

CANADA
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL
No.: 500-06-000785-168

SUPERIOR COURT
(Class Action)

PIERRE DEROME

Plaintiff

v.

THE STARS GROUP INC.

-and-

DAVID BAAZOV

-and-

DANIEL Y. SEBAG

-and-

DIVYESH GADHIA

-and-

HARLAN W. GOODSON

-and-

WESLEY K. CLARK

Defendants

-and-

**LE FONDS D'AIDE AUX ACTIONS
COLLECTIVES**

Mis en cause

MOTION TO EFFECT A DISTRIBUTION
(Articles 2, 18, 20 and 598 CCP)

TO THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE SUZANNE COURCHESNE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF QUEBEC, SITTING AS CASE MANAGEMENT JUDGE, THE PLAINTIFF RESPECTFULLY STATES AS FOLLOWS:

1. As more fully appears from the Court record, this Class Action was settled further to the agreement of the parties and the Order issued by this Honourable Court dated July 8, 2020 and attached hereto as Exhibit R-1 ("Settlement Judgment");

2. As appears from the Settlement Judgment, Trilogy Class Action Services was appointed to act as Administrator in administering the settlement in these proceedings;
3. As appears from the attached R-2, Paul Battaglia, the President of Trilogy Class Action Services, has executed an Affidavit in support of this Motion;
4. As appears from the Battaglia Affidavit, and more particularly Exhibit PB-1, appended thereto, the Administrator has provided a summary of the expenses incurred and the sums to distribute to class members and hereby seeks an order from this Court to proceed accordingly.
5. Once the funds have been paid out in accordance with the Battaglia Affidavit, the Administrator will reapply to the Court to seek closure of this matter and to obtain this Court's instructions for the payment of any remaining amounts to the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives and the third party charitable organization for any amounts that remain as *cy-près*;
6. No party objects to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, MAY IT PLEASE THIS HONOURABLE COURT TO:

GRANT the present Motion;

ORDER a distribution be effected in accordance with the Order attached hereto as Annex A;

THE WHOLE without costs.

MONTREAL, this 9th day of November, 2022

(S) Faguy & Co.

FAGUY & CO. BARRISTERS & SOLICITORS INC.
Attorneys for the Plaintiff

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JUDGMENT

**(ON MOTION TO APPROVE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS COUNSEL
FEES AND FOR OTHER RELIEF)**

[1] **CONSIDERING** that pursuant to a judgment rendered on January 21, 2020, Plaintiff was authorized by the Court to bring, for settlement purposes only, a civil

liability and securities class action pursuant to article 574 of the *Code of Civil Procedure* and article 225.4 of the *Quebec Securities Act (the QSA)*, against The Stars Group Inc. (**TSGI**) and the Individual Defendants on behalf of the following class:

- i) **“Primary Market Sub-Class”**: all persons and entities, wherever they may reside or may be domiciled, other than Excluded Persons, who, during the Class Period, purchased TSGI’s securities in an Offering and held all or some of those securities until at least March 23, 2016;
- ii) **“Secondary Market Sub-Class”**: all persons and entities, wherever they may reside or may be domiciled, other than Excluded Persons, who, during the Class Period, purchased TSGI’s securities in the secondary market and held all or some of those securities until at least March 23, 2016, and who:
 - are residents in Canada or were residents in Canada at the time of such acquisitions regardless of the location of the exchange on which they acquired TSGI’s securities; or
 - acquired TSGI’s securities in the secondary market in Canada or elsewhere, other than in the United States;

(the Class Members)

[2] **CONSIDERING** that settlement discussions between the parties resulted in a settlement agreement dated November 25, 2019 (**the Agreement**);

[3] **CONSIDERING** that the Agreement provides for a monetary payment by the Contributing Parties of \$30,000,000 (**the Settlement Amount**), which shall definitively and permanently resolve, settle and release and discharge all claims asserted, or which could have been asserted, against Defendants by Plaintiff on his own behalf and/or on behalf of the Class;

[4] **CONSIDERING** Plaintiff’s Motion to Approve a Settlement Agreement and for Other Relief, dated March 9, 2020 (**the Motion**);

[5] **CONSIDERING** that by way of the Motion, Plaintiff seeks an order *inter alia*:

- a. Approving the Agreement;
- b. Approving the Second Notice to Class Members;
- c. Approving the Plan of Allocation;
- d. Approving the Claim Form;
- e. Setting the date by which each Class Member must file a Claim Form and all required supporting documentation (**the Claims Bar Deadline**) with Trilogy Class Action Services (**the Administrator**);
- f. Approving Class Counsel Fees;

- g. Approving the payment of the levies and other payments, as applicable, to the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives (**the FAAC**);

[6] **CONSIDERING** the material filed in the Court record, including the Declaration of Eli Karp, sworn March 6, 2020, the Declaration of Pierre Derome, sworn March 5, 2020, the Affidavit of Paul Battaglia, sworn March 26, 2020 and the Affidavit of Mtre. Jonathan Nuss, sworn March 27, 2020;

[7] **CONSIDERING** articles 590, 593, 595 and 596 of the *Code of Civil Procedure*;

- **The payment of \$20,000 to Plaintiff**

[8] **CONSIDERING** that the Agreement provides that \$29,980,000 of the Settlement Amount will be paid to settle the claims of Class Members, and \$20,000 will be paid to Plaintiff to settle his individual QSA claim;

[9] **CONSIDERING** that under the proposed Plan of Allocation, the Settlement Amount is allocated between the Primary and Secondary Market Sub-Class in the following proportion:

- a. \$2,500,000 to the Primary Market Sub-Class; and
- b. \$27,480,000 to the Secondary Market Sub-Class;

[10] **CONSIDERING** that the FAAC submits that the payment of \$20,000 to Plaintiff to settle his individual QSA claim grants Plaintiff undue benefit not available to other Class Members and contravenes to article 593 of the Civil Code of Procedure;

[11] **CONSIDERING** that all parties to the Agreement agreed and confirmed to the Court that the payment of \$20,000 to Plaintiff does not constitute an essential and major element of the Agreement and is distinct from the other provisions of the Agreement;

[12] **CONSIDERING** that all parties to the Agreement accept that, should the Court refuse the granting to Plaintiff of \$20,000 to settle his personal QSA claim, said amount would revert to the Secondary Market Sub-Class Settlement Amount;

[13] **CONSIDERING** that:

- (a) Plaintiff is a Class Member and as such, should the Agreement be approved, he would submit a claim to the Administrator under the Plan of Allocation as provided for in section 15.4 of the Agreement, in addition to receiving \$20,000 to settle his personal QSA claim;
- (b) as a consequence, Plaintiff would be granted double indemnity under the Agreement for his individual claim and as such, would benefit from undue advantage in comparison with the other Class Members;
- (c) the payment of \$20,000 to Plaintiff ultimately represents an *honorarium* provided for his important time and effort that he has put in the Class

Action as Class representative, as further described in his sworn declaration;¹

- (d) although other Canadian jurisdictions allow representative plaintiffs to receive an honorarium for their implication in class proceedings, the Court must apply the provisions and rules of the Code of Civil Procedure;
- (e) Article 593 of the Code of Civil Procedure provides that the Court may award the representative plaintiff an indemnity for disbursements and an amount to cover legal costs and the lawyer's professional fee;
- (f) recent case law² has referred to this provision with a view to refusing an award to the representative plaintiff to compensate for his time and effort put in the class action; the Court of Appeal confirmed this interpretation as follows.³

[43] Cet article précise donc sans ambiguïté que la fonction de représentant d'un groupe dans le cadre d'une action collective doit être exercée à titre gratuit et ne doit pas être rattachée à une rémunération quelconque à cette fin, ce que la jurisprudence en vertu du nouveau Code de procédure civile confirme fermement depuis. Les commentaires du ministre de la Justice du Québec portant sur l'article 593 C.p.c. sont d'ailleurs limpides à cet égard :

Cet article est de droit nouveau. Il vise à indemniser le représentant des débours qu'il fait pour mener à bien l'action collective, sans lui allouer une rémunération pour le temps consacré à l'affaire. [...]

(References omitted)

- (g) thus, to avoid any conflict of interest, the plaintiff representative should not be remunerated at any given time;

[14] **CONSIDERING** that for these reasons, the Court refuses the \$20,000 payment to Plaintiff as stipulated in the Agreement; this amount, as agreed by the parties, will revert to the Settlement Amount for the Secondary Market Sub-Class;

- The Settlement Agreement

¹ Declaration of Pierre Derome, sworn March 5, 2020, para. 11-18.

² *Zouzout v. Wayfair LLC*, C.S. Montréal, no 500-06-000809-166, 14 décembre 2017, Monast, j.c.s., par. 85; *Zouzout v. Wayfair LLC*, 2018 QCCS 1370, par. 2; *Frank-Fort Construction inc. v. Porsche Cars North America Inc.*, 2018 QCCS 1727, par. 70-71; *Mahmoud v. Société des casinos du Québec inc.*, 2018 QCCS 4526, par. 34-42; *Michaud v. Sanofi-Aventis Canada inc.*, 2019 QCCS 2067, par. 30-32; *Auguste v. Air Transat*, 2019 QCCS 2253, par. 36-41; *Blouin v. Parcs éoliens de la Seigneurie de Beaupré 2 et 3* (« SB2&3 »), 2019 QCCS 2968, par. 40-52.

³ *Option consommateurs c. Infineon Technologies*, 2019 QCCA 2132.

[15] **CONSIDERING** the applicable criteria to determine the reasonableness and fairness of a proposed settlement of a class action;⁴

[16] **CONSIDERING** that the negotiations between the parties were extensive, conducted in good faith and at arm's length, after almost four years of hard-fought litigation;

[17] **CONSIDERING** that the Agreement represents a negotiated compromise of the disputed claims, to avoid the further expense, inconvenience, distraction of burdensome litigation and risks inherent to this uncertain, complex and protracted litigation;

[18] **CONSIDERING** that Defendants have denied and continue to deny each and all of the claims and allegations of wrongdoing made by Plaintiff in the Class Action proceedings;

[19] **CONSIDERING** the significant litigation risks specific to this class action and Plaintiff's burden of establishing the liability of some or all of the Defendants with regards to the alleged misrepresentations and negligent conduct;

[20] **CONSIDERING** that the proposed Plan of Allocation creates a claims-based process for authorized claimants to seek compensation from the Settlement Amount, net of administration and other expenses, which will be divided equally on a per share basis for each Eligible Security (as defined in the Plan of Allocation);

[21] **CONSIDERING** that the proposed Plan of Allocation allocates less than 10% of the Settlement Amount to the Primary Market Sub-Class;

[22] **CONSIDERING** that the Primary Market Sub-Class was comprised of only three sophisticated institutional investors and no retail investors and that it was unlikely that the Primary Market Sub-Class would have suffered significant damages, given the price at which the shares were offered to the purchasers that comprise this Sub-Class;

[23] **CONSIDERING** the statutory damages cap set out by the QSA which limits the amount payable by TSGI and the Individual Defendants unless it could be proved that those Individual Defendants made misrepresentations intentionally (**the Damages Cap**);

[24] **CONSIDERING** that the Settlement Amount, in light of the maximum liability under the Damages Cap and the calculated TSGI's market capitalization, appears reasonable and fair for the Class Members;

[25] **CONSIDERING** the anticipated time and additional cost to obtain recovery for the Class Members had the parties not agreed to the proposed settlement;

⁴ *Pellemans v. Lacroix*, 2011 QCCS 1345, para. 20 and 21; *Markus c. Reebok Canada inc.*, 2012 QCCS 3562, para. 20-23; *Halfon v. Moose International Inc.*, 2017 QCCS 4300, para. 21-23.

[26] **CONSIDERING** Class Counsel's experience and expertise in securities class action matters and their recommendation that Plaintiff accept the proposed settlement;

[27] **CONSIDERING** that no Class Member has submitted any objection to the Agreement or opted-out of the Action;

[28] **CONSIDERING** that the Court is satisfied, in light of the foregoing, of the allegations of the Motion, of the material filed in the Court record and of the representations of the parties' counsel that the Agreement is fair, reasonable and in the best interest of the Class Members;

- **The Class Counsel Fees**

[29] **CONSIDERING** that Class Counsel seek the Court's approval of their fees, plus applicable taxes and payment of disbursements, plus applicable taxes, totalling \$8,853,047.08;

[30] **CONSIDERING** the submissions of Class Counsel;

[31] **CONSIDERING** the factors that the Court must take into account to assess the fairness and reasonableness of legal fees;⁵

[32] **CONSIDERING** the convention of a professional mandate (**the Convention**) signed by Plaintiff in May 2016;

[33] **CONSIDERING** that pursuant to the Convention, Class Counsel is entitled to request, as legal fees, payment of an amount of 30% of the Settlement Amount plus taxes;

[34] **CONSIDERING** that Class Counsel reduced the fees sought to 25% of the Settlement Amount plus taxes;

[35] **CONSIDERING** that the FAAC has paid \$143,779.83 to fund disbursements and that Class Counsel undertake to reimburse such amount to the FAAC;

[36] **CONSIDERING** that prior to authorization, Class Counsel conducted an extensive analysis into the business affairs and financial reporting practices of TSGI and the Individual Defendants, and consulted and retained experts;

[37] **CONSIDERING** that the Motion record for Authorization was complex, voluminous and detailed;

[38] **CONSIDERING** that Class Counsel financed this case for over four years, undertook important risk and allocated significant time, effort and resources to achieve the settlement for the Class;

⁵ *Option Consommateurs v. Banque Amex du Canada*, 2018 QCCA 305, para. 60-67; *Pellemans v. Lacroix*, 2011 QCCS 1345, para. 50-58.

[39] **CONSIDERING** that additional time must be taken into consideration for post-settlement work;

[40] **CONSIDERING** Class Counsel's experience and expertise, their time devoted to this Class Action and the favorable result achieved for the Class Members;

[41] **CONSIDERING** that the Court considers that Class Counsel fees and disbursements are fair and reasonable;

WHEREFORE, THE COURT :

[42] **ORDERS AND DECLARES** that, except as otherwise stated, for the purposes of this judgment, the definitions in the Agreement dated November 25, 2019, apply to and are incorporated into this judgment and that the following definitions also apply:

(a) "**Agreement**" means the agreement dated November 25, 2019, (schedules omitted) attached hereto as **Schedule 1**;

(b) "**Claims Bar Deadline**" means 11:59 p.m. eastern standard time on a date that is no less than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of the last publication of the Second Notice;

(c) "**Class Counsel**" means Faguy & Co. Barristers & Solicitors Inc. and Morganti & Co., P.C.; and

(d) "**Convention**" means the Convention of a Professional Mandate between Class Counsel and Pierre Derome;

[43] **DECLARES** that the Agreement is fair, reasonable and in the best interests of the Class Members and **APPROVES** the Agreement, except for the payment of \$20,000 to Plaintiff;

[44] **ORDERS AND DECLARES** that

POUR CES MOTIFS, LE TRIBUNAL :

[42] **ORDONNE ET DÉCLARE** qu'aux fins du présent jugement, à moins d'indications contraires, les définitions dans l'Entente datée du 25 Novembre 2019 s'appliquent au présent jugement et y sont incorporées, et les définitions suivantes s'appliquent également :

(a) « **Entente** » : L'entente de règlement intervenue et signée le 25 novembre 2019, tel qu'il appert de l'**Annexe 1** (annexes de l'Entente omises) ;

(b) « **Date limite de réclamation** » : 23h59 à une date au moins cent vingt (120) jours après la date de la dernière publication du Deuxième avis ;

(c) « **Avocats du groupe** » : Faguy & Cie. Inc. et Morganti & Co., P.C. ; et

(d) « **Convention** » : La convention de mandat professionnel entre les Avocats du Groupe et Pierre Derome;

[43] **DECLARE** que l'Entente est juste, raisonnable et dans le meilleur intérêt des Membres du Groupe et **APPROUVE** l'Entente, à l'exception du versement de 20 000 \$ au Demandeur ;

[44] **ORDONNE et DECLARE** que le versement de 20 000\$ au Demandeur

the payment of \$20,000 to Plaintiff set out in section 2.1 (47) of the Agreement is refused and that this amount reverts to the Secondary Market Sub-Class Settlement Amount;

[45] **ORDERS AND DECLARES** that all provisions of the Agreement (including the Recitals and Definitions) form part of this judgment and are binding upon Defendants in accordance with the terms thereof, and upon Plaintiff and all Class Members that did not opt-out of the Action in accordance with the terms of the judgment dated January 21, 2020;

[46] **ORDERS AND DECLARES** that in the event of a conflict between this judgment and the Agreement, this judgment shall prevail;

[47] **ORDERS** that:

(a) the Agreement, schedules omitted, attached as **Schedule 1** shall be implemented in accordance with its terms except for the payment of \$20,000 to Plaintiff;

(b) the Second Notice, generally in the form attached as **Schedule 2A** (English – short form); **2B** (English – long form); **2C** (French – short form); and **2D** (French – long form), to this Order, is approved;

(c) the Plan of Allocation, generally in the form attached as **Schedule 3**, is approved;

(d) the Claim Form, generally in the form attached as **Schedule 4A** (English) and **4B** (French) to this Order, is approved; and

(e) the Claims Bar Deadline shall be set to one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of the last publication of the Second Notice;

prévu à l'article 2.1 (47) de l'Entente est refusé et que ce montant est versé au Montant de Règlement du sous-groupe du Marché Secondaire ;

[45] **ORDONNE** et **DECLARE** que toutes les clauses de l'Entente (y compris le préambule et les définitions) font partie du présent jugement et sont exécutoires envers les Défendeurs conformément aux modalités incluses, ainsi qu'envers le Demandeur et tous les Membres du Groupe qui ne se sont pas exclus de l'Action conformément au jugement daté du 21 janvier 2020 ;

[46] **ORDONNE** et **DECLARE** qu'en cas de conflit entre le présent jugement et l'Entente, ce jugement aura préséance.

[47] **ORDONNE** que :

(a) L'Entente (annexes omises), tel qu'elle appert de l'**Annexe 1** sera exécutée conformément à ses modalités à l'exception du versement de 20 000\$ au Demandeur ;

(b) Le Deuxième Avis, généralement en format tel qu'il appert des **Annexes 2A** (anglais – version abrégée); **2B** (anglais – version longue); **2C** (français – version abrégée) et **2D** (français – version longue), est approuvé;

(c) Le Plan de répartition, généralement en format tel qu'il appert de l'**Annexe 3**, est approuvé ;

(d) Le Formulaire de réclamation, généralement en format tel qu'il appert de l'**Annexe 4A** (anglais) et **4B** (français), est approuvé ; et

(e) La date limite des réclamations sera de cent-vingt (120) jours après la date de la dernière publication du Deuxième avis ;

[48] **ORDERS** that if Defendants do not elect to terminate the Agreement pursuant to the terms in the Agreement, the Administrator shall be paid from the Escrow Account a fee in an amount to be approved by the Superior Court;

[49] **ORDERS** that if the Agreement is terminated, the Administrator may apply to the Superior Court pursuant to the terms of the Agreement for directions relating to the amount it is to be paid for the services it rendered to the date of termination;

[50] **ORDERS** that the Administrator may implement a procedure permitting brokers, law firms and third-party claims filing firms to make claims on behalf of their clients if they are authorized to do so;

[51] **ORDERS** that the Class Members shall be given notice of the approval of the Agreement, the Plan of Allocation, and the Claims Bar Deadline substantially in the form of the Second Notice published and disseminated in accordance with the Plan of Notice, and shall constitute good and sufficient service upon Class Members of notice of this judgment and approval of the Agreement;

[52] **ORDERS** that after publication and distribution of the Second Notice in

[48] **ORDONNE** que si les Défendeurs choisissent de ne pas résilier l'Entente conformément aux modalités prévues, l'Administrateur sera payé à même le compte séquestre pour ses honoraires, et le montant devra être approuvé par la Cour Supérieure ;

[49] **ORDONNE** que si l'Entente est résiliée, l'Administrateur pourra demander à la Cour Supérieure, conformément aux modalités de l'Entente, des directives concernant le montant qu'il pourra être payé pour ses services rendus jusqu'à la date de résiliation de l'Entente;

[50] **ORDONNE** que l'Administrateur pourra mettre en œuvre une procédure permettant aux courtiers, aux cabinets d'avocats et aux sociétés de dépôt des réclamations tierces de faire des réclamations au nom de leurs clients, s'ils sont autorisés à le faire;

[51] **ORDONNE** que les membres du groupe soient avisés de l'approbation de l'Entente, du Plan de répartition et de la Date limite de réclamation, généralement sous la forme établie au Deuxième Avis publié et diffusé conformément au Plan d'avis, lequel constitue une notification adéquate et suffisante du présent jugement et de l'approbation de l'Entente aux Membres du Groupe;

[52] **ORDONNE** qu'après la publication et la diffusion du Deuxième avis conformément aux modalités du

accordance with the Plan of Notice, Class Counsel shall file with the Superior Court an affidavit confirming the publication and distribution of the Notices in accordance with and as required by the Plan of Notice;

[53] **ORDERS AND DECLARES** that each Releasor has fully, definitively and permanently resolved, settled and released the Releasees from all Released Claims related to or connected with, directly or indirectly, the Action against the Defendants by the Plaintiff on his own behalf and/or on behalf of the Class he sought to represent, to avoid the further expense, inconvenience, distraction of burdensome litigation and risks inherent to this uncertain, complex and protracted litigation, and thereby to put to rest this class action;

[54] **ORDERS** that the Class Counsel and Releasors shall not now or hereafter institute, continue, maintain or assert, either directly or indirectly, whether in Canada or elsewhere, on their own behalf or on behalf of any class or any other person (including on behalf of any Opt-Out Party), any action, suit, cause of action, claim or demand against any Releasee or any other person (including but not limited to any of TSGI's auditors, investment bankers and underwriters) who may claim contribution or indemnity from any Releasee in respect of any Released Claim or any matter related thereto;

Plan d'avis, les avocats du groupe devront déposer une déclaration sous serment auprès de la Cour Supérieure confirmant la publication et la diffusion du Deuxième avis conformément au Plan d'avis ;

[53] **ORDONNE et DECLARE** que chaque Renonciateur a fourni une quittance totale, permanente et définitive aux Renonciateurs pour toute Réclamation Régulée en lien, directement ou indirectement, à l'action contre les défendeurs par le demandeur en son nom personnel ou au nom du groupe afin d'éviter tout litige futur considérant les inconvénients et conséquences financières qui en découlent ainsi que les risques inhérents au litige en fonction du temps, de la complexité et de l'incertitude d'un litige futur, et pour ainsi mettre fin à cette action collective;

[54] **ORDONNE** que les avocats du groupe et les Renonciateurs ne puissent, ni au moment du présent jugement ni ultérieurement, instituer, continuer, maintenir ou affirmer, directement ou indirectement, que ce soit au Canada ou ailleurs, en leur propre nom ou au nom de quelque groupe que ce soit ou de toute autre personne (incluant au nom de toute partie s'étant exclue de la présente action), une action en justice, une poursuite, une cause d'action, une réclamation ou une procédure judiciaire à l'encontre de tout Renonciateur ou de toute autre personne (y compris, mais sans s'y limiter, les auditeurs de TSGI, les banquiers d'investissement de TSGI et les preneurs fermes de TSGI) qui pourrait réclamer une contribution ou une indemnité de quelques Renonciateurs concernant toute

Réclamation quittancée ou toute matière s'y rapportant;

[55] **ORDERS** that to participate in the Agreement, a Class Member must file a properly completed Claim Form and the required supporting documentation in the online claims administration portal with the Administrator on or before the Claims Bar Deadline unless the Superior Court orders otherwise;

[56] **ORDERS** that any one or more of the Parties, the Contributing Parties, Class Counsel, the Administrator or the Referee may apply to the Superior Court for directions in respect of any matter in relation to the Agreement and Plan of Allocation;

[57] **ORDERS** that no person may bring any action or take any proceedings against the Plaintiff, the Defendants, the Administrator, the Referee, or their employees, insurers, reinsurers, directors, officers, partners, agents, trustees, servants, parents, consultants, underwriters, lenders, advisors, lawyers, representatives, successors, predecessors, assigns and each of their respective heirs, executors, attorneys, administrators, guardians, estates, trustees, successors and assigns for any matter in any way relating to the administration of the Plan of Allocation or the implementation of this judgment except with leave of the Superior Court;

[58] **ORDERS** that

- (a) the Convention between Pierre Derome and Class Counsel is approved;
- (b) Class Counsel Fees in the amount

[55] **ORDONNE** que pour participer à l'Entente, un membre du groupe doit déposer au portail d'administration en ligne un Formulaire de réclamation dûment rempli et les pièces justificatives requises, au plus tard à la date limite de réclamation, sauf si la Cour supérieure l'ordonne autrement ;

[56] **ORDONNE** que toute Partie, les Parties Contributrices, les avocats du groupe, l'Administrateur ou l'Arbitre, puisse faire une demande à la Cour Supérieure pour obtenir des précisions ou directives sur toute question relative à l'Entente et au Plan de répartition ;

[57] **ORDONNE** que nulle personne ne pourra tenter une action ou engager des procédures judiciaires contre le demandeur, les défendeurs, l'administrateur, l'arbitre ou leurs employés, assureurs, réassureurs, administrateurs, dirigeants, partenaires, agents, fiduciaires, préposés, parents, consultants, souscripteurs, prêteurs, conseillers, avocats, représentants, successeurs, prédécesseurs, ayants droit et chacun de leurs héritiers, exécuteurs testamentaires, procureurs, administrateurs, tuteurs, successions, fiduciaires et ayants droit respectifs pour toute question relative à l'administration du plan de répartition ou l'exécution du présent jugement, sauf avec permission de la Cour supérieure;

[58] **ORDONNE** :

- (a) L'approbation de la Convention entre Pierre Derome et les avocats du groupe ;
- (b) Le paiement des honoraires des avocats du groupe au montant

of twenty-five (25%) percent of \$30,000,000, plus disbursements of \$199,975.72, plus taxes on fees and disbursements, shall be paid from the Escrow Account forthwith after the Effective Date;

représentant vingt-cinq pourcent (25%) de 30 000 000 \$, en plus ses débours au montant de 199 975,72\$, et ce, plus taxes sur les honoraires et débours, et le tout sera payé à même le compte séquestre dès la date d'entrée en vigueur;

[59] **ORDERS** that the levy payable to the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives shall be paid according to the applicable regulation;

[59] **ORDONNE** que la cotisation due au Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives soit payée selon la réglementation applicable ;

[60] **TAKES COGNIZANCE** of Class Counsel's undertaking to reimburse the *Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives* in the sum of \$143,779.83;

[60] **PREND ACTE** de l'engagement des avocats du groupe de rembourser le Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives, au montant de 143 779,83 \$;

[61] **DECLARES** that in the event that the Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, this judgment shall be declared null and of no effect;

[61] **DECLARE** que dans l'éventualité où l'Entente est résiliée selon ses modalités, le présent jugement soit déclaré nul et sans effet;

[62] **ORDERS AND DECLARES** that all persons and entities provided with notice of this motion shall be bound by the declarations made in, and the terms of, this judgment;

[62] **ORDONNE et DECLARE** que toute personne et entité ayant reçu avis de cette demande soient liées par les modalités du présent jugement ainsi que les représentations qui ont été faites ;

[63] **REMINDS** that a judgment closing this Class Action needs to be delivered after the Administrator files a final report of the administration of the claims;

[63] **RAPPELLE** qu'un jugement de clôture devra être prononcé après que l'Administrateur ait produit un rapport final de son administration des réclamations ;

[64] **THE WHOLE**, without costs.

[64] **LE TOUT**, sans frais de justice.

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DISTRICT OF MONTREAL
No.: 500-06-000785-168

SUPERIOR COURT
(Class Action)

PIERRE DEROME

Plaintiff

v.

THE STARS GROUP INC.
-and-
DAVID BAAZOV
-and-
DANIEL Y. SEBAG
-and-
DIVYESH GADHIA
-and-
HARLAN W. GOODSON
-and-
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Defendants

AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL BATTAGLIA
(Sworn October 18, 2022)

25th JS

I, **PAUL BATTAGLIA**, of the City of St. Catharines, in the Province of Ontario, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. I am the President of Trilogy Class Action Services ("**Trilogy**"), the Court appointed Claims Administrator, Opt-Out and Objection Administrator ("**O&O Administrator**") and Notice Administrator in this Action.
2. I submit and swear this affidavit as President and Founder of Trilogy, a class action claims administration, and notice plan firm located in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

3. I have knowledge of the matters to which I hereinafter depose except where stated to be upon information and belief, and where so stated, I have identified the source of my information. Where my knowledge is based on information I have obtained from others, I have so indicated and believe that information to be true.
4. In preparation of this affidavit, I have read and/or reviewed the following documents:
- (a) Settlement Agreement dated November 25th, 2019;
 - (b) Plan of Allocation;
 - (c) Quebec Securities Act ("*QSA*") Section 225;
 - (d) Motion to Authorize a Class for Settlement Purposes, Approve the Notices of Settlement and for other Relief (Articles 575 and 590 C.C.P.)
 - (e) Re-Re Amended Motion for Authorization of a Class Action and for Authorization to bring an Action Pursuant to Section 225.4 of the *Quebec Securities Act*;
 - (f) Affidavit of Cassandra Modafferi dated December 9, 2019;
 - (g) First Order;
 - (h) Second Motion;
 - (i) Second Order;
 - (j) Plan of Notice;
 - (k) All Short-Form and Long-Form Notices;
 - (l) Judgment du 21 janvier 2020 et annexes;
 - (m) Judgment to approve settlement, class counsel fees and other relief, July 8, 2020;
 - (n) Plaintiff's Argument Plan 08 01 2019;
 - (o) Summary of the TMF Decision Dated March 22, 2016;
 - (p) Details of the Insider Trading Scheme Relating to the Potential Acquisition of Oldford;
 - (q) Insider Trading Organizational Chart;
 - (r) Violations of Securities Legislation;
 - (s) Settlement Agreement and Plan of Allocation for Detour Gold Securities;
 - (t) Settlement Agreement and Plan of Allocation for Concordia Securities;
 - (u) Settlement Agreement and Plan of Allocation for Namaste Securities;
 - (v) Settlement Agreement and Plan of Allocation for FSD Pharma Securities.
5. I swear this affidavit in connection with the The Stars Group Inc, (Formally Amaya) Securities Class Action Settlement ("**Amaya**") Plan of Notice and Claims Administration.

6. Subsequently, I submit this affidavit at the request of the Court pursuant to paragraph 39 of the Plan of Allocation and to seek authorization from the Court to proceed with the **“Distribution”** to **“Authorized Claimants”**.
7. I apologize to the Court, the Representative Plaintiff, Class Counsel and the Defendant for the time it has taken to submit this affidavit. The combination of the issues outlined in this affidavit and eventually the disruption to efficient business practices (stay-at-home orders) due to Covid, significantly extended the timeframe to conclude the claims administration and submit this affidavit to the Court. We anticipate Trilogy will move this claims administration more quickly going forward.
8. To that end, the Court will be able to discern that Trilogy has put a considerable amount of time and effort to review all the Court documents, the Quebec Securities Act, other similar securities claims administrations, comparisons with other Settlement Agreements and Plan of Allocations, to produce an opinion, provide the data and empirical information to enable the Court to make an informed decision.
9. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this affidavit have the meanings ascribed to them in the Settlement Agreement dated November 25, 2019, and the schedules and annexes thereto.
10. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this affidavit have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court.

Notice

11. Trilogy issued two press releases regarding the pending settlement on December 20, 2019.
12. Pursuant to the Judgment of this Honourable Court dated January 21, 2020 (the “**First Order**”), the Honourable Courchesne, J.S.C. appointed Trilogy as “**O&O Administrator**” to receive objections and opt-outs to the proposed Settlement from Class Members and to disseminate the Notice of Certification (“**First Notice**”) to putative Class Members. The methods Trilogy employed were within the parameters outlined in the First Order.
13. Trilogy, pursuant to the First Order and the Plan of Notice, published the First Notice on January 25, 2020.
14. Trilogy, at the direction of Class Counsel and the Courts, published the Postponement of the Settlement Hearing Notice on March 27, 2020, to inform putative Class Members that the Settlement Hearing was postponed due to the Covid pandemic.
15. Trilogy, at the direction of Class Counsel and the Courts, published the Revised Notice of Settlement Hearing Notice on June 20, 2020.
16. Pursuant to the Order of this Honourable Court dated July 8, 2020 (the “**Second Order**”), the Honourable Justice Courchesne appointed Trilogy as Claims Administrator to receive and adjudicate Claim Forms for this class action Settlement from Class Members and disseminate the Notice of Settlement (“**Second Notice**”) to putative Class Members. The methods Trilogy employed were within the parameters outlined in the Second Order.
17. Trilogy, pursuant to the Second Order and the Plan of Notice, published the Second Notice on July 21, 2021.

Trilogy's compliance with the First and Second Order

18. Trilogy established, and continues to maintain, two designated websites in English and French at:

French: <https://fr.amayasecuritiessettlementcanada.com/>
English: <https://www.amayasecuritiessettlementcanada.com/>
19. Trilogy continues to maintain the designated websites posts information regarding the claims administration, in both French and English.
20. Trilogy established a toll-free telephone line at 1-877-400-1211 where Class Members may call to ask questions or receive updates and information about the Settlement and claims administration in either English or French.
21. Trilogy established the designated email addresses at inquiry@trilogyclassactions.ca and claims@trilogyclassactions.ca where Class Members may email to ask questions or receive updates and information about the Settlement and claims administration in either English or French.
22. Trilogy established the fax number 416-342-1761 where Class Members may continue to fax correspondence and Supporting Documentation.
23. Pursuant to the First Order, a post-office mailbox, fax number and e-mail addresses were provided to the Class where Objections, Opt-Out Forms, Claim Forms, Supporting Documents, correspondence, and other documents related to the proposed Settlement could be sent and received.
24. Trilogy populated the websites with the related Court documents referenced in paragraph four (4) of the affidavit.

25. Trilogy provided the Claim Form and the click-through link to the online claims administration portal.
26. Trilogy made the Opt-Out Form available in PDF fillable format in English and French on each designated website in both French and English.
27. Trilogy translated the Short-Form Notices, the Long-Form Notices, the Settlement Agreement, the website, the Claim Form, the Opt-Out Form, and the online claims administration portal into French pursuant to the First and Second Order(s).

Trilogy's Compliance with the Duties and Responsibilities as Claims Administrator

28. Trilogy complied with its duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and Plan of Allocation and within the parameters described in this affidavit.
29. Trilogy, pursuant to paragraph 11 of the Plan of Allocation - The Administrator's Duties and Responsibilities, developed, implemented, and operated an online claims administration portal ("**portal**") utilizing web-based technology for the following core functions of the claims administration:
 - (a) Class notification, as required;
 - (b) claim filing and document collection;
 - (c) claim evaluation, analysis, and Reference procedures;
 - (d) distribution analysis and Distributions;
30. Trilogy caused the information in the portal and online database to be secured and accessible from the website to Class Members with a user identification name and password. Each Claimant used a unique personal user identification name and personal

password that permitted the Claimant to access only his/her/its own information in the online claims administration portal.

31. Trilogy made accessible to the Claimant, electronically through the portal, the status (approved, amended, deficiency, rejected, appealed, withdrawn, empty folder) of their Claim in real-time once the Claim Form and the required Supporting Documentation were adjudicated by Trilogy by posting the status in the Claimant's online claim file as follows:
 - (a) the number of Eligible Securities;
 - (b) Claim Determination whether the Claimant is eligible to participate in the Distribution;
 - (c) calculated *Pro Rata* Distribution; and
 - (d) calculated the Maximum Entitlement for each Authorized Claimant.
32. Trilogy formatted the online Claim Form in the portal as a fillable electronic document with the Calculation for Maximum Entitlement formulae, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Plan of Allocation, embedded in the electronic Claim Form.
33. Therefore, Claimants were only required to input the number of Eligible Securities, the Acquisition cost per share and the amount received per share upon disposition of their Eligible Securities and the electronic Claim Form would accurately calculate the Net Loss, the Maximum Entitlement and Pro Rata Distribution payment for the Authorized Claimant.
34. Trilogy, pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, posted the Authorized Claimant's Maximum Entitlement and shall post the Pro Rata payment into the Claimant's claim file in the portal upon the Court's approval of the Distribution List and grants authorization to make Distributions to Authorized Claimants.

35. Trilogy, even though not required under the Duties and Responsibilities of the Claims Administrator pursuant to the Plan of Allocation and Settlement Agreement, emailed or mailed a Claim Determination Notice to each Authorized Claimant and/or Claimant with instructions to log into the online claims administration portal to review the status of their Claim and provided them an opportunity to review and request a Reference if they disagreed with Trilogy's adjudication of their Claim Form, calculation of their Maximum Entitlement, the number of approved Eligible Securities and/or their eligibility.
36. Trilogy assured that all Claims were inputted into the online claims administration portal database. Trilogy inputted all Claims that were submitted by other means such as fax, email or regular mail and not submitted directly into the portal.

Complexities of the Claims Administration

37. Trilogy sought direction from the Class Counsel in relation to the interpretation, intent, and purpose of paragraph 7 of the Plan of Allocation with regards to the calculation of the Maximum Entitlement.
38. The underlying issue that needed to be addressed for this settlement was which Authorized Claimants were to receive a payment under paragraph 7 of the Plan of Allocation.
39. Unlike other securities related class action settlements, the Eligible Securities for TSGI recovered their share value and resulted in a capital gain for many Authorized Claimants who held onto their Eligible Securities and/or disposed of their shares above the ten-day volume weighted average price of \$16.32.

40. This issue came to Trilogy's attention because of an inquiry from one Class Member and a subsequent conversation with Class Counsel. Trilogy, based on its knowledge and experience with similar Plan of Allocations, continued to adjudicate Claim Forms in accordance with the Orders issued.
41. This issue was a result of the fact that the underlying value of the Eligible Securities appreciated in value to erase the depreciation in fair market value caused by the alleged corrective disclosure issue. Thus, many Authorized Claimants accrued a realized capital gain upon disposition of or held their Eligible Securities after April 6, 2016.
42. All claims have been adjudicated in accordance with the Orders issued and no Authorized Claimant has appealed any determination by Trilogy or the Referee.

Distribution to Authorized Claimants

43. Trilogy hereby submits the redacted "**Distribution List**" (Exhibit "A"), pursuant to paragraphs 31, 33 and 34 of the Plan of Allocation, seeking authorization from the Court to make Distributions to Authorized Claimants from the Compensation Fund.
44. It should be noted that the adjudication of Claim Forms was made more difficult and laborious due to the issues as described in this affidavit. As a result, the claims administration adjudication process took significantly longer than normal compared to other securities claims administrations.
45. Trilogy received three (3) Primary Market Claim Forms. It should be noted that one of these Primary Market Claim Forms was submitted by Claimant TSG 004, allegedly one of the Insiders pursuant to the Insider trading organizational chart (Annex C-4 of the Court

documents) and verified by the List of Telephone Numbers (Annex C-5 of the Court documents). This Claimant's Claim Form was rejected.

46. No Primary Market Claim Forms were approved. Therefore, there will be no funds allocated for the Distribution to Primary Market Authorized Claimants.
47. Trilogy received 1,530 Secondary Market Claim Forms from 968 Claimants through the online claims administration portal and/or by regular mail and/or email and/or fax.
48. Trilogy processed \$214,023,459.25 in Maximum Entitlements based on Claimant's completion of their Claim Forms.

Administration Expenses

49. Trilogy believes a fair and reasonable fee for the 1,126 Claims submitted by retail investor Claimants is \$275, plus HST, per Claim Form. Trilogy believes the fee of \$275 per Claim Form for the retail investors is fair and reasonable as the Calculation of the Distribution and Maximum Entitlement required adjudication of both possible Calculation of Maximum Entitlement and staff were often required to spend extra time sorting out the Supporting Documentation accordingly. Total cost to administer the retail investor Claim Forms equals \$309,650, plus HST.
50. Trilogy believes a fair and reasonable fee for the 404 Claims submitted by institutional investor Claimants is \$400, plus HST, per Claim Form. Trilogy believes the fee of \$400 plus HST per Claim Form for the 404 Claims submitted by institutional, law firms, brokers and third-party claims filing firms is fair and reasonable due the volumes of the Supporting Documentation and complexity of these large Claims and for the same reasons expressed

above. Total cost to administer the institutional investor Claim Forms equals \$161,600, plus HST.

51. Trilogy requests that the Court approve the compensation referenced in paragraphs 50 and 51 for the extra time required to organize our recommendations to Class Counsel and the Court with regards to the Plan of Allocation and the preparation of the two Calculation(s) of the Maximum Entitlement for review by Class Counsel. Moreover, the extra work for the Re-Calculation of the Distribution and Maximum Entitlement to derive the correct Maximum Entitlement.

Accounting

52. Pursuant to paragraph 13 of the Plan of Allocation, the Administrator shall pay all the costs and expenses reasonably and actually incurred in connection with the provision of notices, locating Class Members for the sole purpose of providing notice to them, soliciting Class Members to submit a Claim Form, including the notice expenses reasonably and actually incurred by the Administrator and brokerage firms in connection with the provision of notice of the Agreement to Class Members.
53. Pursuant to paragraph 29 of the Plan of Allocation, the Administrator shall pay the fees, disbursements, taxes, levies, and other costs of:
 - (a) the Administrator.
 - (b) the Referee.
 - (c) the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives; and
 - (d) such other persons at the direction of the Court.

out of the Settlement Amount in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement, the Second Order, and any other orders of the Court.

54. Trilogy received \$21,228,661.00 CAD from Class Counsel's Escrow on August 26, 2020.
55. Trilogy currently has \$20,199,083.31 CAD invested in a one-hundred-day GIC with the TD Bank and \$730,835.32 CAD in cash in the Escrow Account as of September 15, 2022, for a total of \$20,929,918.60.
56. Pursuant to the paragraphs 14 of the Plan of Allocation, Trilogy was reimbursed from the Escrow Account for expenses for the dissemination of the press releases published on December 20, 2019, in the amount of \$2,965.12 on September 10, 2021.
57. Pursuant to the paragraphs 13 and 29 of the Plan of Allocation, Trilogy was reimbursed from the Escrow Account for expenses for expenses for the dissemination of the First Notice on January 25, 2020, in the amount of \$38,005.40 on September 10, 2021.
58. Pursuant to the paragraphs 13 and 29 of the Plan of Allocation, Trilogy was reimbursed from the Escrow Account for expenses for the dissemination of the Postponement Notice on March 27, 2020, in the amount of \$36,736.32 on September 10, 2021.
59. Pursuant to the paragraphs 13 and 29 of the Plan of Allocation, Trilogy was reimbursed from the Escrow Account for expenses for the dissemination of the Second Notice on June 20, 2020, in the amount of \$38,208.80 on September 10, 2021.
60. Pursuant to the paragraphs 13 and 29 of the Plan of Allocation, Trilogy was reimbursed from the Escrow Account for expenses for the dissemination of the Settlement Notice on July 21, 2020, in the amount of \$32,784.80 on September 10, 2021.

61. Pursuant to the paragraphs 13 and 29 of the Plan of Allocation, Trilogy was reimbursed from the Escrow Account for expenses for the dissemination of the Notices by direct mailing to punitive Class Members in the amount of \$14,407.50 on September 10, 2021.
62. Trilogy paid \$73,734.89 in reimbursements to Trilogy for out-of-pocket expenses paid to third-party suppliers. Please note that these expenses have been passed-through on a dollar-for-dollar basis and have already been paid for by Trilogy on a timely manner to the vendors who provide goods and services to support the dissemination of the Notice and the claims administration infrastructure.
63. Trilogy was reimbursed from the Escrow Account for time and expenses in the amount of \$100,000 plus HST on August 17, 2021 for "Pre-Administration" work completed for the Claims Administration include the following: review and drafting of the Plan of Allocation; building of database of Class Members, PDF fillable copy of the Claim Form in both French and English; graphically designing the website and online electronic Claim Form; affidavits confirming compliance with First Order and Second Order pertaining to the execution of the Plan of Notice; communication and navigation of postponement of Settlement due to Covid in March 2020; the building and maintenance of the designated website in English and French; the building and maintenance of the designated online claims administration portal in English and French (portal); building and maintenance of the designated phone lines and voicemails and toll free long-distance phone charges (in English, French) designated email addresses, post office box, toll-free phone number, fax number and other claims administration "infrastructure". Trilogy has not received any further compensation or reimbursement of expenses for the claims administration from the Compensation Fund since August 17, 2021.

64. Trilogy shall be reimbursed from the Escrow Account for expenses in the amount of \$5,000 plus \$650 HST for work completed in early 2020 as the Opt-Out and Objection Administrator.
65. Trilogy shall be reimbursed from the Escrow Account for expenses in the amount of \$3,388.02 for translation work completed in 2020.
66. Trilogy paid from the Escrow Account \$10,520.21 to the Referee, Jonathan Nuss, pursuant to Section 4.1 (1) (c) of the Settlement Agreement.
67. Trilogy received a second invoice from the Referee on September 15, 2022, in the amount of \$15,429.65 for twenty-four (24) subsequent References after the second claims administration.
68. Pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, the Administrator shall not pay in excess CAD \$15,000 in the aggregate to all brokerage firms and, if the aggregate amount claimed by such brokerage firms exceeds CAD\$15,000.00, then the Administrator shall distribute the sum of CAD \$15,000 to such brokerage firms on a *pro rata* basis).
69. Due to the postponement of the Settlement caused by Covid, Trilogy incurred direct costs to mail the Notice to Brokers and other Class Member. Thus, we wish for the Court to approve a second \$15,000 for the mailing of the Notice to Brokers to be distributed on the same *pro rata* basis.
70. Trilogy advises the Court that the estimated cost for the distribution of the Pro Rata Distribution payments to Authorized Claimants is \$28,650 plus HST; These fees include postage, renewal of the post of box to receive returned cheques, bank fees such as wire-

transfer fees, e-transfer fees, stop payment fees, \$125 monthly fee for unlimited cheques for six to twelve months, affidavits, upgrades to portal for pro rata payment processing, mailing envelopes with security features, processing returned cheques and reissuance of cheques, costs of cheques, reconciliation of payments with bank (duplicate deposits) and other like expenses.

71. Trilogy, since 2020, has paid out of the trust account \$12,114.25 in misc. fees such as monthly bank fees, postage, long-distance charges, and other like expenses.
72. Pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, Trilogy shall allocate \$18,000 (\$4,500 per tax return), excluding HST, for the filing of the required tax returns for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and for the bookkeeper to reconcile the distribution payments to Authorized Claimants.
73. A summary of all the foregoing expenses appears in the table attached hereto as Exhibit "PB-1".
74. I swear this affidavit to report to this Honourable Court on the performance of my duties as Claims Administrator in this matter and for no other or improper purpose

SWORN OR AFFIRMED
before me by video conference
on October 25, 2022.


A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits




Paul Battaglia

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EXHIBIT "PB-1"

Statement Date	Amaya Settlement Trust Account	Cheque/Debit	Deposit/Credit	Paragraph of Affidavit
August 26, 2020	<i>Starting Balance</i>		\$21,228,661.00	54
	<i>Notice Plan</i>			
September 10, 2021	Press Release	\$2,965.12		56
September 10, 2021	First Notice	\$38,005.40		57
September 10, 2021	Postponement Notice	\$36,736.32		58
September 10, 2021	Second Notice	\$38,208.80		59
September 10, 2021	Settlement Notice	\$32,784.80		60
September 10, 2021	Direct Mail of Notice	\$14,407.50		61
	<i>Pre-Administration</i>			
August 17, 2021	Pre-Administration fees (including HST)	\$113,000.00		63
October 12, 2022	O&O Administration (including HST)	\$5,650.00		64
October 12, 2022	Pre-Admin Disbursements (including HST)	\$73,734.89		62
October 12, 2022	Translation (including HST)	\$3,388.02		65
	<i>Claims Administration</i>			
	Distribution Payments to Authorized Claimants	\$20,216,489.04		Exhibit "A"
	Retail Investor Claim Forms (1,126) (\$275 per Claim)	\$309,650.00		49
	Institutional Claim Forms (404) (\$400 per Claim)	\$161,600.00		50
	Claims Administration Disbursements including HST	\$32,374.50		70
	HST	\$61,262.50		49 & 50
	<i>Third-Party Disbursements</i>			
	Referee - First References	\$10,520.21		66
	Referee - Second References	\$15,429.65		67
	Brokerage Notice Costs (Plan of Allocation)	\$15,000.00		68
	Brokerage Notice Costs (Postponement Notice)	\$15,000.00		69
	Misc. Disbursements (bank fees, courier, etc)	\$12,114.25		71
	Tax Returns and Bookkeeping	\$20,340.00		72
	FAAC			
	Cy-Pres			
		\$21,228,661.00	\$21,228,661.00	

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Mis en cause

ORDER TO EFFECT A DISTRIBUTION

[1] **CONSIDÉRANT** la requête pour distribution et l'affidavit de l'administrateur, Paul Battaglia, joint à ladite requête :

[1] **CONSIDERING** the Motion to Effect a Distribution and the Affidavit of the Administrator, Paul Battaglia, appended thereto:

CETTE COUR ORDONNE COMME SUIV :

[2] **QUE** les sommes du règlement soient distribuées entre les Membres de la Classe et aux montants énumérés à la Pièce A de l'affidavit de Paul Battaglia au soutien;

[3] **LA COUR** prend acte des dépenses payées telles que mentionnées à l'affidavit de Paul Battaglia et énumérées à la Pièce PB-1 au soutien, et **ORDONNE** à l'administrateur de payer toutes sommes restantes telles que définies dans ledit affidavit;

[4] **LE TOUT** sans frais de justice.

THIS COURT ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

[2] **THAT** a distribution of settlement proceeds shall be effected to the Class Members and in the amounts listed in Exhibit A to the Affidavit of Paul Battaglia;

[3] **THIS COURT** prays act of the expenses paid as set forth in the Affidavit of Paul Battaglia and as referenced in Exhibit PB-1, appended thereto, and **ORDERS** the Administrator to pay all remaining sums outlined therein;

[4] **THE WHOLE** without costs.

L'HONOURABLE SUZANNE COURCHESNE, J.C.S.

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