of the Company after Plan implementation. The Plan also provides that the Monitor may

release funds from the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve to Newco from time to time and if there are excess funds after the Monitor is satisfied funds are no longer necessary for administering the Company, those funds will be transferred to Newco.

Releases

40. The Plan provides for the release of a number of parties including the Company, the Subsidiaries, the Named Directors and Officers (other than for Retained D&O Claims and Non-Released D&O Claims, discussed above), Newco, the directors and officers of Newco, the Noteholders, members of the ad hoc committee of Noteholders, the Trustees, the Monitor, FTI HK, counsel for the Directors of SFC, counsel for the Monitor, the SFC Advisors, the Noteholder Advisors and present and former affiliates, subsidiaries, directors, officers, members, partners or employees of the foregoing.
41. As discussed above, the Plan does not release claims against the Other Directors and Officers (although Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims against those Directors and Officers are limited to the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit). The Plan also does not release Retained D&O Claims (although recovery on those claims is limited to insurance proceeds) or Non-Released D&O Claims.

Mechanics for Distribution of Newco Shares, Newco Notes and Litigation Trust Interests

42. The Plan sets out the mechanics for the issuance and distribution of Newco Shares, Newco Notes and the Litigation Trust Interests on the initial and subsequent Distribution Dates. In essence, the Plan provides flexible alternatives for the issuance, distribution and registration of the Newco Shares and Newco Notes depending on whether the registers will be maintained by a Transfer Agent, whether the Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes are DTC eligible and whether the Newco Shares and/or Newco Notes are maintained in a Direct Registration System.
43. The Plan contemplates that the Monitor will undertake the necessary actions to both notify Noteholders and Ordinary Affected Creditors and obtain all contact and registration information necessary for the ultimate distributions contemplated by the Plan. The Plan also contemplates that the Monitor may, from time to time, hold Newco Shares

and/or Newco Notes in escrow for the benefit of Persons entitled thereto under the Plan, for a period of time for logistical purposes and other purposes contemplated in the Plan (including the Unresolved Claims Reserve) during the course of the implementation of the Plan.

44. The Monitor and the Company are engaged in ongoing discussions regarding which of the Monitor's responsibilities are more appropriately performed by an agent or other service provider to be retained for this purpose. The Monitor and the Company are also continuing to discuss whether there are any ongoing tax or other implications which may impact some of the implementation steps of the Plan.
45. Pursuant to the Plan, the Litigation Trustee will allocate, administer and track the interests in the Litigation Trust.

The Restructuring Transaction

46. The Plan contains specific implementation steps for completion of the restructuring transaction and the transfer of substantially all of the Company's assets to Newco. Reference to the Plan should be made to see the proposed steps. The Plan contemplates that the Monitor will be active in facilitating the implementation of the Plan including overseeing the distribution of Newco Shares and Newco Notes as well as maintaining the reserves.
47. A summary of the restructuring transaction is as follows:
 - (a) *Incorporation of Newco.* Newco shall be incorporated prior to the Plan Implementation Date. Newco shall be authorized to issue an unlimited number of Newco Shares and shall have no restrictions on the number of its shareholders.
 - (b) *Cash Payments and Satisfaction of Lien Claims*
 - (i) The Company shall pay required funds to the Monitor for the purpose of funding the Unaffected Claims Reserve, the Administration Charge Reserve, the Directors' Charge Reserve and the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve.

- (ii) The Company or its subsidiaries shall pay to the Noteholder Advisors each such Person's respective portion of the Expense Reimbursement and all fees and expenses owing to each of the SFC Advisors, Chandler Fraser Keating Limited and Spencer Stuart.
 - (iii) The Lien Claims shall be satisfied in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
- (c) *Transaction Steps*
- (i) All accrued and unpaid interest owing on, or in respect of, or as part of, Affected Creditor Claims will be released and discharged.
 - (ii) All of the Affected Creditors shall be deemed to assign, transfer and convey to Newco all of their Affected Creditor Claims, and from and after the occurrence of this step, Newco shall be the legal and beneficial owner of all Affected Creditor Claims.
 - (iii) In consideration for the assignment, transfer and conveyance of the Affected Creditor Claims to Newco, Newco will issue the Newco Shares and Newco Notes as contemplated by the Plan.
 - (iv) The Company shall be deemed to assign, transfer and convey to Newco all shares and other equity interests in the capital of (i) the Direct Subsidiaries and (ii) any other Subsidiaries that are directly owned by the Company immediately prior to the Effective Time for Newco Promissory Note 1 representing a purchase price equal to the fair market value of the Direct Subsidiary Shares.
 - (v) The Company shall be deemed to assign, transfer and convey to Newco all SFC Intercompany Claims for the assumption by Newco of all of the Company's obligations to the Subsidiaries in respect of Subsidiary Intercompany Claims and Newco Promissory Note 2, representing a

purchase price equal to the fair market value of such SFC Intercompany Claims.

- (vi) The Company shall be deemed to assign, transfer and convey to Newco all other SFC Assets³ excluding the Litigation Funding Amount, Newco Promissory Note 1 and Newco Promissory Note 2 for a purchase price equal to the fair market value of such other SFC Assets and, in consideration therefor, Newco shall issue Newco Promissory Note 3.
- (vii) The Company shall establish the Litigation Trust and shall contribute the Litigation Funding Amount to the Litigation Trustee for the benefit of the Litigation Trust.
- (viii) The Company shall settle and discharge the Affected Creditor Claims by assigning Newco Promissory Note 1, Newco Promissory Note 2 and Newco Promissory Note 3 (collectively, the “**Newco Promissory Notes**”) and the remaining Litigation Trust Interests held by the Company to Newco. Such assignment shall constitute payment, by set-off, of the full principal amount of the Newco Promissory Notes and of a portion of the Affected Creditor Claims equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Newco Promissory Notes and the fair market value of the Litigation Trust Interests so transferred (with such payment being allocated first to the Noteholder Claims and then to the Ordinary Affected Creditor Claims).
As a consequence thereof:

(A) Newco shall be deemed to discharge and release the Company of and from all of the Company’s obligations to Newco in respect of the Affected Creditor Claims, and all of Newco’s rights against the

³ Under the Plan, “Excluded SFC Assets” means (i) the rights of the Company to be transferred to the Litigation Trust in accordance with section 6.3(n) of the Plan; (ii) any entitlement to insurance proceeds in respect of insured Claims and/or Retained D&O Claims; (iii) any secured property of the Company that is to be returned in satisfaction of a Lien Claim pursuant to section 4.2(c)(i) of the Plan; (iv) any input tax credits or other refunds received by the Company after the Effective Time; and (v) cash in aggregate amount of (and for the purpose of): (A) the Litigation Funding Amount; (B) the Unaffected Claims Reserve; (C) the Administration Charge Reserve; (D) the Directors’ Charge Reserve; (E) the Expense Reimbursement; and (F) any amounts in respect of Lien Claims to be paid in accordance with section 4.2(c)(ii) of the Plan.

Company of any kind in respect of the Affected Creditor Claims shall thereupon be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever compromised, released, discharged and cancelled; and

(B) the Company shall be deemed to discharge and release Newco of and from all of Newco's obligations to the Company in respect of the Newco Promissory Notes, and the Newco Promissory Notes and all of the Company's rights against Newco in respect thereof shall thereupon be fully, finally, irrevocably and forever released, discharged and cancelled.

(ix) Newco shall cause a portion of the Litigation Trust Interests it acquired to be assigned to and registered in the name of the Affected Creditors with Proven Claims as contemplated under the Plan and to the Monitor in respect of Unresolved Claims.

(d) *Releases.* All of the Releases under the Plan will be effective, the Charges will be discharged and released and Newco shall have no liability or obligations for any Claims, D&O Claims or D&O Indemnity Claims (as more fully set out in the Plan).

(e) *Cancellation of Existing Shares and Notes.* On the first Business Day that is 31 days after the Plan Implementation Date, all Existing Shares and Equity Interests will be cancelled and a plan of reorganization pursuant to section 191 of the CBCA will be implemented in accordance with the Plan.

(f) *Vesting of Assets Free and Clear.* All of the SFC Assets will be deemed to vest in Newco free and clear of all Claims, Charges or Encumbrances (as set out more fully in the Plan).

48. The Monitor intends to continue discussions with the Company as to the extent of its role as well as the appropriateness of hiring an experienced agent to assist in certain of these steps.

The Sanction Order

49. In the event that the Plan is approved by the Required Majority at the Meeting, the Company will be authorized to seek the Sanction Order. The required terms of the

Sanction Order are set out in the Plan and include the sanctioning of the Plan, confirmation of the releases and confirmation of the reserve amounts.

Conditions to Implementation of the Plan

50. The implementation of the Plan is subject to numerous and extensive conditions that may only be waived in accordance with the Plan by the Company and/or the Initial Consenting Noteholders as set out in the Plan. A summary of the significant conditions is as follows:

(a) *Plan Approval Matters*

- (i) the Plan shall have been approved by the Required Majority and the Court;
- (ii) the Sanction Order shall have been made and shall be in full force and effect prior to October 12, 2012 (or such later date as may be consented to by the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders), and all applicable appeal periods in respect thereof shall have expired and any appeals therefrom shall have been disposed of by the applicable appellate court;
- (iii) all filings under Applicable Laws that are required in connection with the Restructuring Transaction shall have been made and any regulatory consents or approvals that are required in connection with the Restructuring Transaction shall have been obtained and, in the case of waiting or suspensory periods, such waiting or suspensory periods shall have expired or been terminated;
- (iv) there shall not be in effect any preliminary or final decision, order or decree by a Governmental Entity, no application shall have been made to any Governmental Entity, and no action or investigation shall have been announced, threatened or commenced by any Governmental Entity, in consequence of or in connection with the Restructuring Transaction that restrains, impedes or prohibits (or if granted could reasonably be expected to restrain, impede or prohibit) the Restructuring Transaction or any

material part thereof or requires or purports to require a variation of the Restructuring Transaction.

(b) *Newco Matters*

- (i) the organization, incorporating documents, articles, by-laws and other constating documents of Newco (including any shareholders agreement, shareholder rights plan and classes of shares (voting and non-voting)) and any affiliated or related entities formed in connection with the Restructuring Transaction or the Plan, and all definitive legal documentation in connection with all of the foregoing, shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders and in form and in substance reasonably satisfactory to the Company;
- (ii) the composition of the board of directors of Newco and the senior management and officers of Newco that will assume office, or that will continue in office, as applicable, on the Plan Implementation Date shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (iii) the terms of employment of the senior management and officers of Newco shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (iv) except as expressly set out in this Plan, Newco shall not have: (i) issued or authorized the issuance of any shares, notes, options, warrants or other securities of any kind, (ii) become subject to any Encumbrance with respect to its assets or property; (iii) become liable to pay any indebtedness or liability of any kind (other than as expressly set out in the Plan); or (iv) entered into any Material agreement;
- (v) any securities that are formed in connection with the Plan, including the Newco Shares and the Newco Notes, when issued and delivered, shall be duly authorized, validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable and the issuance thereof shall be exempt from all prospectus and registration requirements and resale restrictions of any applicable securities, corporate

or other law, statute, order, decree, consent decree, judgment, rule, regulation, ordinance, notice, policy or other

(c) *Plan Matters*

- (i) the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Limit shall be acceptable to the Company, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (ii) the aggregate amount of Proven Claims held by Ordinary Affected Creditors shall be acceptable to the Company, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (iii) the amount of each of the Unaffected Claims Reserve, the Administration Charge Reserve, the Directors' Charge Reserve and the Monitor's Post-Implementation Reserve shall, in each case, be acceptable to the Company, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (iv) the Litigation Funding Amount shall be acceptable to the Company, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (v) the amount of each of the following shall be acceptable to the Company, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders: (i) the aggregate amount of Lien Claims to be satisfied by the return to the applicable Lien Claimants of the applicable secured property in accordance with the Plan; and (ii) the aggregate amount of Lien Claims to be repaid in cash on the Plan Implementation Date in accordance with the Plan;
- (vi) the aggregate amount of Unaffected Claims, and the aggregate amount of the Claims listed in each subparagraph of the definition of "Unaffected Claims" shall, in each case, be acceptable to the Company, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders;
- (vii) the aggregate amount of Unresolved Claims and the amount of the Unresolved Claims Reserve shall, in each case, be acceptable to the

Company, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders and shall be confirmed in the Sanction Order;

(viii) Litigation Trust and the Litigation Trust Agreement shall be in form and in substance acceptable to the Company, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders and the Company, each acting reasonably, and the Litigation Trust shall be established in a jurisdiction that is acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders and the Company, each acting reasonably;

(ix) the Company, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably, shall be satisfied with the proposed use of proceeds and payments relating to all aspects of the Restructuring Transaction and the Plan, including, without limitation, any change of control payments, consent fees, transaction fees, third party fees or termination or severance payments, in the aggregate of \$500,000 or more, payable by the Company or any Subsidiary to any Person (other than a Governmental Entity) in respect of or in connection with the Restructuring Transaction or the Plan, including without limitation, pursuant to any employment agreement or incentive plan of the Company or any Subsidiary;

(x) the Company, the Monitor and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably, shall be satisfied with the status and composition of all liabilities, indebtedness and obligations of the Subsidiaries and all releases of the Subsidiaries provided for in the Plan and the Sanction Order shall be binding and effective as of the Plan Implementation Date;

(d) *Plan Implementation Date Matters*

(i) the steps required to complete and implement the Plan shall be in form and in substance satisfactory to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders;

- (ii) the Noteholders and the Early Consent Noteholders shall receive, on the Plan Implementation Date, all of the consideration to be distributed to them pursuant to the Plan;
- (iii) all of the following shall be in form and in substance satisfactory to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders: (i) all materials filed by the Company with the Court or any court of competent jurisdiction in the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, the PRC or any other jurisdiction that relates to the Restructuring Transaction; (ii) the terms of any court-imposed charges on any of the assets, property or undertaking of any of the Company, including without limitation any of the Charges; (iii) the Initial Order; (iv) the Claims Procedure Order; (v) the Meeting Order; (vi) the Sanction Order; (vii) any other Order granted in connection with the CCAA Proceeding or the Restructuring Transaction by the Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction in Canada, the United States, Hong Kong, the PRC or any other jurisdiction; and (viii) the Plan (as it is approved by the Required Majority and the Sanction Order);
- (iv) any and all court-imposed charges on any assets, property or undertaking of the Company, including the Charges, shall be discharged on the Plan Implementation Date on terms acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders and the Company, each acting reasonably;
- (v) the Company shall have paid, in full, the Expense Reimbursement and all fees and costs owing to the SFC Advisors on the Plan Implementation Date, and Newco shall have no liability for any fees or expenses due to the SFC Advisors or the Noteholder Advisors either as at or following the Plan Implementation Date;
- (vi) the Company or the Subsidiaries shall have paid, in full all fees owing to each of Chandler Fraser Keating Limited and Spencer Stuart on the Plan Implementation Date, and Newco shall have no liability for any fees or

expenses due to either Chandler Fraser Keating Limited and Spencer Stuart as at or following the Plan Implementation Date;

- (vii) the Company shall have paid all reasonable fees and expenses, including reasonable legal fees, of the Trustees in connection with the performance of their respective duties under the Note Indentures or this Plan that are outstanding as of the Plan Implementation Date, and the Initial Consenting Noteholders shall be satisfied that SFC has made adequate provision in the Unaffected Claims Reserve for the payment of the reasonable fees and expenses, including reasonable legal fees, to be incurred by the Trustees after the Plan Implementation Date in connection with the performance of their respective duties under the Note Indentures or this Plan;
 - (viii) there shall not exist or have occurred any Material Adverse Effect, and the Company shall have provided the Initial Consenting Noteholders with a certificate signed by an officer of the Company, without any personal liability on the part of such officer, certifying compliance with the Plan as of the Plan Implementation Date;
 - (ix) there shall have been no breach of the Noteholder Confidentiality Agreements (as defined in the RSA) by the Company or any of the Sino-Forest Representatives (as defined therein) in respect of the applicable Initial Consenting Noteholder;
 - (x) the Plan Implementation Date shall have occurred no later than November 30, 2012 (or such later date as may be consented to by the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders);
- (e) *RSA Matters*
- (i) all conditions set out in sections 6 and 7 of the RSA shall have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms of the RSA;
 - (ii) the RSA shall not have been terminated;

(f) *Other Matters*

- (i) the Initial Consenting Noteholders shall have completed due diligence in respect of the Company and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries and the results of such due diligence shall be acceptable to the Initial Consenting Noteholders prior to the date of the hearing of the Sanction Order;
- (ii) if so requested by the Initial Consenting Noteholders, the Sanction Order shall have been recognized and confirmed as a binding and effective pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction in Canada, the United States, and any other jurisdiction requested by the Initial Consenting Noteholders, and all applicable appeal periods in respect of any such recognition order shall have expired and any appeals therefrom shall have been disposed of by the applicable appellate court; and
- (iii) all press releases, disclosure documents and definitive agreements in respect of the Restructuring Transaction or the Plan shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Company and the Initial Consenting Noteholders, each acting reasonably.

Closings Risks Associated with the Plan

51. As is apparent from the number and substance of many of the conditions, even if the Company were to obtain the affirmative vote of the Required Majority at the Meeting, it is not clear whether all such conditions can be met. In particular, the Monitor notes that the implementation of the Plan remains subject to the completion of due diligence in respect of the Company and the Sino-Forest Subsidiaries by the Initial Consenting Noteholders prior to the Sanction Order hearing.

THE MEETING ORDER

52. On August 14, 2012, the Company filed its motion for a plan filing and meeting order (the “**Meeting Order**”) for a motion returnable August 28, 2012.

53. The terms of the Meeting Order are set out in the Martin Affidavit and therefore not repeated herein. Briefly, the terms of the Meeting Order include the following:

(a) *Classification of Creditors:*

- (i) Affected Creditors will constitute a single class for the purposes of voting on the Plan;
- (ii) Equity Claimants will constitute a single class but shall have no right to attend the Meeting or vote on the Plan (in that capacity).

(b) *Provisions relating to Equity Claimants.* The Meeting Order specifically provides that:

- (i) the class action plaintiffs in respect of their Shareholder Claims and the Third Party Defendants in respect of their Related Indemnity Claims (which shall consist of the entirety of the Third Party Defendants' Claims) (other than indemnity claims of the Third Party Defendants relating to Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims and any Defence Costs Claims that have not been determined to be Equity Claims) shall constitute Equity Claims;
- (ii) that the terms of the Equity Order and Meeting Order constitute the determination of such Claims as "Equity Claims" for the purposes of the Claims Procedure Order; and
- (iii) The Monitor is not required to send Notices of Revision or Disallowance in respect of such Claims.

(c) *Notices.* The Meeting Order provides:

- (i) for the posting of materials on the Monitor's website within three (3) Business Days of the granting of the Meeting Order;

- (ii) for an extensive mailing process on a date to be selected by the Monitor (in consultation with the Company and counsel for the Initial Consenting Noteholders) that is twenty (20) days after the date of the Meeting Order for mailing of meeting materials to Ordinary Affected Creditors, the Trustees and DTC as well as a process for notification of Participant Noteholders, Beneficial Noteholders and/or Unregistered Noteholders, if any;
 - (iii) that the Monitor may retain an agent to assist the Monitor in carrying out many or all of these administrative functions.
- (d) *Meeting Date.* The Meeting Date shall be a date to be set by the Monitor (in consultation with the Company and counsel for the Initial Consenting Noteholders) which shall be within thirty (30) days of the Mailing Date.
- (e) *Conduct of the Meeting.* The Meeting will be held at the offices of Bennett Jones LLP, 3400 First Canadian Place, Toronto, Ontario on the Meeting Date.
- (f) *Voting Procedure.* The Meeting provides that at the Meeting, the Chair shall direct a vote, by written ballot, on a resolution to approve the Plan and any amendments thereto.
- (g) *Voting of Unresolved Claims.* The Meeting Order provides that:
- (i) Persons with Unresolved Claims shall be entitled to vote and shall be recorded by the Monitor, who shall report on such votes (and any impact such votes would have on the approval of the Plan) at the Sanction Hearing; and
 - (ii) Each of the Third Party Defendants shall be entitled to one vote in respect of any Class Action Indemnity Claim it has filed in respect of the Indemnified Noteholder Class Action Claims, provided that the aggregate value of all such Class Action Indemnity Claims shall, for voting purposes, be deemed to be equal to the amount of the Indemnified

Noteholder Class Action Limit. The Monitor will keep a separate record of the votes and report to the Court on the results (including any impact on the approval of the Plan) at the Sanction Hearing.

- (h) *Monetary Claims of the Ontario Securities Commission.* The Meeting Order amends the Claims Procedure Order to provide for a call for monetary claims of the Ontario Securities Commission against the Company or any Directors and/or Officers on or before September 21, 2012.
- (i) *Sanction Hearing.* If the Plan is approved by the Required Majority, the Applicant may apply to the Court at 10am on a date that is within three (3) Business Days of the Meeting Date for the Sanction Order.

CONCLUSION

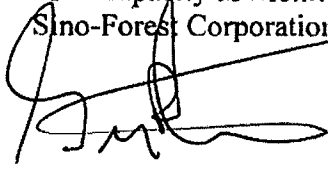
- 54. The Monitor remains hopeful that the Mediation will be productive. As such, the Monitor currently intends to select the Mailing Date as a date after the completion of the Mediation on September 10, 2012.
- 55. However, since the beginning of the filing and as was described in the Initial Order Affidavit and the Pre-Filing Report and again more recently reported in the Sixth Report, there are many difficulties in the Sino-Forest business and those difficulties have worsened since the Filing Date. The ongoing deterioration of the Sino-Forest business is evident given the increasing difficulties with collection of receivables, de-registration of AIs and suppliers, the ongoing standstill in the standing timber and trading businesses and decreased performance on the remainder of the businesses. This deterioration and on-going difficulties are unlikely to be remedied while the uncertainties relating to the parent company (i.e. Sino-Forest Corporation) continue.
- 56. The Monitor is of the view that it is important for the CCAA Proceedings to be completed as soon as possible and, as such, believes that the granting of the Meeting Order at this time is appropriate and fair and reasonable in the circumstances.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2012.

FTI Consulting Canada Inc.

In its capacity as Monitor of

~~Sino-Forest Corporation, and not in its personal capacity~~

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Watson', is written over the text 'Sino-Forest Corporation, and not in its personal capacity'.

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